

Listing of Events

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JANUARY EVENTS:

The Huntsville Public Library will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018, and will reopen at 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Launching **Coding for Girls Club** at HPL! Want to learn how to build an app, design a videogame, and change the world through code? Come join the Huntsville Public Library's Coding for Girls Club starting January 4, 2018. Meetings will be held every Thursday of the spring semester from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information or to register, you can contact Bella Abril at 936-291-5481 or visit myhuntsvillelibrary.com.

Ease into Word! Create postcards, newsletters and invitations with ease! The Huntsville Public Library is offering free **Microsoft 2010 Word** classes at 10 a.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays afternoons at 5:30 p.m. December 5th through January 4th in the Adult Computer Lab. This program is for adults 17 years or older and you must bring your library card to attend class. Class size is limited and registration is required. You can register online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com.

Do you have children ages 2 or under? Then **Mother Goose Lapsit** is a story time designed for you! Held on Mondays at 10:30 a.m., enjoy a half hour of developmentally appropriate play featuring stories, songs, and rhymes. Sign-up is not required. January dates are as follows: January 8, 15, 22, and 29. This program will not be held on January 1.

Come to **Story Time** – a fun early literacy program for kids 5 and under. Join us for interactive stories, songs, rhymes, and crafts. Held on Wednesdays with identical sessions on Fridays, there is something new each week! Sign-up is not required. Story Time is held on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:45 a.m. January dates are as follows: January 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, and 31.

Get in on the fun! Play **Texas 42** -- a dominoes game similar in style to bridge and spades at the Huntsville Public Library from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays in December. We'll supply the dominoes and refreshments. Please register in advance at myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call Mary at 936-291-5471 for more information. This program is for adults 18 years and older.

Get fit while you sit with **Sittercise**! Start 2018 off with a new exercise program being offered from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning January 9th at the Huntsville Public Library. The class is free and open to adults ages 18 and older. Please register online and visit myhuntsvillelibrary.com for a complete list of class dates.

Story Time at night? You bet'cha! Join us for a special **"Evening StoryTime—Cocoa with the PoPo"** at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, January 4. Enjoy hot chocolate and a reading by Officer Ryann Kaaa-Bauer from the Huntsville Police Department. Sign-up is not required. This program is best suited for ages 5 and under.

Do you ever think *despicably*? Did you miss out on a fun family movie? The Huntsville Public Library has you covered. Join us for **Family Movie Night** at 5:30 p.m. Friday, January 5 for a special showing of *Despicable Me 3*. Bring your own child-friendly drink and your blankets! Sign-up is not required for this all-ages program.

Walk into that business meeting and present in STYLE! The Huntsville Public Library is offering free **Microsoft 2010 PowerPoint** classes. Classes will be in the mornings at 10 a.m. or afternoons at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays January 9th through January 30th. Class size is limited and registration is required. You can register online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com.

If your family tree is missing some branches, then sign up for **"Exploring Ancestry.com"**, a workshop devoted to teaching the basics of this online family history resource. The workshop will be held from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The first class will be on Thursday, January 11, 2018. Register online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com or contact Mary at 936-291-5471.

ville Public Library's free genealogy workshop, **"Working Your Genealogy Puzzle,"** and let us help you put it together from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursdays beginning January 11, 2018. Johnnie Jo Dickenson will guide participants researching their family history using investigative tools such as online databases and resources and the library's extensive genealogy collection. The two-hour sessions will be held every week through March 1, 2018 in the Johnnie Jo Sowell Dickenson Genealogy Room. Please register online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call Mary Kokot at 936-291-5471.

Have you ever wanted to make your own toy, jewelry, or figurine? Well, come to the Huntsville Public Library for **3D Printing Classes**! In just two days, learn how to design a three-dimensional printed object. At the end of the course, each participant will be able to take home his or her printed object. This program will be held from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. This course is best suited for ages 7-17. Parental attendance is required for children under 13. Participants must bring their own USB drives to the class. Sign-up is required and can be found at myhuntsvillelibrary.com. January dates are as follows: January 22 & 24 or January 29 & 31.

Sign up now for free Spanish classes! Instructor Beth Williamson will be teaching beginning and advanced classes Tuesdays in the Huntsville Public Library's Community Room. Beginning classes will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. and advanced classes from 3 to 4:15 p.m. The 16-week program begins January 23, 2018, and all materials are provided. Register now to reserve your spot – only 35 students maximum for each class. Register online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call Mary at 936-291-5471 for additional information.

What's a mother rat to do when her son is sick and she needs to leave for her summer home? Find out in our **First Friday Book Club** as we discuss "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH" by Robert C. O'Brien at 1 p.m. Friday, January 5 at the Huntsville Public Library. This book club is designed for 3rd-7th grades. Please register at myhuntsvillelibrary.com.

"It's a slang term for the claustrophobic reaction that can occur when people are shut in together over long-periods of time. The feeling of claustrophobia is externalized as dislike for the people you happen to be shut in with. In extreme cases it can result in hallucinations and violence—murder..." Find out just how intense cabin fever can be when mixed with vengeful spirits and supernatural forces in Stephen King's novel *The Shining* with the Huntsville Public Library's new **Young Adult Book Club**. The Book Club is held entirely online and is designed for readers 14-22 years old. For more information, please visit myhuntsvillelibrary.com.

What do criminals, terrorists, and gunslingers have in common? They are all areas of interest to our next **Brown Bag Lunch Series** guest Dr. Mitchel Roth, Criminal Justice professor at Sam Houston State University. He'll speak about "Fire in the Big House", the forgotten story of the Ohio penitentiary fire of 1930. It will be held at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, January 26, 2018. Attendees may bring a brown bag lunch. Lunch time begins at 11:30 a.m. and the lecture will begin at noon at the Huntsville Public Library. Beverages will be provided, and admission is free. Huntsville. For more information contact Mary at 936-291-5471.

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BETWEEN THE PAGES

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DON'T BE AFRAID OF SCARY STORIES

The popularity of scary stories among elementary and middle school readers seems to have grown in direct proportion to parents' disenchantment with this growing trend. Parents may wonder if scary stories have instructional value for their children and the answer is yes, as long as the materials are age appropriate. The term *scary stories* can cover a variety of genres (more than just horror) such as science fiction, mystery, adventure, thriller, and survival. Even nonfiction can be scary with accounts of disaster, natural



indicated they had never read a scary book despite several stories in the curriculum were ones that Timmons perceived as scary. One student described the encyclopedia as the scariest book he had read; the book had pictures of bones, skeletons, etc. For some children, nonfiction accounts of the real world can be scarier than fiction. While this "Teachers as Readers" poll was conducted in the 90s, I think it is safe to assume that people as a whole haven't changed much in 20 years; adults and children perceive "scary things" differently.

While it may seem that reading stories centered on children's fears may harm children and cause emotional disturbance, literature specialists advocate otherwise. Reading frightening books can actually give children valuable life lessons, show them the

balance between good and evil, promote confidence that other children share their fears, show them that fears/monsters can be vanquished (and thus their own problems can often—not always, but often—be solved). In an article on Parents.com, Dr. Lawrence Sipe, a professor of children's literature, recommends age appropriate scary stories in which ultimately good is rewarded and evil is punished. Scary stories can be a way for children to

work through their own fears. For example, the tale of Hansel and Gretel can help children face emotions regarding abandonment.

Maurice Sendak, author of *Where the Wild Things*

Are said the following about childhood fears in his 1964 Caldecott Award acceptance speech:

[It's] an awful fact of childhood... The fact of [a child's] vulnerability to fear, anger, hate, frustration—all the emotions that are an ordinary part of their lives and that they can only perceive as dangerous, ungovernable forces. To master these forces, children turn to fantasy: that imaginary world where disturbing (cont'd on pg. 3)

(cont'd from pg. 1) emotional situations are solved to their satisfaction.

Dan Harmon, writer for the movie *Monster House*, received a letter from a young fan who saw the movie and was frightened of it. Harmon wrote a letter back in which he explains how scary sto-

Google Now Directs Users to Library Ebooks

In a move likely to increase e-book circulation at libraries around the US, Overdrive has partnered with Google to ensure users searching for books can see whether they are available electronically at their local library.

After typing the book title into the main Google search box, the Knowledge Panel displays results for buying the book with local library holdings below that. When the user clicks on their local library, they are taken to the Overdrive results page where they can either place the book on hold or check it out. If the book is not available as an e-book at any local libraries, the message “no results found near you and “please try another location” appears.

HPL is one of the many libraries with the Overdrive platform and we’ve been offering e-books for quite some time. However, it still surprises patrons every day with news that they can read e-books for free from the library! If we’re still working on publicizing our e-books to patrons who walk into the library, reaching those who don’t physically use the library is an even greater challenge. This new partnership with Google may just meet those reluctant library users right where they’re at.

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es into a surprising free option by highlighting what for many is an often-overlooked source of reading materials and other valuable services.

Many people like the idea of having a book to read on the go without having to carry it around with you. Plus, this idea of just using a Google search to find a book is great too. Searching and downloading can be difficult for some, but do not worry there is help available, we have the Tech Reference Department or use the how-to-videos on the library’s website for extra help.

—Ashley Newsome,
Cataloger

Huntsville Kiwanis Annual Pancake Supper Fundraiser—

What’s the best pancake topping? More Pancakes! If you are a fan of eating breakfast for dinner while supporting literacy programs at the Huntsville Public Library, come to the Huntsville Kiwanis Annual Pancake Supper Fundraiser! Held

from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018 at the Huntsville Public Library, the Supper will include a \$5 all-you-can-eat feast of pancakes, sausages, milk, coffee, and orange juice. Attendees may purchase tickets beforehand or during the event itself but only cash will be accepted. For more information or to purchase your ticket in advance,

please call Bryan Matthys at 936-650-7311.



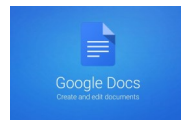
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Google Docs is known to have many helpful features for managing documents. One would be the automatic save component, which saves your document every time you type. Google Docs also offers a wide variety of templates you can choose from, like if you need a jump starter for your resume, newsletter, or brochure. In addition, Google Docs has a revision history that you can access to see old versions of the same document. Furthermore, Google Docs provides a setting in which you and the people you share your document to can collaborate on the same document at the same time. Lastly, Google Docs allows users to convert Microsoft Word documents into Google Docs files and vice versa.

Overall, Google Drive is a great alternative to Microsoft Word. Though it doesn’t have all the features of Word, it does have what most people need to create and edit a document comprehensively. Plus, who wouldn’t want a free word editing application that automatically saves everything? Hurray for no more lost files! If you are interested in learning how to use Google Docs, the Huntsville Public Library will be hosting Google Docs classes in March. More information will be released at myhuntsvillelibrary.com as the month nears, so stay tuned!

—Bella Abril, IT



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Storytime with Blue



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