

LIBRARY NEWS

Drew Nevlud is the Technology Specialist at the Huntsville Public Library.

Nevlud, originally from Victoria, Texas, came to Huntsville to attend Sam Houston State University. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Music.

"My dream job is being a Band Director," Nevlud said. "I am still working on making that dream happen."

Until then, Nevlud enjoys his job at HPL. His core job is assisting patrons on computers, laptops, printers and the copier. But Nevlud's job doesn't stop there.

When not working hard, Nevlud enjoys playing the Xbox and loves to go fishing when he has the time.

"I also have a dog named Bailey, a cat named Lacy



and my girlfriend of two years, Sarah," Nevlud said with a smile.

So if you have any technical questions at the library, make sure to ask for Drew!

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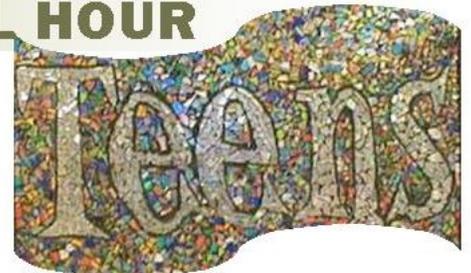
Saturday
Noon to 4 p.m.
Closed Sunday

TEEN SOCIAL HOUR

Teen Social Hour is the name of the Teen blog, the website is yateenbook-blogs.blogspot.com. This blog was made so teens can express themselves through reading and writing.

Teens can make talk with other teens about the books they have read, also give recommendations on new books to read or just talk about topics related to being the average teenager. Teens can write book reviews. These reviews are a way to help teens choose their next book to read.

Teens can also help with ideas on programs for teens.



Teens can view a list of all of the new books out at the library and upcoming programs.

Now that school has started back, teens will need some something to do after school is out. For the month of September, there will be some fun activities for teens at the library.

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EXPLORE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY FOR FREE

Genealogy



Where do you go when the well runs dry?

By Richard Lane,
Public Services

Family historians spend many hours searching databases, visiting far flung libraries and climbing up and down stairs in county courthouses hoping to find the one piece of evidence that solves a perplexing mystery. Some researchers travel across the country and even around the world seeking clues to complete the family tree.

All too often, after expense and trouble, the one piece of evidence needed remains elusive.

Frustrated family researchers may feel like the well has ran dry and ask, "Where do I go now?"

The place to go is the Huntsville Public Library.

The Huntsville Public Library has been designated a FamilySearch Center and is able to connect family historians with the tremendous resources offered by FamilySearch. FamilySearch is a nonprofit family history organization dedicated to connecting families across generations.

FamilySearch and its predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving and sharing genealogical records worldwide for more than one hundred years.

Go online to www.familysearch.org and

search the catalog for genealogical materials (books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche and publications) available for loan by FamilySearch.

Library users can create an account, order materials and pay online. Requested items will be delivered to the Huntsville Public Library. The process is not difficult and there's no need to fret and worry about using microfilm or microfiche records.

The Huntsville Public Library provides a microfilm and microfiche reader with print and digital capabilities. Staff members are on-hand to assist.

Take a little time and visit www.familysearch.org. The FamilySearch website provides numerous databases, family trees prepared by other family historians, a fine collection of photographs and the Learning Center. The Learning Center provides instructions for the beginning genealogist as well as the seasoned researcher.

There is no subscription fee for access to the FamilySearch website.



Pi in your window or Windows in your Pi?

With Raspberry Pi 2 you are able to write Windows apps that will be able to run on Raspberry Pi 2. Raspberry Pi 2 can run Windows 10 IoT (Internet of Things). Let's make it clear that Windows 10 IoT is not a full version of Windows you see on a laptop or desktop. Raspberry Pi 2 simply allows a developer to use Windows software to make a Windows app for the device. Other operating systems are available for writing apps for Raspberry Pi 2, but Windows 10 IoT is one of the selling points for the new Raspberry Pi 2 that is not on the original Raspberry Pi. The Raspberry Pi 2 also improves on the original by increasing hardware specifications. Raspberry Pi 2 doubles the amount of RAM and sports a beefier 900 MHz Quad-Core ARM Cortex-A7 CPU. Compare that to the 700 MHz processor in the original. Raspberry Pi 2 still shares many aspects with the original like form factor, budget friendly, and data ports. If you are looking to make a light turn on with your voice or make your own weather lab station, then Raspberry Pi 2 is a good place to start.

—Drew Nevlud, IT

ADULT PROGRAMS

The Huntsville Public Library will again be offering free Spanish classes on Tuesdays beginning September 8, 2015. Instructor Beth Williamson will be teaching Intermediate and Advanced classes this coming Winter semester. Register now to reserve your spot – waiting list only for intermediate class. Classes will meet weekly in the Community Room and materials are provided.

Intermediate classes –
1 to 3p.m.

Advanced classes –
3 to 4:30 p.m.

Register online at www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call Mary at 936-291-5471 for additional information.

“Live a Healthy Life” is the theme behind a new series of adult programs beginning in September at the library. This means, over the course of the next year, many of the programs will focus on diet, fitness, home and personal well-being. Our adult Yoga for Beginners program kicks off the series on Tuesday, September 8th at 5:45 p.m. It’s the perfect opportunity to learn and practice yoga techniques with other enthusiasts. Please consult your doctor before starting any new exercise program. Bring your own mat or towel.

Essential Oils, beginning Thursday, September 10th, will commence with an introductory class to demonstrate how you can use essential oils in any circumstance, from cleaning to health. Choose a morning session at 10:30 a.m. or late afternoon at 5:45 p.m. Future classes will be on Mondays at 5:45 p.m. only. Instructors Melissa Gonzalez and Amber Gilman will feature topics on healthy and happy kids, mood management, pain management, and a safer, cleaner home. Learn how to make your life more environmentally friendly using essential oils for everyday use.

- Mary Kokot,
Adult Reference

TEENS

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Right before Labor Day starts, teens should come to the library at 4 p.m. for Teen Movie Friday. We will be showing one of the latest movies and enjoy some snacks. Enjoy reading comics? Join Comic book Club, this will be our first club in the library. The event starts at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, 2015. Poetry is a way to express your feelings with words. Do you like to express your feeling through writing or do you like poetry for fun? Come and join us at the library for our Poetry Slam at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 18.

Minecraft

Minecraft is an open-world game unlike any other. Players are placed in a borderless, randomly generated land with no supplies, directions, or objective. It is up to them to decide what to do and how to do it. Players collect materials from the world around them in order to



‘craft’ items and build whatever their mind can imagine. The concept is similar to playing with LEGOs, only the amount of blocks is limitless. There are forests to explore, mountains to climb, oceans to cross, and dungeons to discover. When the sun goes down, the monsters appear, and players must fend them off or build shelter for protection. Objectives are imagined by players, allowing them to truly create their own virtual world, mining materials and building tools to better help them do so. Due to some minimal violence and the initial complexity of the game, Minecraft is recommended for ages 6 and up.

Benefits of Minecraft in the classroom

- Minecraft gives students the freedom to create, pushing their imaginations to the limit and allowing them to be creative in ways not possible in the real world.
- Inherently about problem-solving, the game can inspire students’ higher-level and critical thinking.
- Minecraft is also a very social game, where students can rely on other players for help in the sometimes-unforgiving Minecraft world. When students work together, it builds positive classroom climate, teaches the benefits of collaboration and facilitates teamwork in a way that’s more organic than, say, being assigned to work together on a project. Students who might not get along in the real world can become allies in the Minecraft world.



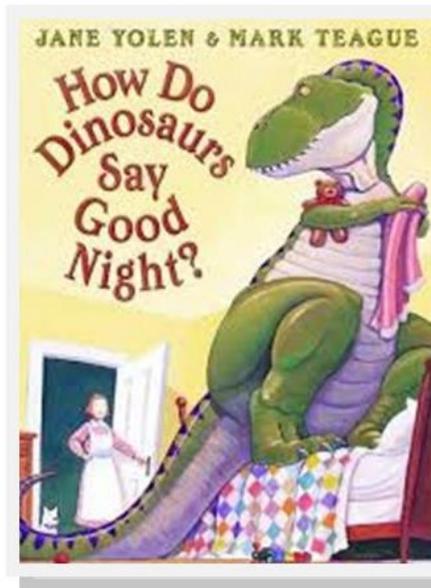
READING EVERY NIGHT

Reading every night does more than just put kids to sleep! Studies

have shown children benefit tremendously from being read to consistently, even if it is just for 10 or 15 minutes every night. In a recent article, The National Education Association reported children who are read to regularly display intellectual advantages over their peers. The NEA also found pre-K children whose parents read to them more regularly recognize the letters of the alphabet, can count to twenty or higher, and write their own names.

Reading prepares children for kindergarten and cultivates a love of learning. Huntsville Public Library patron Gabriela Maldonada recognizes the benefits of reading to her two daughters, age 6 and 2 years old. She recalls how her mother's schedule often made it difficult for her to hear bedtime stories on a regular basis. With her own children, Maldonada

reads to them as often as possible. "I usually read whatever books she picks out," says Maldonada of her older daughter. "She likes 'adventure-y' books."



Other patrons find joy in reading old childhood favorites to their children, reliving their favorite adventures. Chanell Washington grew up reading Dr. Seuss and Disney Princess books (especially Cinderella). Now a teacher with a 4 and 10 year old, Washington loves reading to her daughters and connecting with them over these



Story Time Every
Wednesday at 10:45
Family Movie Night
September 11th
Lego Club September 3rd and 24th at 5 p.m.
Live Performance Big Bad Wolf September 19th at 2 p.m.
Teen Movie Friday September 24th at 4 p.m.
Teen Comic Book Club September 12th 1 p.m.
Teen Poetry Slam September 18th at 4 p.m.

special stories from her youth. Another library regular Jessica Andrews remembers classics like *Are You My Mother?* and *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. Her eight year old daughter now enjoys these books as well. Both Jessica and her daughter are proud she is now reading larger and longer books on her own.

The Huntsville Library Staff encourages parents to take the time out of even the busiest schedule to read each day with their children. The library also offers an interactive story time for early readers on Wednesdays at 10:45, led by a trained staff member dedicated to cultivating a love of reading and education. Make a memory and a difference in your child's education today with a great book!

—Rachel Kinner McPhail,

Circulation