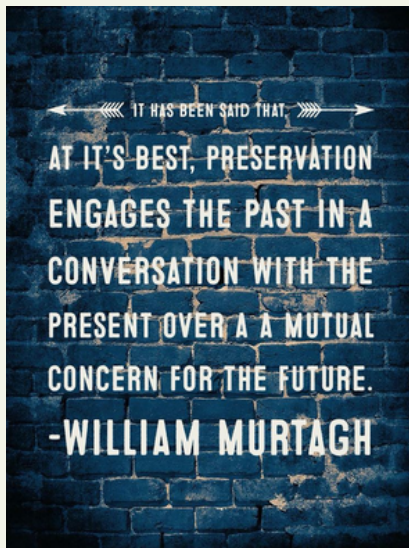


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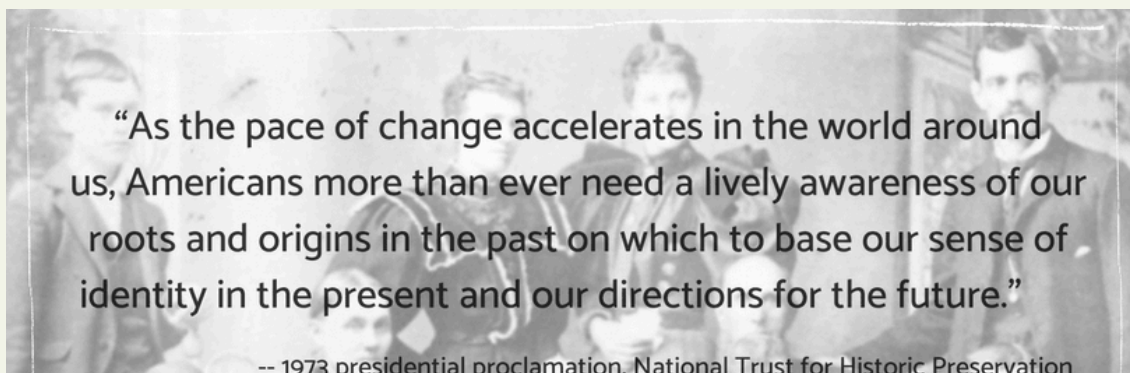


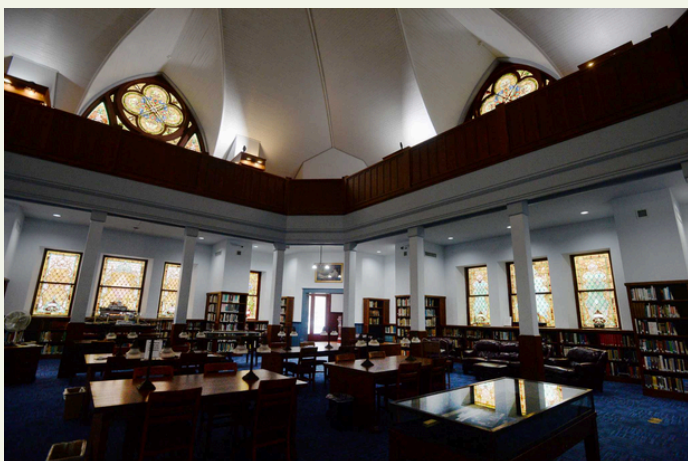
In the end, our society will be defined not only by what we create, but by what we refuse to destroy.
- John Sawhill

Imagine, if you will, how much of our local history is preserved at the Tyrrell Library. The stories of our area, our past, our presence in the historic record. The ability to discover your own history through their genealogical records, and the aid of their professional librarians to assist you in your searches for personal or local history. Research can be a daunting task.

The expense of travel, hotel stays and food for a research trip can limit or prevent people from taking it on. Luckily, we have this tremendous local repository available to us locally, eliminating that expense. Resources like these do not easily though. We need your help to support the library and allow it to continue growing. Help us preserve this legacy by joining the Tyrrell Historical Library Association today. Your help will keep these resources available locally for generations to come. For the children researching their school papers, to the individuals discovering their family stories, to the professional historians striving to tell our stories to the world. The Tyrrell is a treasure we must support.

"I am bound to them, though I cannot look into their eyes or hear their voices. I honor their history. I cherish their lives. I will tell their story. I will remember them." -Author unknown





CITY PARTNER

THLA remains as a faithful partner with the City of Beaumont. We look forward to sponsoring additional programs and educational opportunities and gifting the library with items needed for it to continue to grow.

"A LIBRARY OUTRANKS ANY OTHER ONE THING A COMMUNITY CAN DO TO BENEFIT ITS PEOPLE. IT IS A NEVER FAILING SPRING IN THE DESERT."
-ANDREW CARNEGIE

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***SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN OR
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP***



Be sure to ask a library staff member about volunteer opportunities. Library hours of operation are Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m.

MEET THE BOARD

A new addition to the newsletter, the "meet the board" stories will give us an insight into the THLA board members and how they came to be involved with the Tyrrell. This edition of the newsletter focuses on Jennifer Trenbeath. Jennifer, or Jen as most of us know her, has lived in Beaumont her entire life. Her family too, has been in the city for multiple generations. Trenbeath is married to her husband of 15 years, John and together they have 2 two sons; Damian and Mason. Their sons, who also live in Beaumont are both talented musicians. The entire family enjoys music, with Jen and her husband traveling once or twice a year to attend live concerts.

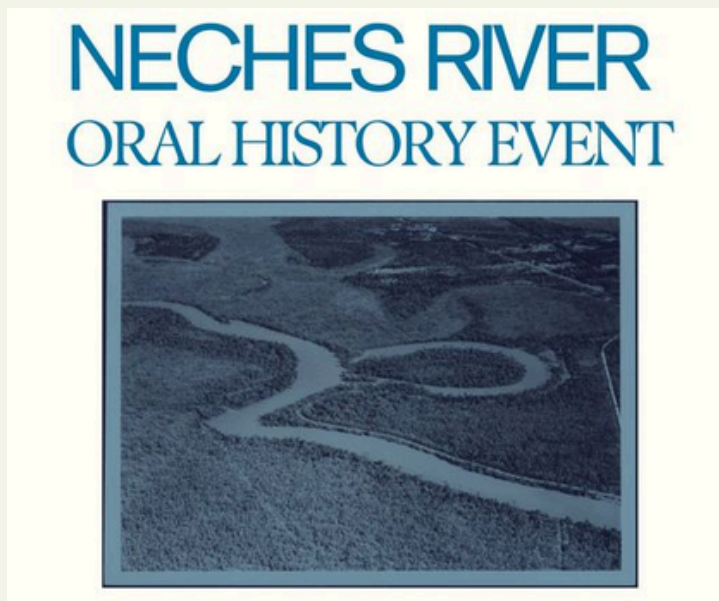


At home, they are big animal lovers and share their home with two dogs and two guinea pigs. Jen joined the THLA in 2019. She became interested in joining the organization after she learned about the support we provide to the library beyond what the city can offer. Growing up accompanying her grandfather to the Tyrrell for genealogical research, Jen developed a special affection for the Tyrrell, and she finds it beautiful that his research is now housed there. "Cities the size of Beaumont rarely have genealogical and research libraries, much less libraries with the vast resources that the Tyrrell has, so taking care of this gem is very important to me," Trenbeath told me. Due to her grandfather's diligence, she has never been much of a genealogist herself, but has utilized the Tyrrell's resources to research a wide range of topics about Beaumont and Jefferson County. She said that it is difficult to choose a true favorite of all the resources the Tyrrell has to offer the public, but said that she does use the ContentDM site multiple times in a week. She has also done extensive studies of the Beaumont City Council minutes, which the Tyrrell has on microfilm, and says she has found some amazing pieces of history in the various family collections. Professionally, Trenbeath has been the coordinator for the Jefferson County Historical Commission since 2022, after volunteering with them for 6 years, and loves what she does.

She gives most of her time to volunteer work, a quality that was inherited from previous generations of her family. Her earliest memory of it was from the age of 4, at the French Museum Christmas Candlelight Tour, where she played one of the children combing cotton. She also serves on the Magnolia Cemetery Board and as VP of the Beaumont Heritage Society, remaining devoted to historical preservation. "As a sentimental person, I value the past, and see the importance of remembering where we came from, and I always knew I wanted to play a small role in preserving what I could. Our communities didn't happen by accident, and the people who worked to create the places we now enjoy deserve to be remembered." This sentiment encapsulates what the THLA strives to do, but we need your help. Join us today.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

NECHES RIVER ORAL HISTORY EVENT



On May 25, the Tyrrell, in conjunction with artist Katy McCarthy, hosted an oral history recording project. Participants were given a tour of the library, heard a presentation about the Neches River, and walked through a guided exercise to record their own oral histories as they related to the Neches River area.

NEW COLLECTIONS



In May, the Tyrrell received the Harder-Paggi Collection, which contains roughly 60 boxes of letters, records, photographs and artifacts related to the Harder-Paggi and the Paggi Brothers Oil Company as well as the personal papers of Ann Harder. This family provided support to the Beaumont area through support of the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Beaumont Botanical Gardens, Houston Public Media, American Rose Society, and more.

NEW COLLECTIONS



Also in May, the Tyrrell received a collection which contained sculptures by Herring Coe of the Clifton Steamboat Museum. The model of the Dick Dowling Statue that was erected at the monument at Sabine Pass is part of this collection. Coe's work has been commissioned at sites from Houston, Texas to Detroit, Michigan.



In late June, the Tyrrell added the Goolsbee Family Collection to its repository. This collection includes newspaper clippings, photographs, film reels and memorabilia of a World War II pilot and Petroleum Engineer of Beaumont.

All of these collections, and more, are available at the Tyrrell. This is a place that is invaluable to the area as a repository of our stories and the legacy of our area. In order to maintain that and the availability of these resources locally, we need your help to support the library. Join THLA today and be part of preserving the voices of our past.

SAVE THE DATE

Next board meeting:
July 23, 2024 4:00 p.m. at the Tyrrell