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HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

2019 Texas Summer Reading Program

"A Universe of Stories"

BY RACHEL MCPHAIL, CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR

The 2019 Texas Summer Reading Program is coming soon to the Huntsville Public Library. This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories."

Last year's Bingo format was popular with some of our patrons, but this year's program is organized completely differently. This year the library wants to celebrate all readers whether it is the child who plans to read 50 books over their break or the reluctant reader setting his or her own personal goal. As always the program is open for everyone (ages 0-adult), but the rules vary based on the participant's age group.

It all starts Saturday, June 1 at our Kick-Off Party. Attendees can register for the Summer Reading Program, enjoy a presentation by the Yuck Game Show, and enjoy light refreshments. If you can't make it to the party, you can still register online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com after June 1 or you can come to the library for assistance signing up.

Here's how it works: for every 3 books read, the participant will receive 1 raffle ticket. Additionally, for each library program attended, the participant will receive 1 raffle ticket. The first time a person turns in their 3 books, they will receive a guaranteed prize (while supplies last) based on their age group. For children and teens, the guaranteed prize is a prize pack containing coupons to local attractions and restaurants. Adults will receive chocolate.

The more books read and the more programs attended increase the chance of a person winning a raffle prize. Participants can choose to enter their raffle tickets in various raffles. The main thing to keep in mind with the raffle is that once a person wins a raffle prize, he or she is ineligible to win another raffle prize.

The Huntsville Public Library has a large amount of exciting summer programs planned. Be sure to receive your raffle ticket at the end of each program. For a full listing of all summer activities, please visit myhuntsvillelibrary.com

The last official day of Summer Reading is Friday, July 12 and the last day to turn in your reading logs and receive raffle tickets is Friday, July 19. Raffle prizes will be drawn at our Summer Reading Celebration Party at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 24. You do not need to attend the Celebration Party to get a raffle prize but if prize winners do not pick up their prizes by Saturday, August 10, the prize is forfeited.

Holidays in the Month of May!

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2018 occurs on Monday, May 28. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world, and Mother's Day 2019 occurs on Sunday, May 12, in the United States. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914.

Cinco de Mayo!

Cinco de Mayo is an annual celebration held on May 5. The date is observed to commemorate the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zarazoga. The victory of the smaller Mexican force to defeat the larger French force was a boost to morale for the Mexicans. A year after the battle, a larger French force defeated Zaragoza at the Second Battle of Puebla, and Mexico City soon fell to the invaders.

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FAMILY HISTORY



BY RICHARD LANE, REFERENCE

Family History: A Legacy

We think of a legacy as an inheritance, often of some monetary value. People show up on Antiques Roadshow hoping that great-aunt Martha's jewelry box is of great value. All too often, the appraisers will tell them that great-aunt Martha was undoubtedly a generous and kind woman, but the contents of her jewelry box was most likely purchased at a five and dime in the 1970s and is best consigned to a flea market. Worse yet, the appraiser tells a disheartened owner that great-aunt Martha's refinish job had destroyed the patina of the jewelry box and what would have been a valuable piece of mid-century craftsmanship is now of little value and should be returned to its proper place in the closet.

Unlike great-aunt Martha's trinkets, the knowledge and understanding of family history is a legacy to be shared with others and passed down to future generations. The question to be considered is this: "How do I make sure that the family's history I've worked so hard to write will be preserved?"

Here are some useful tips:

1. Protect original documents, photos and mementos. Store the originals in acid-free boxes in a controlled environment. Avoid exposure to sunlight. Consider storing irreplaceable items in fireproof boxes. Give thought to the person who will someday take possession of the family records.
2. Duplicate documents. Electronic scanners are no longer prohibitively expensive. Scan documents and photographs and save to a disk or thumb drive. Share the scans with other family members and encourage them to save them as well.
3. Make print copies of the original materials. Do not rely on electronic devices for long term storage. Electronic formats are changing. The 8 inch floppy disk from the 1970s is now of little use. Who knows what electronic storage will be like in 10, 15 or 20 years? We cannot imagine the advances in technology to be made over the next 100 years. It is very possible that electronic devices in the future will be unable to "read" today's programs. And yes, family histories will be of interest to generations yet unborn.
4. Consider having the family histories bound in book form. Make several copies. At a minimum, organize family histories in an orderly way in a file folder.
5. Donate the family history to local libraries and genealogical societies. Ask these questions, "Will the materials be cataloged? Is your catalog a part of a consortium catalog?" The Huntsville Public Library and many other libraries upload their holdings to a consortium catalog known by the initials O.C.L.C. By accessing O.C.L.C. researchers can find catalog listings for family histories at the Huntsville Public Library and at other libraries throughout the nation.

Family histories are legacies to be shared. Below is sage advice.

"My charge, then, in putting down my pen, and giving over this work to posterity, is this: Take the time. Take the time to preserve the stories, the photographs, the small mementos that mean so much. This is your legacy to future generations. Give it the attention it deserves. Your children and your grandchildren will thank you for it." — Laurence Overmire, *One Immigrant's Legacy: The Overmyer Family in America, 1751-2009: A Biographical Record*

of Revolutionary War Veteran Capt. John George Overmire and His Descendants.

About the Library

The Huntsville Public Library opened in September 1967. A brief history of the library can be found on the library's home page. Enter www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com in the address bar of a computer or Smart Phone. Find and click on About the Library and take a few moments to read History of Libraries, History of Walker County Libraries, Librarians and Librarianship and Renovation and Expansion.

Adult Programming May 2019

(936) 291-5472 Open M-F 10-7; Sat. 12-4. 1219 13th Street
Huntsville, TX www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com

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GENEALOGY TIPS & TRICKS

3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 21
Registration Required

HUNTSVILLE COMMUNITY CHOIR 25 YEARS OF MUSIC

10:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 14

ANCESTRY.COM CLASS

11:30 a.m. Friday, May 3
Registration Required.

GENEALOGY DNA

1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15.
Registration required.

Book Club

10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 9
Discussion of "The Library
Book" by Susan Orlean

Diabetes Self- Management Workshop

1 p.m. Mondays May 13 - June 24

Yoga

5:30 p.m. Wednesdays
starting May 8.
Registration required.

Hour of Code

11 a.m. Thursdays
starting May 9

Sittercise

10 a.m. Tuesdays and
Thursdays

Mandarin Classes

1 p.m. Thursday,
May 2, 9, and 16
Registration required.

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May 25 and Monday, May 27. We will re
open on Tuesday, May 28.**

Youth Programming May 2019

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Mother Goose Lapsit

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 2 & under.

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May 27. We will re-open on Tuesday, May 28.

TEEN FILM CLUB (PIZZA + MOVIE)

Power Rangers (PG-13)
4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 9

Family Movie Night

Mary Poppins Returns
4:30 p.m. Friday, May 3

Homework Help

4:30 p.m. Wednesdays—Math help for
elementary/jr. high students

COMING THIS SUMMER:

**Summer Reading Program June 1- July 19.
Ages 0 through adult can read books for prizes**

Story Time

Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and
Fridays at 10:45 a.m. Ages 5 and under.

**Friends of the Library Art Contest. Entry
form required. Deadline: Monday, August 12**

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

BY MARY KOKOT, ADULT SERVICES

We want to hear from you! Please fill out the adult programming survey and let us know what kind of programs you'd like to see at the library, cut out and drop off at the library!

1. How often do you and/or your family members attend programs?

- More than once a week
- Once a week
- Once a month
- Four times a year
- Rarely/Neve

2. How do you find out about library programs? (Check all that apply!)

- Library website
- Library newsletter
- Social media (Facebook or Instagram)
- Other _____

3. What types of programs are of interest to you?

- Book discussion groups
- Organization workshop
- Health and Wellness workshops
- History programs
- Handicrafts
- Technology and Education (computer and internet basics, BYO device sessions)
- STEM programming
- Exercise classes (Yoga, Pilates, Dance, etc.)
- Live music and concerts
- Estate planning
- Employment workshop
- Other _____

4. What days and times are convenient to attend programs? (Check all that apply.)

- Weekdays
- Weekends
- 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- 5 p.m. 7 p.m.

Hour of Code™

BY JALPA SHAH, IT COORDINATOR

The first question that comes to mind is, "what is Hour of Code™?"

The Hour of Code™ started as a one-hour introduction to computer science and was designed to demystify "code" in the hope that building confidence in computer skills will broaden participation in the field of computer science. This program shows that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science. What started as simple coding activities has expanded to broader community efforts.

While the program will not make you an expert coder in an hour, it is an excellent introduction into the fun, creative world of coding. What makes the program so accessible is that it is available for all ages regardless of background. People can learn from Hour of Code™ year round to develop problem solving skills, logic, and creativity (all of which are useful in most 21st century careers).

In the past, the Huntsville Public Library offered Hour of Code™ for children, but this May I am excited to offer the class for adults. This upcoming series of four classes will be held from 11 to 12 p.m. on Thursdays beginning May 9 in the Monday Computer Room. The class requires no prior experience. Interested adults can register online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call Jalpa Shah at 936-291-5485 for more information.

