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LOVING MOORE LIBRARY PAYS OFF

Start out the New Year by earning prizes just for being a Moore Memorial Library patron! From January 2nd through February 29th, patrons age 14 and up earn prizes just for using the library. Simply pick up your Love My Library card at either the Circulation Desk or the Reference Desk and start earning prizes. This year, you can earn free printing OR money taken off your overdue fines!

Current Biography: A Lifetime of Life Stories

Moore Library is proud to announce our newest database: Current Biography Illustrated. Current Biography is an excellent research tool for finding accurate, up-to-date research about notable figures’ lives. Current Biography has over 30,000 biographies and obituaries and covers more than 21,000 individuals. It also has a searchable collection of over 36,000 images, so you can find high quality images for your reports.

Current Biography covers a large date range with publications from 1940 to the present. If you hold a valid Moore Library card, you can access the database at the library or from home. Just go to our homepage www.texascity-library.org and click on ‘Electronic Resources’ at the top of the page to find all of our library databases. Current Biography will be listed under ‘Biographies’.

You’ll get a circle stamped for each time you come to the library and check out a book, check out library materials, ask a reference question, use a library computer, or get a library card. Once all the circles in a section are stamped (DVDs/Music, Books/AudioBooks/Magazines, and Computers/Reference/Library Card) you win the prize for that category. It’s our way of saying, “Thank You,” to all our loyal patrons!

If you have any questions about the program, please call the Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

Become a Friend of the Moore Memorial Public Library

The Friends’ dues for calendar year 2016 (Jan. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2016) are the following:

- Individual ($10)
- Family ($25)
- Senior Citizen 60+ ($10)
- Student ($5)
- Sustaining ($50)
- Valued Friend ($100)
- Life Member ($1,000)

Please make checks payable to Friends of MMPL.

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**WINTER PROGRAMS**

All library programs are FREE to attend. All programs will be held in the Library Meeting Room unless noted otherwise.

**Annual Meeting of the Friends of Moore Memorial Public Library**
Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner will give a "State of the Library" speech, and Mayor Matt Doyle will talk about the "State of Texas City." Refreshments will be served.

**When:** Monday, January 11th at 6:30 PM

**Easy Exercises to Do At Home Without Any Equipment**
Tyrice Thomas (Home Care Administrator and Director of Nursing at CP Home Care of Houston) will lead a discussion on some easy exercises that you can do at home without a need for any special equipment.

**When:** Tuesday, January 26th at 2 PM

**LEGO Problem-Solving**
Kids ages 8-12 will solve a fun and challenging problem using LEGOs. Challenge your mind and stretch your creativity!

**When:** Saturday, January 30th at 1 PM

**Wednesday, February 20th at 1 PM**
Monday, March 14th at 1 PM

**Valentine Paper Crafts**
Come join Reference Librarian Kayla and create Valentine’s Day designs with strips of pink, red, and white paper. This program is open to all ages, but children under 8 will need a parent or guardian.

**When:** Thursday, February 11th at 3:30 PM

**Black Cowboys and the 1867 Settlement in Texas City**
Learn the fascinating history of 1867 settlement that made Texas history.

**When:** Tuesday, February 23rd at 1:30 PM

**Starting a Small Business**
Bruce Glover, Associate Professor of Business Administration at the College of the Mainland and local business owner, will be giving a talk on starting a small business.

**When:** Tuesday, March 1st at 1 PM

**Intermediate Excel**
There will be an overview of Excel that will require a basic knowledge of the program (entering data and basic addition of columns). There were be laptops available for the first 10 who sign up for the program. Sign up will be at the Reference Desk or (409) 643-5977. You must be registered at least two days before the event to attend.

**When:** Wednesday, March 9th at 2 PM

**Fluxx Card Game Night**
Come join Reference Librarian Kayla and spend an hour playing the card game Fluxx, which makes the rules of the game up as you go.

**When:** Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30 PM

**What Papers Do I Need to Keep for My Estate?**
Don LeGrande, a local lawyer, will discuss the paperwork that is necessary to hang on to so that you can keep your estate in order.

**When:** Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30 PM

**Ancestry.com/Heritage Quest Overview**
Our local history librarian will be giving an hour long overview of the Heritage Quest database and Ancestry.com. The first ten patrons can also work with Heritage Quest on our laptops. Ancestry.com is only available on our desktop computers (per a licensing agreement).

**When:** Thursday, April 7th at 10 AM in the Children’s Department

**File Management**
Learn how to organize and find files within your computer. There were be laptops available for the first 10 who sign up for the program. Sign-up will be at the Reference Desk or 409-643-5977. You must be registered at least two days before the event to attend.

**When:** Wednesday, April 13th at 2 PM

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**MOORE TEENS**

For more information about teen events or volunteering call Luke, our Young Adult Librarian, at (409) 949-3008.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEENS!**

Every month we have several programs for teens like Teen Advisory Board (TAB), Manga Club, Board Games, and LEGO Mindstorms. By being a part of TAB you get leadership experience that looks great on college applications and resumes. It’s also a great way to meet new people or hang out with your friends. We’ll talk about ways to make the library better, have a teen-led current events round table, talk about our favorite books, and have a great time doing it. Our next meetings are Friday, January 8th at 4 PM, Friday, February 5th at 4 PM, and Friday, March 4th at 4 PM.

Calling all Otaku! The Manga Club is a monthly meeting of manga and anime fanatics. If you are a hardcore fan or just getting started, the Manga Club is the perfect place to meet new friends, learn more about manga, eat snacks, and have fun. The next Manga Meetings are Friday, January 15th at 4 PM, Friday, February 12th at 4 PM, and Friday, March 11th at 4 PM.

We need volunteer service credit for college applications, service organization requirements (such as National Honor Society) or to add to a first resume. Unfortunately, volunteering with the library cannot be used for court-ordered community service.

Anyone interested in becoming a VolunTeen can pick up an application at the library Reference Desk.

**UPCOMING TEEN EVENTS**

With LEGO Mindstorms kits we build and program robots from LEGO's. We just need some mad scientists in training to help us out! Teams of two will build their robot, learn how to program it, and test it out in a series of challenges. Mindstorms is for ages 13-18 only. The next programs will be Friday, January 22nd at 3:15 PM, Friday, February 19th at 3:15 PM, and Friday, March 18th at 3:15 PM.

Play board games, strategy games, and card games like you’ve NEVER played before. We have selected fun, award-winning games that are totally unlike any board games you’ve ever played! We have King of Tokyo, Settlers of Catan, Fluxx, Munchkin, Forbidden Island, Dominion, Labyrinth, Pandemic, and many more. The next meetings are Friday, January 22nd at 3:15 PM, Friday, February 19th at 3:15 PM, and Friday, March 18th at 3:15 PM.
**Kids Zone**

For more information about children’s events, please call our Children’s Department at (409) 643-5966 for more details.

Weekly storytimes are starting again. On Tuesdays at 10:00 AM we have Toddlerific Storytime for children from ages 1-3. Every week, there will be stories, songs, rhymes, bubble time, and play time. On Wednesdays at 10:00 AM is Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5. Every week, there will be stories, songs, alphabet learning, and a different fun and educational activity or craft. Three year olds can come to either of the storytimes. It’s the caregiver’s decision when your 3 year old is ready for preschool storytime. For the winter and spring sessions, storytimes will run from January 5th through May 25th. All programs are held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room and are free and open to the public with no ticket or registration required. Due to space limitations, day care groups cannot usually be accommodated.

**LEGO Problem Solving: Building Better Brains**

The Library is the place to be for LEGOS! Every month we offer LEGO Problem Solving for ages 8-12. This program’s purpose is to encourage children to build their creativity, problem-solving, critical thinking, teamwork, and engineering skills. Participants will be prompted with a fun challenge and will build their solution to it. LEGO Problem solving will be on Saturday, January 30th at 1 PM, Saturday, February 6th at 1 PM, and Monday, March 14th at 1 PM. We will provide all LEGOS, so please do not bring your own. Due to space limitations, day care groups cannot be accommodated. Please call (409) 643-5983 for more details.

**Minecraft at the Library**

Minecraft is not just a game, it is a learning tool that challenges the user’s creativity, building, and critical thinking skills. We are proud to offer it as part of our ongoing commitment to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). Children under the age of 8 must be with a caretaker that is 14 or older at all times.

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**THE STATE OF THINGS: FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING**

Every year the Friends of Moore Memorial Library hosts an annual meeting for the public. At this meeting Library Director Beth Ryker Steiner gives a “State of the Library” address, and Mayor Matt Doyle will talk about the “State of Texas City.”

**EVERYDAY EXERCISES**

Does your New Year’s Resolution include getting more exercise? Do you have the time and money to join a gym? Do you know what exercises will actually help you get in shape? Wouldn’t it be better if you had some simple exercises that you could fit into your everyday life? Join us on Tuesday, January 26th at 2 PM to learn Everyday Exercises. With 20 years of management experience in the Home Health Care industry Tyrice Thomas serves as the Home Care Administrator and Director of Nursing at CP Home Care of Houston. She has volunteered her time to come and demonstrate some everyday exercises that anyone could do at home, without the use of any special equipment.

**HOW TO START A SMALL BUSINESS**

Do you want to be your own boss? Do you think you can provide something the market is missing? Well now may be the perfect time to start your own business! Texas has had some of the most success in the recovering economy for small businesses and there’s lots of room in the marketplace for your dream business.

**CONTAINER GARDENING: SMALL GARDENS WITH BIG FUN**

Do you want to garden, but don’t have the time or the space? Container gardening is the answer! Container gardening takes so much of the mess and hassle out of maintaining a garden. You’ll be able to grow all sorts of plants and herbs for your home, and it can be a great teaching tool for kids.

Learn everything you’ll need to know to get started with the Texas City Garden club. They’ll be here Tuesday, March 8th at 1 PM to take you through first steps, finding or buying supplies, and troubleshooting common problems.
LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: The library will be closed on the following dates:

- Martin Luther King Day – We will be closed Monday, January 18th. We will reopen Tuesday, January 19th at 9 AM.
- Easter – We will be closed Friday, March 25th–Sunday, March 27th. We will reopen Monday, March 28th at 9 AM.

Estate Planning: What Do You Need?

People don’t like to think about end-of-life decisions, so often they won’t until it’s too late. This can leave people unprepared and loved ones scrambling to make hard decisions. But it may also be difficult to know where to find vital information.

Join us Tuesday, March 29th at 6:30 PM for Estate Planning: What Papers Do I Need? Don LeGrand, a Texas City lawyer will tell you what you need to hold on to, how to keep it safe and organized, and how to make sure it gets to the right people. This doesn’t only make the terribly difficult time when someone passes easier, it also can help you or your loved one make the difficult decisions about estate planning much more easily. Please call the library at (409) 643-5977 for more information.

Senior Love Their Library Too!

We’re having a special program for our patrons living in assisted living facilities! Every senior program patron who fills out a Love My Library reading log between the months of January and February will receive a FREE large print book.

Reading is a proven way to keep minds active and more healthy, so we want to encourage reading! This program is part of our ongoing commitment to serving our patrons who can’t make it to the library. Every month librarian Luke Alvey-Henderson and our Public Service Assistant, Kristina Garza, visit 5 senior citizen living centers and the Nessler Center Senior Center Program. Programs are designed to engage seniors with topics of interest, direct interaction, and short games. If you’d like more information about senior outreach, please call Luke at (409) 949-3008.

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Fluxx Game Night

Looking for a new game for family game night? Check out the game where the rules are always in Fluxx! Fluxx is easy to learn, hard to put down, and fun for the whole family.

Every play the rules can change and ‘winning strategies’ can be thrown out the window! However, it takes more than luck to win. Fluxx rewards patience and forethought as much as quick thinking.

So bring the family for a fun night of fast-paced hilarity. This program is open to all ages, but children under 8 will need a parent or guardian. Fluxx Night will be on Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30 PM.

Computer Classes

Computer classes are starting again. Every month from Jan-May we are going to teach basic computer skills. Learn to use the mouse, get started with email, and start searching the internet. You’ll learn the foundational skills you need to get started using the computer. To attend you must sign-up in advance of the class. Sign-up procedures are below.

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Take on Your Taxes at the Library

The filing deadline for individual tax forms is Friday, April 15th, which is coming up quickly. Most 2015 tax forms and instructions are available for download and printing from the IRS website, www.irs.gov. Help with common tax questions and problems is also available at this site, along with assistance in filing taxes online for free. After January 1st, an individual may request forms by mail through the IRS toll-free number, 1-800-829-3676. Reference staff are ready to help patrons find and print forms and instructions from the IRS website. Please bring the tax number of the form or instructions publication needed to the library. Printing charges are $.10 per page for all black and white printing.