



Beaumont Public Library System

February 2012

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Beaumont Public Library

801 Pearl Street
838-6606
Monday – Friday 10am – 9pm

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

THURSDAYS
@ 10:30

Join in the fun as we
read stories,
sing songs,
and do a craft.

All ages are welcome.

February 9 Friends
Craft : Create a picture using
heart shapes.

February 16: Surprise visitors.
Craft: Bear puppet

February 23 Shhhh!
Craft: Make a musical
instrument.

March 1 Out in the barn
Craft: Farm animals



SPANISH / BILINGUAL STORY TIME

Tues. Feb. 21, 10:30 am
Join us for stories, songs and a
craft activity.

Homeschool Book Club

Wed Feb. 8th @ 2 PM
Ages 8 – 12.

Our book for February's discussion:
Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave
by Laban Carrick Hill
Because it may be difficult to get a
copy of this book, participants may
read any book that is appropriate
for Black History Month, and tell
about the book they read. *Dave
the Potter* is a short book and will
be read to the whole group before
discussion begins.

Our selection for March:
Frindle by Andrew Clements

CALLING ALL TEENS

Are you interested in becoming a
part of a teen advisory group for the
library? Help plan programs YOU
are interested in. Select books that
YOU want to read. Earn volunteer
hours. Talk to Ms. Robin in the
Children's Dept. for more
information.

BOOK CLUB @ THE BEST YEARS CENTER

Friday, February 10
10am
Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
By Rebecca Skloot

Books can be borrowed from the
Best Years Center located on
Fourth Street.



Washington's Birthday –
February 22

AN EVENING WITH AN AUTHOR

The Tracks of His Tears by Lucy
Dennis

This compelling and provocative
biography titled *The Tracks of His
Tears* is a literary work about
Herman Perry Dennis Jr., who grew
up in a proper setting in a rural
community in Texas. It details his
rearing, with emphasis on his
scholastic and moral teachings in
the 1930's and 40's. In this book
author Lucy Dennis points out how
her brother's tormenting experience
as a young man is concrete
evidence that the innocent still fall
victims into a myriad of injustice
and racism which unfailingly
plagues this country.

A large kerfuffle hits the life of Lucy
Dennis as her cousin gives her the
particulars about her brother's



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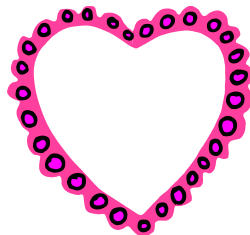
death. This is a brother she never set eyes on, a brother her father deliberately did not tell her about. After days and days of reading upon his trial, Lucy grows angry about the truth. Her brother was hanged for a crime he did not commit. Her great annoyance erupts when evidence of his innocence fell into her lap with one telephone call. An email she receives is more proof that Herman Perry Dennis Jr. was framed for the rape and murder of a Ruth Farnsworth. The journey also delves into her past as Lucy remembers her father and his struggle with alcoholism. She never understood why it was impossible for him to go a day without drinking. But after she uncovers the truth about her brother, she finally understands that it was a fatherly longing for his son that kept her dad within the confines of his alcoholism. A void that he was trying to fill in by drinking, the loss got the best of him in most of his life.

This book illustrates the wrongful condemnation of an innocent and upright young man, who appreciated his African-American race and was proud of it. He was very intelligent and joining the Air Force in the 40's was proof of it. In his walk during his enlistment, he tackled with racism. He spoke and wrote about it. Herman Perry Dennis Jr. was executed for a crime he did not commit, nevertheless, his innocence lives

on through the life and work of his loving sister.

About The Author

It was not until Lucy Dennis was well into adulthood that she allowed her aspiration to write reveal itself and consequently captured the attention of many. Standing on self-assurance, wonderful family and friends as supporters, she commenced to put into motion, her greatest task of her life (next to motherhood) and that is to be the great writer that has been hindered for many years. With God in the midst, she is able to express her concerns, love and even her annoyance through her writing. Lucy Dennis resides in Port Arthur Texas, where she enjoys many adventures with her children and grandchildren. She occasionally enjoys a game of chess and fishing with her grandchildren. However, she also enjoys the quiet times, when the hustle and bustle of the day is at its end and she can sit in front of her computer and as it is said, 'put pen to paper.'



Elmo Willard Branch Library

3590 East Lucas

892-4988

Monday – Thursday 9am – 8pm

Friday & Saturday 9am – 6pm

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE



Saturday, February 11
2 pm

Come and enjoy a movie on the big screen; SNACKS provided

FREE TAX HELP



January 28 - April 14, 2012
Saturdays, 9 am-1 pm

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STORY TIME & ARTS & CRAFTS

Wednesdays @10:30am
February 1
City Councilmember Audwin Samuel Reading Stories

February 8
Big Thicket Ranger's Story reading and crafts

February 15
Kindermusik (Music and Movement program for children ages newborn through 7):
Encore presentation by Miss Niss



February 22
Celebrating President's Day: Stories and Crafts

February 29
Story-time with Doreen from HEB Plus

3:00 PM

BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

Tuesday, February 21st

6:30 PM

TAX HELP

Wednesdays

5:00pm

Weekly Story Time Wednesdays @ 10:30am

February 1st
Groundhog stories and craft

February 8th
Valentine's Day crafts

February 15th
Mardi Gras Celebration



February 22nd
Washington's Birthday craft

February 29th
Black History stories and craft

R.C. Miller Memorial Library

1605 Dowlen Road
866-9487

Monday – Thursday 9am – 8pm
Friday & Saturday 9am – 6pm

CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

REFERENCE LIBRARIAN ROSIE POSTELNEK IS RETIRING

Reference Librarian Rosie Postelnek will be retiring on February 29. For 29 years she has served the patrons of the Beaumont Public Library System. After working several months at the Main Library, she began working at the R.C. Miller Memorial Library in August 1983. She has been the Reference and Interlibrary Loan Librarian since that time. In 1986, she was Acting Branch Manager for several months. Her knowledge of Reference sources and resources was a valuable asset to the City. She will be missed, but we wish her luck in her future endeavors.

Tyrrell Historical Library

695 Pearl Street
833-2759

Monday – Saturday 9am – 6pm

The month of February has seen a steady growth in the content appearing on the Tyrrell Historical Library Digital Collections. The site has grown from six to seven archival collections. The latest collection being that of the John Dollinger, Jr., Inc., Records. Another 128 new items were added to the site in February. The digital portal site can be accessed either

Theodore Johns Branch Library

4255 Fannett Road
842-5223

Monday – Thursday 9am – 8pm
Friday & Saturday 9am – 6pm

MOVIE MATINEE

Saturday, February 18th





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directly through the following url:
<http://tyrellhistoricallibrary.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/> or by going to the Beaumont Public Library System (BPLS) url:
<http://www.beaumontlibrary.org/> and then clicking on the link to the Tyrrell Historical Library home page.

Some finishing touches are currently being made to the "Tyrrell Historical Library Digital Collections" portal site in readiness for conversion of its metadata to the OCLC WorldCat card catalog system. Once completed, academic libraries both regionally and nationally, as well as internationally, will have direct access to the full body of record information contained on the current site. It is envisioned that this new avenue of accessing information about the collections will further increase the total number of people presently coming to the site. The level of online patron use of the collections should see a significant increase as a result of this new system enhancement to the digital portal site.

The Tyrrell Historical Library continues to look for volunteers interested in creating descriptive metadata for the many collections found on the digital portal site. Anyone who may be interested in volunteering for this project should contact the branch manager, Bill Grace, at 833-2759.



**Lincoln's Birthday
February 12**

Maurine Gray Literacy Depot

1205 Franklin Street
835-7924
Monday – Thursday 9am – 8pm
Friday 9am – 5pm

The Literacy Depot is pleased to welcome our new employee, Tabitha Hymer. Tabitha will be working from 1:00 pm to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our advanced ESL class which meets at Miller Library will begin meeting at the Willard Library from 6:30 to 7:45 starting on January 31st throughout Miller's renovation.

R.C. MILLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR RENOVATIONS

by Paul Eddy, Library Administrator

The R.C. Miller Memorial Library located at 1605 Dowlen Road will close on January 31, 2012 for renovation. The project, funded by the R.C. Miller Foundation, will encompass the entire building with an estimated project time of 6 months. Changes include moving the children's library to the main room and creating a larger public reading area with more comfortable seating. The public computers also

will be brought out into the main area to allow greater use and access. All of the libraries now have WiFi but the renovation of the Miller Library will allow for greater use by more patrons in the enlarged areas.

The new look will boast new carpet and paint, desks and chairs, as well as an enlarged space for shelving. A glass wall will separate the main area from the children's room giving an open view to parents whose children are participating in activities. The décor will be lively and fresh with patterns and colors that will be sprinkled throughout the library. Large panoramic wall photos will tie into the Rogers Park next to the library as well as some furniture, such as the computer carrels, having inlaid leaves, plants, and more. Shelving end panels will be reused and given new faces. As for the library staff, new desks and offices will be a part of the back room renovation that will increase efficiency and productivity. New also to the building will be the addition of a new public restroom inside the library proper as well as a new drive up book drop on the North side of the building. The library system is excited about this opportunity to renovate the R.C. Miller Memorial Library and look forward to a beautiful new beginning that will last for years to come.

If you have any questions please call 409-981-5911