



# BETWEEN THE PAGES

*Huntsville Public Library Monthly Newsletter*

## PROUD TEXANS ALERT: GET TO KNOW THE LONE STAR STATE

*BY RICHARD LANE, REFERENCE*

Ask any Texan, "Are you proud to be a Texan?" The response will almost certainly be a hardy "Yep!" Texans may be proud and boisterous, but all too often haven't taken the time and made the effort to learn about the Lone Star State.

The Huntsville Public Library has 5,949 items that relate, in one way or another, to Texas. A large portion of the Texana collection is housed in the Johnnie Jo Dickenson Genealogy Room. While the genealogy materials are non-circulating, family historians and researchers have access to almost 5,000 archived files, books, magazines and maps which may prove indispensable as they write their family histories and research projects. A substantial part of the genealogy collection is dedicated to Texas.

The library's circulating collections includes fiction and non-fiction for children, young adults and adults. Here's a few works on Texas that are must reads.

Classics: The Time it Never Rained by Elmer Kelton and Cow People by J. Frank Dobie

Memoir: Goodbye to a River by John Graves

History: Sam Houston by James L. Haley

Archaeology: Digging Up Texas: a Guide to the Archaeology of the State by Robert E. Marcom

Anthropology: Rock Art of the Lower Pecos by Carolyn E. Byrd

Geology: Roadside Geology by Darwin Spearing

Travel Guides: Weird Texas: Your Travel Guide to Texas's Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets by Wesley Treat et al

The Texas State Library provides patrons of Texas Public Libraries with the TexShare Databases. The databases include Texas Reference, Heritage Quest, Texas Digital Sanborn Maps and The American West. All are great resources for Texas research. Other online resources include The Handbook of Texas and Portals to Texas. See a library staff member for more details and reference assistance.

Get to know more about the Lone Star State from the comfort of the Huntsville Public Library.



# READING IS FUNDAMENTAL



BY RACHEL MCPHAIL,  
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Let's get reading! In June 2018, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that reading as a leisure activity is at an all-time low in America. Only 19% of Americans were reported to have read for pleasure the past year which is a drop of more than 30% since 2004. Karen Pundsack, a writer for Public Libraries Online, asked in a recent article what people are spending their time on. "Is it value added community service? Increasing political activism? Attending worship services?" According to Pundsack, the answer is "mindless scrolling" and television watching. Pundsack cites a study that found that the average American spends 10 times the amount watching television than reading. That's like watching one hour of Netflix and reading only six minutes per day!

What are the benefits of pleasure reading? According to Pundsack, it's a stress reliever, and I would argue that it is a better stress reliever than social media. Six minutes of reading can reduce anxiety more than listening to music or light exercise according to a 2009 article from The Telegraph. Reading also increases literacy. The U.S. Department of Education found that students who read for fun have higher reading scores on tests. Furthermore, reading increases empathy as readers can improve their ability to understand other people's point of view by connecting with fictional characters.

If all of these statistics don't motivate you to dive headfirst into a new book, here are some new books at the Huntsville Public Library that may entice young readers. Let's start with the cleverly written "Once Upon a Slime" by Andy Maxwell. This book is for readers who love fairy tales or for those who would love to shake up the traditional tales. Several notable characters of reader's favorite stories are hit with slime, and readers must read the text, solve clues, and find out who is responsible.

You shouldn't judge a book by its cover but if you ever do, you should select Willa of the Wood by Robert Beatty. The eye-catching cover art is sure to draw readers into the story of an orphaned girl living in the magical Great Smoky Mountains in 1900. Willa must learn to survive in a changing world of history, mystery, and magic. If you're looking for a new series to enjoy, the New York Times has ranked this as the number one bestselling series for adults and young readers (8+).

Are there any new books you would like to see in the library? You can make requests at the library or on our website [www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com). It's also possible to search our online catalog and place items on hold from the comfort of your home.



# November Events

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



**First Friday Book Club**  
November 2, 4:30 PM  
*3rd-7th Graders*



**Family Movie Night showing**  
*Hotel Transylvania*  
November 2, 5:30 PM  
*For all ages*



**Mother Goose Lapsit**  
Mondays, 10:30 AM  
*Ages 2 and under*



**Story Time**  
Tuesdays 5:30 PM,  
Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 AM  
*Ages 5 and under*  
*No program on November 6 & 23*



**SAT Math Prep Help**  
November 3, 10 & 17, 1:00 PM

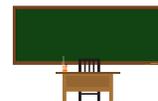
**Teen Film Club (PIZZA&MOVIE)**  
*Skyscraper*  
November 9, 4:30 PM  
*13-17 years old only*



**Teen After School Zone**  
November 19, 4:30 PM  
(Enjoy pizza and play board games)  
*13-17 years old only*



**Homework Help**  
Wednesdays, 4:30 PM  
*Math help for elementary and junior high*



## CHILDREN'S Programming



## ADULT Programming

 **Healthy Aging**  
November 6- "Heart Health", 11:00 AM  
November 15- "Cold & Flu Season", 11:00 AM

 **Microsoft PowerPoint Class**  
Tuesdays, 11:00 AM  
*Registration Required*

 **Medicare Open Enrollment Workshop**  
November 5, 11:00 AM  
*Registration Required*

 **Sittercise**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 AM

 **Book Club at the Huntsville Public Library**  
November 8, 10:30 AM

**Genealogy Programs: *Registration Required***

**"Scanning Documents"**  
November 7, 1:00 PM

**"DNA"**  
November 14, 10:30 AM

**"Working Your Genealogy Puzzle"**  
Thursdays, 3:00 PM

**Ancestry.com Seminar**  
November 15, 5:30 PM

**"Health & Genealogy"**  
November 27, 5:00 PM

**"Probates & Estates"**  
November 28, 1:30 PM

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

# SUGGESTED READING RECOMMENDED BY STAFF

BY MARY KOKOT ADULT SERVICES COORDINATOR

Truth Doesn't Have a Side by Dr. Bennet Omalu, a Nigerian-born American, follows his journey as a neuropathologist who uncovered the truth about brain damage in American football players and his battle against those who would silence him. Dr. Omalu's discovery that repeated pounding of the brain causes a brain disease known as chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) pits him in a battle against the powerful NFL. An incredible story that could and should change the course of sports culture.

Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII Tell All by M.T. Anderson and Candace Fleming is historical fiction which portrays the lives of the six wives of Henry VIII. Six different award-winning and bestselling authors gives voice to each wife as she tells her story. After each wife's section "concludes," there is a part told from Henry VIII's point of view. It's a truly unique YA book new to the library's collection.

Love Like You've Never Been Hurt: Hope, Healing and the Power of an Open Heart by Jentezen Franklin. The walls we build around our hearts to cut us off from pain are the very walls that block us from seeing hope, receiving healing, and feeling love. Here are the tools and inspiration you need to tear down those walls, work through your wounds, repair damaged relationships, and learn to love like you've never been hurt. It's life changing!!!

Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo A. Anaya has it all: magic, murder, intrigue, romance, coming of age, wisdom, religion, and mysticism. Antonio Marez is six years old when Ultima comes to live with his family in New Mexico. She is a curandera, a healer. Under her wise wing, Antonio will learn what it means to truly lose your innocence. The book touches on many issues with which adolescents struggle. Bless Me, Ultima exposes the division between the life your parents want for you and the life you want. It looks at the role of the healer in New Mexican culture, the question of religion and the way a community reacts to tragedy. It's a coming-of-age gem and an important piece of Chicano literature.

Red Notice by Bill Broward is a true story which falls into the category of unbelievable. Perhaps any story that involves Vladimir Putin would be bizarre, but it's even more so when U.S.-born British businessman Bill Broward inadvertently attracts Putin's unwanted personal attention and is victimized beyond all belief and reason. After Broward's Russian attorney and friend, Sergei Magnitsky, is illegally imprisoned, tortured, and eventually killed, an unceasing campaign on Broward's part to assuage his friend's death begins. This campaign to expose and punish the corrupt Russian government officials eventually became known as "The Magnitsky Act", a bipartisan law passed by Congress in June 2012. Broward has recently commented that "the Magnitsky Act functions more as a strategic tool, a scalpel not a sword, to let the U.S. target foreign malefactors who violate basic human rights by torture and murder of innocents who stand up for fundamental human liberty. You can't come to America and you can't use the U.S. banking system. ... It is a privilege that should only be afforded to people who are not chopping their enemies into little pieces."

# WHAT IS THE LIBBY APP?

BY JALPA SHAH, IT COORDINATOR

What is the difference between Libby and the OverDrive app?

Libby is a new app released by OverDrive. It has the same collection of titles as the OverDrive app - it's just a different way to access the same digital library collection. Libby is a fast and attractive digital browsing experience.

Libby is compatible with Android and iOS devices, and OverDrive is working on an app for Kindle Fire/HD devices. Libby is great if you just want to download a book to your Android or iOS phone or tablet.

OverDrive is the "classic" app, and is compatible with more devices, including Kindle Fire, Macs, PCs, and Windows mobile devices. It also allows for transfer to MP3 players from computers.

Libby is new, and doesn't yet have all of the features that the OverDrive app does, such as the ability to recommend titles for purchase or robust accessibility features. These will be added to Libby over time.

Which app should I use?

If you use one iOS or Android device to browse, download, and read or listen to digital books, we recommend trying Libby. It's a great one-device experience.

If you like to read books on many devices, or prefer to browse for new titles on your computer, stick with the OverDrive app for now. Also, if you make use of accessibility features in the OverDrive app, you'll need to continue using it until more accessibility features get added to Libby.

If you're concerned about excluding mature content in your digital reading app, stick with the OverDrive app. If you want the kids in your life to be able to browse only for kids' books, and not see other titles, you'll want to stay with the OverDrive app as well.

What format are the digital books in Libby?

Unless you tell it otherwise (see the Kindle FAQ below), Libby downloads digital books in the Read or Listen formats. By default, all digital books under 20 mb (basically e-books only) will download to Libby automatically for offline reading. To download audiobooks, which are much bigger files, you'll need to tell Libby to start downloading. You can adjust these settings by opening the menu and tapping on Download Settings.

I like to read on a Kindle e-reader. Should I use the Libby app to discover books?

Give it a try! The Libby app is a different browsing experience than the OverDrive app, and you may prefer it. You can let Libby know that you read ebooks on your Kindle by tapping on the menu, and choose "I

Read on Another Device" in Download Settings. When you check out a Kindle format ebook, it will prompt you to send it to your Kindle or Kindle eReader app, rather than downloading the book to Libby.

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Books added to the Libby app are in the Read or Listen formats. If you downloaded a book in EPUB format or an audiobook in MP3 format to the OverDrive app, it cannot be returned early from the Libby app. With the exception of Read or Listen formats, titles you download need to be returned early from the device they were downloaded to. All titles expire automatically after the loan period.



# 5 REASONS WHY LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS ARE STILL EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

BY RENEE RUTH, IT COORDINATOR



Many predict that the digital age will wipe public bookshelves clean, and permanently end the centuries-old era of libraries. As libraries' relevance comes into question, librarians face an existential crisis at a time when students need them the most. Despite their perceived obsolescence in the digital age, both libraries and librarians are irreplaceable for many reasons. Nearly twenty reasons, in fact. We've listed 5 of them here:

1. Not everything is Available on the Internet: The amazing amount of useful information on the web has, for some, engendered the false assumption everything can be found online. It's simply not true.
2. Digital Libraries are not the Internet: A fundamental understanding of what the internet is and isn't can help clearly define the role of a library, and why libraries are still extremely important. Online library collections, however, are different. They typically include materials that have been published via rigorous editorial processes and are riddled with quantitative analysis, instead of opinion. Types of materials include books, journals, documents, newspapers, magazines and reports which are digitized, stored and indexed through a limited-access database. While one might use the internet or a search engine to find these databases, deeper access to them requires registration. You are still online, but you are no longer on the internet. You are in a library.
3. The Internet isn't Free: Numerous academic research papers, journals, and other important materials are virtually inaccessible to someone seeking to pull them off the web for free. Rather, access is restricted to expensive subscription accounts, which are typically paid for by college libraries. Visiting a college library in person or logging in to the library through your school account, is therefore the only way to affordably access necessary archived resources.
4. The Internet Compliments Libraries, but Doesn't Replace Them: The internet is clearly a great resource to finding information, but it's not a replacement for a library. There are clear advantages of libraries over the internet for research, however the benefits of the internet, includes "sampling public opinion", gathering "quick facts" and pooling a wide range of ideas. Overall, the point is this: libraries are completely different than the web. In this light, to talk about one replacing the other begins to seem absurd.
5. School Libraries and Librarians Improve Student Test Scores: A 2005 study of the Illinois School Libraries shows that students who frequently visit well-stocked and well-staffed school libraries end up with higher ACT scores and perform better on reading and writing exams. Interestingly, the study points out that access digital technology plays a strong role in test results, noting that "high schools with computers that connect to library catalogs and databases average 6.2 percent improvement on ACT scores".

More Reasons why next month....

