

Presidents Day

President's Dolls: Mallery Family

Starting with George Washington all the way to our 34th president Dwight D. Eisenhower, along

with many first ladies and nieces of our past presidents, this collection of dolls was donated from the collection of Alice Mallery Hill, given in memory by her son Jack J. Hill, Jr. made in Independence, Missouri, the dolls were made by Kimcraft Dolls. This gener-

ous donation helps commemorate our nation's history of leaders who have helped to shape what our country is today. The dolls are on display behind the circulation desk for our patrons' viewing. Thank you to Alice Mallery Hill and family for their courteous donation.

—*Riyn Williams, Sam Houston University, Work Study*



Canva - Empowering the World to Design

Need to make flyers for your business or organization but have limited time? Want to spice up your social media feed with stunning graphics even without much background on design? You can do these and more with Canva - an Australian-based free graphic design website! With its user friendly drag-and-drop feature, 50,000+ layouts designed by professionals, and access to countless photos, graphics, and fonts, there is no question as to why Canva has garnered millions of users around the world.

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After you finish your design, you have a variety of options to choose from. One, you can download your work into a JPG, PNG, or PDF, and then print with your own device. Two, you can share your project to an email address or social media of your choice. Three, you can embed or link it to a website. And four, you can order prints through Canva itself (with cost varying based on the volume of your order). If you would like to explore Canva to get to know its features, simply create a free account with your email address and you can start designing right away!



—*Bella Abril, IT*

National Children's Dental Health Month

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. We all know that in addition to daily maintenance, a trip to the dentist is recommended for children every six months by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. However, most children (and even some adults) are terrified of the dentist. A dental visit can be a new or scary experience for children. There are several ways that parents can make dental visits less frightening.

Parents are encouraged to be a good role model for their children. If possible, take your child to your own routine cleanings. Talk about how great your teeth feel after the cleaning and how you are happy you went. If you are a nervous patient in the dentist's chair or you need a complicated drilling procedure, leave the kids at home. For small children, going to the dentist can incur discomfort over time spent away from a stuffed animal. Talk to your dentist to see if your child can bring his or her favorite stuffed toy or blanket for an added element of familiarity.

Since children often do not recognize that going to the dentist has its own reward, dentists also advise using positive reinforcement. Plan a low-key activity or outing at your child's favorite place. For example, a visit to feed the ducks as a reward for a cleaning may cause the child to associate the dentist with a positive feeling. Offering a bribe when the child knows the reward is coming ("I will take you to the zoo if you behave at the dentist") can reinforce the idea that the dentist office is a scary place ("What's so bad about the dentist that I may want to throw a fit? If Mom/Dad is offering to take me somewhere good, then the dentist must be a bad place"). Promising a sugary treat after the dentist also sends the wrong message, especially after the dental staff has emphasized engaging in healthy habits to promote strong teeth. (cont'd pg. 7)

Instead, a surprise activity is often the better way to engage in positive reinforcement.



Art enthusiasts are invited to participate in the Huntsville Public Library's **8th Annual Friends of the Huntsville Public Library Art Contest** this spring. The contest is open for students aged 5-18. The deadline to submit is Friday, February 23, 2018. Winners will be formally announced at the Artwork Unveiling Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 23, 2018. Come to the library to pick up your entry form and contest rules today! Completed entry form required for eligibility. For more information, please contact Children's Coordinator Rachel McPhail at 936-291-5910.

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Find this information 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 activities featuring stories, songs, and rhymes. Sign-up is not required. For more information, please contact Children's Coordinator Rachel McPhail at 936-291-5910.

Come to **Story Time** – a fun early literacy program for kids 5 and under. Join us for interactive stories, songs, rhymes, and crafts. The early literacy practices featured each week help build the foundation for a lifelong love of reading and learning. 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. This program will not be held on February 7 and 9. For more information, please contact Children's Coordinator Rachel McPhail at 936-291-5910.

Get fit while you sit with **Sittercise!** Start 2018 off with a new exercise program being offered from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning January 9th at the Huntsville Public Library in conjunction with Huntsville Memorial Hospital. Please consult your doctor before starting any new exercise program. Liability waivers are required to participate and are available from the instructor. The class is free and open to adults ages 18 and older. View a complete list of class dates and register online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call 936-291-5472. Please contact Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator, at 936-291-5471 for additional information.

Searching FamilySearch.org with Sharon Vann - The Huntsville Public Library is pleased to announce an opportunity for genealogy enthusiasts and newcomers alike to meet with an experienced and qualified genealogical researcher. Two-hour sessions will be offered the first and third Fridays for a five-month period beginning in February. Sessions will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Attendance will be limited to no more than three researchers. Interested persons should contact Mary Kokot, Adult Program Coordinator at 936-291-5471. Sign-up is required. Dates in February are: February 2 and February 16.

Need a way to keep track of your schedule or budget? Learn how to organize your data with Microsoft Excel. The Huntsville Public Library is offering free **Microsoft Excel 2010 Classes** for beginners! One-hour classes will be held Tuesdays in February. Morning classes will be held from 10 - 11 am and evening classes will be from 5 - 6 pm. A library card is required to participate in the classes. If you don't have a card, bring your ID! Adults 17 and older can register for classes online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call the IT Reference Desk at 936-291-5485.

Get in on the fun! Play **Texas 42** at the Huntsville Public Library. Texas 42 is a dominoes game similar in style to bridge and spades. It is held from 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays in February at the Library. So, come to the Library each week and strategize your winning moves. We'll supply the dominoes and refreshments. Games will be played weekly if 4 or more players register. This program is for adults 18 years and older. Please register in advance at myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator, at 936-291-5471 for more information.

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! The club is a free after-school activity for 6-12th grade girls, where members can learn computer science skills, such as coding and programming. Meetings will begin January 4, 2018 and will be held every Thursday from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register, you can contact Bella Abril at 936-291-5427 or visit myhuntsvillelibrary.com.

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. or 5:15-7 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 Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator, at 936-291-5471 for additional information.

Where do you fit into the puzzle? Bring your ancestry "puzzle pieces" to the Huntsville Public Library's free genealogy workshop, "**Working Your Genealogy Puzzle,**" and let us help you put it together from 3 pm to 5 pm Thursdays beginning January 11, 2018. Johnnie Jo Dickenson will guide participants researching their family history using investigative tools such as online databases, 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 www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator, at 936-291-5471.

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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, February 8, 2018. Discover family tree members using Ancestry.com tools such as census, military, and immigration records. The site is free to library patrons when used on the library’s computers. Register online at [www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com](#) or contact Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator, at 936-291-5471.

“In desperation, because it was the only thing he could think of, he said: ‘I know. You’re my number one fan.’” Paul Sheldon, the main character of Stephen King’s *Misery*, is rescued from peril after a car crash by his “number one fan” Annie Wilkes. But is Annie really trying to help him? Find out by joining the [Huntsville Public Library’s Young Adult Stephen King Online Book Club](#) where we will be discussing *Misery* during the month of February. To register, please visit [myhuntsvillelibrary.com](#). This Book Club is for ages 14-22. For more information, please contact Children’s Coordinator Rachel McPhail at 936-291-5910.

The Huntsville Public Library & Walker County Genealogical Society will host the annual [Genealogy Winter Lock-In](#) from 12:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 18 at the Huntsville Public Library. Beginners and longtime researchers are both invited. Society Members will be **available to assist in all areas of research. Bring your paperwork! A light lunch will be provided by the Society. Register online at [myhuntsvillelibrary.com](#)** or contact Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator, at 936-291-5471 for more information.

February is traditionally known as Black History Month and to celebrate that fact, the [Brown Bag Lecture Series](#) features Dr. Bernadette Pruitt, associate professor of history at Sam Houston State University, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, February 23 at the Huntsville Public Library. Dr. Pruitt will speak about some of the primary documents she used for her book and their importance in genealogy in her presentation “Documenting the Other Great Migration to Houston, 1900-1950.” 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. For more information contact Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator, at 936-291-5471.

Chronic Pain Self-Management Workshop – Do you suffer from chronic pain? Learn how to ease your symptoms through stress management, exercise, and nutrition. The 2 ½ hour classes start at 1 p.m. on Monday, January 29. Hosted by the Huntsville Public Library, the series of six classes will occur weekly through March 12. The classes are sponsored by the Texas A&M Center for Population Health and Aging and the Houston-Galveston Area Agency on Aging. The workshops are free and limited to 16 participants. For more information and registration, contact Ce Schlicher at 936-436-0442. Dates are: January 29, February 5, February 12, February 19, February 26, March 5, and March 12. This program is for adults 17 and older.

Huntsville Public Library is pleased to host the [Walker County Master Gardeners “Planting Your Spring Vegetable Garden” workshop](#) from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, February 19 in the Library’s Community Room. The Master Gardeners will discuss tips about fertilization, weed and insect control, plant selection and harvesting guidelines, composting, and mulching. Door prizes will be awarded. Sign up for this free workshop at [myhuntsvillelibrary.com](#) or contact Mary Kokot, Adult Services Coordinator, at 936-291-5471 for additional information.

In our nation's history, many African Americans have made major contributions to today's America is today. The month of February reflects and brings awareness of the struggles and difficulties African Americans have overcome. Powerful and influential black Americans have helped shaped our nation's history. Rosa Parks, Frederick Douglass, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, Jackie Robinson, and Coretta Scott King are well known. Their contributions to the African American community and nation is worthy of respect and acclaim. Black History Month celebrates the blood, sweat, and tears African Americans have endured to achieve greatness and a legacy that will last. Even though Americans should celebrate all Americans year round, having a month dedicated to the strength and devotion of the African American community sheds true light on the positivity it has had not only in history, but in individual lives. Memorializing these accomplishments gives the people a sense of appreciation for cultural achievement and diversity.

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed."

—Booker T. Washington

—*Riyn Williams, Sam Houston University, Work Study*



The African Queen Midday Movie Matinee

Spend a Friday afternoon getting reacquainted with some classic American films being offered for your viewing pleasure at Huntsville Public Library. *The African Queen*, playing at 3 p.m. March 2nd, inaugurates the Midday Matinee series. Adapted from a novel by C.S. Forester, *The African Queen* stars Humphrey Bogart in his Oscar-winning portrayal of Charlie Allnut, the slovenly, gin-swilling captain of a tramp steamer called the African Queen, which ships supplies to small East African villages during World War I. Katharine Hepburn plays Rose Sayer, the maiden-lady sister of a prim British missionary, Rev. Samuel Sayer (Robert Morley). When Germans invade and Samuel dies, Allnut offers to take Rose back to civilization. She can't tolerate his drinking or bad manners; he isn't crazy about her imperious, judgmental attitude. However, it does not take long

before their passionate dislike turns to love. Together the disparate duo work to ensure their survival on the treacherous waters and devise an ingenious way to destroy a German gunboat. *The African Queen* may well be the perfect adventure film; its roller-coaster storyline complemented by the chemistry between its stars.

Double your enjoyment and stay on for the 2nd feature at Family Movie Night at 5:30 p.m. and don't forget to bring your pillow! Complimentary popcorn served at both showings. Nonalcoholic beverages in spill-proof containers may also be brought in.



—*Mary Kokot, Adult Coordinator*



(cont'd pg. 3) Dentists also suggest that acting out a dental appointment at home via role play can help. Parents can walk their child through what an actual appointment will feel like by checking or counting their teeth, talking (cont'd. pg. 3)(cont'd. from pg. 1) about x-rays, thanking the child for the "visit," and giving him or her a sticker at the end of the "appointment." Dentists urge parents to keep the conversation simple: don't go into every possible scenario that may arise from a dentist trip such as a cavity drilling. On the other hand, parents are also encouraged to not tell the child that everything will be fine. If a child does need more complicated treatment, the child may feel that the dentist or parent was untruthful and may lose trust in

the adults involved.

Some dentists provide further guidelines for how the preparation conversation with your child should go. Parents are advised to avoid words like *shot*, *hurt*, or *pain* and instead let the staff introduce their own vocabulary to help ease children through the visit. For example, a dentist may tell children that he or she is looking for "sugar bugs" instead of cavities, may call the exam "check their smile and count their teeth," or may use positive phrases like "clean, strong, healthy teeth."

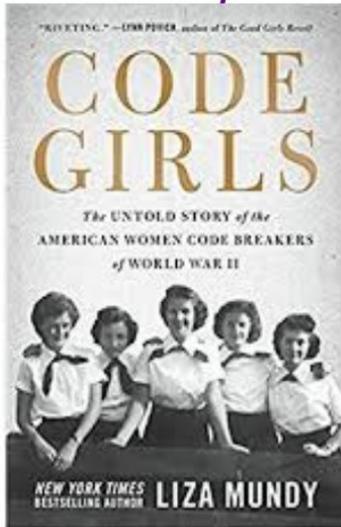
Lastly, dental professionals recommend reading. When kids hear about other children's successful dentist visits, they are more likely to be less nervous about their own upcoming office visit. Furthermore, children's books about dentals visits often explain what will happen in clear, simple language that the child can understand. One such book, available for check-out at the Huntsville Public Library" is the *Peppa Pig Dentist Trip*. During the visit, Peppa Pig and her brother George visit the dentist. Peppa is calm and comfortable during the cleaning but her brother George has some trepidations. With help from Peppa and their friendly dentist, George learns that a dental appointment is nothing to fear. To find this book or other books that promote positive dentist appointments, please visit myhuntsvillelibrary.com.

—Rachel McPhail,
Children's Librarian

\$5 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! The supper will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018 at the Huntsville Public Library. The meal 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 Mathys at 936-650-7311.





*Code Girls:
The Untold story of the American Women Code
Breakers of World War II*
By: *Liza Mundy*

Wouldn't it be great to be trained in secrecy to help win the war? Well that is exactly what these "code girls" accomplished. Recruited by the United States Navy and Army, women were trained and sworn to secrecy to break the military codes of the German and Japanese enemies.

Critic Glenn Frankel, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *High Noon*, raves that "*Code Girls* reveals one of the World War II's last remaining secrets... Superbly researched and stirringly written." Approximately 10,000 American women worked countless hours deciphering encrypted messages that helped save lives, shortened the length of the

war, and opened doors to careers women were denied previously. These women were not acknowledged in our history books until now. Author Liza Mundy brings their service to light and celebrates their contribution to history.

These courageous women dealt with sexism, political rivalries, and heartbreaks on the home front. Mundy fills this non-fiction book with facts and photographs that will leave you proud and honored to have had such smart and courageous women serving our country. Mundy's extensive research and interviews with some of the women known as the "Code Breakers" bring this book to life. Any reader who has a passion for history and empowerment should definitely read this book. Critic Lynn Povich, author of *The Good Girls Revolt*, perfectly sums up the text as "Riveting...Mundy has written a thrilling page-turner that illuminates the patriotism, rivalry, and sexism of the code breakers' world." Since now it is known in our history, this story will live on forever.

An excerpt:

"If the Japanese Navy had changed the code-book along with the cipher keys on 1 December 1941, there is no telling how badly the war in the Pacific would have gone," Said Laurance Safford.

—Ashley Newsome, *Cataloger and
Riyn Williams, Sam Houston State University Work Study
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