

LIBRARY NEWS

Now that the cold winter weather seems to have passed, hopefully we can start to enjoy some warmer days! This summer, kids in our community can discover *Everyone is a Hero* when they join in our summer reading program. Adults and teens can participate in our *Reading for Chocolate* program. Did you participate last year? Whether you are new to summer reading or a returning veteran, we invite you to participate this year, challenge yourself, and join in all the fun!

It is astounding at how much libraries have changed over the years. Once a place that just housed books and card catalogs, libraries now offer wifi, ebooks, apps for your phone, and more. We connect people with information. We are a place of digital learning, helping to bridge the gap between patrons and resources.

The Huntsville Public Library is committed to improving the lives of everyone in our community and want to continue to provide quality service that changes to meet the needs of our patrons. Next time you are in the library, we challenge you to stop and look around and discover a new adventure.

Anne-Frances Sparks, Assistant City Librarian



Ashley Newsome is part of our reference staff and is our new teen coordinator! She started with the Huntsville Public Library in January of this year at our circulation desk.

Ashley received her degree in Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University in August of 2014. She is currently attending the University of Houston as a pre-law student.

She loves spending time with her dog, Pharaoh and reading. Her favorite new author is Sara Cross. Watch our calendar and newsletters for exciting new teen programming coming your way!

HUNTSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Monday through Friday
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday
Noon to 4 p.m.
Closed Sunday

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH :

Qumeshal Straughter

Qumeshal is a new volunteer to the Huntsville Public Library., having been with us only 2 months! She volunteers in Children's and wherever else she can be of help. She volunteers with her mother, Cheryl Straughter.

She loves to volunteer at the library because not only does it give her something to do and keep her mind active and motivated but she loves to be a role model to all the kids that come into the library.



Favorite book: Happy Birthday Moon

Favorite author: Like to read everything!

Welcome aboard Qumeshal!

EXPLORE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY FOR FREE

Genealogy



By Richard Lane,
Public Services

Timelines: Helpful Genealogical Tools in the Telling of Family Histories

History is dynamic. It is all around us, ongoing and relentless. We are participants in history. We know the historical milestones of our lives. Many of us recall the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the assassination of JFK and Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King. We remember vividly exceptional events and can tell others where we were when the Challenger exploded and when the Twin Towers fell.

But what of the events in the lives of our ancestors? How can we find quick reference to the major events in human history? Take a look at timelines at the much maligned, but very helpful, Wikipedia.org website. Type in "list of timelines" in the search box. The search will result in an extensive list of timelines including History: Timeline of early modern history ((1500-1899). How is this helpful?

Let's create an imaginary great, great grandfather. His name is Sean Corrigan. We know very little about him. We only know that he arrived in New York City with his wife Shevan and daughter Martha in

1846 from Ireland. We also have found a brief record of Sean and Shevan living in Chicago in 1870.

Using Wikipedia timelines we find a subject listing: 1845-1849: The Irish Potato Famine leads to the Irish Diaspora. Further searching helps us understand that great, great grandfather Sean Corrigan was one of millions Irish farmers and landless laborers who fled Ireland to avoid famine. He most likely arrived with very little money in his pockets. His children were undoubtedly frail and weakened by malnutrition. His wife, Shevan, may well have taken work in sweatshops sewing garments. Sean likely found infrequent work as a construction laborer. Following the American Civil War, Sean may have found work building canals and railways as the industrial and agricultural magnates poured capital into the western expansion of the nation. This information may well answer the question, "why did Sean and family end up in Chicago?"

The above example illustrates how timeline can help us fill in the larger historical context of our ancestors' lives. Each ancestor's story is more fully understood in light of major events. The histories revealed by timelines pinpoint the wars, famines,

disasters as well as opportunities and movements that motivated our ancestors to "up and move on".

"Professor Johnston often said that if you didn't know history, you didn't know anything. You were a leaf that didn't know it was part of a tree."

— Michael Crichton, *Timeline*

Computer Classes

Classes are held every Monday and Friday from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. The classes are limited to patrons who have registered here at the library, over the phone, or online in the computer lab section of myhuntsvillelibrary.com. If you have registered in the past, I will be calling you once there are openings available in the classes. If you are unsure you have registered, you may stop by the library, and I can look your name up. The classes are limited to seven students in each class. The classes that are currently offered are: Computer Basics, Intermediate Computer Skills, Word 2010, PowerPoint 2010, and Excel 2010. Each class will last approximately 3 to 4 weeks. Contact Drew Nevlud at 936-291-5485.

Receive Text Messages from the Library

Scan this QR Code with your smartphone to sign up to receive text messages from the library.

You may also sign up by texting @HuntsvillePL to 23559

SMS, Text, and Data Rates May Apply



Annual Lineage Society Workshop

Have you ever wondered if your ancestors fought alongside George Washington in the American Revolutionary War, or maybe even sold provisions to the Continental Army? were passengers on the Mayflower. prove it? Then a lineage society is the And while a lineage society is a way to an ancestor's accomplishments, it's way to test your research skills and about certain lines in your family



Perhaps they Want to way to go. take pride in also a great learn more history.

Thursday, June 11, 2015
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LITERACY

We need **YOU** as a literacy volunteer!

The Huntsville Area Literacy Council and the Huntsville Public Library work together to teach adults to read, improve reading, writing and math skills and to aid those wanting to learn to speak English. We also assist adult wanting to get their GED. The Huntsville Area Literacy Council is affiliated with ProLiteracy America and Literacy Texas.

Come in and fill out a volunteer application today!

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Mary Anne Burkhalter appearing in

REMEMBER WHEN...

FREE

**Tuesday, May 19, 2015
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Hosted by the Huntsville Public Library
1219 13th Street**

**Contact Mary Kokot at 936-291-5471
for more information**



The Trendy New Teen Programs

The Teen Department is ecstatic to bring forth some new programs for the teens. Teens need a place where they can have fun, be themselves and make friends. Some of the upcoming teen events are Teen Arts and Crafts on Thursday May 28th at 4:30, Origami Crafts on Friday July 17th at 4:00 and Anime Day on Saturday June 27th at 1:00. Anime Day is for the manga readers of the library; teens can create and draw manga characters and watch the latest anime cartoons and movies. Arts and crafts are good for showing off your artistic side by creating something amazing. At the end of the day we are here to make your experience at the library one that you won't forget. Do not forget to check out the new books in the teen department and make sure you sign up for **Read for Chocolate** this summer starting on June 13th. We are giving out chocolate for each book read up to 8 books. Read 8 books and get a prize entry for a chance to win one of the **GRAND PRIZES!**

The Maze Runner

This book keeps you on the edge of your seat while reading. I loved it in every way: the pacing, the characters, and the plot. Thomas wakes up to find himself in a box that opens up to the glade, the central part of an elaborate maze where monsters dwell. From the moment of Thomas's entrance into the glade, he works to try and recover any part of his memory while also trying to solve the maze and stop the deaths of the boys who live in the Maze with him. I would say this book is a cross between Ender's Game and Lord of the Flies. It's a tale that is expertly woven, true to the target audience of teen boys, and filled with enough action to keep you wanting more. It doesn't in with the Maze Runner; there are three additions to this series, The Scorch Trial, The Death Cure and The Kill Order. Be sure to check these out at the library.



**Book Review by Ashley Newsome,
Teen Coordinator**



Darnesha Evans is our Children's Patron of the Month.

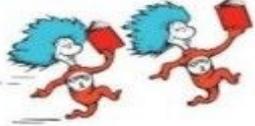
Darnesha is 9 years old and is in the 3rd grade. Her favorite book is Say Cheese and Die by R.L. Stine. Darnesha's favorite thing to do at the library is to read books and to help people find books. She has been coming to the library for 1 year. Her favorite color is green, she loves Art class and she wants to be a teacher when she grows up. Darnesha would like to encourage others to come to the library because there are a lot of great books here!



Why You Should Read To Your Child

1. Reading promotes a bond between parent and child
2. Reading helps build language skills
3. Reading improves logical thinking and concentration
4. Reading increases imagination
5. Reading promotes more reading

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
learn,
the MORE places you'll go.



Book Review

Exclamation Mark

by Amy Krouse Rosenthal



Exclamation Mark draws you in not only with its bright yellow cover and its manuscript printed pages but with a timeless story that everyone faces. We want to fit in and make our mark. Exclamation quickly realizes that he is different from all the other different kinds of punctuation. One day he bumps into Question Mark. Question Mark bombards Exclamation Mark with so many questions that he exclaims, "STOP!" It's at that moment that Exclamation realizes he has a voice. Find your voice and read Exclamation Mark today! Review by Children's Coordinator Kristi Glasgow.

Delightful Doodlers Every
Monday at 11:00
Story Time Every Wednesday
at 10:45

Krafty Kids Every Friday at 4:00

READ Monday, May 18th 4:00

Lego Club Tuesday, May 19th 5:00

Summer Reading Kick Off Saturday, June 13th 12:30

Texas Mime Program with Mick Corley, Tuesday, June 16th 10:30

Superhero Craft Activity Tuesday, June 23rd 3:30

dates
to
Remember

A GREAT BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR OUR SUMMER READING SPONSORS



Double Dave's Pizza	Dairy Queen	Huntsville Lanes	Olive Garden
Chili's	Pita Pit	Cinestar of Huntsville	Walmart
Target	Golden Corral	Los Pericos	Ellen Trout Zoo
Sonic	#1 Nails	Taylor Nails	Starbucks
Curves	City of Huntsville	Poncho Roberts Aquatic Center	
McKenzie's Barbeque and Hamburgers	Smoothie King	Amber Van Roekel, Independent Scentsy Consultant	
IHOP	3 Spoons	McDonald's	

