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LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is so excited to introduce our new app for your Android or Apple device. It is Downloadable from your app store and is called **BookMyne**.



This app allows our patrons to see what items they have checked out, renew their items, and search our catalog. If there is a book, DVD, or other item that is not currently available, **BookMyne** allows the user to place that item on hold for next available use.

Perhaps one of the greatest features of **BookMyne** is the ability to access more than one account. This is a fantastic

resource for multi-member households.

“It is crucial that libraries look at how patrons are using information and the new ways smart phones have changed the delivery of that information. It makes sense that we become as accessible as possible for our patrons,” says Anne Sparks, Assistant City Librarian.

We are very hopeful that soon patrons will be able to pay both fines and fees through **BookMyne**. The app is hosted through SirsiDynix so there’s currently no upfront cost to user libraries.



Out of good books to read? Do the kids need a movie night for that rainy day? Working on a genealogical project? Tweet or post a comment on Huntsville Public Library’s new Facebook and Twitter pages for answers. Here at the Library, we are proud to announce our status as social media friendly as part of our community outreach program. Please ‘Like’ or give us a ‘follow’ for up-to-date information on new books, events, and happenings at the library. Find us on Facebook at Huntsville Public Library or @HuntsvilleLib on Twitter.

- **Lindsey Randolph**, Volunteer



Kristin Sion, Circulation

Come by, check out a book, and say hello to one of our fantastic circulation clerks, Kristin Sion.

Kristin has been with the Huntsville Public Library for the past three years, right after we finished our renovations!

Kristin is an avid reader and movie-watcher and is always ready with some great recommendations!

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10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday
Noon to 4 p.m.
Closed Sunday

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH : CHERYL STRAUGHTER

Cheryl Straughter has been a volunteer with the Huntsville Public Library for the last three years. She is extremely dedicated, resourceful, and a staple of the children’s department. She has helped to build their programs and activities and her bright and positive attitude makes everyone at the library smile.

Cheryl began volunteering after she wanted something to do while she was visiting the library every day with her children. She

immediately fell in love with the children’s department. “I love kids and coming to volunteer every day. It gives me something to look forward to every day. Each kid is different and learning about their unique abilities and personalities just makes my day,” Cheryl says.



Favorite character: Dr. Seuss

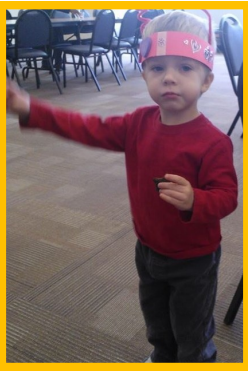
Favorite library program: Lego Club, board games

Favorite story: Juvenile chapter books

Goals for the summer:

Going strong each day, highlighting new programming, seeing lots of kids come in and have a great time.

Advice for other volunteers: Do your very best and find your niche. Love what you do!



Children's Patron of the Month!

Van Hale is our patron of the month! Van is 3 years old and he loves books about Trains and Diego.

New Children's Programming Coming To the Library!

By Kristi Glasgow,
Children's Coordinator

The Children's Department at the library is excited about several new programs that will include two new craft programs and a Lego club! Delightful Doodlers is for the preschool age group. This group will meet every Monday at 11 a.m. beginning March 16th. The program will include a craft or sensory experience every week. Let the kids create and we'll clean up the mess! We will provide protective covers but play clothes are recommended. Delightful Doodlers will meet in the Community Room.



Krafty Kids is a craft program for children ages 5-12. Are you looking for a fun way to express your artsy side? Krafty Kids will meet every Friday from 4 to 5 p.m. beginning March 20th in the Community Room at the Huntsville Public Library.

Who can pass up those fun nubby blocks? Hardly anyone! Come join the new Lego Club the 3rd Tuesday of every month. We will have time for creative lego play as well as a structured lesson. The first club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th at 5 p.m. in the Children's Room.

BOOK REVIEW CORNER

One thing we are told in life is to follow our dreams and be true to ourselves, no matter what obstacles we may face. In Katherine Emmons and Mary Olin's Read-Aloud story, "Ratatouille", the protagonist Remy finds himself at a crossroads between following his dreams, or just being the "simple rat" his family thinks he should be.

The book recognizes the turmoil some may go through in order to be the person he/she truly wants to be, all while entertaining young



children and composing it in a way that the children will understand.

As readers we can feel for Remy and travel through his journey with him by the emotional pull of the book. We're rooting for Remy. I personally enjoy the fact that the authors chose to engage Remy in

conflict with his family. That's something we see a lot in our society, people don't want to go against their families wishes or disappoint them even, but there comes a time you have to strike out on your own and do what's best for you.

Children and even their parents should read Emmons and Olin's book together; there's a great lesson in it.

— **Jonee Harvey**, *Work Study, Sam Houston State University*

Genealogy



EXPLORE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY FOR FREE

By Richard Lane,
Public Services

Family history, sometimes known as genealogy, is said by many to be the fastest growing hobby in America. Popular television programs tickle our fancy by exploring the family history of celebrities and prominent people. Television and radio advertisements entice us to explore our family tree and learn about our heritage. The question on many people's mind is, "Where do I begin and how do I get started?"

Here's an answer. Get started on your family history at the Huntsville Public Library. Stop by 1219 13th Street. Visit with the genealogy staff and volunteers. Ask questions. Take a look at all the Huntsville Public Library has to offer. Take advantage of the library's excellent collection of print materials and array of electronic resources including Heritage Quest, American Ancestor, and the acclaimed *Ancestry.com*. Search the U.S. census and military records. Find marriage and death records of long forgotten ancestors. Explore your family history.

Family history is fun and a fascinating pursuit. It's also a free service of your Huntsville Public Library.

"This packrat has learned that what the next generation will value most is not what we owned, but the evidence of who we were and the tales of how we loved. In the end, it's the family stories that are worth the storage."

- Ellen Goodman, *The Boston Globe*.

SAYING FAREWELL

DENISE

Denise Tilson will be retiring from the Library. She has been an integral part of Reference, Inter-library loan and Adult Services. She began as a volunteer and worked her way up over 12 years.

We wish her well in her new journeys.