

# Save, share your legacy at Genealogy Jamboree

Are you a budding genealogist, or do you have some beloved but brittle photographs and letters in your attic that you are concerned about saving? Either way, you'll find something of interest in the library on October 18 during our Genealogy Jamboree, which will offer live virtual sessions on many topics. Our recently retired Reference Librarian Suzette Davidson will be back to run this program, working as a volunteer this time. Welcome back, Suzette! Register online for the Genealogy Jamboree at [bit.ly/genjam2019](http://bit.ly/genjam2019).

On the same day, we'll offer a program called Fading Pictures & Crumbling Documents focused on conserving anything on paper — letters, diaries, photographs, books — with Heather Hamilton, a professional paper and book conservator with 18 years of experience. Attendees are invited to bring their own paper objects such as family artwork, books, letters or documents and toward the end of the program, the group will look at these examples and discuss possible conservation treatments or preservation measures.

October is National Arts

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and Humanities Month, so it's a good time to notice the art and music that abound in our lively city and specifically here at the Georgetown Public Library. For example, on October 20, Live Music at the Library will host performers from Austin Opera including Julia Taylor and Kathryn Grumley, sopranos, Nyle Matsuo-ka, piano, and other talented musicians. The program will include beloved pieces from Verdi's *Rigoletto* and Puccini's *Turandot*, along with several classics that, they say, "you never knew you knew." Two years ago the library hosted performers from Austin Opera and that outstanding performance concluded with "Toreador Song" from Bizet's opera *Carmen* and a rousing sing-a-long with the entire audience on their feet. We'll see what surprises Austin Opera has in store for Georgetown this time around.

Also continuing through October is the annual Art Hop exhibit at the Georgetown Art Center and at the library. Award winners were announced on Satur-

day. Congratulations to all the artists and their winning pieces:

- Best in Show — "Rudi" by Carrie Cook

- 2D Representational category — First Place: "Self-Portrait" by Mikaela Simmag, Second Place: "34 Red" by John Schaeffer, Third Place: "Chaos" by Carrie Cook, Honorable Mention: "Moonlight Memories" by Erin DeCoste.

- 2D Abstract category: First Place: "Coral Twist 1" by Francine Funke, Second Place: "Space" by Madeline Irvine; Third Place: "She Pulls It Together" by Samantha Melvin, Honorable Mention: "Jeddah" by Frank Trocino.

- Photography category: First Place: "Elegant Egret" by Carol Serur; Second Place: "I-35 Sunset" by Henry Huey, Third Place: "Peruvian Boy and His Lamb" by Dee Darius Sams, Honorable Mention: "Cavalry Trooper Attacking" by Wes Odell.

- 3D category: First Place: "Air 2" by Caroline Walker; Second Place: "Honeymoon Brooch" by Al Tipton, Third Place: "The Impossible" by Cristian Montoya, Honorable Mention: "Monarch" by Elise Techentine.

What else happens in October? Halloween, and it starts early. We'll have a Tween Ghost Tour on October 11 led by The Williamson Museum for tweens and their adult companions around downtown. Tickets will be available at 4 p.m. for the 5 p.m. event, which is limited to 30 tweens. On October 25, Tag, You're It! is a chance for teens to play spooky clown flashlight tag

### Select events

- Through October 26, Art Hop XII at the Georgetown Public Library and the Georgetown Art Center

- October 11, 5 p.m. Tween Ghost Tour; ages 9-12
- October 11, 7 p.m. Adultish screening of *Us*, rated R (recommended for ages 18 and older because of mature themes)

- October 16, 6:30 p.m. GPL World Cinema screening of *Tea with the Dames* (recommended for ages 18 and older because of mature themes)

- October 18, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Genealogy Jamboree 2019

- October 18, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Fading Pictures & Crumbling Documents: Conserving Your Treasured Family History on Paper

- October 20, 2 p.m. Austin Opera Live — Live Music at the Library

- October 25, 6-8 p.m. Tag, You're It! — ages 13-17

- October 26, 6 p.m. Silly Spooky Science

- October 29-Dec. 7 Gary Nowlin: *Texas, Naturally! Landscapes Near and Far* exhibit

- October 30, 10 a.m. Fall Fun Storytime — ages 0-5

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Consult the Library Events Calendar at [library.georgetown.org](http://library.georgetown.org) for more information about these and other library programs.

ed the 2017 film *Get Out*, which won him an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay and a long list of other honors. *Us*, like *Get Out*, has mature themes and imagery (it is rated R, so the library's screening is recommended for ages 18 and older only) and it touches on ideas that many horror movies are not concerned with. Reviewing the film in the *New York Times*, which rates *Us* as a NYT Critic's Pick, Manohla Dargis writes, "In *Us*, Peele uses the metaphor of the divided self to explore what lies beneath contemporary America, its double consciousness, its identity, sins and terrors."

In an audience Q&A at SXSW after the movie's premiere in Austin, Peele said the film is about the fear of outsiders. "We're in a time where we fear the other; whether it's the mysterious invader that we think is going to come and kill us and take our jobs, or the faction we don't live near, who voted a different way than us. We're all about pointing the finger. And I wanted to suggest that maybe the monster we really need to look at has our face. Maybe the evil, it's us."

The library staff work to bring our community wide-ranging ideas and experiences and opportunities to think and feel and wonder about the world we live in, whether through the books we make available or through the exhibits and programs we offer. We'll see you in the library!

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in the library after hours. Assemble the flashlight and escape the clowns before they catch you.

For children, we'll have Silly Spooky Science in the Children's Room October 26 with science activities, crafts, treats and more. And on October 30 and 31 we'll have the annual Fall Fun Storytime parties for ages 0-5, with participants invited to bring a snack to share if they want. Costumes are encouraged for all those events.

For the adults who enjoy a little fright in October and appreciate social commentary as well, we have a

screening of a 2019 horror film called *Us*, for which director Jordan Peele has already won the 2019 award for Best Director in the Saturn Awards from the Academy of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror Films. *Us* also is a 2019 nominee for Best Movie from the MTV Movie & TV Awards, and for Favorite Movie and Favorite Drama Movie from the People's Choice Awards, USA. More honors are likely on the way. Lupita Nyong'o has also received multiple nominations for her dual roles in the film as Adelaide Wilson and her double, Red. Jordan Peele also direct-

## Counseling service can lessen depression

Mental health concerns are more common than you may realize — did you know one in five Texans will experience a mental health concern in their lifetime?

Depression is one of the most common mental health concerns across the lifespan, but some mistakenly believe depression is a normal part of aging and therefore do not see a need to diagnose or treat it in old-

er adults. In reality, depression is a medical problem that can often be successfully treated, including in older adults.

Without treatment, depression can impair our ability to function and enjoy life and can contribute to poorer overall health. Compared to older adults without depression, those with depression often need greater assistance with self-care and daily living activities and often recover more slowly from physical disorders.

As people age, physical changes and lack of mo-

bility make accessing therapy difficult. Recognizing these challenges, one local nonprofit seeks to make therapy more available to homebound older adults by providing services in a home setting.

In 2018, Family Eldercare's In-Home Counseling program served 46 homebound older adults in Williamson County. Some of their needs include loneliness and isolation, relationship issues, grief over loss of independence and control, difficulty adjusting to living in a new community and managing lifelong

mental illness in conjunction with declining health. More than 80 percent of clients served by this program reported they would not be able to receive counseling services if they had not been provided in the home.

No one should be denied mental health services due to mobility problems.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, contact Family Eldercare by phone at 512-483-3556, email [Counseling@familyeldercare.org](mailto:Counseling@familyeldercare.org) or visit [www.familyeldercare.org/programs/counseling](http://www.familyeldercare.org/programs/counseling) for more information.

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