

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Moore Memorial Public Library is a municipal library and a department of the City of Texas City, which provides most of the Library's operating budget. The Library operates under the authority and accreditation of the Texas State Library & Archives Commission and is a member the TexShare network of Texas public libraries. Through its membership in the federated Galveston County Library System, it also receives funding from the Galveston County Commissioners' Court to provide library services to all residents of Galveston County.

To fulfill its mission and purpose, Moore Memorial Public Library partners with a wide variety of local, state, and national organizations. Many of these institutions also share the Library's mission to promote cross-cultural understanding and appreciation for other cultures, provide referral information for a wide variety of services, and foster community involvement and participation.

Rapid increases in the availability and demand for distance education in all fields have led to increased opportunities to participate in formal learning opportunities without physical relocation. Moore Memorial Public Library routinely partners with educational institutions at all academic levels, either formally or informally, including the Texas City and Dickinson Independent School Districts, the College of the Mainland, Texas A&M Galveston, UTMB, Head Start and local private schools.

Local historical and genealogical organizations including the Texas City Museum, the Texas City Heritage Association, the Galveston County Historical Commission, the Texas City Civic Club and the Texas City Ancestry Searchers also partner with the Library to disseminate, preserve and provide access to historical and genealogical information.

In providing e-government assistance, the Library routinely interfaces with agencies of at all levels of government. These agencies have widely differing missions, but Library staff members act as the first line of assistance to citizens needing services from many government agencies including the Texas Workforce Commission, Social Security Administration, Homeland Security, Veterans

Administration, the Small Business Administration, the Internal Revenue Service and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles among others.

Many local businesses rely on Moore Memorial library staff assistance, materials and computer equipment to provide access to training materials, recruitment/hiring documents and employee information such as W-2's, timesheets, insurance information, training, healthcare materials and other benefits information.

Partnerships with all these organizations enrich services to citizens and provide access to specialized skills, materials and resources that might otherwise be unavailable to library users.

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