

# BETWEEN THE PAGES

HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



June 2019 is Fine Forgiveness Month at  
Huntsville Public Library

Huntsville Public Library is declaring June 2019 as Fine Forgiveness Month. To have your fines forgiven, please come by the library with your library card or driver's license or call 936-291-5912 and identify yourself with the information on your library card or driver's license. Fines do not include fees for lost or damaged materials.

City Librarian, Linda Dodson states: "We're very pleased to be able to forgive library fines this June. We're hoping it will allow all citizens of Huntsville and Walker County to join us for the Texas Reading Club this year."

The Texas Reading Club Kick-Off is Saturday, June 1 from 1-3:30 p.m. The Huntsville Library Friends are presenting YUCK, The Science of Slime program at 2 p.m. Join us Saturday to clear your fines, check out some books, and have a lot of fun. If you're hungry, the Kiwanis Club of Huntsville will be selling Bar-B-Que sandwiches and chips to raise funds Library programming.

## New Databases Available on Your Library's Website

*BY MARY KOKOT, ADULT SERVICES*

Gale's Opposing Viewpoints in Context and Credo are two databases that offer current and authoritative information to meet the needs of today's learners. Opposing Viewpoints in Context is the premier online resource covering today's hottest social issues, from capital punishment to immigration to marijuana. This cross-curricular research database supports science, social studies, current events, and language arts classes. Informed, differing views help learners develop critical-thinking skills and draw their own conclusions.

Credo promotes knowledge building, problem solving and critical thinking to give people the information skills necessary for success throughout their academic, professional and personal lives. Credo is unique in that it has over 3 million full-text entries alongside thousands of easily searchable images, audio files, and videos. It also gives access to hundreds of in-depth titles covering every major subject from current social issues to ancient history and Shakespeare to Einstein.



# Hot Off the Press



(Coming in June)

## Adult Books, Audiobooks, Videos, & OverDrive

Unsolved by (Invisible Series Bk 2) by James Patterson

Lost and Found by Daniel Steele

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong

The Oracle (Sam & Remi Fargo Adventure Bk. 11) by Clive Cussler

## Spanish Language Books

Largo Petalo de Mary by Isabel Allende

Hija de la Espanola by Karina Sainz Borgo

Lo Mejor de IR Es Volver by Albert Espinoza

Hija de la Espanola by Karina Sainz Borgo



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# Genealogy Corner



BY RICHARD LANE, REFERENCE

DNA and family history: a starting place to understanding Like many family history buffs I have heard remarkable stories about DNA and long- lost family members coming together as a result of DNA testing. Many folks report discoveries of their family's history dating back generations. DNA research is a remarkable undertaking. For most of us, however, it remains a mystery locked in complex sequences of molecular genetics.

Janet Miller, a member of the Walker County Genealogical Society, is one of those disciplined people who takes on a challenge with grit and determination. She has made a real effort to unlock the mysteries of DNA and genealogy and explain them to folks like me. I asked her a series of questions hoping to pass on to the readers of Between the Pages some insight into a cutting edge technology.

Janet began her response with an anecdote. She writes, "I'm reminded of the story of my mother when, as a young child, she heard her first radio program. She didn't know how it worked, but was pretty sure there were miniature people inside the box." The point made, we all have a starting place as we learn new things.

Janet continues, "People who are first learning about DNA might ask, 'How does DNA testing work?' They may also ask, 'Does the DNA testing company have some of Great-Grandma's DNA to compare to mine?'" She explains, "All of the cells in our bodies carry pieces of DNA that we have inherited from our ancestors. When we submit a DNA sample for analysis, the company unlocks genetic information that we carry around inside us from those ancestors, including possible copies of chunks of DNA from Great-Grandma. The exciting part is that we are not the only ones who inherit pieces of copies of DNA from Great-Grandma. Other DNA test takers may also have inherited some of the same pieces of DNA. One of the main functions of the testing companies is to match up people who share segments of DNA."

Janet gives an example of a common brick wall. "Among the most avid consumers of DNA testing are family historians. DNA is no substitute for conventional genealogy, but DNA testing has become a powerful tool for genealogists and family historians. An example of DNA's usefulness might be when the paper trail has been run as far as it can go with respect to finding Great-Grandma's parents who died when she was an infant. We don't know if she had biological siblings. If the most recent common ancestor shared by several of my DNA matches and me is at the third cousin level and seems to be on a common family line unknown to me, we now have new evidence to explore for the possible identity of Great-Gran's parents."

There's a great deal to learn about DNA and its offerings. The Huntsville Public Library has a number of informative works on genetics and DNA for adults and juveniles. Of particular interest, The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy by Blaine T. Bettinger can be found in the Johnnie Jo Dickenson Genealogy Room.





# Youth Programming June 2019

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

[www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com)

## Mother Goose Lapsit

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

## Story Time

Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays and Fridays at  
10:45 a.m. Ages 5 and under.

## Wild Thing Zoofari

3:30 p.m. Friday, June 14  
Live animals will be present

## Youth Book Club (3rd-7th Grade)

1 p.m. Wednesday, June 26  
Registration Required

## Venomous Snakes & Mistaken Identity

1 p.m. Thursday, June 20  
No live snakes

## Texas A&M Chemistry Road Show

2 p.m. Friday, June 7

## All About Butterflies

Six- 30 minute sessions  
Wednesday, June 19  
1-4 p.m.

## Adventure Stories with Randall Beard

1 p.m. Monday, June 10

## "My Grownup and Me" Hair Class

1 p.m. Tuesday, June 11  
Registration Required.

## Family Movie Night Lego Movie 2

4:30 p.m. Friday, June 21

## "Animate a Name"

11 a.m. Tuesdays in June  
Ages 5-10 years old.  
Registration Required.

All library programs  
are free to attend.

## Teen Theater

Auditions 4:30 p.m. Monday, June 3.  
Rehearsals 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays  
in June & July. Registration Required.  
"The Importance of Being Earnest"  
by Oscar Wilde.

## TEEN FILM CLUB

Aquaman (PG-13) 1 p.m.  
Thursday, June 13

Friends of the Library Art Contest.  
Entry form required. Deadline:  
Monday, August 12

## Summer Reading Kick-off Party

1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1.  
See the Yuck Game Show  
from 2 to 3 p.m.

## All About Birds! with Huntsville Audubon

1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25

## Summer Reading Program

June 1- July 19.  
Read books for prizes!

# Adult Programming June 2019

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## 28th Annual Lineage Society Workshop

10:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, June 13 Registration Required.

## GENEALOGY TIPS & TRICKS

3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 18  
Registration Required

## FAMILYSEARCH

11 a.m. Thursdays

## ANCESTRY.COM CLASS

11:30 a.m. Friday, June 7  
Registration Required.

## Sittercise

10 a.m. Tuesdays and  
Thursdays. No classes  
on June 6 and 13.

## Book Club

10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 13  
Discussion of "A Moveable  
Feast" by Ernest Hemingway

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## Summer Reading Program 2019

Read for prizes from  
June 1 - July 19. Visit  
[myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://myhuntsvillelibrary.com)  
for more information.

## Summer Reading Kick-Off Party

1 to 3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, June 1



# 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Congratulations to Sebastian and Jessica!

Sebastian and his mom, Jessica, are regular visitors at the Huntsville Public Library. They started the 1000 Books before Kindergarten challenge in January 2017. The library is pleased to announce that Sebastian and Jessica just completed the program in April. The goal of this program is to encourage parents and caregivers to make a habit of reading to their children. At the age of 3, Sebastian is the youngest community member to have completed the program so far.

As always, I enjoy “interviewing” the child and parent(s) directly involved in the program. Here’s what Sebastian (in his own words, with help from Jessica) said.

Q. What are your favorite books?

A. Curious George!

Q. How did you like coming to the library to find books?

A. I go to the library and get books. I like it. It’s good.

Q. You’ve read 1000 books. Was that hard?

A. Nah.

Q. Now that you’ve read 1000 books, what should you and Mom do?

A. Let’s buy a cake!

Q. Jessica, did you find yourself incorporating more reading time into your daily activities as a result of starting the program?

A. We were always going to read a lot with him, but I think having the challenge in mind helped me search out new books for us and find creative ways to make reading fun for him. We’ve had book picnics, set up reading forts, and invited imaginary friends to read with us.

Q. Jessica, is there anything else you would like to say about your experience with the 1000 Books before Kindergarten program?

A. More than the program itself, the trips to the library to participate in story time and get new books is one of the best activities in his baby/toddler life. The library is where he’s met all his best friends, both real and imaginary. I am eternally grateful as a mom that the library offers such great programs and resources and is so warm and open to its youngest patrons.

The Huntsville Public Library would like to interest all parents, grandparents, and caregivers who are interested in the program to start today. The program is simple: read 1000 books to your child before they start kindergarten. Log the books you have read (in sets of 10) on our website. Participants who complete the program will receive a prize.

In addition to logging Sebastian’s books on our website, Jessica used Instagram to keep a photo record of what Sebastian read. Jessica has included her account’s name “littlewrensbookshelf” as a hope that it will encourage other parents to participate in the program as well.

To sign up for the 1000 Books before Kindergarten program, please visit [myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://myhuntsvillelibrary.com).

BY RACHEL MCPHALE, CHILDREN’S LIBRARIAN

