It is both the right and responsibility of every eligible American citizen to vote. On Tuesday, November 8th, a new president will be chosen. Voters will also be electing members of the U.S. and Texas Senate and House of Representatives, judges, sheriffs, and more.

To ensure that you are registered to vote, the website VOTETEXAS.GOV is a great starting point. If you are not registered, the last day to register to vote in the upcoming election is October 11th, 2016. You can pick up a Texas Voter Registration Application at the library. You can also register in person at the Galveston County Tax Office, located at 722 Moody Avenue, Galveston, Texas 77550.

Other useful information at the VOTETEXAS.GOV website is found on the Who, What, Where, When, How page to clarify Who can vote, What the ballot looks like, Where and When can you vote, and How the process works. Step by step instructions for the voting machines and sample ballots are available. Of course, the most important part of an election is deciding who will get your vote. It can be difficult to determine fact from fiction in the media, so here are some fact-checking websites to help you sort out the truth. Check out the Pulitzer Prize winning website Politifact at http://www.politifact.com/ or FactCheck.org at http://www.factcheck.org/. Both websites explain their reasoning and provide sources. If you want more information, contact the Reference Desk at 409-643-5977.
FALL PROGRAMS

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

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

When: Saturday, October 22nd at 1:00 PM
Monday, November 21st at 1:30 PM
Monday, December 19th at 1:30 PM

LEGO Free Build - Kids ages 5-8 can construct architectural feats with LEGO blocks, expanding their creativity and interacting with one another.

When: Saturday, November 19th at 1:30 PM
Tuesday, December 20th at 10 AM

Digital Photography - Coby James from Gulf Coast Imaging Studio will teach the basics steps to take clearer, crisper digital photos.

When: Thursday, October 13th at 3:30 PM

History of the Hitchcock Blimp Base - Kathy Brooks will discuss the history of the Hitchcock Naval Airbase.

When: Tuesday, October 18th at 1:30 PM

Everything But Salt - Jymann Davis M.S., CFCS, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences Agent for Galveston County will discuss the role of sodium in our foods and public health. Patrons will also learn to make a flavorful alternative to salt to season their foods.

When: Tuesday, October 25th at 2 PM

Holiday Crafts - Learn how to make fun and easy Holiday crafts, perfect for gift giving. We’ll provide the supplies, you just bring your creativity. This program is open to all ages, but children under 8 must be with an adult.

When: Thursday, November 10th at 3:30 PM

Taking Care of Older Pets - Lisa Rotter from the Houston SPCA will discuss the care of older and aging pets, as well as some of the services offered by the SPCA.

When: Tuesday, November 15 at 2 PM

MOORE TIMES

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

WE NEED VolutTeENS!

As volunteers, teens can earn volunteer service credits for college applications, fulfill service organization requirements (such as National Honor Society), and even add their time at the library to their first resume. Unfortunately, volunteering with the library cannot be used for court-ordered community service. Anyone interested in becoming a VolutTeen can pick up an application at the library Reference Desk.

UPCOMING TEEN EVENTS

Every month we have several programs for teens:

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) membership will enhance your leadership skills, which looks great on college applications and resumes. It’s also an opportunity to interact with new people or hang out with your friends. Members of the TAB discuss ways to make the library better, organize a teen-led current events round table, share their favorite books all while having a great time. Upcoming TAB meetings are scheduled for Friday, October 7 at 4 PM, Friday, November 4 at 4 PM, and Friday, December 2 at 4 PM.

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, Pandemic, and many more. The next meetings are Friday, October 21 at 3:15 PM, Friday, November 18 at 3:15 PM, and Friday, December 16 at 3:15 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 otaku, learn more about manga, eat snacks, and have fun. The next Manga Meetings are Friday, October 14 at 4 PM, Friday, November 11 at 4 PM, and Friday, December 9 at 4 PM.

No matter what you’re into, you’re bound to find something to do at the library!
Kids Zone

FALL CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING & SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

This fall, don’t miss Toddler-iffic Storytime on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM for children ages 1-3. Children will listen to stories, interact through fingerplays, sing songs together, and have an opportunity to unwind during playtime. Preschool Storytime is held every Wednesday at 10:00 AM for children ages 3-5. Children will enjoy stories, interact with fingerplays, sing songs, and assemble a craft. All Storytimes are held in the Holland Meeting Room. These free programs target the development of your child’s literacy skills.

The Children’s Department will also host School Holiday Break Activities in November and December. During the Thanksgiving break stop by for LEGO Problem Solving and Free Build for ages 5-8 and 8-12. See Page 2 for full times, dates, and descriptions.

Visit the Children’s Department to discover activities for kids of all ages. Activities during the breaks will include scavenger hunts, Busy Bags, smARTy bags, craft activities, activity and coloring sheets, felt boards, and more. Some of the educational toys used during library storytimes will be set out for toy try-out sessions for toddlers and preschoolers. See if your child enjoys playing with these types of toys before buying! For more Information, contact the Children’s Department at 409-643-5983.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Help encourage your child’s curiosity about reading and learning by joining the free early literacy program, 1,000 Books before Kindergarten, at the library. The program is as simple as it sounds: read 1,000 books to your child before they start Kindergarten! You will be surprised at how quickly you will reach 1,000 books by just reading to your child at your natural pace. If you read just 1 book a night, you will have read 365 books in a year. That is 730 books in two years and 1,095 books in three years!

Sign your child up for the program in the Children’s Department Monday-Friday 9 AM-6 PM. Once you sign up, you will receive a welcome folder with all the information you’ll need along with your first two log sheets to record the first 200 books you read together. You could also opt to record your books on the mobile app provided on the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten website.

You will receive stickers and prizes for certain goals when you return to the library with completed logs. When you complete your 10th and final log, you will have read 1,000 books together!

Visit the Children’s Department in person for more details, or call 409-643-5983.

FALL COMPUTER CLASSES

Every month September 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 foundational skills you’ll need to begin using the computer. To attend, sign-up in advance of the class and follow the procedures 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 before 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.

NEWS BRIEFS

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: The library will be closed on the following dates:
- Thanksgiving: The library will be closed at 6 PM on Wednesday, November 23. The library will be closed November 24, 25 & 26. We will reopen Monday, November 28 at 9 AM.
- Christmas: The library will be closed at 6 PM on December 19-22. The library will be closed December 23, 24 & 25. We will reopen Tuesday, December 27 at 9 AM.
- New Years: The library will be closed January 2. We will reopen Tuesday, January 3 at 9 AM.
**Texas City Ancestry Searchers Restart Fall Meetings**

Are you interested in learning more about Texas History and genealogy? If so, then you’re in luck. The Texas City Ancestry Searchers are a local genealogy group that meets at the library to discuss all things genealogy and to assist family historians on their quest for information.

During their monthly meetings, the Searchers invite a speaker to present on a topic related to genealogy. They provide refreshments and also discuss general topics related to genealogy. Whether you’re a skilled genealogist or a beginner with no clue where to start, the Ancestry Searchers can help point you in the right direction. Meetings are held in the Holland Meeting Room from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM every third Wednesday of the month.

If you’re interested in one-on-one assistance, members are also available by appointment. Please contact the Reference Desk at 409-643-5977 for more information.

**Local History Program: Hitchcock Blimp Base**

The amount of history that surrounds us is astounding. The Hitchcock Naval Air Station, also referred to as the Hitchcock Blimp Base, was a World War II air station for semi rigid airships known as blimps. With aircraft located thirty-five miles south of Houston and fifteen miles northwest of Galveston, the site was in an ideal location to launch aircraft for the purpose of protecting the shipping facilities and traffic along the Texas Gulf Coast from Axis threats during World War II. Blimps from this site patrolled the Texas Gulf Coast for German Submarines. Learn more about the critical role this historic site played during WWII when presenter Kathy Brooks discusses the functions of the airbase and the history of the site on Tuesday, October 18th at 1:30 PM in the Holland Meeting Room.

**Everything But Salt: The Benefits of a Low Sodium Diet**

Don’t get into anymore salty situations and move beyond the Salt Shaker. On Tuesday, October 25th at 2 PM experience this fun and educational class concerning how to and why you should decrease the sodium in your diet. In this program, Jymann Davis M.S., CFCS, Texas A&M AgLife Extension Agent, will cover the topic of sodium, including its history and role in foods and public health. Davis will also discuss the current sodium consumption trends, how to identify sodium in foods, food trends related to sodium, and current national initiatives on reducing sodium in our food. Attendees will hear the latest on the nutrition facts label and the 2015-2020 New Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The program will conclude with a lesson on making a flavorful seasoning to use as an alternative to salt on a variety of foods!

**Have Fun While Learning A New Language**

The library has two free language learning databases. Each database offers an easy registration process requiring a library card number, an email address, and very basic information. Transparent Language Online offers over 80 different languages for learning through speaking, writing, listening, and reading. The interactive lessons begin with a welcome lesson made up of the most common terms. In English, these would be “Hello”, “Thank you”, “yes” and “no”, before moving on to the alphabet and the phonics for each letter and, eventually, phrases and grammar. A user dashboard tracks the new vocabulary and users are able to monitor their progress over the course of their learning. Pronunciator offers users different learning options for 80 languages and 22 months’ worth of guided practices in the form of Learning Guides for beginners and travel prep. The independent learner has access to postcards and drills for new vocabulary and phrases, as well as quizzes to test new knowledge. The database integrates music and videos into the learning process, and offers English and Spanish citizenship classes, and a 6-week immersion course for healthcare providers.

**Be A Life-Long Learner with Universal Class**

Want to take a Cake Decorating class? Or learn how to start a small business? Need to learn more about computers? Or do you want to study Precalculus, Medical Coding, or Face Painting? Universal Class has over 500 online classes available in 31 different areas of study. It is available free to anyone with a MMPL library card. Click the Universal Class link on the library website homepage (http://texascity-library.org/) to set up a free account.

Click a class to read its description and learn how many lessons, exams and assignments the class contains. Users have six months to complete a class while being enrolled in up to five classes simultaneously. Each class is led by a real instructor that you can contact for assistance. Once you find the perfect course, click “Join This Course”. It’s that simple! If you want more information, contact the Reference Desk at 409-643-5977.