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Dickinson Public Library had an amazing line up of programs for kids this spring, including a new series of events geared towards homeschoolers, Saturday movie showings, craft classes, as well as Storytimes and Babytimes that continue to grow in size. In fact, Storytime was doubled into two sessions to accommodate its popularity!

Tweens got into art, anime, chess, and journaling, while we introduced two new teen programs to go alongside crafts and STEAM: Cosplay Club and Dungeons and Dragons. Both of these brought out a creative side of teen patrons like we’ve never seen before!

For adults, the book clubs Hooked on Books and Coffee and Classics continued, and the ever popular Adult Take Home Kits flew off the shelves. Masterpieces were created in our maker programs, and many new skills were taught in the computer one-on-one and subject-specific classes. In partnership with the Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol (BACODA), a new cooking class from the library has also taken off.
This spring, the Dickinson Public Library hosted its first ever Local Artist Spotlight. Eleven local artisans set up throughout the library, including authors, photographers, and even metal workers to showcase their talents and interact with the community.

These talented individuals were also given the opportunity to speak in the community room to crowds of visitors and discuss their passions, processes, styles, and techniques.

This program was very successful, spurring plans to make it a recurring event for the whole community!

Since January, Dickinson Public Library has been honored with three grants to help serve the community in new and exciting ways. First, we were a recipient of the Texas Book Festival Grant which awards grants to support collection enhancement for Texas public libraries. This funding enables libraries to share the diversity and breadth of literature with their entire communities.

Next, we received funding from The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) to become a Family Place Library! This grant addresses early learning priorities and ensures that all children enter school ready. Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, early learning, parental involvement, and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's growth and development.

Finally, we were awarded the Special Projects Grant through TSLAC to create a Podcast Network titled “Beyond the Stacks.” The Special Project Grant program provides funds for programs that expand library services to include all members of the library’s community.
Library staff is always out and about in the community, showcasing services and learning new things! This spring we've done many events for schools, STEM expos, daycares, and career days! We can also be found at the Galveston County community centers nearby, with craft projects and technology classes.

We were also lucky enough to send three Dickinson Librarians to Austin to participate in the annual Texas Library Association conference, where they got to meet authors, explore new library technology, and take professional development courses on all kinds of subjects pertaining to libraries.

Although the Dickinson Public Library building is under construction, that didn't stop us from having a jam packed summer full of awesome programs, cool events, amazing parties, and lots of fun at the Dickinson Historic Train Depot.

From the kick-off party with Chick-Fil-A and Kona Ice, to the End of Summer Magic Show and Carnival, each week was filled with crafts, technology, STEM, nature storytimes, and puppet shows that never failed to put a smile on people's faces. We even had some special guest readers from Dickinson city staff appear at our weekly "Dickinson Dino-Mite Employee" storytimes.

One of the biggest highlights this summer was the Scholastic Book Fair put on by the Friends of the Dickinson Public Library! People came in for a week full of nostalgia, great deals, and amazing books and gifts.
LA MARQUE PUBLIC LIBRARY

1 WORKING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

La Marque Library works with community partners to distribute supplemental food to those in need. On April 22, food boxes supplied by the Salvation Army were given away in a drive-thru event in the library parking lot. La Marque Library also partnered with Galveston County Food Bank for their Kidz Pacz food program. This program saw an exponential increase in 2023 compared to previous years. One hundred and seventy people registered for the program and more than 500 food packs were distributed through the library this summer!

2 CRAFTING AT THE LIBRARY

The weekly Knit and Crochet Crafters group is going strong! Library Director Amy Miller and Library Assistant Princess Baldwin lead the group. Here, Amy and Princess show a few of their recent class projects.
Weekly storytime programs were popular this summer at La Marque Public Library. We enjoyed regular visits from several area daycare centers. Guest reader Fire Chief David Merryman answered questions and shared information on fire safety, and Library Assistant Princess Baldwin always enjoys sharing her favorite silly books.

Efforts to update and improve the library interior continued in 2023 with the addition of new lounge furniture. The library also received six study carrels which help fill the need for those seeking a quiet space to read or study.

Popular book displays from the past few months include Urban Fiction, Graphic Novels, Back to School, and Facebook.
The Moore Memorial Library has some exciting news to share! Our historic newspapers are officially online on the Portal to Texas History! Step back in time and explore the rich history of Texas City through historic newspapers from 1909 – 1932. Immerse yourself in the stories, events, and people that shaped this remarkable city over these early years.

Dive into these digital newspapers and uncover forgotten tales, gain insights into the city's development projects and connect the lives of those who came before us. From local news to national headlines, births to obituaries, business advertisements to sports stories, you’ll find a wealth of knowledge waiting for you. Whether you’re a history enthusiast, a genealogist, or simply curious about the early days of Texas City, these historical newspapers will captivate your imagination. Share your discoveries and spread the word with family and friends and let them join in the exploration of Texas City's vibrant heritage. Much thanks to Rosenberg Library for collaborating with us on this project.

The Portal to Texas History can be viewed at texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/TDNP/titles

The newspapers available include: The Texas City Weekly Sun, Texas City Times, Texas City Daily Times, Galveston County Sun, Galveston County Times, The Provost Guard, Texas City Weekly News & Provost Guard, Texas City Weekly News, The Provost Guard & Texas City Messenger, Texas City Mainland Sun

Want to work on getting those creative juices flowing? The Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol (BACODA) is facilitating multiple programs for all ages this year at Moore Memorial Public Library through the use of their "Happiness Grant." With this grant from Texas Health and Human Services, BACODA is able to spread joy by offering a variety of unique stress reduction activities. One of them is Creative Nonfiction Writing for adults, which is held the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30PM. In December and January, BACODA will also facilitate ornament decoration and Mardi Gras headdress creation.
Have you heard? Teen programming at MMPL is in full swing! We now have four monthly programs that 12 – 18-year-olds can attend. We’re happy to announce our new fourth monthly program is Creativity Club! This program is for teen creatives who need or want a calm, quiet place to work on their art, writing, etc. They can also chat with others and get inspiration for future endeavors. For those wanting to join in but don’t have a project, the YA Librarian will provide a few quick crafts to choose from.

MMPL’s Spotlight on Health Literacy continues with monthly “Taking Our Best Shot (TOBS) at Health Conversations” provided by public health students at UTMB, and with various programs (ex. health fairs, health screenings, diabetes classes) facilitated by the Galveston County Health District. The monthly free health screenings at the library are the second Thursday of every month from 10 - 11AM.

MMPL is partnering with the Galveston County Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Texas City Economic Development Corporation (TCEDC) to offer classes about marketing, basic entrepreneurship, and business plans.

One of our goals in the upcoming year is to increase our services and resources geared toward local entrepreneurs to help them succeed in all their endeavors. Thank you AMOCO Federal Credit Union and Wellby Financial for facilitating Financial Literacy Sessions. Patrons can get a handle on their personal finances, learn how to use various banking accounts, grow their financial wellbeing and credit, and learn how to protect themselves from frauds and scams.
We here at Moore Memorial Public Library know there are members in our community who would love to visit us but can’t physically do so. That’s why our Young Adult Librarian also acts as our outreach liaison to different senior care centers in and near Texas City. Monthly visits are made as often as possible to the Nessler Senior Center, Bayou Pine Care Center, Independence Village, the Phoenix Post-Acute, and Seabreeze Nursing Home.

With the help of the activity directors at each location, our YA Librarian presents a topic-based, informative program dotted with questions to help our seniors reminisce, think, and learn. Previous popular programs have covered topics such as dog and cat breeds, famous Hollywood cowboys and cowgirls, and Halloween monsters. Each topic also includes relevant colored photos, a song or two from the past by famous artists, and a quick preview of next month’s program as a fun wrap-up to the visit.

Senior activity flyers are left for residents to complete at their own pace. Themed for each visit, they include a word search puzzle, jokes, song lyrics, and an intricate coloring page on the back page. We love reaching out to our community’s seniors to remind them that they’re not alone and that we at the library are always thinking about them.

In 2023, MMPL launched The African American Experience Texas City Oral History Project exhibit on June 16. We want to thank Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Bowie and Dr. Lynn Rae Ellison, participants in the project, for sharing moving accounts of growing up in Texas City. Local History Librarian Theresa Mayfield was honored by both Mayor Dedrick Johnson and the Booker T. Washington Ex’s for her leadership on this project and her dedication to the community. The exhibit focuses on the African American community in Texas City between 1940 and 1970. We encourage everyone to listen to the stories of everyone in this project by visiting the digital exhibit at: https://texascitylibrary-oralhistory.org/gallery

Another history event coming up is The History of the 1st Aero Squadron of Texas City, presented by local aviation historian Michal Bludworth.

To register please call the library reference desk at 409.643.5977.
This summer, we held our first Summer Reading Kick-off Carnival. It was a huge success, with a total of 269 participants consisting of 158 children and 111 adults. Summer readers really rocked it this year! While children & teens continued to increase their reading participation using both paper reading logs and the Beanstack App, we were amazed that adults at MMPL read almost 1000 more hours than the previous year! Wow!

With summer over, regular programs return to the library, including Toddler Story Time (ages 1 - 3) at 10 AM on Tuesdays, and Preschool Story Time (ages 3 - 5) at 10AM on Wednesdays.

New programs such as Saturday Specials for ages 5 - 12 have also been added, held 10AM every third Saturday of the month. More upcoming programming includes Paper Mache Mask Decorating in October, Yummy Food Program in November, and Cocoa, Cookies, and Santa in December.

Ser y Hacer returned to host Galveston’s US Citizenship Preparation Classes. Every Monday from 5 - 7 PM participants receive guidance related to the naturalization process, receive mock citizenship testing opportunities, and have all their naturalization questions answered.

This program is for US green card holders who anticipate beginning the naturalization process. Registration is required. Please contact Magdalena Alvarado at 409.888.0062 or by email at magdaal1@yahoo.com to register.

MMPL was happy to host the annual staff training for the Galveston County Library System in August.

Mark Smith, the former director of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, presented two very informative sessions that discussed issues surrounding censorship and book bans. His goal was to assist library staff in preparing for such events while continuing to provide excellent service to the entire community.
WORD FROM BECKY MCCLAIN

Mae S. Bruce’s theme this summer was “Dream Big” which led to many new friends coming to the library to learn and have fun. Summer reading participants jumped from previous years, with 1,922 participants in June (including 1,554 children), and 2,098 participants in July (including 1,679 children).

We are so grateful for everyone’s support. We could not do what we do without our community members, staff, Friends of the Library, the Library Advisory Board, the City of Santa Fe, and our Honorable Galveston County Commissioners. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped and continue to do so each day.

Many Thanks,
Becky McClain

CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT

Summer was a blast at Mae S. Bruce in 2023! Some highlights included a visit from Texas Snakes and More, Moody Gardens Sharks and Sea Skeletons, Sea Center of Texas, Mr. Mantooth’s Insect, Airplane, and Boat Programs, and STEM Gaming with Jerome Nicasio.

Children also attended two Glow in the Dark Parties, a Harry Potter Celebration, crafts every Monday, Pokémon Saturdays, and other fun activities throughout June and July. For the little ones, we had story hour every week with special events including a special pirate treasure hunt, a fun glow-in-the-dark firefly event, and a Pajamas and Pancake event. Attendance was at an all-time high since the COVID-19 pandemic.

A shout-out to our 13 amazing teen volunteers, who worked a total of 241 hours this summer.
This summer, the Journal Club celebrated its 19th year! We had a blast exploring the science and psychology of journaling, philosophy, philosophers, how to journal like a philosopher and so much more!

The Jane Austen Book Club started where it left off last summer as we read Persuasion and Emma, laughingly debating the characters, the motives, and who was really the "bad guy" in the Austen novels. We are looking forward to Mansfield Park and Northanger Abbey next!
2023 brought many new wonderful additions to Helen Hall Library! In March 2023, we added a collection of curiosity kits and in May 2023, started a collection of read-along books for children. The curiosity kits required Technical Services staff to obtain training on cataloging objects, create local guidelines for original cataloging of objects, and create policies for physically processing each kit.

In July 2023, the Library launched a brand-new AV Club Box! Much like our other similar programs, patrons can fill out a form with their movie and music preferences to receive a monthly box filled with movies, music, popcorn, and other goodies! This new club, in addition to our Children's Shelf, Teen Book Box, and Get Lit: Book Box for Adults, is designed to include our AV users of the library!

Helen Hall’s Teen Advisory Board also launched the Helen Hall Society Podcast, where they discuss books, movies, library events, and much more. Catch episodes on our Teen Services webpage at https://bit.ly/HHLTeenPrograms.

Additionally, we are introducing the 100 Books Before Graduation Reading Challenge, challenging teens to read 100 books before they graduate high school. Our Teen Advisory Board members requested specific prizes, and thanks to the Friends of the Helen Hall Library, these requests have been generously fulfilled!

Each month, the Rotary Club of League City partners with the Galveston County Food Bank to host a food distribution event. In addition to handing out nutritional food to those in need in our community, volunteers are also now handing out books. Thanks to a generous donation from the Friends of the Helen Hall Library, library staff members and volunteers are distributing free adult and children's books at the monthly food drive. Since the initiative started in May, over 1,300 books have been distributed.
CUSTOMER SERVICE THROUGH COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

We take great pride in customer service at Helen Hall Library. Families continue to give us positive feedback for the information that they learn at our Family Place Library workshops. As we add more workshops throughout the year, we will connect with our local WIC office for nutrition information.

In partnership with the Galveston County Food Bank, our Kidz Pacz distribution was four times higher than last year. In June, we distributed 100 meals and 82 in July. Our programs grew as well, prompting us to add additional times and programming. One new program, Mad About Hoops, provided an encouraging, energetic, and engaging opportunity for children to try their hand at hula hoops after they heard a story of perseverance. We had a visit from Astro’s mascot Orbit, which was a hit as always, and our rock painting program was a runaway success.

The Teen Summer Reading Program had significantly higher participation in 2023 with 179 enthusiastic participants. During the summer, they collectively logged an impressive 5,267 hours of reading, marking a remarkable 51% increase from the previous summer. We offered a total of 51 teen activities in June and July, all of which proved to be highly effective and engaging, drawing in more than 1,150 participants. It’s worth noting that 22 of these activities were led by our dedicated Teen Advisory Board members. This summer, we partnered with various departments, businesses, and individuals to offer special summer events like Basic Guitar Lessons, Art with Heart hosted by an employee from the City of League City Communications Department, and Teen Summer Splash which was our first-ever teen pool event in collaboration with the City of League City’s Parks and Recreation Department.

Aligned with the summertime theme of “All Together Now,” adult arts and crafts programs centered around togetherness, love, and sharing quality time. Summer programs encouraged participants to make beaded creations, decorative designs from curled paper, and “Bad Art.” What better way to connect our community than music? Several bright, engaging musical performances entertained and inspired, including visits from Texas Southern University Jazz Ensemble and Spiritus Chorus.

More than 60 adult volunteers served the community through Helen Hall Library, including support from local non-profit groups such as Clear Creek Republican Women and the Friends of Helen Hall Library. Together their hours totaled almost 650 volunteer hours. In total, our incredible volunteers gave over 3,100 service hours throughout special events and programs, as well as regular daily operational support throughout every department of the library!

MAKING PROCESSES EASIER FOR RESIDENTS

Beginning Monday, May 1st, 2023, League City residents were given the option to register for a library card at the same time they were applying for utilities with the city. Utility Billing Applicants that indicate they want a library card will be given a temporary ID number to use and access HHL Databases and e-books.

Additionally this year, Assistant City Librarian Meredith Layton, Technical Services Librarian Ashley Leblow, and Circulation Supervisor Kelsea Meza presented at this year’s Customers of SirsiDynix Users Group, Inc. Conference. The presentation, “Making the Case for Going Fine Free,” covered communicating with different audiences, using data to help tell a story, and evaluating the policy change after the first year.
The Hitchcock Public Library had a wonderful 2023 Summer Reading Program. We had several amazing guests such as Mad About Hoops, Galveston Island State Park, Texas Snakes, Hitchcock Fire Department and more! We had 130 participants, from newborns to age 12, in our reading challenge, and even more people joined us for our six weeks of programs. Our awesome readers read more than 63,000 minutes!

Alongside reading, we hosted craft days and made some really amazing creations for Father’s Day, 4th of July, and more. We hosted fun game days such as the family favorite Water Field Day.

This fall, we plan to offer an all-ages Fall Reading Challenge for the first time ever, and next year we hope to open up Summer Reading to those 12 and up as well! We had such a fun summer and can’t wait to come back better than ever next year.
In March, we hosted our first Teddy Bear Sleepover! Participants dropped off their favorite snuggly toys who stayed the night in the library and got into all sorts of fun mischief!

Story Time is back starting in September! We offer a fun, interactive story time for ages 1 - 5 on Thursdays at 10:30 AM. Join us for songs, music, rhymes, books and more!

STEAM day is another program we will be offering again this fall. This program is designed for school age students, combining science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math to guide kids’ inquiry, discussion, and problem-solving. Check out our monthly calendars for upcoming dates!

We also offer a Teen Day once a month for teens to come into the library, hang out and do fun activities with arts, games, and challenges!

The Friends of the Hitchcock Library will be hosting their Annual Fall Book Sale this October. They will have lightly used books, DVDs, audio books and more. The benefits from this sale will go toward the 2024 Summer Reading Program.

In October, we will be hosting our annual Trunk-Or-Treat program! Join us for some fall fun with decorated trunks, costume contest, moonwalk, games and lots of fun! This event will be on Saturday, October 28th from 3 - 5 PM.
The Friendswood Summer Reading program was a hit! At the conclusion of the Adults’ Summer Reading program, prizes were drawn for participants including gift cards from Sonic, H-E-B, and Dairy Queen, funded by the Friends of the Library, or donated generously. Another possible prize was a private session of Virtual Reality and an in-house created Escape Room experience.

The Escape Room had three winners, two of whom were able to come and enjoy a creative and challenging puzzle in the form of a whodunnit mystery. Both groups succeeded in solving the mystery and embodied the summer theme “All Together Now” by functioning as a unified team toward a common goal.

“We could not be more impressed with the Escape Room you put together, and it was a real highlight of the summer for us,” said one participant.

Congratulations to Megan Mays! Megan is Friendswood Public Library’s first Gale Adult High School completion program graduate! This program helps participants earn an accredited high school diploma.

Friendswood Library held a graduation ceremony for Megan in August to celebrate her wonderful accomplishment and wish her success as she moves forward with her plans. Pictured with Megan from left to right: Friends President Jo Beth Brizendine, Library Director Matthew Riley, Asst. Director Karen Hart, graduate Megan Mays, Council member Trish Hanks, and Library Board Chair Diane Freeman. If you or someone you know is a Friendswood resident 25 years or older and could benefit from this program, contact Friendswood Library at 281.482.7135 to learn more.
FRIENDS OF FRIENDSWOOD LIBRARY NIGHT CIRCUS AND THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS GALAS

Back in 2022, the Friends of Friendswood Library hosted their second Friendswood Library Gala, “The Night Circus.” Proceeds from this fundraising event went to purchase a library outreach van which is used for various programs throughout the community including school and daycare programs, city sponsored events such as Halloween in the Park, Fourth of July festivities, and many others. This year’s Gala will be called “Through the Looking Glass,” based on Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland. As with previous Galas, Friendswood Library will be magically transformed with character performances, a Wonderland Quartet, amazing decorations, a themed menu, and silent and live auctions, among other activities.

Proceeds from this event and other Friends fundraisers are used to help Friendswood Library provide additional programs, high school scholarships, furnishings, and the creation of a new Makerspace. The Makerspace will house the library’s STEM technologies and educational tools, including 3D and poster printers, a vinyl cutter, and a heat press for the creation of patron designed t-shirts or other uses, robotics and stem activity kits, anatomy models, and more.

Thank you, Friends of Friendswood Library, for your wonderful support of Friendswood Library!

FAMILY ROBOTICS NIGHT

Friendswood Library hosts Family Robotics Nights to unleash your imagination, learn together, and create amazing robotics projects as a team. Dive into the exciting world of robotics with these easy to learn robotics kits and projects.

A library staff member will help guide you through the projects and answer questions along the way. It’s a great opportunity to learn new science skills and work as a team. Contact Friendswood Library for more information.
SUMMER READING AT ROSENBERG LIBRARY

Rosenberg Library had another successful Summer Reading program this year, boasting 93 events in the Children’s department alone and 1,404 school-age participants.

Some of the events included the ever popular Out and Abouts, which allow kids a chance to better explore prominent locations throughout Galveston. Some of these locations included Bishop’s Palace, the 61st Street Fishing Pier, Lasker Community Pool and both the McGuire-Dent and Wright Cuney Recreation Centers.
In August, Evelina Williams of Adult Services attended multiple “Seaside Seniors” luncheons across Galveston to promote library services and programs. She also conducted a survey to find out what kind of programs seniors in Galveston would like to see and when they should be held. More than 100 seniors were surveyed and now Adult Services is able to provide programming that better suits their needs.

Two new programs have already been added this year for seniors. The first is “Matinee Mondays,” which allows visitors to see a classic movie or new movie release for free in the library. The second program series is in partnership with the Social Security office and provides attendees with information on how to prepare for retirement, practice fraud prevention, and learn about Medicare. The response to the new programming has been positive, and Adult Services looks forward to continuing to develop programming for all levels of adulthood.

Rosenberg Library’s Teen Librarian, Dustan Archer, visited GenCon, the United States’ largest board game convention, for the first time in 2023 in order to expand knowledge of board games and diversify the library’s board game collection beyond the most popular and traditionally known board games. It was also an opportunity to network with vendors in hopes of obtaining better prices for future board games at the library.

The conference’s Trade Day showed off informative and helpful games that are good for audiences both young and old. Unique pattern recognition games like IQ Puzzler or Cats & Boxes for children, and matching games for older folks with dementia, were on display and seem like they’d be a great inclusion to our board game collection.

By the end, the library gained many new resources to bolster existing programs, and even learned of new discounts to access.

"It was certainly a successful staff development opportunity, and we’ll be well situated to expand our board game collection in the new fiscal year,” said Archer.

After a successful year of Rosenberg Library’s Excel High School program, the library is excited to offer a new round of scholarships to Galveston residents. This new round comes as Rosenberg Library proudly congratulated its first Excel High School graduate in September! Seventeen more students are also on track to complete the program. Library staff was honored to personally meet the 18 chosen participants at the beginning of the program and hear their stories and aspirations; they are working mothers, grandparents, new residents recently relocated to the Island looking for a fresh start, aspiring nurses or those working toward goals of higher education. Rosenberg Library is proud to offer this valuable and unique opportunity through the Excel High School program.

Excel High School’s fully accredited high school program offers students an online high school experience and the ability to earn their diploma. With its self-paced schedule and extensive online tutoring, students from all walks of life and family circumstances can complete their diploma without having to attend a traditional classroom.