

BETWEEN THE PAGES

Huntsville Public Library Monthly Newsletter

SPRING BREAK AT THE LIBRARY

BY JENNIFER ADAMS, IT COORDINATOR

Spring Break is fast approaching and parents are preparing every way they can to survive the week with their kiddos at home. The Huntsville Public Library is here to help fill some time for Spring Break 2020. Staycation March 9-13!



Our children's department will be hosting a packed week of fun activities and shows alongside our regular programs to delight kids of all ages. Spring break at the Huntsville Public Library will start on Monday, March 9 when the library will have an outdoor finger painting activity for elementary-age kids to enjoy, be outside, and maybe get a little messy. Be sure to wear clothes that can use a little extra color on them. If the weather goes sour, the activity will be moved inside. No rainchecks on Spring Break!

"It's a Jungle Out There!" and in the library, too. On Tuesday, March 10 the Huntsville Audubon Society is graciously sponsoring a live show featuring birds and animals from the rainforest. This show is aimed towards elementary aged children and we expect a packed house, so come early to ensure you get a spot!

The Friends of the Huntsville Public Library love Spring Break, too. They are sponsoring an exciting event on Wednesday, March 11! It's the YUCK GAME SHOW! This interactive science show is for all ages and can get pretty messy. Be sure to wear washable clothing! This is another very popular event. We expect a full house so get here early to grab those limited seats!

00100001 or should we just say "!" Because we are so excited to offer the Kids Can Code: Binary Bracelets activity on Thursday, March 12. Kids of all ages are welcome to come and learn how to translate their name into binary code, using an awesome arts and craft project! Participants will get to take home a fun bracelet (or necklace for those with longer names) with their name in binary.

Round out Spring Break by getting centered! Join us Friday, March 13, at Yoga for Kids! This program is a fun activity where kids ages 3 to 7 will get to learn about yoga and get a good stretch in before lunch. This program requires parents or guardians to fill out a waiver form and registration is required. Be sure to get in early. (Cont. pg. 2)

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Monday-Friday Saturday
10am-7pm 12pm-4pm

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MEET KRISTIN

BY RACHEL MCPHAIL, CITY LIBRARIAN



"My name is Kristin, and I love engaging with the great people of our community."

Kristin has worked for the Huntsville Public Library since February 2012 after serving as a library volunteer. Kristin spends her time as a Circulation Clerk by helping patrons check out books, answering phone calls, pulling holds that are available, and setting up new library cards. Like other Circulation Clerks, she has taken on numerous other projects in her time at the library such as setting up themed book displays, assisting with Children's programming, and organizing the book sale. Many children enjoy checking books out from Kristin as she regularly passes out stickers at the Circulation desk. Kristin's favorite thing about working at the library is serving the community in which she and her husband, Rodney, have chosen to build their lives.

Quick Facts

- **Enjoys kayak fishing, hiking, and caving with her husband.**
- **Recommends *The Great Galveston Disaster* by Paul Lester because of its photographs and first hand account of the deadliest natural disaster to occur in the United States.**
- **Watches a lot of documentaries about history, animals, and mankind's ability to overcome.**

Cont. from Spring Break..

What a packed five days of fun! To find out more information and to register for any of the above activities, please go to our website myhuntsvillelibrary.com and look at our Children's Department page! Hope to see you this Spring Break!

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BY MARY KOKOT, ADULT LIBRARY SERVICES



As wonderful as our Library is with all its resources, sometimes it's annoying not to be able to find that certain book, usually nonfiction and academic in nature. Of course, there's interlibrary loan to fall back on but what if one could access the treasure of tomes at the Newton Gresham Library at SHSU? In fact, that's just what is possible with the help of a TexShare Card obtained through the Huntsville Public Library. TexShare is a program under the auspices of the Texas State Library which allows access to over 500 libraries in Texas. It's a simple thing to acquire. The basic requirement is to be a member of good standing of Huntsville Public Library for at least 6 months. The TexShare Card is valid for 6 months and may be renewed if the patron remains in good standing. Further details are available on the state library's website: www.tsl.texas.gov/texshare/card.

SPRING BREAK FUN @ HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY MARCH 9 - 13, 2020

<p>MONDAY KID'S FINGER PAINTING 1:00-2:00 PM AGES 5-10</p>	<p>TUESDAY IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE ANIMAL SHOW 12:30-2:00 PM ALL AGES <small>PRESENTED BY HUNTSVILLE AUDUBON SOCIETY 250 CAPACITY LIMIT</small></p>	<p>WEDNESDAY YUCK! GAME SHOW 2:30-4:00 PM ALL AGES <small>SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 250 CAPACITY LIMIT</small></p>
<p>THURSDAY KIDS CAN CODE BINARY BRACELETS 3:00-4:30 PM AGES 7-14</p>	<p>FRIDAY KID'S YOGA 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM AGES 3-7 <small>REGISTRATION + WAIVER REQUIRED</small></p>	

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO
MYHUNTSVILLELIBRARY.COM**

Ancestry.com
March 6, 11:30 AM
Registration required

Microsoft Word Classes
Tuesdays, 11:00 AM
Registration required

Mother Goose Lapsit
Mondays, 10:30 AM
Ages 2 and under

Book Club
March 12, 10:30 AM

Homework Help
Wednesdays, 4:30 PM
**elementary & junior high
students**

Story Time
Tuesdays 5:30 PM,
Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 AM
Ages 5 and under

Genealogy: DNA
March 18, 3:00 PM

Sittercise
Tuesday & Thursdays, 10:00 AM

FamilySearch
Thursdays, 2:00 PM



Free Spanish Classes

HOLA amigos!

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



Door Prizes!

Spring Gardening

Presented by the Walker County Master Gardeners

Monday, March 2, 2020
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Huntsville Public Library
Staggs Community Room

For additional information contact Mary Kokot,
Adult Services Coordinator, at 936-291-5471.





Mandarin Chinese Classes

Tuesdays at 1-2 PM
February 4 to April 28

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Register online at myhuntsvillelibrary.com

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

BY RICHARD LANE, REFERENCE

Many years ago, in the early 1970s, I was fortunate enough to have taken a course titled History of the American Revolutionary War under the tutelage of Professor Van Till. The good professor was visiting my university on loan from Harvard University. Dr. Van Till came from a long line of distinguished scholars.

I recall that his lectures and reading assignments returned us to the Age of Enlightenment and the Reformation as preliminaries for the course study in American Revolution History. This was all well and good, but one small part of a lecture has stood me well for all these years. Dr. Van Till frequently told us that he had thousands of book titles of interest that he would never have time to read. He suggested that we follow his lead and take a few minutes every time we went to the library to peruse the shelves. He suggested that we take note of interesting titles and review the title page, the table of contents and the index of each selection. He insisted that we should read a few pages of the introduction. This habit was, he insisted, a useful tool for his trade in academics and research. I will suggest to you that we all can benefit from this technique in our family history endeavors.

The Huntsville Public Library has amassed a substantial collection of print materials, archive records and databases all related to genealogy research and family history. While at the library, visit the Johnnie Jo Dickenson Genealogy Room. Spend some time in the stacks. Pull interesting books off the shelves and follow the good professor's advice. Ask, what does the title tell me? Does the title page provide clues about the subject matter? Does the table of contents indicate that the material is well developed? Does the index provide sufficient details? The introduction will give insight to the author's writing style and knowledge of the subject matter.

Much has changed since the early 1970s. Books still reign in many people's mind; however, databases, with a few keystrokes, now provide access to enormous amounts of information. The Huntsville Public Library's collection of databases includes Ancestry Library edition, American Ancestors, and Fold3. Ancestry Library edition currently holds 10,432 sources of information from the Americas as well as many international records. American Ancestors is very helpful for genealogical sources of research into early migrations to New England. Fold3 holds extensive U.S. and international military records dating to the American Revolutionary War. A quick search of the library's adult databases will offer access to a long list of helpful online resources. Importantly, develop the skills necessary to better utilize these excellent sources of information. Check out the learning centers on the databases' homepages. They offer excellent tutorials on the methodologies of family research.

Don't overlook the Huntsville Public Library's magazine collection. Genealogical and family history magazines can be interesting and informative. Writers are selected by the editorial boards for their knowledge and writing skill. The genealogical magazine collection includes Stirpes, Reminisce, American Ancestors, National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Family Tree and Confederate Veterans. Good history, be it about the American Revolution or the narrative of a family, requires work and the proper tools. Even the most ardent researcher will never exhaust the available information. Follow my professor's advice and use Dr. Van Till's "tools of the trade".

