Summer is in full swing at the library! There’s something for all ages and we don’t want you to miss out.

Our young library patrons have the opportunity to enjoy read-alouds, bubble time, and playtime during our weekly Storytimes. Toddlers ages 1-3 can join the Children’s Librarian for Toddlerific Storytime every Tuesday at 10 AM, and children ages 3-5 can pop-in for Preschool Storytime every Wednesday at 10 AM.

Every Tuesday at 2 PM there is a FUN program for children ages 6-12: be a part of a life-size board game, make your own tie-dye shirt, and create folded paper art! On Wednesdays at 2 PM we have creative programming for ages 10-12: decipher secret codes, master Pop Art, and learn to make Origami. Every Thursday at 10 AM ages 6-9 will have the opportunity to create perler bead, shadow and spin art and take home their own kaleidoscopes.

Friday mornings at 10 AM ages 6-14 are invited to let their inner creative architect run wild during LEGO Free Build. See the complete schedule of remaining Children’s Programs this summer on Page 6.

For Teens the month of July is packed full of programs for ages 12-18! Be sure to attend our Summer Book Bash on Thursday, July 26th there will be prizes, snacks, crafts and much more. See the complete schedule of Teen Programs on Page 7!
2018 COMPUTER CLASSES

Improve your computer skills by attending one of our basic computer classes. Sign-up opens one week prior to the scheduled class dates, and remains open until 3 days prior. Register in person at the Reference Desk, or by phone at (409) 643-5977. Space is limited, so please call to cancel 24 hours prior to the class if you’re unable to attend. If you miss 2 sessions without cancelling 24 hours in advance, your future attendance will be limited. Arrive between 9:30-10 AM to complete the mandatory pre-test designed to evaluate your skill set.

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Uncover Your Family Tree at the Library!
Did you know you can uncover your family history with your library card? The library provides FREE access to both Ancestry and HeritageQuest databases. The Local History Librarian will lead an hour-long overview on how to search for records and save what you find in both databases. The first ten patrons to arrive will have access to laptops.

WHEN: Friday, September 21st at 10 AM

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LIBRARY BRIEFS
LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: The library will be closed on the following dates:

Independence Day: The library will be closed Wednesday, July 4th. The library will reopen Thursday, July 5th at 9 AM.

Labor Day: The library will be closed Monday, September 3rd. The library will reopen Tuesday, September 4th at 9 AM.

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Teen Summer Programs

If you have any questions about teen programs, please call Maeghan, the Young Adult Librarian, at (409) 949-3008.

Summer Book Bash!
Don’t miss our Teen Summer Book Bash! Enjoy snacks, book-based games and crafts, prizes and much more!
Thursday, July 26th
2 PM-4 PM

Board Games You’ve NEVER Played Before

Every Friday from June 8th to July 27th, the library will host gaming afternoons in the Library Meeting Room from 2-4 PM. Teens ages 12-18 can come to the library to play board games, strategy games, and card games like you’ve NEVER played before!

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CostUME CRAFTS CONTEST

Show off your cosplay to win prizes and make fun papercraft cosplay of your own!
Thursday, July 12th from 2-4 PM

Compete in dumb debates for bragging rights and prizes.
Hilarious topics—serious battle!
Thursday, July 19th from 2-4 PM

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Gaming Friday Dates

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Summer is still going strong!

If you have any questions about children’s programs, please call the Children’s Department at (409) 643-5966 or (409) 643-5983.

No tickets required to attend any program. Programs 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. Parents of children age 6 and older are encouraged to browse the library or use the computer while their child is in the program. After the program starts, no one will be admitted. Space is limited. Day care or camp groups are normally not allowed. All programs last about 1 hour.

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The library is continuously working to make our collection increasingly accessible to our patrons. Shifting the collection to accommodate relocated books is hard work, and we thank you for your patience as staff works to update signage. We also want to thank our support staff and shelvers for their hard work moving books to their new locations!

If you need help finding items that have been moved from their previous locations, visit the librarians at the Reference Desk for assistance.

Don’t let overdue fines keep your child from checking out books this summer! Our summer reading program seeks to encourage young readers to continue to build their reading skills over the summer while discovering exciting new books. However, library fines can be an obstacle keeping children from reading as much as they can to win prizes. Our Chapter Chums program allows children up to the age of 12 who can read independently to “read off their fines” by reading to one of our teen mentors. Children can reduce their overdue fines by $3.00 for every fifteen minutes of reading*. Chapter Chums are available to listen to children read off their fines from 1-3 PM Monday through Friday until the end of July. Interested children should report to the Reference Desk.

*Please note that this program applies only to late fines and not fines from lost or damaged materials. Children may only read off their own fines, not those of other family members.

Join Mark Lardas, author of Port of Houston and other books about Texas’s maritime history, as he returns Tuesday, October 23rd at 2 PM to tell the story behind a rivalry.

From the very beginning, the ports of Houston and Galveston saw the advantage teeter between one another for over a century. In the early years, Houston and Galveston could be described as a pair of best-friends. The two cities grew together, a symbiotic relationship fueled by their respective ports. However, by the time the two cities were in their twenties they had developed into deadly rivals. One city could grow, but only at the expense of the other – and the ports of Houston and Galveston lay at the heart of their rivalry.

In A Tale of Two Ports: Galveston, Houston, and Texas’s Maritime Heritage, Mr. Lardas reveals the twists and turns in the development of both cities’ ports, and explains why Houston finally won. (Spoiler – it was not because of the 1900 Hurricane.)

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Children's Fall Programming

We’re introducing a new, afternoon program!

New this fall is Baby Steps, a special program for babies (ages birth to 12 months). This program will last 6 weeks and takes place on Monday afternoons at 2 pm. Baby Steps will begin September 10th and end on October 15th. This program is designed to be an interactive lap-sit storytime featuring stories, rhymes, bouncing songs, and tickles, followed by playtime. If interest is high, we hope that Baby Steps becomes part of our regular programming.

Returning this fall are our storytimes! Beginning September 4th join us at 10 AM for Toddlerific Storytime every Tuesday. Children ages 1 to 3 take part in stories, songs, fingerplays, and bubbles followed by playtime. Preschool Storytime for children ages 3 to 5 will be every Wednesday at 10 AM. Our preschoolers enjoy stories, music, rhymes and more, followed by a special craft or activity. All programs are held in the Holland Meeting Room and don’t require a ticket or registration. These FREE programs are a special opportunity to begin developing your child’s literacy skills before they start school.

If you have any questions about our Children’s Programs, please visit the Children’s Department, or call us at (409) 643-5966 or (409) 643-5983.

1,000 Books before Kindergarten: a new look!

Our early childhood literacy program, 1,000 Books before Kindergarten, has a new look. This new colorful sea display tracks the progress of our participants! The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is as simple as it sounds: read 1,000 books to your child before they start Kindergarten! Why? Great question! When you read to your child you are helping them develop important early literacy skills which can them when they start learning to read.

How to join: Children may enter the program at any age from birth until before they enter Kindergarten. Children’s Department between 9 AM-6 PM to receive the next log and any prize your child may earn for finishing that level. We’ve added a few more prizes for the different levels. For more information, pick up a brochure in the Children’s Department, or call us at (409) 643-5966 or (409) 643-5983.

Sign up in the Children's Department Monday through Friday, from 9 AM to 6 PM. Upon sign up, you will receive the first two reading log bookmarks. Keeping track: Simply fill in the circles on the bookmark log for each book read. Return completed logs to the Children’s Department every Monday and Wednesday. When your child has completed the log and you return it to us, we will give them a new log and any prize earned. We’ve also added a few more prizes for the different levels.

Attention teens (ages 13-18): now’s your chance to pitch in and help the library run more smoothly. As a volunteer, you will be a volunteer at the library and help prepare materials for programs and keep the library neat and organized. Teens can earn service credits for college applications, fulfill service organization requirements, such as those required by the National Honor Society, and even add their time at the library to their first resume.

Anime & Manga Club

Whether you’re a hardcore fan or just discovering your favorites, the Anime & Manga Club is the perfect place to meet new people, watch great anime, discuss your favorite manga, eat snacks, and HAVE FUN! We’ll meet the 1st Friday of the month beginning in September, so mark your calendars!

New Volunteens can sign up! Once applications are submitted, teens will be contacted by our Volunteer Coordinator to schedule a mandatory volunteer orientation. After attending the orientation, our new Volunteens can sign up for specific volunteer hours! Applications are available at the library Reference Desk. Unfortunately, volunteering with the library cannot be used for court-ordered community service. If you have questions about volunteering, please call Maegan, the Young Adult Librarian, at (409) 949-3008.

Board Games

You’ve Never Played Before!

Our board game collection is unlike any you’ve seen before! We have King of Tokyo, Settlers of Catan, Fluxx, Munchkin, Forbidden Island, Dominion, Labyrinth, Pandemic, and many more. We’ll be playing the 2nd Friday of the month. You won’t want to miss it!