



BETWEEN THE PAGES

Huntsville Public Library Monthly Newsletter

DNA TESTING: ETHICAL AND PRIVACY CONCERNS

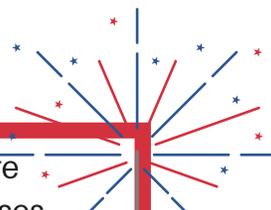
*BY MARY KOKOT, ADULT
SERVICES COORDINATOR*

In last month's Between the Pages, we heard from Janet Miller, a member of the Walker County Genealogical Society, as she outlined for us some of the basics of DNA and DNA testing. She described how we inherit bits of DNA from our ancestors and how the DNA molecular sequence gives clues to ancestry and health. This month's article will continue, in part, with the conversation Janet and I began more than a month ago.

Curious people have asked Janet, "Should I take a DNA test?" Janet answers, "DNA testing may not be for everybody. It is not for the faint of heart for those who fear what they may find. Some test takers have been upset to learn that their genetic ancestors may not match their paper trail ancestors." Janet explained how some people have privacy issues and fear that their DNA results will compromise their privacy or be sold to pharmaceutical companies for the company's financial gain. Janet notes that recent headlines have publicized how DNA results have been used by law enforcement agencies to solve violent crimes.

Many of us are fascinated with the prospects of discovering one more piece of evidence which will lead towards a new branch of our family tree. We may consider DNA testing to unlock mysteries. The question remains, "Should I take a DNA test?" Our ethical and privacy concerns are real. An in-depth discussion by The National Center for Biotechnology Information has been published. Enter the following in a computer address bar www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK236044/ to view Social, Legal, and Ethical Implications of Genetic Testing.

DID YOU KNOW?



Patrons of the Huntsville Public Library are encouraged to use the TexShare Databases. The databases are excellent reference and research tools. The Huntsville Public Library will offer an introduction to database research technique from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, August 15. Please contact Mary Kokot at 936-291-5471 for registration.

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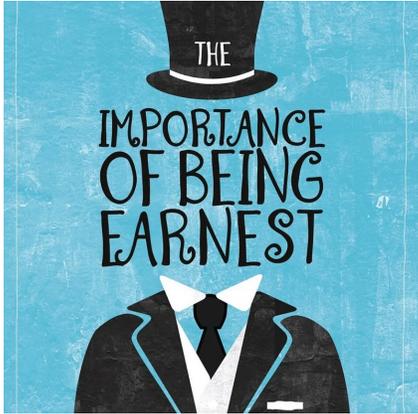
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LIGHTS, CAMERA, OSCAR WILDE!

BY RACHEL MCPHAIL,
CHILDREN'S SERVICES
COORDINATOR



The Huntsville Public Library has hosted the Teen Theater program for one year. During this time, the teens have rehearsed and performed productions of Hamlet and Macbeth. For the Summer 2019 play, the well-known comedy *The Importance of Being Earnest: a Trivial Comedy for Serious People* by Oscar Wilde has been chosen. First performed in 1895, the play is a comedy of mistaken identity and a satire poking fun at traditional values of the Victorian age. Six participants have signed up for this summer's play and have been attending rehearsals twice a week over the summer. The original script calls for nine actors and actresses but we have modified the script to accommodate six participants. Over the course of this theater program, the students will learn theater concepts of blocking, cues, and portraying the emotions of someone else. They will also memorize their lines. Many of these teens and tweens have never participated in a play before, and I have enjoyed working with them all. The Huntsville community is invited to attend the performance(s). Dates will be announced at a later time.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!

BY ASHLEY NEWSOME, LIBRARY
SERVICE SPECIALIST

The Huntsville Public Library is teaming up with the Sam Houston Statute Visitor's Center to host the **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH** at the Walker County Storm Shelter at 9 AM, Wednesday, August 7th. The big venue give everyone in the community a chance to get school supplies and have a little bounce house fun. While you wait in line, we will be serving snow-cones and popcorn. Children must be present to receive supplies. Supplies are on a "while supplies last" basis.

To help kick off this bash, we are having a donation drive for this event. The library and the visitor's center are set as drop-off locations for school supplies donations. Anything helps, Please drop off any donations at the Sam Houston Statute Visitor Center or the Huntsville Public Library by **August 1st**.

Items needs:

- o paper
- o pencils
- o notebooks
- o folders
- o kleenex
- o markers
- o sanitizer
- o erasers
- o crayons
- o map pencils

COMING SOON

9 AM-11:30 AM, AUGUST 7, 2019
BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

Hosted by The Huntsville Public Library & Sam Houston Statute
SCHOOL SUPPLIES BOUNCE HOUSES GAMES SNO-CONES POPCORN

Other participating organizations:
Huntsville Fire Department, Hearts Veterans Museum, Huntsville State Park
and more!

GET READY FOR SCHOOL
Walker County Storm Shelter, 455 TX-75 Huntsville, TX 77320

CHILDREN'S Programming

My Grownup and Me Hair Class

July 9, 1:00 PM

Registration required

Youth Book Club

July 24, 1:00 PM

3rd-7th Graders

Family Movie Night showing

A Dog's Way Home

July 19, 4:30 PM

For all ages

Mother Goose Lapsit

Mondays, 10:30 AM

Ages 5 and under

ADULT Programming

Genealogy Databases

July 18, 5:00 PM

OverDrive Class

July 9, 11:00 AM

Registration Required

Ancestry.com Class

July 5, 11:30 AM

Registration Required

FamilySearch.org

Thursdays, 11 AM

Registration Required

Huntsville Audubon Society

Bird Migration

July 16, 1:30 PM

Teen Film Club

Fantastic Beast: Crimes of Grindewald

July 11, 1:00 PM

Teen Theater:

"The Importance of Being Earnest"

August 6, 5:30 PM

Story Time

Tuesdays 5:30 PM,

Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 AM

Ages 5 and under

Butterfly Show

July 19, 1:00 PM-6:00 PM

**Reminder:
Summer Reading Program
Deadline is July 19.**

**Frances Sprott Goforth
Memorial Weekend is August
2-3**

Astronomy Show w/ HMNS

July 1, 10:30 AM

Sittercise

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 AM

Book Club at the Huntsville Public Library

"Blink" by Malcolm Gladwell

July 11, 10:30 AM

Summer Reading Celebration Party

July 23, 2:00 PM



EXPLORING THE STACKS

BY RICHARD LANE, REFERENCE

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were commissioned by President Thomas Jefferson following the Louisiana Purchase (1803) to explore a vast and uncharted portion of the North American Continent. Their undertaking was fraught with danger and the unknown. Their first act would have been preparation. They would have scoured known maps of the region and outfitted their party with needed equipment and provisions. Fortunately they had the good sense to seek out a guide (Sacagawea) to help them with her knowledge of native languages and the “lay of the land”. Their expedition was not a wandering about in a dazed state of confusion. They had a purpose and a plan. They also had the equipment needed to map the terrain and collect samples of the flora, fauna and minerals they found.

Family history is like an expedition. Certainly not an expedition fraught with danger, but a serious undertaking requiring preparation, needed provisions (books, microfilm, database and archival records) and a way to record the findings of the day’s quest. Often as not, we need someone who can help us with the “lay of the land”.

We set out hoping to make discoveries and often as not end up at a library. Here are some hints to make the journey productive.

1. Before leaving, have a plan and know what information is needed.
2. Take the time to search the library’s online catalog. Use keywords, subject heading, author and title searches to determine if needed materials are available. If necessary, call ahead and speak to a reference librarian.
3. Upon arrival, take some time to look around the library. Get to know the “lay of the land”. Make mental notes of the location of the water fountain, the restrooms and the online catalog. Make note of how the library’s collection is organized. Determine if there a separate genealogy collection requiring admission.
4. While in the genealogy collection, explore a bit. Locate the map and microfilm collections. Spend a few moments to become familiar with the collection. Ask some questions. Does the map collection have road maps, survey maps and topographic maps? Does the microfilm collection include probate and tax records? Is there a microfilm collection of local newspapers? Does the library have an archive with family histories and genealogies?
5. Spend some time examining the online resources. Does the library offer Ancestry Library Edition, Heritage Quest and other genealogical websites?
6. Here’s a clue. No one knows the library collection better than the library staff. Seek out the more experienced reference and genealogy librarians. You’ll almost always find them to be knowledgeable and helpful. They often have years of experience helping other researchers. Over the years of their work they have gained knowledge of state, local and city histories. They know the community and can often give advice about other nearby resources. They know “the lay of the land” and may prove to be good guides as you explore your family history.