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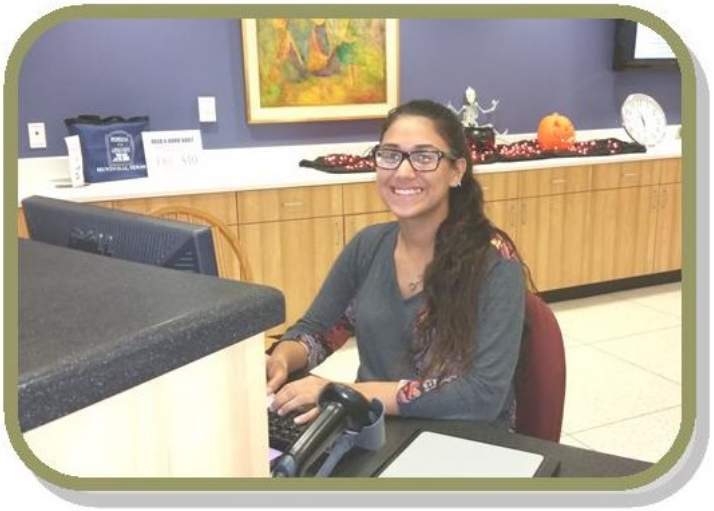

Valeria Salazar

Salazar is the newest circulation clerk to the Huntsville Public Library.

Born and raised in Huntsville, Salazar is the daughter of a teacher and carpenter.

"My mom followed me through my entire educational career," Salazar said. "From Head Start to Mance Park, she was a teacher at both places. I eventually told her I needed space, so she went to work at my little sister's school. But she always knew what I was doing."

Salazar said her mom's dedication helped form her goals in life. She said her dad is a complete family man, who worked hard and expanded their home to meet their needs.

Salazar graduated from Huntsville High School in 2015, where she was a member of the Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America, played tennis and was in the Criminal Justice internship program.

"I was Intern of the year with the SHSU Police Department," Salazar said. "I want to be a judge or a detective. That is my goal—to wear a badge and carry a gun."

With the support of her family, Salazar is working on making her dreams come true working two jobs.

"I love the library," Salazar said. "I am getting to see new and different faces."

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TEEN SOCIAL HOUR

Job Seminar

Teens are at an age where they like to buy things with their own money. Most teens want to get a job and do not know where to start. The Huntsville Public Library would like to help out teens with this dilemma. On November 18, 2015 at 4:30 pm the Workforce Solutions of Huntsville will be conducting the seminar for teens to help with resumes, networking and social media. Getting the Job seminar will be the first of many to come.

Social Media

Technology has grown in the last couple of years. We can now use apps for just about anything. Nowadays, everyone is using social networks for promotion of events. The purpose of Facebook used by the Huntsville Public Library is to disseminate information about and promote Library programs, news, projects, and ongoing activities to all members of the Huntsville community and Library users to share

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Online catalogs: Finding the hidden jewel

By Richard Lane,
Public Services

Genealogist and family historians are frequent visitors to public libraries. Libraries are places of vast information. As an example, the Huntsville Public Library has approximately 65,000 items in print format. The genealogy collection has more than 6,500 items including approximately 4,500 books, more than 1600 vertical files, and almost 300 maps and atlases. The experience of searching for needed information, however, can be very much like a treasure hunt, a search for a hidden jewel. Finding the right piece of information, the hidden jewel, can be a frustrating and downright aggravating experience. It needn't be so!

Library patrons are all too often hesitant to ask for help and feel overwhelmed by the seemingly complex method of searching for information. That's why we have librarians. Librarians are helpful people who enjoy teaching patrons how to locate the materials and access the services libraries provide. After all, public libraries are for the use and pleasure of the public.

Libraries are places of organization and order. Librarians spend a great deal of time organizing information (intellectual properties) using well-developed rules and systems that enable books, files, maps and similar items to be identified, located and used by patrons. The process begins with the work of a behind-the-scenes cataloger who identifies the intellectual properties of the material and describes the material by title, author, subject, geographic data and similar entries.

The cataloger also places a call number on each item which allows the material to be placed in an orderly way so that it can be retrieved and, once used, returned to its proper place. Sounds simple, but it is never ending work requiring attention to detail.

Many will remember when libraries stored index cards in large wooden files called card catalogs. The cards were arranged by author, title and subject allowing the user to find the material needed. Today's libraries no longer use card catalogs. In their place, we now rely on computers and online catalogs to help us find the information we seek. We still search by author, title and subject as well as keywords. With a few keystrokes our searches are processed electronically at super speeds bringing forth lists of relevant materials. The researcher only needs to record the location and the call number of a select item and within a short period of time locate the hidden jewel they seek.

More from TEENS, pg 1 opinions and information about Library-related subjects and issues.

The public are increasingly using social media to find the answers to questions rather than going on to a website. So anything that can be done to be part of their social media mix will give libraries a higher profile and is also a natural extension of the public library service. It used to be that people had to physically come into the building to ask a question but now they don't even have to switch tabs on their browser. In many ways, this potentially seamless service is a solution as there is absolutely no barrier between the librarian and the user. For example, someone is already on Facebook can simply ask the library a question. They don't even have to go on to another website to do it. Using social media is a new way of promoting all events since everyone is using social networks.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Yoga and Oils back

Beginner's Yoga and Essential Oils, two popular adult programs the library initiated in September, have proven so popular that they have been extended through November.

Yoga instructor, Amanda Reynolds, hopes that the majority of her class will continue on to level 2 as well as any other yoga enthusiasts who might have missed signing up for the first class. If you haven't yet participated in a yoga class but want to, don't despair! A new beginner's class is planned for December/ January. Check back with us in mid-November if you wish to sign up for it.

Six more fun classes are planned for the second series of Essential Oils classes – or EOS as those in the know refer to them! Pet Health, Cooking with Oils, and Mood Management are just some of the topics to be covered by instructor Melissa Gonzalez. Be sure to attend the last class on November 9th – it's a Rollerball Workshop. You'll be able to choose one of four "recipes" and then create your own takeaway EOS blend.

Sign up for that class online at www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com or call Mary Kokot (936)291-5471.

- Mary Kokot, Adult Reference

New Office

A new version of Office is now available for Windows and Mac. If you subscribe to Office 365, then all you have to do is update your current apps through your OS's app store to get the new features. If you paid once to get Office 2013 and want the features in Office 2016 you can either purchase Office 2016 or subscribe to Office 365. Remember that you are not required to purchase anything to continue using your older Office editions. Released on September 22nd 2015, Office 2016 is the next edition of the productivity suite following Office 2013 for Windows and Office 2011 for Mac. What's new? There are over 21 improvements and new features in this version, and I will talk about 3 of them: Co-Authoring and Real-Time Typing, Tell Me, and Simplified Sharing.

Co-Authoring can now be done regardless of what device is being used. A team that has a member using iOS on a phone, another member using Android on a tablet, and a third member using Windows on a Desktop PC can all work together on the same document at the same time. Real-Time Typing is a feature where the team can see type appear as their team members are typing. Co-Authoring is a feature that is in both the Word and PowerPoint applications. Real-Time Typing is only available in the Word application.

Tell Me is a feature that allow the user to type in natural language to find instructions on how to do something within the application. So, typing 'how do I make my document single space' the application will tell you how to do that.

This feature is available in Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Project, Visio, and Access.

Simplified Sharing is a feature that bypasses the need to go to OneDrive to share your document for some to view or edit. Simply click on the 'Share' button in the ribbon to share the document straight from the office application. This feature is available in Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.

Are the new features enough to convince you to switch to Office 2016? Do you prefer the current version of Office you currently have? Or do you prefer to use Google Docs, Apple Productivity Apps, or OpenOffice? Let us know on Facebook!

—Drew Nevlud, IT

Holidays Around the World

Looking for a way to enrich your community or teach other about your culture? Huntsville Public Library is seeking volunteers for its annual Holidays around the World event which teaches how various cultures and countries celebrate holidays in December. This year's event will take place on December 5th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Each country represented at the event will have its own booth where visitors can learn about traditions, sample a snack, and make a craft representative of a Holiday. Volunteers are needed to run the booths whereas the Library will supply the food and crafts.

Shelby Armour who worked the event last year as one of Santa's elves remembers her time at Holidays. "I really liked getting to see the kids' excitement about seeing Santa Claus and seeing their faces light up when they got their pictures taken with him, " Shelby says.

There are still a few country booths available so if you would like to volunteer, please contact Children's Coordinator Rachel McPhail at 936-291-5910.

dates to Remember

Check out the exciting Children's Programs at the Huntsville Public Library!

- ☐ **Mother Goose Lapsits, 10:30 Mondays starting in November**
- ☐ **Storytime, 10:45 on Wednesdays AND Fridays**
- ☐ **Family Movie Night, 5:00, 2nd Friday of the Month**
- ☐ **Wii Friday, 4:00-6:00 except on Family Movie Night**
- ☐ **Lego Club, 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 5:00**
- ☐ **Drama Story time for elementary students, Tuesdays 4:00-5:00 October 20th-Nov 17th**
- ☐ **Read with the Dogs, 3rd Monday of the month, 4:00**

For more information, please contact Childrens' Coordinator Rachel McPhail, at 936-291-5910.

The Huntsville Public Library is expanding our Children's programming! We have added a second Story Time each week. Story Time is now on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:45 a.m. and features songs, crafts, and stories.

We are also excited to announce a brand new program, Mother Goose Lapsit. The program is designed for children aged 0-24 months and their parents. We sing, read, do finger plays, and play with toys. You can enjoy this event Mondays starting in November at 10:30 a.m.

If you have older children, your kids might be interested to hear about our Wii Fridays. We will bring out the library's Wii system and let children take turns playing our collection of Wii games. Wii Friday happens every Friday at 4 p.m., except on evenings with Family Movie Night.

We will continue our Lego Club meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. and our Read with the Dogs Program on the 3rd Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Family Movie Night will continue on the second Friday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be served and feel free to bring your own pillow and blanket.