

# JANUARY 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.fortbend.lib.tx.us](http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us)), or call the Mission Bend Branch Library (832-471-5900) or the library system's Communications Office (281-633-4734). The **January** schedule is as follows:

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

**Jan 1** – New Year's

**Jan 20** – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**"DIY Stained Glass" Adult Craft** – Thursday, **Jan 9**, 4:00 pm, Conference Room. Using a picture frame and paint, participant will create their own unique stained-glass design. Materials will be provided. This activity is suitable for adults and teens over the age of 14. *Registration is required.*

**"Job-Readiness Toolkit"** – Monday, **Jan 13**, 1:00-2:00 pm, Meeting Room. Workforce Solutions' Regional Facilitator Omar Martinez will provide helpful tips for job hunters who would like to sharpen their job-hunting skills. Those attending this workshop will learn how to communicate more effectively by improving their applications, resumés, introductions, and interviewing skills.

**"Food for Thought Cookbook Club"** – Thursday, **Jan 16**; 1:00-3:00 pm, Conference Room. This month, the theme is "The Great British Bake-Off." Participants are invited to experiment with recipes from this popular television show. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month; different cooking genres are explored each month.

**"No Glitter Please" Craft Club** – Tuesday, **Jan 21**, 2:00-3:00 pm, Conference Room. In this monthly craft club, which meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, craft enthusiasts of all experience levels – from beginners to advanced – who enjoy any type of crafting are invited to attend to get other crafters' perspectives, critiques, and suggestions. Chat and network with other crafters who enjoy anything from art and needlework to woodwork and much more! Those attending should bring their projects and their own crafting supplies. Samples of the

library's instructional books, magazines, and websites on various crafts will be available. Crafters are invited to come and go as time permits.

**“Senior Fitness”** – Saturday, **Jan 25**, 11:00 am, Meeting Room. Courtney Bryant, Family and Community Health County Extension Agent, will demonstrate exercises for senior adults.

**BOOK CLUB** – Tuesday, **Jan 14**, 2:00 pm, Conference Room. The book to be discussed is ***The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency***, a novel written by Alexander McCall Smith. New members invited to attend! This book club meets on the second Tuesday of every month.

### **CONVERSATION CIRCLES**

**ESL Conversation Circles** -- Wednesdays, **Jan 8, 15, 22, and 29**; 1:30-2:30 pm; **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.

**Spanish Conversation Circle** – Mondays, **Jan 13 and 27**, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

- **Computers 101** – Thursday, **Jan 2**, 10:30-11:30 am. This class presents a basic, hands-on introduction to using computers.
- **MS Word 2016 Survival Basics** – Monday, **Jan 6**, 6:00-7:00 pm; or Tuesday, **Jan 7**, 10:30-11:30 am. Learn the basics of using this word-processing software program to create letters, resumés, forms, and other types of documents.
- **Teach Yourself to Type** – Thursday, **Jan 9**, 10:30-11:30 am. Learn how to use a self-paced typing tutorial on the computer. Get tips on increasing typing speed and accuracy.
- **Internet Basics & Safety** – Thursday, **Jan 16**, 10:30-11:30 am. Learn the basics of navigating the World Wide Web.

- **MS PowerPoint 2016 Survival Basics** -- Tuesday, **Jan 21**, 7:00-8:00 pm; or Wednesday, **Jan 22**, 10:30-11:30 am. Learn the basics of using this slideshow-presentation software program.
- **Email 101** – Thursday, **Jan 23**, 10:30-11:30 am. Learn how to set up a free email account on the Internet. The class will also cover basic email functions, such as composing, replying, adding attachments, and accessing incoming email.
- **All About Smart Devices** – Thursday, **Jan 30**, 10:30-11:30 am. Learn about different smart devices (iPhone, Android, tablets) and the apps that can be downloaded to make everyday tasks easier. Participants are encouraged to bring their device(s) to the class.

### **3D Printing Classes** (*Reservations required*)

- **Introduction to 3D Printing** – Saturday, **Jan 11**, 10:30 am-12:00 noon, 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, **Jan 2**, 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. In January, teens are invited to talk about the coming-of-age title of their choice.
- **Stranger Things Escape Room** – Saturday, **Jan 4**, 1:00 pm, Meeting Room. Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to participate in a fun “escape room” experience! Teams will work together to solve puzzles and riddles to unlock the key to escape the Upside Down before the Demogorgon finds them!
- **Young Adult Advisory Council** – Tuesday, **Jan 14**, 4:00-5:00 pm, Meeting 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!
- **“DIY Mason-Jar Piggy Bank”** - Thursday, **Jan 30**, 4:00 pm, in the Meeting Room. Teens in grades 9-12 will decorate canning jars to make piggy banks for children at the local women’s shelter. Students will earn volunteer-service hours for this activity. *Registration is required.* Sign up on the library’s online calendar or by calling the library.

### **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. **This activity will NOT take place on Jan 2.**

**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. **This activity will NOT take place on Jan 1.**

**Story Time** – Tuesdays at 10:15 am – presents stories, movies, and age-appropriate craft activities for children 3 to 6 years of age. **This activity will NOT take place on Jan 28.**

**Pajama Night Story Time** – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm – gives families with children of all ages an evening option for some activities presented during the day time. **This activity will NOT take place on Jan 1.**

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

- **Jan 9** – DIY Night Lights
- **Jan 23** – Dinosaur Operation

**Tech Tuesdays: Homework Databases** – Tuesday, **Jan 21**, 5:30 pm, Computer Lab. Learn about databases that are useful for homework help and class projects. This program, for students in **grades 3-8**, meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Each month features a different topic. *Registration is required.*

**Creative Connections: The Collar of Davy Crockett** – Saturday, **Jan 18**, 2:30 pm, Meeting Room. This new monthly program, for students in **grades 4-8**, will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. Each month features a different activity. In January, students will play Legends of the Hidden Temple, Part 2. Solve puzzles and riddles to find the collar of Davy Crockett and escape the challenges within the hidden temple.

**Middle School Advisory Council** – Tuesday, **Jan 7**, 5:30 pm, Conference Room. At this new monthly meeting, students in **grades 6-8** are invited to express ideas and suggest upcoming activities for youth at the library. Earn volunteer/service hours and meet new friends while helping to shape the future of library services for students! The Middle School Advisory Council will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month.

## **SPECIAL FAMILY EVENT**

**Winter Family Movie Day** – Friday, **Jan 3**, 2:30 pm, Meeting Room. Families with children of all ages will be treated to an animated feature film, released in 2019, starring Tom Hanks and Tim Allen as animated toys named Woody and Buzz Lightyear. When a new toy called "Forky" joins Woody and the gang, a road

trip alongside old and new friends reveals how big the world can be for a toy.  
This movie is rated G.