

# BETWEEN THE PAGES

*Huntsville Public Library Monthly Newsletter*

## LEARNING CENTERS: EVEN AN OLD DOG CAN LEARN NEW TRICKS

BY RICHARD LANE, REFERENCE

I often remind researchers that family history is real history requiring a methodology and research skills. It doesn't matter whether we are experienced family historians or novices, we run into stumbling blocks.

Today's research techniques are becoming more and more computer driven. Our knowledge and experience often comes up short and we need help to navigate genealogy databases. Fortunately, websites like Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org have well-developed Learning Centers.

Library patrons, both those wanting to start their family histories or improve their research skills, will find the Ancestry Library Edition an excellent source for online tutorials. The tutorials will guide researchers through a series of topics including Getting Started, Census, Beyond the Basics, Immigration, Military and Ethnic. A convenient map will lead researchers to lists of the types of records from the various states. Ancestry Library Edition is available free of charge at the Huntsville Public Library.

Family Search also provides a Learning Center. The Family Search website ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)) is a free website requiring a simple registration procedure. Once registered, click on HELP and proceed to the Learning Center.

Remember this, whether you are a novice family historian or an experienced researcher, a little help along the way can make a big difference.




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Monday-Friday  
10am-7pm

Saturday  
12pm-4pm

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# IMAGINATION LIBRARY

BY RACHEL MCPHAIL,  
CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR

In addition to her contributions to the world of music, Dolly Parton is devoted to the cause of children's literacy. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library was founded in 1995. Children who register for the Imagination Library will receive free, quality books monthly in the mail from birth until they start school.

Originally, the program was exclusively for children living in Sevier County, Tennessee, which is where Parton grew up. The program, however, expanded in 2000 to reach children nationwide. As of 2018, the Imagination Library has mailed 100 million books and has now spread to reach children internationally. In creating this program, Dolly Parton wanted to help children become excited about books and have access to them, regardless of their parents' income.



The Imagination Library partners with Local Champions, an organization that helps enroll children in the program and assists with funding efforts. The Imagination Library has recently partnered with Tomorrow's Promise Montessori School in Huntsville, TX. Interested families are encouraged to visit [www.imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com) for information on how to enroll their child in this free program.

## NEW TITLES COMING IN AUGUST

### Fiction

- A Better Man: A Chief Inspector Gamache Novel by Louise Penny
- A Dangerous Man by Robert Crais
- The Inn by James Patterson & Candice Fox

### Largeprint

- Dark Age (Large Print) by Pierce Brown
- One Good Deed (Large Print) by David Baldacci

### NonFiction

- Effective Fund Raising for Nonprofits: Real World Strategies that Work from NOLO
- Silver, Sword, and Stone: Three Crucibles in the Latin American Story by Marie Arana

### Genealogy

- Romance and Dim Trails: A history of Clay County, Texas
- The Diamond Trail -- Wichita County, Texas History - 75th Anniversary
- Archer County, Texas Centennial -- June 29-July 6, 1980 - Family History Book and Program

# August Events

Find this information online at [myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://myhuntsvillelibrary.com).

Teen Theater Performance:  
**"The Importance of Being Earnest"**  
August 6, 5:30 PM

Back to School Bash at the  
Walker County Storm Shelter  
August 7, 9 am to 11:30 PM  
**FREE School Supplies until we run out!**  
**Student must be present!**

Teen Film Club  
**Captain Marvel**  
August 8, 1:00 PM  
**13-17 years old only**

Mother Goose Lapsit  
Mondays, 10:30 AM  
**Ages 5 and under**



Family Movie Night showing  
**How to Train Your Dragon: Hidden Worlds**  
August 9, 4:30 PM  
**For all ages**

Story Time  
Tuesdays 5:30 PM,  
Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 AM  
**Ages 5 and under**  
**No program on August 6 and 7**

Friends of the Library Art Contest  
Deadline: August 12  
**Entry Required**

Math Homework Help  
Wednesdays, 4:30 PM  
starting August 21  
**for elementary and junior high students**

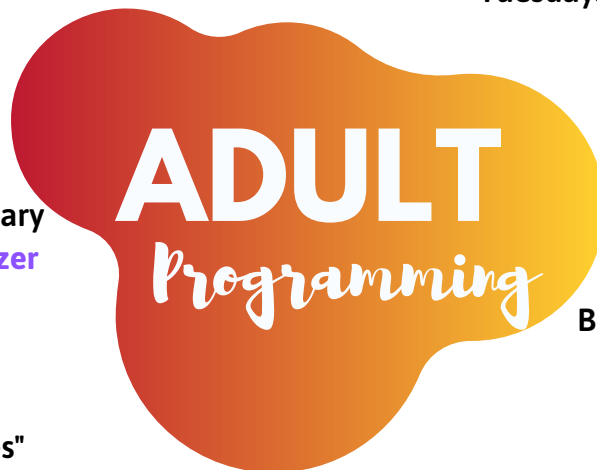
The library will be closed on August 31 through September 2.  
We will reopen on September 3.

Frances Sprott Gorforth Memorial  
Genealogy Weekend  
August 2nd & 3rd  
**Registration Required**

Sittercise  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 AM

Searching FamilySearch.org  
Thursdays, 11 AM  
**Registration Required**

Book Club at the Huntsville Public Library  
Discussion of **"The Wife"** by Meg Wolitzer  
August 8, 10:30 AM



Beginner Microsoft Excel Classes  
Tuesdays, 11:00 AM  
**Registration Required**

"Homework and Research Activities"  
August 15, 10:30 AM  
**Registration Required**

Exploring Ancestry.com  
August 15, 10:30 AM  
**Registration Required**

Master Gardeners'  
August 26, 10:30 AM  
**Registration Required**

# SERVICES YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT AT THE HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY:

BY MARY KOKOT, ADULT SERVICES COORDINATOR

**Proctoring** - College students and on-line test takers often need to take supervised exams. Contact Mary Kokot at 291-5471 for proctoring services. Proctoring is a free service of the Huntsville Public Library.

**Interlibrary Loan** - Is there a book that the Huntsville Public Library doesn't have? The library may be able to borrow the title from another library for use by our patrons. Contact a library staff member for assistance.

**Literacy Program Adult Tutoring** - The Huntsville Public Library provides Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language tutoring free of charge. Materials are provided by the library. Adult Basic Education helps adults to improve reading, writing and basic math skills. English as a Second Language tutoring provides adult learners a structured way to improve English speaking, reading and writing skills. Tutors are needed. Any adult 18 years and older with a high school diploma may find tutoring adults a worthwhile volunteer opportunity. There is no requirement for tutors to be able to speak a second language. Contact Mary Kokot at 936-291-5471 or email at [mkokot@huntsvilletx.gov](mailto:mkokot@huntsvilletx.gov) for more information.

**Citizenship** - A Path to Citizenship classes are taught in the spring of each year. Sam Houston State University Professor Mike Yawn's instruction includes understanding the application process, preparing for the Citizenship Examination and how to conduct the citizenship interview.



The Huntsville Public Library also provides free print materials and other resources to help candidates prepare to become U.S. Citizens.

**Databases** - The Huntsville Public Library hosts the TexShare databases. The TexShare databases may be accessed on the library's public access computers or on our patron's laptops. Speak with a library staff member for more information. The TexShare databases provide access to general information, periodicals, education and career development resources, history and genealogy, do-it-yourself reference centers, health and medical journals, business resources, and e-books and literature reference. **TexShare Card** - TexShare Cards provide library privileges at all participating Texas libraries. A TexShare Card can be obtained after 6 months of membership at Huntsville Public Library.

Other GED/ESL Resources in the Community Workforce Solutions offers a free online GED preparatory program for young adults between the ages of 17 and 24.. Test fees and transportation assistance may be provided. Call (832) 919-5730 or (936) 234-3439 for more information. The Boys and Girls Club of Walker County provides GED and ESL classes for adults. Go to [www.walkercountykids.org](http://www.walkercountykids.org) for more information and look under the adult education tab.