

Library programs are a fun and educational way to keep your kids entertained



Sugar Land Area Library Events

Sugar Land area libraries are part of the Fort Bend County Library System. The libraries offer a variety of free programs for children including, story time, after-school activities, and teen programs. The following listings include on-going programs, but new activities are added continuously. Contact individual libraries or visit the Fort Bend County Library website at fortbend.lib.tx.us for additional information.

Missouri City Branch Library
1530 Texas Pkwy.
Missouri City
281-499-4100

Children's Programs

Mother Goose Time
Parent/infant activity time for infants
1-12 mos.
Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.

Toddler Time
Parent/child activity time for
toddlers 12-36 mos.
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Story Time
Stories, movies, and crafts for
preschoolers
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

After School Break
Stories, movies, crafts and more for
school-aged children
Tuesdays 4:30 p.m.

Pajama Night Story Time
Stories and other activities
for families
Mondays at 7 p.m.

Teen Programs

A variety of programs for children in
grades 6-8
Check fortbend.lib.tx.us for times
and dates

Younger kids enjoy story time while looking at picture books



Sugar Land Library
550 Eldridge Rd., Sugar Land
281-277-8934

Children's Programs

Mother Goose Time
Parent/infant activity time for infants 1-12 mos.
Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

Toddler Time
Parent/child activity time for toddlers 12-36 mos.
Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Story Time
Stories, movies, and crafts for preschoolers
Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

Kinder Korner
Stories, movies, crafts, and other activities for kindergartners
Thursdays at 4 p.m.

After School Break
Stories, movies, crafts, and more for school-aged children
Thursdays 4 p.m.



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Teen Programs

A variety of programs for children in grades 6-8
Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

First Colony Branch Library
2121 Austin Pkwy.
Sugar Land
281-265-4444

Children's Programs

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Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

Toddler Time
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Alexandra and her mom enjoy spending time at the library



Fall

It's harvest time, and Sugar Land and surrounding communities are bursting with family-friendly festivals and events.

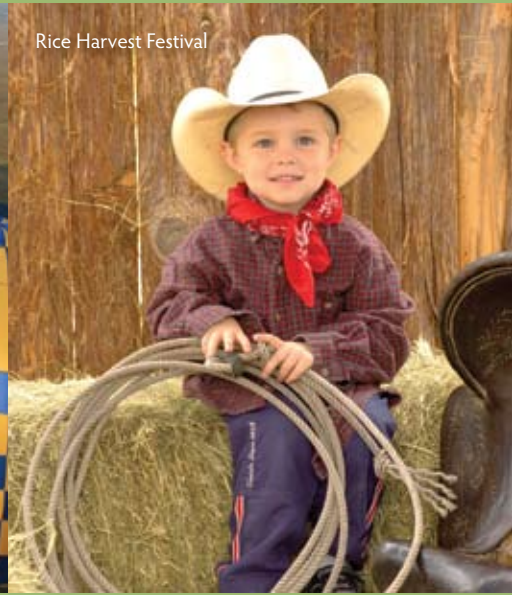
From pumpkin patches and hay rides to art shows and international exhibits, you're sure to find something to entertain and educate your family this season.



Native American dancers at the Championship Pow Wow



Ballunar Liftoff



Rice Harvest Festival

Family

FESTIVALS

Sugar Land Area Festivals and Events



Boo Bash is
October 25 at
Trader's Village



Pick a few events to attend from the following list and begin your own great fall family adventure!

Dewberry Farm

October through November

See green acres up close and personal when this farm opens for tours. Get lost in the cornfield maze, take a hayride to the pumpkin patch or watch pig races, all in the name of fun! Call 866-908-FARM or visit dewberryfarm.com.

Texas Renaissance Festival

Saturdays, Sundays and Thanksgiving Friday

October through November

Experience the sights and sounds of the 16th century at this

Renaissance theme festival. Dress the part if you like. Enjoy live entertainment, rides, food, music, and more. Call 800-458-3435 or visit texrenfest.com.

Needville Harvest Festival

Harvest Park

October 17 - 18

The barbecue cook-off, the crowning of the Harvest Fest queen, the vendors, the food, the carnival rides... When it comes to a good time, this festival has it all! Visit nhfest.com or call 979-793-4030.

Ride to Rosenberg Classic Car Show

Downtown Rosenberg

October 18

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Take a ride back in time as classic cars cruise through downtown Rosenberg. Judging for prizes will begin at 11 a.m. Free to spectators. Call 281-342-6804 or visit vogelsangantiques.com.

Island Oktoberfest

First Lutheran Church,
Galveston, Texas

October 24 - 25

Friday, 7 - 11 p.m.

Saturday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to dress in authentic German costumes at this family event. Bratwurst, knockwurst, smoked sausage, sauerkraut, a host of desserts, and of course, German-style beer and wines are on hand. Activities include raffles, games and competitions for adults, and a petting zoo, pony carousel, a rock climbing wall, face painting and water balloon toss for kids. Vendors provide gifts, crafts, and arts to purchase. Admission is free. Call 409-762-8477 or visit firstlutherangalveston.com.

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Rosenberg Peddler Show

Fort Bend County Fairgrounds

October 24 – 26

1 p.m. – 9 p.m. Friday

9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday

Start your holiday shopping early at this one-of-a-kind experience. Shops offer personalized designs, creative gifts, unique jewelry, and gourmet treats among other treasures. Visit peddlershow.com or call 1-800-775-2774.

Katy Rice Harvest Festival

Historic Downtown Katy

October 11-12

The fun-filled event, held over two days, features over 300 food and craft booths, a carnival, and family entertainment for young and old on two stages. The festival, which began in 1980, celebrates Katy's rich farming and harvest traditions and area heritage. Go to rice.katychamber.com.

Texian Market Days

George Ranch Historical Park

October 25

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Learn more about our state's history during the 25th anniversary of this popular festival. Actors in realistic settings present historic moments our state has enjoyed from the early days in Stephen F. Austin's colony (1830s) through the Great Depression era. Enjoy an antique tractor show and pull and arts and crafts from around the region. Visit georgeranch.org or call 281-343-0218.

Ron Carter Wings Over Houston Air Show

Ellington Field

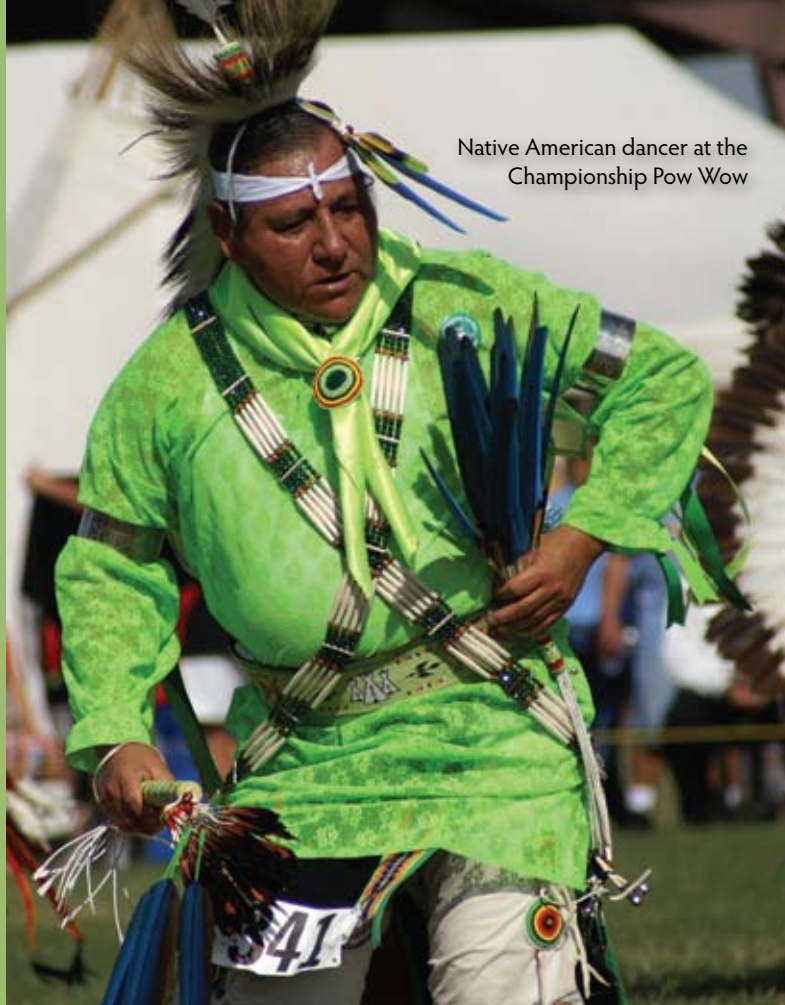
October 25 – 26

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday

Watch thrilling formations, tight turns, and solo head-on passes performed by the USAF Thunderbirds. The air show features military fighter planes such as the F-18, and the A-10. Flight legends sign autographs at a special autograph tent, and modern aviation displays, motion simulator rides, and a kid's carnival are part of the fun. Visit wingsoverhouston.com or call 713-266-4492.

Boo Bash at Trader's Village



Native American dancer at the Championship Pow Wow

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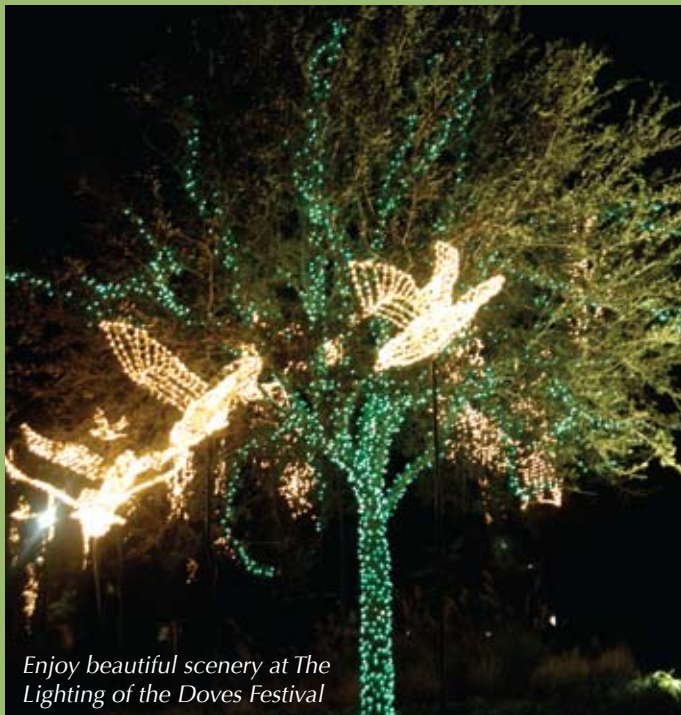
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Enjoy beautiful scenery at The Lighting of the Doves Festival

ARToberfest

Post Office Street in Downtown Galveston

October 25 – 26

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday

Original work from various media and over 100 artists is featured in this annual event. Visit artoberfest.com or call 409-762-3617.

Boo Bash

Traders Village

October 25

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The 10th Annual Traders Village Boo Bash offers spooktacular fun for kids 12 and under, with trick or treating, a haunted hallway, music, and more Halloween entertainment. The first 250 kids to arrive in costume receive a special gift from Traders Village. Visit tradersvillage.com or call 281-890-5500.

Boo Bash

Sugar Land Community Center

October 31

5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Trick-or-treating, Dr. Frankenstein's laboratory, carnival games, music, face painting and a costume contest make Halloween frightfully fun at this free event. Visit sugarlandtx.gov or call 281-275-2885.

RE/MAX Ballunar Liffoff Festival

Nasa Johnson Space Center

October 31 – November 2

6 p.m. – 10 p.m. Friday

6:30 a.m. – 10 p.m. Saturday

6:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Sunday

Watch colorful hot air balloons float up, up, and away during this exciting event. Sky diving exhibitions, live entertainment, information booths and food from local restaurants are also part of the fun. Call 281-488-7676 or visit ballunarfestival.com.

Texas Championship Pow Wow

Traders Village

November 8 - 9

Dance contest from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Arts and crafts sale from 9 a.m. to sundown

Experience an authentic pow wow as hundreds of Native Americans representing dozens of tribes from across the country dance in colorful regalia to compete for prize money and awards. The pow wow also includes arts and crafts, singing, and traditional food. Visit tradersvillage.com or call 281-890-5500.

Nutcracker Market

Reliant Center

November 13 – 16

9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Thursday – Friday

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday – Sunday

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Enjoy authentic German food and drinks at the Island Oktoberfest



Go back in time at one of the nation's biggest renaissance festivals.



Gift shopping at the Nutcracker Market

Moments from the Fall Festivals



Rosenberg Classic Car Show



Wings over Houston USAF Thunderbirds in flight

vendors offer unique items for the entire family, including toys, clothing, accessories, home items, and more. Proceeds from entrance fees benefit the Houston Ballet. Call 713-535-3231 or visit houstonballet.org.

Seaside Treasure Festival

Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church
Galveston

November 21 - 22

1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, this festival is increasing from one to two days. It features over 100 arts and crafts vendors, a silent auction, entertainment, and a gourmet lunch in the Seaside Café. Call 409-744-4526, ext. 783 or visit moody.org.

Via Colori Street Art Festival

Sam Houston Park

November 22 - 23

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday

Watch the streets of downtown Houston change from asphalt to art as over 175 artists use a pastel medium to create roadway masterpieces. Food, drinks, and children's activities are available at this free event. Interested festival goers may purchase options on asphalt squares to create their own art. Proceeds go to The Center for Hearing and Speech. Visit centerhearingandspeech.org or call 713-523-3633.

Miracle on Morton Street

Downtown Richmond

December 1

11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

This Christmas celebration includes narrated wagon rides, hand bell and choir performances, Christmas card crafts, ornament painting, balloon twisting clowns, food, shopping, Santa, and much more! Entrance is free. Visit miracleonmortonstreet.com or call 281-342-4500.

Home for the Holidays in Old Town Spring

November 8

Get in the holiday spirit by taking a photo with Santa, riding a train through town, shopping for Christmas gifts or listening to strolling musicians and barbershop quartets. Call 800-OLD-TOWN or visit oldtownspring.com.

The Lighting of the Doves Festival

Town Green Park, The Woodlands

November 22

3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Clause make a special appearance at this festival, which includes the lighting of 12 giant doves, games, booths, and live entertainment. Call 281-363-2447 or visit lightingofthedoves.com.

TONYA ELLIS looks forward to attending a few of these events with her husband and three children.