The library does not want fines to keep children from reading this summer! Children are encouraged to clear their blocked cards and practice their reading skills with a teen mentor in our Chapter Chums program. Children up to age twelve can reduce their book fines by $3.00 for every fifteen minutes of reading. These programs are designed just for the older kids to be fun and challenging at the same time. Make cardboard sculptures, solve seriously twisted brain teasers, make mummies, and more!

Thursdays at 10 AM we have fun and educational programs for ages 6-9. We'll build newspaper towers, play a spaghetti Olympics, and more. Like LEGO®s? We have you covered. Mondays we have Lego Problem Solving at 9:30 AM for ages 8-12. We use Legos to solve tricky challenges in groups. On Fridays at 10 AM we have Lego Free Build for ages 5-8. See our full schedule of all Children's Programs on page 5.

Got teens? We have programs every Monday, Thursday, and Friday at 2 PM for teens 12-18! Build Lego Mindstorms Robots, check out awesome special programs on Thursdays, and Board Game Fridays. See our full schedule of all Teen Programs on page 7.

If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically through E-mail please send the Webmaster a message at lragsdale@texas-city-tx.org.
FALL PROGRAMS

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

How to Use Library Databases
Learn about the FREE databases you can access with your library card. Free legal forms, homework help from kindergaten to graduate school, step-by-step car repair, and so much more are at your fingertips.
Where: Tuesday, September 20th at 1 PM

HeritageQuest/Ancestry.com Overview
Our local history librarian will present an hour long overview of HeritageQuest Online and Ancestry.com (Library Edition). The first ten patrons can also work with Heritage Quest on our laptops.
Where: Thursday, September 29th at 10 AM

LEGO Problem-Solving
Kids ages 8-12 will solve a fun and challenging problem using LEGOs. Challenge your mind and stretch your creativity!
Where: Saturday, September 24th at 1 PM
Saturday, October 22nd at 1 PM
Monday, November 21st at 1:30 PM

Digital Photography
Coby James from Gulf Coast Imaging Studio will teach you all the basic steps to take clearer, better digital photos.
Where: Thursday, October 13th at 3:30 PM

History of the Hitchcock Blimp Base
Kathy Brooks will discuss the history of Hitchcock Naval Airbase.
Where: Tuesday, October 18th at 1:30 PM

Holiday Crafts
Learn how to make fun and easy holiday crafts, perfect for gift giving. We have all the supplies, just bring your creativity. This program is open to all ages, but children under 8 must be with an adult.
Where: Thursday, November 10th at 3:30 PM

SENIOR CENTERS GET IN ON SUMMER READING

Our patrons in senior living facilities are getting in on summer reading too! Every senior program patron who fills out a Senior Center Summer Reading Log in the months of June and July will receive a FREE large print book. Reading is a great way to keep minds of any age active, and we’re proud to be a part of that.

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 Programs. Programs are designed to engage seniors on topics of interest, direct interaction, and short games. Our goal is to provide entertainment, information, and mental stimulation.

MOORE TIMES

MOORE TEENS

Special Programs (AGES 12-18):

Thu. July 7th 2 PM
BREAK IT REMAKE IT!
Take old, worn out tech and tear it apart piece by piece. Mix the innards all up and make whatever creations your mind can imagine.

Thu. July 21st 2 PM
MAD SCIENCE!
Make jello glow, soap explode, and get dizzy for SCIENCE! Learn the how and the why behind these and other insane experiments!

One hour craft programs for the craftiest teens in town! Make cosplay on the cheap and awesome emoji pillows! We’ll provide the supplies, you provide the inspiration! For ages 12-18.

Board Games You’ve NEVER Played

On Fridays from June 10th through August 5th from 2-5 PM, we will host gaming afternoons in the Meeting Room for teens ages 12-18. Play board games, strategy games, and card games like you’ve NEVER played before. We have:

- Risk
- Dixit
- Labyrinth
- Forbidden Island
- King of Tokyo
- Munchkin
- Pandemic
- Carcassonne
- Go
- And MORE!!

LEGO Mindstorms Dates

June 13th 4 PM
June 20th 4 PM
June 27th 4 PM
July 11th 4 PM
July 18th 4 PM
July 25th 4 PM
August 1st 4 PM
**Fall Computer Classes**

Every month through May we teach basic computer skills classes. 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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**Sign-up Procedure:** Patrons must register in person at the Reference Desk or by phone at (409) 643-5977. Patrons may register for the next week’s sessions up until 3 days before a session. You will not be able to register before or after this period. Space is limited so please cancel 24 hours before your session if you cannot attend. If you miss 2 sessions without cancelling 24 hours in advance, your future attendance will be limited. There will be a short required pre-test between 9:30 and 10 AM every class. You must complete the pre-test to take the class. This pre-test is to assure the class is a fit for each prospective candidate.

**Library Holiday Closings:** The library will be closed on the following dates:
- Independence Day: The library will be closed Monday, July 4th. We will reopen Tuesday, July 5th at 9 AM.
- Labor Day: The library will be closed Monday, September 5th. We will reopen Tuesday, September 6th at 9 AM.
**Summer Reading Pays Off!**

There’s still time to get your reading logs in! We have 2 logs for kids ages 12 and under: the “Growing Reader” log for younger children who listen to 40 stories by August 13th and the “Reader” log for older children who listen to 10 hours read (depending on which log you choose). For every 40 stories or 10 hours read (depending on which log is used), kids get to choose a book from our prize box. Additional book prizes will be awarded for any additional logs turned in by August 13th, so the more you read, the more books you receive.

Readers ages 12-18 who turn in their first 10 hours on a reading log before the August 13th deadline will receive a brand new book! Don’t stop there! Every 10 hours after that gets you entered into our prize drawing at the end of the summer. No matter what, you win!

For adults every 10 hours of reading gets you entered into our drawing for a bookstore gift certificate! The more you read, the more chances you have to win. To earn prizes you must turn in your reading logs in by Saturday, August 13th at 3 PM. If you have any questions about our Summer Reading programs, please call our Reference Desk at (409) 643-5977.

**Hurricane Season: Be Prepared**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association predicts at least 4 major hurricanes this season. It only takes one making landfall to turn a probability into a disaster. When disaster strikes, it often comes with little notice. So as the Boy Scouts teach us, “Be prepared.”

A great place to get started is with Texas City’s Disaster Planning page. It has checklists for home and car, likely flood danger areas, tips on developing a family emergency plan, and links to useful websites for more information.

Go to [http://www.texas-city-tx.org/](http://www.texas-city-tx.org/) and highlight ‘Departments’; then scroll down and click on ‘Emergency Management.’ Finally, click on ‘Disaster Planning’ at the left of the screen.

Not online? Don’t worry! The library has several print resources to help, and can help guide you to online resources on our library computers. If you have any questions about how the library can help you get disaster ready, call our Reference desk at (409) 643-5977.

**Summer Children’s Programs**

No tickets or registration are required to attend any programs. They will be held in the Walter Holland Meeting Room by the Circulation Desk. Door opens about 10 minutes before the program begins and will remain open until the start of the program. Space is limited. Please do not be late. After the program starts, no one will be admitted. Day care or camp groups are normally not allowed. For more information about children’s programs, please call our Children’s Department at (409) 643-5966.