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Maud Marks Branch Library—July Programs

The following free programs will take place at the library during July. Please call 281-492-8592 for further information. We will be closing at 5 PM on Monday, July 3 and closed on Tuesday, July 4 for Independence Day.

Storytime

Storytime for preschool-aged children is held each Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. Stories, finger plays, and songs are featured. This is ideal for children ages 3 to 5, but all children and their caregivers are welcome.

Pat-a-Cake Club Infant Storytime

This program will meet each Tuesday morning at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. This is an interactive program for children ages 0 to 12 months and their caregivers. Each session will last about 20 minutes, featuring nursery rhymes, songs, and finger plays.

Totally Toddler Storytime

Toddlers aged 18 to 36 months are invited to participate in our Totally Toddler Storytime, which is held on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. **Tickets are required for Toddler Storytime. Tickets are given to the first 30 toddlers the day of the event.**

Book Sale

The Friends of the Maud Marks Library will hold their next book sale on Saturday, July 29 at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There is a large selection of hardback fiction and nonfiction, as well as children's books and paperbacks. All items sell for rock bottom prices.

Family Film Festival

Bring the whole family out to our family film festival this summer. Every Friday at 1 PM, we will be showing a different mystery film complete with popcorn. This month, on July 7, a wizard learns his true family history as he sets off for Hogwarts. On July 14, a criminal mastermind adopts a trio of adorable girls. Finally, on July 28, the criminal turns hero as he helps a secret agent figure out who is turning minions into mindless creatures. Talk to a librarian to get a complete schedule.

Summer Reading Program

"Build a Better World!" The 2017 Summer Reading Club is for both readers and listeners, and will run from Monday, June 5 through Saturday, August 5. There will be weekly storytimes, special programs, and crafts for children of all ages. This year we will be using a point system with prizes including a sticker, magnet, book, medal, and more! All programs are free; however, seating is extremely limited. Hand stamping begins the day of the show. The shows for July are as follows:

Monday, July 3 at 1:30 and 3:00: Krav Maga
Monday, July 10 at 1:30 and 3:00: Julian Franklin
Monday, July 17 at 1:30 ONLY: Beauty and the Beast
Monday, July 24 at 1:30 ONLY: Mad Science
Monday, July 31 at 1:30 and 3:00: Pizza Party

Elementary Book Club

The Maud Marks Library will once again be hosting a book club this year for children ages 7-10. Join us for activities and discussions on Wednesday, July 12 at 3 PM as we read and talk about Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K Rowling. Then on Wednesday, July 26 at 3 PM, we will read and talk about Carry on Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham. Books will be available for pick up on July 1.

Tween Watercolor

Tweens are invited to get more artistic at the Maud Marks Library. On Tuesday, July 18 at 3 PM, the Maud Marks Library will be hosting a Watercolor class for children aged 10-14. We will be learning basic techniques and color mixing. Registration is required for this class.

Teen Summer Reading Program

"Build a Better World!" Special teenage programs include various building challenges. Young adults who complete the summer reading program will receive a magnet, earbuds, book, and more! So this summer, join us! All programs are free.

Thursday, July 6 at 3 pm: Build a Better Sandwich
Thursday, July 13 at 3 pm: Donation Craft for an Animal Shelter
Thursday, July 20 at 3 pm: Young Leader Movie

Teen Book Club

Read one more book this summer. Teens are invited to join us on Thursday, July 27 at 3 p.m. as we discuss the book The Young Elites by Marie Lu. If you are interested in joining us, extra copies of the book are available at the checkout desk.

Chess Wars

Teens and tweens are invited to join us for Chess Wars! Join us every Wednesday, June 7-August 2 at 4:15 PM as we battle it out on the chessboard. Come learn basic strategies and techniques to up your chess game so you too can play out of this world.

Adult Summer Reading Program

“Build a Better World!” All adults ages 18 and up are invited to participate in the Harris County Public Library summer reading program. Special programs include movies and computer classes. This year we will be using a point system with prizes including a magnet and more. At the Maud Marks Library, read books in various genres and receive entries in drawings for various gift baskets. Read books in five different genres and receive an entry into the drawing for our grand prize of various gift certificates and a Kindle. Come in and see what we have for you!

Also, join us for our family summer reading programs. See below for our many adult only programs. All programs are free and everyone is welcome, although many of the classes do require pre-registration.

Build a Better World: Food Drive

This summer, we invite you to help us build a better world for those in our community. The Maud Marks Library will be collecting nonperishable food and personal items throughout the summer for the Katy Christian Ministries Food Pantry. Come in at any time from June 1- August 5 and place your donation in the cardboard box by the summer reading registration desk. Come help us build a better world for the less fortunate in our community.

Yoga Demonstration

You asked for it, you got it! The Maud Marks Library now hosts yoga classes twice a month. Yoga can be a very relaxing and centering exercise program. Join us on Saturdays, July 1 at 10 AM and July 15 at 3 PM, as we learn about the benefits and basic how-to of yoga. Join us as we exercise our minds and bodies. Registration is required.

S.C.O.R.E.

The Maud Marks Library likes supporting our local businesses. This month, on Saturday July 8 at 2 PM, S.C.O.R.E. will be here to present a 2-part small business management seminar. The first part is “Personal Factors and the Art of Management”. The second part is “Develop the Right Mindset to Change the Outcome of Your Business”. Come learn management techniques to best help your business succeed.

Book Club

The Maud Marks Library hosts three book clubs that meet monthly. The Afternoon Book Club meets on the second Thursday of the month, July 13, at 1 PM. We will be discussing The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. The Evening Book Club normally meets on the first Monday of the month. Due to the July 4th holiday, this month we will meet on July 10, at 7 PM. We will be discussing The Art Forger by Barbara Shapiro. The Just Desserts Mystery Book Club will meet on Wednesday, July 19, at 1 PM. We will be discussing The Dead Hand of History by Sally Spencer. You are encouraged to bring your favorite dessert to eat while we discuss whether our villains get their just desserts.

DIY Workshop: Dry Erase Boards

Build a better world through organization! On Tuesday, July 11 at 2 PM at the Maud Marks Library, adults are invited to come make their own personal dry erase boards. All materials will be provided.

Build a Better World With Katy MakerSpace

Did you know that the Katy area has its very own MakerSpace? We will be learning all about this special place for creators and inventors at the library on Tuesday, July 11 at 7 PM. Harry Krueger will be here to introduce us to Katy MakerSpace and all you can do there. Makers of all ages and disciplines are encouraged to join us as we learn everything our new MakerSpace has to offer.

Green Thumb Gardening Series

Master Gardeners of Harris County brings their Green Thumb series to the library once a month where they discuss various topics unique to gardening in the Houston area. This month, on July 15 at 10 AM, learn all about raised beds, drip irrigation, and rain barrels. Seating is extremely limited for this class.

Timeless Travelers: Astros

Seniors 55+ are invited to join the Maud Marks Library's **Timeless Travelers** program for a trip to an Astros game. The bus will be departing for Minute Maid Park on Tuesday, July 18 at 4 PM. We will be cheering on our Houston Astros as they take on the Seattle Mariners. The only cost to you is dinner at the park.

Registration begins June 28. **Timeless Travelers** is a program series promoting educational and cultural enrichment for senior adults. Once a month we take free bus trips all across southeast Texas to experience the culture and history of this great state. The only requirement is that you are old enough to attend (55+). Thanks to the Friends of the Maud Marks Library for sponsoring this series.

Demystifying Long-Term Care Insurance

Senior citizens and their family members are invited to join us for a new series at the Maud Marks Library. Every 3rd Friday of the month, experts will be here to discuss various topics pertinent to senior living. On July 21 at 3 PM, we will be discussing long-term care insurance. Learn about the types of plans available, what they cover, affordability, and more. Come discover what kind of life is best for you or your loved one.

Protect From Fraud

Scammers are everywhere! Come to the Maud Marks Library on Saturday, July 22 at 10 AM to learn how you can avoid being taken. We will be discussing the most common scams, other red flags, and how you can protect yourself and those you love.

Build a Better World: Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge

Do you think you are a puzzle master? At the Maud Marks Library, we want you to prove it! On Saturday, July 22 at 2 PM, the Maud Marks Library is challenging our adults to make puzzles. We will be separating out into teams and each team will be given a table with a puzzle. The first team finished will win a special prize. Join us for food, fun, conversation, and a little bit of competition.

Color Me Relaxed

What is the newest way for adults to relax and have a good time? Coloring! The Maud Marks Library now has an adult coloring hour on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Join us on Tuesday, July 25 at 2 PM as we color, chat, have a snack, and listen to relaxing music. We will provide plenty of pages for coloring and colored pencils, although, you are more than welcome to bring your own.

Build a Better World: Do-It-Yourself Planters

Come build a better world at the Maud Marks Library, starting with your garden. Join us on Tuesday, July 25 at 7 PM as Home Depot teaches us how to make a stand-alone planter for our garden. They will come with a list of everything you will need and then take you through the process, step by step.

Microsoft Excel Class

Are you interested in getting more out of your Microsoft Excel program? On Saturday, July 1 at 10 am, the Maud Marks Library will be teaching the basics of how to use Microsoft Excel. Basic keyboard and mouse skills are required.

Genealogy

Are you interested in learning more about your family's past? The Maud Marks Library is offering one-on-one instruction on how to use the FamilySearch.org website. These classes will take place every Wednesday at 10 AM. This month we will be meeting on July 5, 12, 19, and 26. Learn more about how to get started looking into your family's past and find out where you came from.

Intermediate Microsoft Excel Class

Are you interested in getting more out of your Microsoft Excel program? On Tuesday, July 11 at 10 AM, the Maud Marks Library will be teaching beyond the basics of Microsoft Excel. We will be learning all about formulas, charts, and tables. You must have taken our basic Excel class or have a working knowledge of Excel. You must know how to use a mouse and a keyboard.

E-Books: Hands on Help

Do you have an e-Device for books or audios and have questions? Did you know Harris County has hundreds of e-books and e-audios that can be checked out through our various databases? Never buy an e-book again. Instead, come to the library on Tuesday, July 11 at 7 PM to learn how to download to your device. Just let us know which device you own when you call to register and don't forget to bring it with you to the class.

Advanced Microsoft Excel Class

Are you interested in getting more out of your Microsoft Excel program? On Saturdays, July 15, 22, and 29 at 10 AM, the Maud Marks Library will be teaching beyond the basics of Microsoft Excel. We will be learning all about formulas, charts, and tables. You must have taken our basic Excel class or have a working knowledge of Excel. This is a three-part class; please sign up for all three classes. You must know how to use a mouse and a keyboard.

Basic Computer Class

On Tuesday, July 18 at 10 AM, the Maud Marks Library will be offering a basic class on how to work a computer. We will be learning basic terminology, how to start a computer, and mastering the Windows environment.

Get Started With Apps

Need some help getting organized? Staying fit? Keeping in-touch? Or perhaps you need a new game to keep you occupied? Come to the Maud Marks Library on Tuesday, July 18 at 7 PM to learn about the most popular online apps for your iPad and Android tablets. Find out how you can harness these apps to organize and simplify your life or just have fun! Be sure to bring your mobile device to fully explore these apps.

Google Docs

Come to the library on Tuesday, July 25 at 10 AM to learn how to create and manage documents, spreadsheets, presentations and more in a fully collaborative way using Google Docs. Allow your classmates or coworkers to access and edit your project from almost anywhere! This class is designed for advanced computer users. Seating for this class is extremely limited.

Microsoft Word Class

Are you interested in getting more out of your Microsoft Word program? On Tuesday, July 25 at 7 PM, the Maud Marks Library will be hosting a basic class on Microsoft Word. Basic keyboard and mouse skills are required. Seating is extremely limited for these classes. Classes fill up quickly, so don't delay.

To register online for any of the programs at the library's website (www.hcpl.net), click on "Events Calendar" and select "Maud Marks". Participants may also register by calling the library at 281-492-8592 or by visiting the library.

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