

The Journal

Tyrrell Historical Library Association

August 2022

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.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/thlabeaumont/> for announcements. We are also happy to share a direct line of communication to members. Please send ideas, newsletter submission, comments and any questions to our new email address, thlabeaumont@gmail.com

Contributions, memorials, and honorariums are always welcome. Mail to THLA P.O. Box 12563 Beaumont, TX 77726 -2563



October 21, 2022 **THL OPEN HOUSE & Educational Opportunity**

Details coming soon 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting Oct. 25, 2022 4:00 p.m at the Library

Annual Meeting & Election December 13, 2022 4:00 p.m. at the Library



L-R William "Bill" Grace, THLA President Carol Gary, Summer intern Avril Falgout, and Past President Steven Lewis

Summer Intern Makes Impact

This Summer we had the pleasure of hosting an internship to Ms. Avril Falgout. Avril is pursuing a Master's in Library Science from the University of North Texas, and has worked with the library since June. In her time at the Tyrrell Historical Library she has proven to be an absolute asset. She was able to fully process the Edmund Goolsbee Collection, process an accretion (addition to existing collection) for the Magnolia Garden Club Collection, work on the Milton H. Bell collection, and organize/relabel records and photographs. Avril dedicated hours of her time this summer to learn how we preserve history in our local community. It is with much pride and gratitude that the Tyrrell Historical Library Association presented Avril with a \$600 check to thank Avril for her time spent processing our collections. THLA and THL staff have been so honored to help Avril on her road to becoming an archivist, and we wish her all the best in her future career! The scholarship was given in honor and memory of Darwin Morris who passed away unexpected on February 25, 2022. Darwin served the THL for many years as the archivist. He is survived by his children: Jessica Carter, Jonah Morris, and Hannah Morris, parents Weldon W. Morris and Billie Morris, and brothers Carlos Morris and Charles Morris. He was preceded in death by his brother Donald Morris and Keith Morris.

More New Collections, Books & Gifts



Over the past few weeks, THL was able to acquire the Beaumont Enterprise's archives to add to the existing Beaumont Enterprise collection. Branch Manager Bill and Sarah Grimm, archivist worked tirelessly to filter through these documents and preserve the history of Southeast Texas. In addition, they have acquired a collection of newspaper clippings that have been organized by subject. Follow the Tyrrell on Facebook to see more updates on collections and exciting news.

In addition, the new shelving has arrived to store drawings and blueprints. This gift provided by THLA was on the 2022 wish list and will be well used for the Milton Bell Collection and other.

New Equipment

Microfilm searches and copies saving to your flash drive are now made easy with the new equipment furnished by THLA. Staff will happily show you how to use it....all you have to do is ask.



Be sure to inquire about volunteer opportunities. Library hours of operation are Mon - Fri 9:00 am until 6:00 pm



Daughters American Revolution Gift

Each year, at our May memorial luncheon, the Col George Moffett Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, presents a book(s) to the Tyrrell Historical Library. Mr. William Grace chooses something that will add to an ongoing collection or something that will enhance the research materials of the Library. This year member Celia Crittenden obtained his chosen books, "Essex County, Marriage Records, 1884-1921" and "Chester County, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, Volume II: 1799-1807 [17699-1807]."

The Chapter is forever tied to the Library due to the love of and need for great genealogical research so close to this area. Some members of the Tyrrell family have been proud participants in the Daughters of the American Revolution and supported the Col George Moffett Chapter over the years.

Member Mrs. June Poole is faithful to offer her time on the first Friday of each month between October and April to help visitors research their ancestry. She will be available in the genealogy section of the Tyrrell again after the summer and would welcome anyone stopping by to talk with her.

Meet The Manager



Mr. William Grace, or Bill as he prefers to be called, can often be found searching through stacks, archives, and collections within the beautiful Tyrrell Historical Library. This search is often fueled by the questions of patrons that frequent the library for its genealogical and historical records that are unique to the area. As Branch Manager of this institution Bill and his team are responsible for the preservation of local historical documents, and if you ask him, he will not have it any other way. His appreciation for historical research is one of the leading factors that made him pursue a career in a historical library.

When asked what his favorite part of working at Tyrrell Historical library was, he took a minute to contemplate this tricky question and replied, "Processing Collections and discussing local history with patrons." The visitors of the Tyrrell Historical Library often come to pursue their passion projects such as genealogical research or their interest in a section or area of Southeast Texas History. And while aiding in the search for answers it is easy to join in on celebrating their victories, no matter how small.

Mr. Grace grew up in Pennsylvania, an area with dense history that is rooted in our country's founding. It is no wonder that when asked to choose a favorite historical topic to research, Bill replied with "Colonial History." "If I could meet anyone from history it would have to be George Washington," Mr. Grace said, "He overcame so much adversity... breaking away from the monarchism, commanding an army with little funding, becoming the first President of the United States." The list of Washington's accomplishments as well as Grace's respect for this historical hero is endless. Mr. Grace began his journey to librarianship by receiving a Master of Arts in History from Virginia Tech before moving on to Rutgers University where he graduated with a Master in Library Science. With his new degree, he was given the opportunity to work for the Kansas State Historical Society where he began his archiving career. In 2009, he came to Beaumont to join the Tyrrell Historical Library where he has run a tight ship ever since. On top of the aid that he provides our patrons daily, he also works tirelessly behind the scenes with multiple organizations to secure funding to bring new material and opportunities to our patrons.

Although it is indisputable that Mr. Grace is focused and dedicated while in his role of Branch Manager, he has many interests outside of the library. Hiking and taking small walks are great ways to decompress from a day spent indoors. Gardening is also a pastime that keeps him busy in these warm months, however when the cold rolls in you may end up finding him on a ski slope somewhere in Colorado. And as far as indoor hobbies... Have you ever met a librarian who did not enjoy a good book?

Mr. William Grace has proven to be an asset to the community and organizations that he serves. The determination and passion that he pours into every aspect of his job is invaluable. We are truly so lucky as a community to have him as a guide to turn to when we have exhausted all other options in our search for information. I urge you to stop in and take advantage of all the resources that Tyrrell Historical Library has to offer including the Genealogical Room that is specifically curated for our community. Also be on the lookout for future Genealogical workshops that Mr. Grace is planning for the Fall. If you have any questions for Mr. Grace, feel free to stop in!



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Please Include your Email Address

The Tyrrell Historical Library Association was founded in 1987 to help preserve and restore the Tyrrell Historical Library. Today, through members' dues and donations, the THLA provides the Tyrrell with things it needs over and above what the city can furnish. The library is open Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the heart of downtown Beaumont. THL is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a recorded Texas History Landmark. Admission to the THL remains free. Patrons can visit the library for hands-on research or use the digital portal online to directly access collections or documents and photographs.

Did you know the digital project started with a generous donation by the Tyrrell Historical Library Association? Become a member today! Please include your e-mail address to receive our newsletter that will allow you to follow the success of exciting growth and preservation projects. Connect with us online or we can mail you information. ☐ Yes! Send me the newsletter ☐ US Mail ☐ My e-mail provided

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