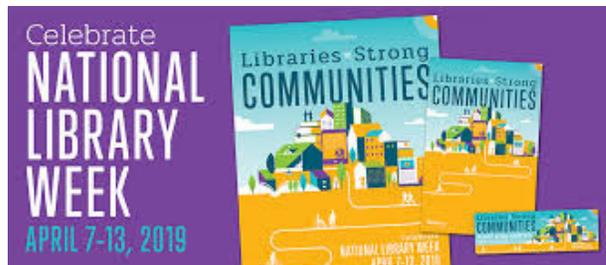


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HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Libraries = Strong Communities: Celebrate National Library Week April 7-13, 2019

In the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. Concerned that Americans were reading less, the ALA and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizen's organization called the National Book Committee in 1954. The committee's goals were ambitious. They ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life."

In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!"

The 2018 celebration marked the 60th anniversary of the first event.

Libraries of all types strengthen their communities through education, lifelong learning, and a wealth of public services. No longer just a place for books, libraries have expanded beyond their traditional roles and provide more opportunities for community engagement and the delivery of new services that connect closely with their community's needs. Libraries are at the heart of our cities, towns, schools, and campuses—a resource for all community members to find what they need to help improve their quality of life.

This April, celebrate your library and its staff for the work they do to respond to and build strong communities.

*BY RENEE RUTH, IT
COORDINATOR*

The TexShare Card...

Imagine a Library as Big as Texas!

BY MARY KOKOT, ADULT SERVICES



A TexShare Card provides you with borrowing privileges from more than 500 participating libraries across the state. If you're a registered patron of the Huntsville Public Library, you may request a TexShare Card. You must be a patron in good standing and have demonstrated compliance with existing borrowing policies.

1. Get Your TexShare Card

Request your TexShare Card from library staff at the circulation desk.

2. Use Your TexShare Card

Each library also sets its own lending policies for visiting TexShare Card users. Many libraries restrict the type or number of materials that a visiting TexShare Card user may borrow. Others impose a minimum age requirement. Typically, libraries do not permit TexShare Card holders to download ebooks or eAudiobooks. Fines for late returns or lost materials apply to TexShare Card borrowers.

The first time you visit a library to use your TexShare Card, be sure to bring a photo ID, your HLP library card, and your TexShare Card. You'll be asked to complete a registration form to activate your borrowing privileges at that library.

3. Enjoy Your TexShare Card... Responsibly

You have responsibilities as a TexShare Card holder. The reverse side of the Card has an agreement you must sign and follow.

You should become familiar with the policies and restrictions of any lending library you use, as failure to abide by library policies may result in revocation of your borrowing privileges. If a lending library reports that you have lost books or failed to pay fines, Huntsville Public Library may take appropriate action, including suspension of borrowing privileges and revocation of your TexShare Card.

Ask Huntsville Public Library staff for more information.

Please note: A TexShare Card does not provide access to TexShare Databases or other online resources at libraries you visit.

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The National Archives: Resources for Genealogist



BY RICHARD LANE, REFERENCE

Tours of the National Archive of the United States offer passing glimpses of our most treasured documents. The National Archive is the caretaker of important documents including the Declaration of Independence, the U.S Constitution and the Bill of Rights

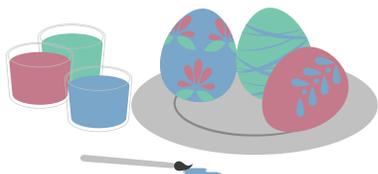
The website of the National Archives tells us about the vast collection, “There are approximately 10 billion pages of textual records; 12 million maps, charts, and architectural and engineering drawings; 25 million still photographs and graphics; 24 million aerial photographs; 300,000 reels of motion picture film; 400,000 video and sound recordings; and 133 terabytes of electronic data. All of these materials are preserved because they are important to the workings of Government, have long-term research worth, or provide information of value to citizens.” There lies the rub. How in the world does one manage the complexity of such huge a collection?

Many family researchers may be overwhelmed and unnerved when they first visit the National Archives’ website. Fortunately, the archivists at the National Archives have provided tutorials and suggestions that may help the family historian navigate the site a little easier. As we all know, genealogists and family historians often run into the proverbial brick wall as they search for elusive answers to perplexing questions. Convenient websites and databases are limited and often ploy out. Researchers turn to print materials and microfilm records. Still, the challenge of answering one more question requires a deep dive into research. The National Archive may well be the right source.

Here’s a small helping hand. Begin by entering www.archives.gov in the address bar of any search engine. Click on Research Our Records on the upper left hand corner of the homepage. Spend some time examining the following: Search the Catalog, Advanced Search, Search Tips and Catalog Guide for Genealogist.

Digging into the National Archives will not be an easy task, but like any worthwhile undertaking hard work and perseverance payoff more often than not. At a minimum, the effort will open up a window into our nation’s history through photographs, documents, videos and sound recordings. Did you know?

The Huntsville Public Library has its own archive. The library staff and volunteers from the Walker County Genealogical Society have collected, cataloged and stored hundreds of vertical files containing local histories, bible records and family histories. The effort began more than fifty years ago and continues to this day.



Adult Programming April 2019



(936) 291-5472 Open M-F 10-7; Sat. 12-4. 1219 13th Street
Huntsville, TX www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com

Genealogy Tips & Tricks

3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 23

Registration Required

Sponsored by the Walker County
Genealogical Society

Citizenship Preparation

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays

March 21 - April 25

Registration Required

The library will be closed on Friday, April 19
and Saturday, April 20. We will reopen on
Monday, April 22.

PILATES

Mondays at 6 p.m. Registration Required

Free Basic Computer Classes

11 a.m. or 5 p.m. Tuesdays

Registration Required

Book Club

10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 11

Discussion of Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard

SITTERCISE

10 am Tuesdays and Thursdays

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Youth Programming April 2019



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Mother Goose Lapsit

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 2 & under.

BOOKUP BASH LITERACY FESTIVAL

4 p.m. Friday, April 12

Held in conjunction with SHSU National Book Awards

TEEN FILM CLUB (PIZZA + MOVIE)

Bumblebee (PG-13)

4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 11

Homework Help

4:30 p.m. Wednesdays—Math help for
elementary/jr. high students

Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m. Wednesday, April 17
Sponsored by Raising Cane's

Story Time

Tues at 5:30 p.m. Wed and Fri at 10:45 a.m.
Ages 5 and under. No program on Wednesday,
April 17 and Friday, April 19

Family Movie Night

Spider-man Into the Spider-Verse
4:30 p.m. Friday, April 5

Shakespeare for Teens Performance

Hamlet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25 and Friday, April 26

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Book Trailers

BY RACHEL MCPHAIL,
CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR

Librarians use a variety of methods to encourage people to read. They may use book displays, reserve a special section of the library for new materials, or give out bookmarks featuring popular titles. With the availability of online software for video editing, librarians have found a new way to promote reading or a specific book with the use of book trailers.

Book trailers are very similar to the movie trailers you see in theaters or on television. They promote a specific title by mentioning the basic plot point, detail any awards the title has won, and give an excerpt from a positive review. Well-made book trailers should not reveal the ending of the book or every plot point but they should be intriguing enough to make viewers want to read the book. I recently created a book trailer for *Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome, a 2019 Coretta Scott King Honor Book. You can view the trailer on our website myhuntsvillelibrary.com and check out the book at the library.



Don't Feel Lost with Technology



BY JALPA SHAH, IT COORDINATOR

Recently, a patron came to me and asked how to use his laptop. He said that his grandchild gave it to him as a gift. He did not consider himself a tech savvy person, but he really wanted to learn how to use it so he could keep in contact with his family through email and online messaging.

The patron explained that it is easier to learn technology when you grow up with it. But for other people, it is "a nightmare." This patron had spent his whole life working on machinery but felt lost with modern technology. He wanted to know if there was a way he could locate step-by-step instructions on how to use computers, laptops, or iPads.

Fortunately, the library offers individual technology instructional sessions. Typically, these sessions last one hour but patrons can request a shorter lesson as needed.

These sessions are taught by the Huntsville Public Library's IT Coordinators. You can bring in your devices for help with the following:

- How to use different search engines. (Google Chrome, Bing, Firefox, Internet Explorer)
- How to send and receive email
- How to set up a new email account
- How to use touch screen devices
- How to send pictures to your loved ones
- How to download and complete applications
- How to make on screen text larger and easier to read
- How to perform basic functions, such as using the mouse or how to turn the device on and off, browse the internet
- How to transfer data from one device to another
- How to set up new accounts for various websites (examples: retail, social media, educational, governmental and financial)
- How to use the Huntsville Public Library website on a cell phone

Unfortunately, there are some things that these sessions cannot cover such as fixing broken devices or recovering deleted data. Furthermore, these sessions are intended to teach a person to complete a task instead of completing the task for the person.

The goal of these sessions is for patrons to learn how to use technology and be comfortable using devices they already own. Technology is a great way to stay in touch with family, learn new skills and hobbies, or share pictures. If you are interested in scheduling a technology session, contact IT Coordinators, Jalpa Shah or Renee Ruth, at 936-291-5485.