Fine-Forgiveness Food Drive

Beginning November 1—November 30 all library cardholders are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to the library and have $10.00 worth of overdue fines removed from their account. Unfortunately, we cannot remove fines for lost or damaged items. The library has partnered with the Galveston County Food Bank (GCFB) and will be a drop-off site for donated food items. The GCFB helps feed members of our community who are in need of assistance and the library is eager to help all community members in their daily lives. We are encouraging all cardholders, regardless of whether their accounts currently have overdue fines or not, to bring a non-perishable food item to the library for donation.

The more donations we receive, the more people we can feed this holiday season! If you do bring an item to the library in order to have an overdue fine forgiven, present the item at the Circulation Desk and be sure to have your library card with you. Once the fine is removed from your account, please add the donated food item to the bin. A list of acceptable/non-acceptable food items will be available at the Reference Desk beginning in November. We hope our library cardholders in Galveston County spread the word about our effort to help feed our community, and we encourage everyone to donate as much as they possibly can!

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

The Friends’ dues for calendar year 2018 (Jan. 1, 2018 through Dec. 31, 2018) are the following:

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

For more information about the Friends of the Library, email bbuffa1@gmail.com

On-Demand Computer Classes

In addition to our weekly computer classes, from October 1st—November 30th, the library will now offer on-demand computer classes! Need to build up your mousing skills, but missed the first September computer class? Do you want to set up an email account, get started in Microsoft Word, and learn your way around Microsoft Excel? If your answer is “yes, yes, yes!”, then visit the Reference Desk and ask about our on-demand classes. A librarian will sit down with you and provide a one-on-one lesson on a topic that is covered in our current classes. Unfortunately, we cannot teach topics that aren’t part of our existing computer classes. But, we’re more than happy to accept feedback on what we’re missing so we can expand future options!

Currently, our on-demand computer classes will operate on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to visit the Reference Desk Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 AM—12 PM and 2 PM—5 PM to get started!
Thanksgiving: The library will close at 6 PM on Wednesday, November 21st. The library will be closed Thursday, November 22nd—Sunday, November 25th. The library will resume regular hours Monday, November 26th.

Christmas: The library will be closed Monday, December 24th-Tuesday, December 25th. The library will resume regular hours Wednesday, December 26th.

New Year’s Day: The library will be closed Tuesday, January 1st. The library will resume regular hours Wednesday, January 2nd.

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.

### Dates | Pre-Test Times | Subjects
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Friday, October 5 | 9:30 - 10:00 AM | Basic Word
Friday, October 12 | 9:30 - 10:00 AM | Basic Internet
Friday, October 19 | 9:30 - 10:00 AM | Setting Up an Email Account
Friday, October 26 | 9:30 - 10:00 AM | Basic Email
Friday, November 2 | 9:30 - 10:00 AM | Basic Word II
Friday, November 9 | 9:30 - 10:00 AM | Basic Excel

Anime & Manga Club

Craving some anime/manga goodness? Or maybe you just want free snacks. If so, our Anime & Manga club has what you need!

Whether you’re a hardcore fan or just discovering your all-time favorites, our club is the perfect place to meet new people, watch great anime, discuss awesome manga, eat snacks and have fun!

### Dates and Times
Friday, October 5th | 4:30 - 5:30 PM
Friday, November 2nd | 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Maegan, Young Adult Librarian
(409) 949-3008

Be a VolunTeen!

Teens ages 13 - 18 can apply to be a library volunteer and earn service hours! Help the library run smoothly by helping keep the area organized and preparing materials for programs. Whether you have organizational requirements to meet, college applications to complete, or resumes to improve, the library is ready to work with you. All you have to do is complete a Teen Volunteer Application and return it to the Reference Desk!

If you have any questions, please call Maegan, the Young Adult Librarian, at (409) 949-3008.
Children's Fall Programs

Early childhood literacy takes many forms this fall!

One of the goals of the children's department is to help children ages 0-5 develop the early literacy skills they need to learn to read and write. The library offers programs for different age groups to achieve that goal. These programs are always free and do not require sign-up.

Baby Steps

In September, the library began a special six week early literacy program, Baby Steps, for children ages 0 to 12 months. Baby Steps is designed to be an interactive lap-sit storytime featuring approximately twenty minutes of stories, rhymes, bouncing songs, and tickles, followed by bubbles and playtime. There are only three more programs left in October, so be sure to stop by! Baby Steps takes place on Mondays at 2 pm.

1,000 Books before Kindergarten

Reading aloud to your child is one of the most important things you can do to help your child with language development and learning early literacy skills. Moore Memorial Public Library offers a 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program for children ages 0-5.

Get Started

It’s simple! Sign up with the Children’s Department staff between 9 AM—6 PM (Monday through Friday) and receive a folder with a special bookmark log. For every book read, fill in a circle on the log. When the log is complete, return it to the Children’s Department. There are special prizes along the way, including bath squirt toys, animal shakers and book bags! When you reach 1,000 books, your child will receive a free book and a special certificate. Make sure you sign up before your little one turns 5 and get them started on the journey to success!

If you have any questions, please call the children’s department staff at (409) 643-5983 or (409) 643-5966.

StoryTimes

Our regular story times continue with the Toddlerific program for children, ages 1-3, on Tuesdays at 10 AM and the Preschool program for children, ages 3-5, on Wednesdays at 10 AM. Story time activities include stories, songs, finger plays and more. Programs are free with no registration or tickets required and take place in the Library Meeting Room located by the Circulation Desk as you enter the library.

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Adult Fall Programs

Lighthouses of Galveston Bay

The Texas Gulf Coast is home to many lighthouses and light beacons. Natural scientist Richard S. Hall researched many of these lighthouses and created a field guide, Lighthouses, Lightships, and Beacons of Texas, to help readers explore the physical and geographical features of each lighthouse. Join us Tuesday, October 2nd at 2 PM and learn about 15 major lights and aids to maritime navigation along Galveston Bay.

Starting a Small Business

Amy Reid, program manager at the Galveston County Small Business Development Center (GCSBDC), will visit the library on Tuesday, October 16 at 6 PM to discuss opening a business in Galveston County. Topics covered include: how to start a business in Galveston County, what a business plan should cover, what assistance the GCSBDC and its advisors can provide, and available funding.

A Tale of Two Ports:

Galveston, Houston, and Texas’s Maritime Heritage

Join Mark Lardas, author of Port of Houston and other books about Texas’s maritime history, as he returns Tuesday, October 23rd at 1:30 PM to tell the story behind a rivalry. In A Tale of Two Ports, 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.)

Let’s De-Stress!

Does preparing for the holidays cause you stress? As much as we love the holiday season, it can also be a stressful time. Join Pam Mescall, a Registered Nurse with the Galveston County Health District, on Tuesday, November 6th at 1:30 PM to talk about how to manage stress. Learn the impact of stress on your health, what contributes to stress, and stress reduction techniques. There will be a 10 to 15 minute relaxation session after the presentation. The program will be followed by a FREE BLOOD PRESSURE AND BLOOD SUGAR SCREENING.
Libby, by OverDrive: a new app for eBooks

The Libby app is a great and easy way to browse, access, and borrow the library’s eBooks. Released as a mobile app to replace the original OverDrive app, Libby provides access to your OverDrive account on Android and Apple devices or tablets. Users are still able to access OverDrive on a computer or laptop by visiting https://mmpl.overdrive.com/.

Using Libby
You can download “Libby, by OverDrive” in both the App Store (Apple devices) and the Play Store (Android devices). Once Libby is downloaded and opened, you will be asked a series of questions:

“Do you have a library card?” If you do, tap Yes. You can then look up “Moore Memorial Public Library” by clicking on “I'll Search For a Library”.

The second question is for Kindle owners. If you have a Kindle, you can let Libby streamline the way you send eBooks to your Kindle device. Simply follow the instructions Libby provides on-screen. Unfortunately, Libby is not available in the Amazon App store, so you will have to use the Libby app on a different device to send your eBooks to your Kindle, or continue borrowing through OverDrive.com using a computer.

Don’t have a Kindle and want to use another device? Select “I’ll Mostly Read in Libby”. This option allows you to read our eBooks in the Libby app. Just like any other news or publishing app, Libby allows you to access content by simply opening the app! Libby will ask you to enter your library card number. Be sure to type in the entire sequence of letters, numbers, and/or symbols on the back of your library card (no spaces; ex. PMML00012345!). Tap “Sign In” and you’re done!

If you have any questions about the Libby app, or need assistance accessing your OverDrive account, please visit the Reference Desk, or call us at (409) 643-5977.

Be Prepared: your education and career

The library wants to help you be prepared for whatever new endeavor you have planned. We have subscriptions to electronic resources that can help you learn a new language, build your resume, or score well on a college entrance exam – and all you need is a FREE library card!

Visit the library’s website (www.texascity-library.org) and click on “Electronic Resources > Databases” to see a categorized list of resources. Under “Education” you can access over 500 classes in Universal Class; learn over 80 languages with Transparent Language Online; or build your resume, take practice tests and prepare for a new career with Learning Express Library. These electronic resources will require you to make an online account to track your classes and progress, which means you will need an email address and have to create a password. Don’t have a computer at home? Visit the Reference Desk to sign up for a computer and if you need help along the way, our librarians are always ready to help. It’s just that easy!

Special Children's Programs
Check out the special programs the Children’s Department has planned for the fall!

Holiday Fun at the Library
Don’t forget to check out what’s new in the children’s department during the holidays!

Holiday Books and Activities
The Children’s Department has a large collection of holiday books for a wide range of celebrations. Make sure to visit our holiday displays during November and December. We’ll also have activity and coloring sheets to complete. There will also be scavenger hunts in November (turkey hunt) and December (cookie craze).

Holiday Reading Challenge
To keep children reading during the holidays, the Children’s Department will kick-off a Holiday Reading Challenge during the Thanksgiving break. Reading challenge sheets will be available beginning November 19th. Return it by December 20th for a special prize!

Story Trail at Hallowpalooza
Get your Halloween off to a spooky start and walk the Moore Memorial Public Library Story Trail to read pages from the book, The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything by Linda Williams. Look for the library’s Story Trail at Hallowpalooza on October 31st from 5 PM – 8:30 PM at the Nessler Civic Center. Walk the Story Trail and read the book on your own, or walk through and listen as our Children’s Librarian reads the story aloud. Don’t forget to stop by the library and check out our holiday book collection!

Bedtime Storytime
On Monday, November 12th at 7 PM join us at the library for a special family story time. Bring your preschool aged children in their pajamas, along with their favorite soft toy, to enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes. Session runs for 30 minutes. There will be a craft to make and take after the program. Caregivers must accompany every child to the program, which will take place in the Library Meeting Room. There is no registration or tickets required.

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