

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS AT MISSION BEND BRANCH LIBRARY

Fort Bend County Libraries' **Mission Bend Branch Library**, 8421 Addicks Clodine Road in Southwest Houston, presents a variety of free children's programs, Young Adult programs for teens, adult computer classes, and special events for people of all ages each month. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information, see the Fort Bend County Libraries website (www.fortbendlib.tx.us), or call the Mission Bend Branch Library (832-471-5900) or the library system's Communications Office (281-633-4734). The **September** schedule is as follows:

REGULAR HOURS

Mon – 12:00 noon – 9:00 pm
Tue, Wed – 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Thu – 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Fri – 12:00 noon – 5:00 pm
Sat – 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sun – CLOSED

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sept 2 – Labor Day
Sept 27 – Fort Bend County Fair Day

SPECIAL EVENTS

“Food for Thought Cookbook Club” – Thursday, **Sept 19**; 1:00 pm, Conference Room. This month, the theme is “Tasty.” Cooking enthusiasts of all ages and experience levels – from beginners to advanced -- are invited to join. Those attending are welcome to bring their own cookbooks and recipes, or they may browse the library's collection of cookbooks. Share tips, get ideas, and enjoy the camaraderie of other individuals who have an interest in cooking and good cuisine! Meets on the third Thursday of every month; different cooking genres are explored each month.

“Employment Coaching: Job Applications & Resumés” -- Tuesday, **Sept 17**, 6:00-7:00 pm, Meeting Room. Cynthia S. Price, United Way Thrive Employment Coach with Family Houston, will provide tips on how to properly complete job applications and how to structure a resumé so that one's odds of securing an interview are increased.

“Digital Photo-Editing Basics with Pixlr Express” -- Thursday, **Sept 19**, 10:30-11:30 am, Computer Lab. Learn how to use Pixlr Express -- a free, online photo-editing tool -- to fix or fine-tune photos or to create special photo effects that can

make your photos more exciting and visually appealing. Get tips on cropping, resizing, and adjusting colors. *Registration required.*

“Adult Craft: Painted Jars” – Monday, **Sept 23**, 6:00-7:30 pm, Conference Room. In this hands-on adult-craft class, participants will decorate a jar with vibrant paints. When completed, a candle can be placed inside the jar to create a colorful light display. Materials will be provided. This program is suitable for those aged 18 and above. *Registration is required.*

BOOK CLUB – Tuesday, **Sept 10**, 2:00 pm, Conference Room. The book to be discussed is *Where’d You Go, Bernadette*, a novel written by Maria Semple. New members invited to attend! This book club meets on the second Tuesday of every month.

CONVERSATION CIRCLES

ESL Conversation Circles -- Wednesdays, **Sept 4, 11, 18, and 25**; 1:30-2:30 pm; Conference Room; **presented in English.**

Fort Bend County Libraries offers a program for individuals of all nationalities who would like a place to practice their English language and conversation skills. The **“ESL Conversation Circles”** provide an opportunity for non-English-speaking people to gather in a relaxed setting, and discuss topics of their own choosing while practicing their English skills.

NEW! Spanish Conversation Circle – Monday, **Sept 9**, 6:00-7:00 pm; Conference Room; **presented in Spanish.**

Spanish-language learners are invited to attend this new monthly meeting, where they will have an opportunity to practice their Spanish language and conversation skills in a casual, relaxed setting. This new program will take place on the 2nd Monday of every month.

ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

All computer classes will take place in the Computer Lab. Reservations are required. To register online at the library’s website (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us), click on “Events,” select “Mission Bend Branch Library,” and find the program. Participants may also register by calling the library at 832-471-5900, or by visiting the library.

- **Tech Hour FAQ** – Thursdays, **Sept 12** (10:30-11:30 am) and **Sept 26** (2:00-3:00 pm). One-on-one assistance is available to help with basic questions about technology, eReaders, or computer skills. Drop-ins are welcome

MS PowerPoint 2016 Series

- **MS PowerPoint Survival Basics** – Tuesday, **Sept 3**, 7:00 pm
- **MS PowerPoint: Intermediate** – Wednesday, **Sept 4**, 7:00 pm
- **MS PowerPoint: Advanced** – Thursday, **Sept 5**, 7:00 pm

3D Printing Classes (*Reservations required*)

- **Introduction to 3D Printing** – Monday, **Sept 16**, 7:00-8:00 pm, Computer Lab. Library staff will introduce the 3D printer and explain how library patrons can print their own designs. Those attending the session will also learn about free websites that can be used to find 3D files or to create their own 3D designs. Prior to the class, attendees are encouraged to create an account with TinkerCAD at <https://www.tinkercad.com>.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS (for teens in grades 9-12)

- **Young Adult Book Club** – Thursday, **Sept 5**, 4:00-5:00 pm, Conference Room. Teen readers in grades 9-12 will have the opportunity to meet with others who share the same love for great books, and have a lively discussion on the reasons a book or its characters were liked or disliked. The book to be discussed in September is ***Burn Baby Burn***, a YA novel written by Med Medina.
- **Young Adult Advisory Council** – Thursday, **Sept 12**, 4:00-5:00 pm, Conference Room. At this monthly meeting, teens in grades 9-12 are invited to express ideas, organize upcoming activities, and suggest new programs and books that would be of interest to young adults at the library. Earn volunteer/service hours and meet new friends while helping to shape the future of library services for teens!
- **Free ACT Practice-Test Session** – Saturday, **Sept 14**, 10:30 am – 3:00 pm, Meeting Room. A representative from Princeton Review will administer a practice test to college-bound students in grades 9 through 12. This practice test will prepare students for the actual ACT test. The scores on this practice test will only be shared with the student; they will not be sent to any educational institutions. Bring two #2 pencils, and a non-graphing calculator if available. *Registration is required*; sign up by going to the library's online events calendar (www.fortbend.lib.tx.us) or by calling the library.
- **Young Adult Silent Movie** – Saturday, **Sept 21**, 11:00 am-1:00 pm, Meeting Room. Teens in grades 9-12 will have an opportunity to earn service hours while creating a silent movie about the library's YA programs! Materials will be provided.
- **T-Shirt Shag Rug** – Thursday, **Sept 26**, 4:00-5:30 pm, Meeting Room. In this YA craft activity, teens in grades 9-12 will learn how to transform old t-shirts into a one-of-a-kind shag rug by cutting up the t-shirts and tying the strips into knots. Materials will be provided. *Registration is required*.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Mother Goose Time – Thursdays at 10:15 am – provides caregiver/infant multisensory circle-time activities -- including simple sign language, folksongs and lullabies, and finger plays -- that are especially designed to stimulate babies' social, emotional, and physical development through rhythm and music. Mother Goose Time is intended for infants from age 1 month to 12 months.

Toddler Time – Wednesdays at 10:15 am – offers structured caregiver/child activities, stories and songs for older babies, from 1 to 3 years of age.

Story Time – Tuesdays at 10:15 am – presents stories, movies, and age-appropriate craft activities for children 3 to 6 years of age.

Pajama Night Story Time – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm – gives families an evening option for some activities presented during the day time.

After-School Breaks – 2nd and 4th Thursdays beginning at 4:15 pm. Crafts, movies, stories, and more for school-aged children in **grades K through 5**. The schedule for **September** is as follows:

- **Sept 12** – Interactive Animal Notebooks
- **Sept 26** – GUESS WHO with Numbers

SPECIAL YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

Middle Grades: Marvel vs Animé Battle of the Dice – Saturday, **Sept 21**, 2:30 pm, Meeting Room. Students in grades 5-8 will have an opportunity to battle their opponents for a favorite superhero and animé character.