

TECH LINK



MAY TECHLABS

*Explore technology. Build skills.
Create something new.*

FREE Interactive Workshops!

POP-UP PAPER BONSAI EXPERIENCE

Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

With guidance from staff, you'll assemble and personalize your project using preloaded design sheets while learning new skills along the way. You'll leave with a finished piece of artwork that's uniquely yours.

May 6th & 20th | 3 - 5 PM

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LO FI JAM SESSIONS

Celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month through music and creativity.

Unwind in a welcoming, creative space where you can experiment with digital instruments and sound filters to build your own chill, lo-fi tracks. You'll collaborate with others or create independently as you find your flow and make music from scratch.

May 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th | 4 - 5:30 PM

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DIGITIZE YOUR MEMORIES

Film & Photo Digitization Sessions in honor of Older Americans Month

Preserve your treasured memories by digitizing 35mm photo film, converting 8mm video film, and scanning printed photographs so they can be safely stored and easily shared. Please bring a USB drive for photos or an SD card for film transfers.

May 13th & 27th | Noon – 2 PM

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**8mm video film conversion is not available at TECHLink Scenic Woods.*



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ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER



Author Talks



ERIN ENTRADA KELLY

Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 10 AM - 12 PM

Central Library
500 McKinney St., 77002

Join this New York Times bestselling author and illustrator as she discusses her Newbery Medal award-winning book *The First State of Being*.

JEFF CHANG

Saturday, May 30, 2026 | 1 - 3:30 PM

Alief Regional Library
11903 Bellaire Blvd., 77072

Acclaimed writer and critic Jeff Chang will discuss his newest work, *Water Mirror Echo: Bruce Lee and the Making of Asian America*. Don't miss the lion dance and martial arts demonstration before his talk!



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Resonance

From Archive to Art

Portraits of Asian American Resilience



Presented in celebration of America's 250th Anniversary and Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, *Resonance* draws on archival research from the Houston Asian American Archive and Austin History Center to explore the lives of pioneering Asian Texans Joe Lung and Inez Lung Lee through live performance, artist dialogue and their descendants.

The program also introduces a documentary film currently in development, expected in 2027-2028.

Central Library

500 McKinney St.

Saturday, May 9, 2026

2:00 to 3:30 PM



PRESENTED BY: ASIAN AMERICAN ART & CULTURE INITIATIVE
ARTISTS BY: XUHUA ZHAN, CURATOR | LOK YIU, FILMMAKER | LONG YUNA, CHOREOGRAPHER | KONG KA YING, MUSIC
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Navigating the Darker Side of Genealogy

BY LORI SAMUELSON

Genealogical research often reveals stories that challenge assumptions, reshape identities, and stir powerful emotions. Navigating the Darker

Side of Genealogy explores how researchers can responsibly and ethically handle difficult discoveries while maintaining compassion for the living.



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FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026 | 1 - 2 PM

Family History Research Center
at the Clayton Library
5300 Caroline St., 77004



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ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER

CULTURAL CONNECTIONS AT HPL



Power in Unity

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Bring the whole family for a lively celebration of AAPI culture! Enjoy fun activities and engaging performances from Houston House of Angklung and Viet Wave Music. Meet the community partners who help bring traditions to life.



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**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026
2 - 4 PM**

Walter Neighborhood Library
7660 Clarewood Dr., 77036



Enchanted Ball & FESTIVAL



Join us for a magical day designed for our littlest library visitors. Tiny tots can dance and enjoy fun crafts and brain-based activities. Enjoy music and photo ops while having your time to shine!

**Attendees are encouraged to wear semi-formal
or formal attire.**



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SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

10:30 AM - 12 PM

Central Library | 500 McKinney St., 77002



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June 1 – July 31

DIG INTO GREAT BOOKS, EXCITING CHALLENGES,
AND UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURES!



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HOW IT WORKS

1. Registration opens May 16, 2026, for all ages
2. Track your reading
3. Attend programs & activities
4. Earn Prizes along the way
5. Complete all challenges by July 31

The more you read, the more you uncover!
Scan QR code to sign up and log your reading with Beanstack!



REGISTER

***Win
A BRAND-NEW
BIKE!**
(AGES 2-15)



* See full contest and program rules.

TRACK YOUR READING WITH BEANSTACK
Log reading, earn badges, and qualify for prizes.

OPTION 1: Register Online

1. Visit: <https://houstonlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>
2. Click "Register"
3. Create an account (parent/guardian creates one account and adds family members)
4. Select the appropriate age-based Summer Reading Program
5. Start logging reading in June
6. Already have an account? Log in and enroll in this year's challenge

OPTION 2: Use the Mobile App

1. Download the Beanstack Tracker app (iOS or Android)
2. Search for Houston Public Library
3. Log in or create an account
4. Enroll in the 2026 *Unearth a Story - Summer Reading Program*

Log: Minutes read | Books completed
Audiobooks | Reading streaks

REGISTER FOR SUMMER EVENTS

Many summer programs require advance registration.

To sign up:

1. Visit our online events calendar at <https://houstonlibrary.org/events>
2. For ease, filter calendar event category "Summer Reading Program"
3. Click on the program you'd like to attend
4. Select "Register"
5. Enter your contact information
6. Receive confirmation by email



REGISTER

Attend fun, free events all summer long!