

BETWEEN THE PAGES

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LIBRARY NEWS

Now that summer is coming to a close and the Summer Reading Program is over everyone is thinking about going back to school. But don't forget—you can go back to school with the Huntsville Public Library!

- Getting ready to read? Check out Tumblebooks in our online databases. These animated talking picture books help prepare kids for reading.
- Homework help? Check out our collection of databases geared for children, including *Searchasaurus*. It also includes *EBSCO Kids* and *EBSCO Research Center*.
- Working on a foreign language? We have *Rosetta Stone* available in-house on any of our adult, teen, or kids computers.
- Looking for online books? Check out *Overdrive* which houses our collection of online books.

All of our databases and Overdrive can be accessed from home using a login and password provided by the library or your library card number and pin.

Anne-Frances Sparks, Assistant City Librarian

Rachel Kinner is one of our fabulous circulation clerks! Rachel started in May of this year. She is recently married and her husband, Ian McPhail, just finished publishing his first book, *Zane Z. Zombie*. It's a children's book for 8 yrs. and up. She is a Texas A&M graduate and has aspirations of writing her own book. Ian is already working on his next novel. Rachel enjoys cooking and Netflixing on the weekends!



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TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION :

This is the last week for our Texas Workforce Commission First Work Experience kids! Katlin James, Kevin Mesa (not pictured), and Shay Ligon have been invaluable to the library over the last several months and you may have seen them working when you came in for your library visit! We wish them well on their journey and know they will be successful wherever they go!



EXPLORE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY FOR FREE

Telling the Family's Stories: Mix it up and make it fun!

By Richard Lane,
Public Services

A convenient way of telling family history is to treat the life of an individual as the subject of a chapter. We gather genealogical information about a member of our family. We record dates, events and details. Frequently, the information is found by searching for heads of households - most often a father or grandfather living generations ago. Not surprisingly, the head-of-household is often not the most interesting person and telling the family story limited to his lifetime and his experience may prove to be dull, uninteresting and downright boring. Convenience lacks authenticity and color.

Consider Billy the Kid. Billy's father Patrick McCarty died in New York around 1860 and the widow McCarty moved her family west. The McCartys settled in Silver City, New Mexico in the early 1870s. In Silver City Billy's mother



married Henry Harrison Antrim. Mrs. Antrim died about a year and half into the marriage leaving Billy an orphan with a hot temper and a bad attitude. He soon found himself in serious trouble.

The story of the McCarty and Antrim families could be told with Billy as a side note. Wouldn't it be livelier to tell the story from Billy's point of view? Color, anecdote and suspense make our family histories interesting.

Few of us will have an ancestor like Henry McCarty, aka Kid Antrim and Billy the Kid. A lot of digging, however, will reveal many good and decent people and, with a little luck, a couple of scoundrels along the way. Don't hesitate to tell about the good folks and have fun with the scoundrels.

Search through family letters, diaries and obituaries. Pick up on family traditions and legends. Develop a sense of people's character, their habits and even their faults. Develop storylines of

Genealogy



pathos and humor as well as the ordinary. Become aware of relationships within the family. Bind the generations together. Tell their story, but don't overlook the outlaw, the rogue, or the scoundrel.

"No great scoundrel is ever uninteresting." - Maury Kempton

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 myhuntsvil-library.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.

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THANK YOU, CHARLIE!

ESL tutor Charles Forbus who has been a volunteer *extraordinaire* for the Huntsville Public Library's Adult Literacy Program for more than 10 years is departing in August for a new Peace Corps assignment. Charlie's new posting will be to Armenia and he has been busy brushing up on his Armenian in between tutoring his three students at the library.

Those students, Margarita, Dolores, and Renata, have been working with him for the past six months and will miss his help and steady encouragement of their literacy goals. Dolores says, "A lot of thanks, Mr. Forbus, for being a great tutor. I have a lot of good things to say about you: you're the best teacher, adviser, funny guy, and the best human being! Thanks again and I want you to come back soon."

Thank you, Charlie, for your generous gift of time and dedication to all your students. *Bon Voyage!*



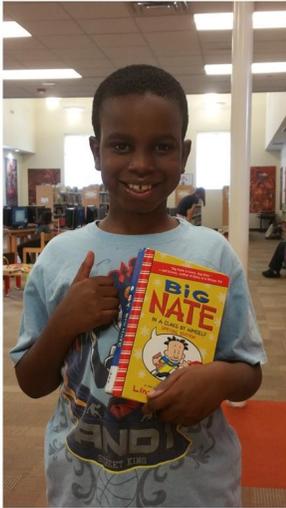
For the month of August, the Teen Department has some fun activities before school starts.

First we have our *Wii Tournament* on Saturday, August 15, 2015. Think you have what it takes to be a competitive gamer? Join other teens and their competitive strikes to show off your gaming skills at the *Wii Tournament*. Second, we have our *Duct Tape Crafts!* Come and



see just how easy it is to create a beautiful and functional rose pen! Not into flowers? How about a duct tape wallet? We will have many colors and patterns of duct tape to choose from and instructions on hand for additional inspiration. Hope to see you on August 28, 2015 at 4:30pm.

If you have any questions or would like more information about these programs, please contact the Teen Coordinator, Ashley Newsome at 291-5912.



Tymarion McGuire is our Children's Patron of the Month.

Ty is 10 years old and is going into the 5th grade. His favorite book is *Big Nate* by Lincoln Pierce. His favorite thing to do at the library is play on the computer and to help out with programs. He has been coming to the library for 1 year. His favorite color is blue and he loves science. He wants to be a police officer when he grows up.



Is your child going back to school in a couple of weeks? Starting school for the first time? Back to school is a special time for children and can sometimes be a difficult transition going from fun and easy summer days to the more structured routine of a school schedule.

How can the library help?

Besides supplying the books and resources necessary for homework help, our library programs and collections are developed with the intention to foster important developmental skills in children. Above all, the library is a safe place for children to find new interests and gain experiences and knowledge about their world and the wider world around them. Furthermore, the Huntsville Public Library provides a variety of databases free of charge to Library cardholders. These online databases are a collection of authoritative information that cannot be accessed by simply conducting a search on a search engine such as Google or Yahoo. Unlike the search results from common search engines, the information obtained from these databases is thorough, up to date, and accurate. The Library's database collection includes resources for adults from a variety of educational and career backgrounds, including Spanish-language tools, as well as resources for children of all ages.

—Ashley Newsome, Teen Services



Story Time Every Wednesday at 10:45

Family Movie Night August 14th

Lego Club August 17th 5:00 p.m.

Author Judy Sower Live Reading August 21st at 4:00

Teen Wii Tournament August 15th at 1:00

Teen Duct Tape Craft August 28 at 5:00

The Princess in Black

by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale,
illustrated by Leuyen Pham

This summer I read,
The Princess in Black.

I liked this book because it was exciting to find out the princess's secret. I also liked the book because I liked how the princess showed courage and believed



that she could do anything. I also liked this book because she believed that there's more than just a pretty princess. There is also a crime fighting princess in black! I think you should read this book because it takes you on an adventure!

Book Review by Darmesha Evans