

# BETWEEN THE PAGES



*Huntsville Public Library Monthly Newsletter*

## GENEALOGY CORNER: HAVING FUN WITH FAMILY HISTORY BY RICHARD LANE, REFERENCE

Now, let's be honest. Genealogy enthusiasts and family historians can be a serious lot. Our minds are full of facts and notions of lineages to be proven and new branches of our family trees to be discovered. It's just the way we are. Let's lighten up a bit and have some fun! Here are a few suggestions of some amusing things to do with family and friends.



1. Plan a day outing. Take the kids and grandkids to visit history museums and working farms. The nearby Sam Houston Memorial Museum has an excellent collection of early Texas memorabilia. The grounds are well-maintained and the examples of early Texas architecture transport us to earlier times. Hop in the car and travel to nearby Navasota to visit the Washington-on-the Brazos Historic Site and the Barrington Living History Farm. They are located just a few miles west of Navasota. The grounds are beautiful. Take a picnic basket. Another fun day trip is even closer than Navasota. Travel over to Anderson and visit the Fanthorp Inn. Young and old alike will marvel at the accommodations early Texans "endured" as they traveled about.
2. Get off the computer and go to the source. Make it a two day trip, if time allows.. We are fortunate to have some very good genealogy libraries and research centers within two hundred miles of Huntsville. A trip to Waco is worthwhile. Visit the new West Waco Library and Genealogy Center. While in Waco, be sure to stop by the Texas Ranger Museum and the Dr. Pepper Museum and Free Enterprise Institute. A trip to Liberty County and the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center is worth the effort for the serious researcher of Texas history. I'm willing to bet that there has to be a nearby café with authentic southern comfort food on the menu.
3. Take in a little salt air and enjoy some great seafood in Galveston. While there, visit the historic Rosenberg Library. Go on board the 1877 Tall Ship Elissa at the Texas Seaport Museum. The Museum has a fine collection of ship logs which may answer a question about an ancestor's arrival in Texas

Family history is a worthwhile endeavor, but it needn't be drudgery. Have fun. Go places. Meet new people. Learn new things. Have fun.



# GET TO KNOW THE LIBRARY STAFF

BY RACHEL MCPHAIL, CITY LIBRARIAN



## MEET LUCY!

Lucy has worked for the Huntsville Public Library since December 2017. She began by working as a Circulation Clerk. During this time, she really enjoyed working on Records Maintenance and calling patrons to let them know that their requested items were available. In May 2018, Lucy was promoted to the position of Cataloger. As a cataloger, Lucy spends most of her time processing new books. She downloads or enters an item's information into the library's catalog, affixes a barcode, call number label, and security patch on the item, and covers the book in a protective wrap when necessary. Lucy also spends her time repairing damage to library materials. Lucy also helps at the Circulation desk when the library is busy and she helps lead children's programs when needed.

### Quick facts about Lucy:

Enjoys cooking, reading, and Korean soap operas with subtitles. Fluent in Spanish

*"My name is Lucy, and I can help you find the latest books at the Huntsville Public Library."*

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# DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?

BY MARY KOKOT, ADULT SERVICES COORDINATOR

One of the library's most popular programs is Master Gardeners and is presented twice yearly. It's always well attended whether the topic be container gardening, planting a spring garden, or determining which fall vegetables grow best in our region. A love of gardening and search for knowledge is central to why Master Gardeners join the program. They remain Master Gardeners to enjoy the camaraderie and friendship of others who share their interests, to gain and share horticulture knowledge, and to give back to the community. Luckily, you too can be a Texas Master Gardener if you're willing to put in the class time and volunteer hours. The Walker County AgriLife Extension Office begins a training course each year in January but sign up early as there's usually a waiting list by the time fall comes around. Information on how you can be a part of the Walker County Master Gardeners can be obtained from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Walker County office at (936) 435-2426.

**Also be on the lookout for the Junior Master Gardener Boot Camp offered each summer in June (3rd through 5th grades).**



# February Events

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

## CHILDREN'S Programming

### Reoccurring Programs

#### Story Time

Tuesdays 5:30 PM,

Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 AM

**Ages 5 and under**

#### Mother Goose Lapsit

Mondays, 10:30 AM

**Ages 5 and under**

#### Homework Help

Wednesdays, 4:30 PM

### Special Programs

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

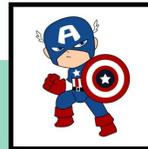
Will you be mine ?

## Valentine's Day Tea Party

**For ages 6 and under**  
11 a.m. Friday, February 14  
in the Staggs Community Room

Registration is required as space is limited.  
Visit [myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://myhuntsvillelibrary.com) to register!

## Superhero Storytime



10:45 AM on Friday, February 21

*Wear your favorite superhero costumes as we read about your favorite superhero*

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For more information, please contact Children's Coordinator Esmeralda Guzman at 936-291-5910



### Foreign Language Programs

## Introduction To Mandarin Chinese

Thursdays at 1-2:30 PM  
February 6, 13, and 20

Register online at [myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://myhuntsvillelibrary.com)

## Mandarin Chinese Classes

Tuesdays at 1-2 PM  
February 4 to April 28

Register online at [myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://myhuntsvillelibrary.com)

## ADULT Programming

### Reoccurring Programs

#### Ancestry.com

February 7, 11:30 AM

**Registration required**

#### Book Club

February 13, 10:30 AM

#### FamilySearch

Thursdays, 2:00 PM

#### Sittercise

Tuesday & Thursdays, 10:00 AM

## Special Programs

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

# SAVE THE DATE! GENEALOGY WINTER LOCK-IN

Sunday, February 16  
12:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
Huntsville Public Library

Hosted by the Walker County Genealogical Society

Register online at [www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://www.myhuntsvillelibrary.com) or contact  
Mary at (936)291-5471 for more information

## Heart Healthy Habits

Tuesday, February 11  
11 AM TO 12 PM

Staggs Community Room - Huntsville Public Library

**Reduce your risk of heart disease:**



**Control your cholesterol and blood pressure.**

**Quit smoking and avoid  
secondhand smoke.**



**Drink alcohol in moderation.**



**Watch your weight.**



**Get active and eat healthy.**



February is Heart Health Month



# Free Spanish Classes

Begins February 25th

**Beginner Spanish class 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

For more information, call Mary Kokot at (936)291-5471  
or register online at [myhuntsvillelibrary.com](http://myhuntsvillelibrary.com)

## "FREE" INTERMEDIATE COMPUTER CLASSES

LEARN FILE AND FOLDER MANAGEMENT.



TUESDAYS IN FEBRUARY, 11 TO 12 PM  
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# HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND: OUR MOBILE SERVICES

BY JENNIFER ADAMS,  
IT COORDINATOR

The library is no longer contained behind brick and mortar walls, we have branched out to serve our patrons no matter where they are, at home or on the go. There are many services we offer that patrons just do not realize are available no matter where they are.

One of our newest and most exciting services is Gabbie, a patron's own digital librarian. Gabbie is an automated service that reminds you when a book is due and allows the renewal of items with just a few keystrokes. Gabbie also alerts you whenever reserves are available, but these automated systems are just the very beginning. Patrons can also text a question to the number and receive a response from one of our staff in a timely manner.

Just make sure that the number associated on your library account is your cell phone number and you can easily use this service.

Do you enjoy e-books and audiobooks at home or on the road? Then Libby may be the service for you! Libby is an application on your phone or computer that allows you to check out e-books and audiobooks from our library's digital collections. You can even place reserves on the most popular digital items on Libby and never have to worry about late fees as the digital media is automatically returned upon its due date.

In the future Huntsville Public Library will continue to add new technology services for our patrons to use both inside the library and out in the world as they go about their busy lives.

