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**Director’s Corner**

On October 1, 2019, Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland hosted a Regional Front-line Training from the Mississippi Library Commission (MLC). This amazing workshop was open to all librarians in the region and was a huge success with over 25 attendees!



**Lacy Ellinwood from the Mississippi Library Commission**

Librarians had the opportunity to see several presentations from MLC staff. Topics ranged from skills like readers advisory, MAGNOLIA databases, customer service, programming, patron confidentiality, and so much more. It was a wonderful opportunity to bounce ideas around and be able to learn from successes and mistakes of librarians in other systems.

Here at the Bolivar County Library System, we believe in continuing education and bettering ourselves so that we can provide you, our patrons, with the best service possible!

~Emily

**U.S. Census Bureau Recruiting Workers for Census 2020**

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BCLS is partnering with the Census Bureau by hosting a recruitment event on **October 22nd from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland.** The Census Bureau has begun recruiting hundreds of thousands of temporary workers for the 2020 Census and this event is the public’s opportunity to learn more about jobs that will allow them to earn some extra income while helping their community.

In the spring of 2020, the Census Bureau will launch the largest 2020 Census field operation,

known as Nonresponse Follow-up, Census Takers will knock on doors to follow up with households who have not responded to the census questionnaire.

Applicants can qualify for both field and office positions. Census Offices will recruit, select, hire, train, manage, and pay all office and field staff who work within the designated boundaries of the geographic territory assigned to the office. The Census Bureau plans to open 248 offices to support the 2020 Census, which will be listed at [2020census.gov/jobs/pay-and-locations](https://2020census.gov/jobs/pay-and-locations).

Applying for one of these jobs is simple. Just visit [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs) or call 855-JOB-2020 and select option 3 for more information. Pay rates for field and clerical jobs can be found at [2020census.gov/jobs/pay-and-locations](https://2020census.gov/jobs/pay-and-locations). For full details about applying, go to [USAjobs.gov](https://USAjobs.gov).

Bolivar County residents are invited to visit the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library on October 22nd from 10 a.m. through 1:30 p.m. and talk to Felicia Penilton Hadley, Census Partnership Specialist, who will answer all your questions about applying for these jobs.



## World Book Online

*World Book Online (WBOL)* is a group of online resources for the information needs of all ages, especially students. The content in WBOL is similar to what is available in their *World Book Encyclopedia*, but in an interactive, online environment.

When you are searching WBOL, you are searching within the WBOL database, not on the web. This means that the information you find is reliable — the content has been evaluated by content experts and deemed accurate and up-to-date. Unlike the web, you

will find scholarly articles that include primary and secondary source documents plus eBooks, photos, maps, audio files, and videos from sources you can trust. Another plus for WBOL is that individual modules were created with a specific audience in mind. For example, the “Student” module is tailored to elementary/primary and middle school students, while “Advanced” is designed for high school students and adults. There is also “Early Learning” for preschoolers, “Timelines” with hundreds of

interactive timelines of important events throughout history, “Activity Corner” with instructions for activities for all ages, “Discovery” for individuals that read below grade level, and the Spanish language reference tool “Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos.”

You may access *World Book Online* free-of-charge from our website. Need help? Click on “Training Guides” at the bottom of the World Book homepage or ask for help at any branch.

“A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library.”  
~Shelby Foote

## Calendar

October 12th—**Bolivar Book Club @ 11 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

October 14th, November 25th & 26th—**Astro Camp @ 1-5 p.m.**—Registration Required; Contact Lisa at 843-2774 x108

October 16th—**Cleveland Commission @ 10:00 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

October 16th—**Board of Trustee Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

October 18th, 25th, November 1st, 8th, 15th—**Friday Pre-school Storyhour**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

October 22nd—**2020 Census Recruitment @ 10a.m.-1:30p.m.**—Open to the Public

October 26th—**Movie Madness @ 10:30a.m.—12:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library—Featuring a Scary Movie by John Carpenter that Takes Place at the South Pole

November 2nd, December 7th—**Saturday Preschool Storyhour @ 11 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland.

## Library Card Policy

Recently, we’ve received a lot of questions as to why our patrons must present their library card to use the computer or check out materials. The BCLS Circulation Policy, which has been approved by the BCLS Administrative Board of Trustees, states:

“Library materials are circulated to anyone who has a valid BCLS card or a DRLC [Dancing Rabbit] card. The patron card **must** be

presented at the time of check-out. Any patrons who owes an overdue fine or has lost materials may not check out any materials (nor use a public access computer) without a library card.”

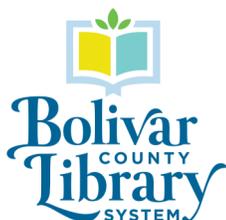
This policy is not meant to be burdensome to our patrons, but rather is meant to both:

- Safeguard of our patron’s library accounts from

unauthorized use. Presenting your card insures that materials are checked out to the appropriate account. If your library card has been lost or misplaced, a replacement card may be purchased for \$1.

- Encourage the timely return of materials so they may be made available to other patrons.

Thank you for your understanding.



## Happenings at the Library

The Preschool Storyhour on Friday, October 4th got a real treat—Cleveland firefighters and the fire truck visited Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library! Greg

Jackson, with the help of another firefighter, talked to the children about fire safety—then got to check out the fire truck. Fun!

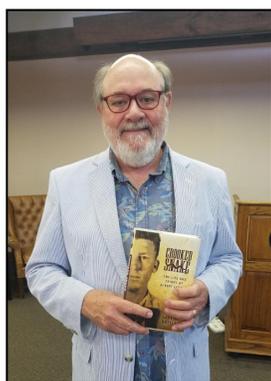


Left, librarian Tina at the Benoit Public Library is ready for Halloween!

Below, Seniors Day Out! had fun playing BINGO on October 2nd.



## Lovejoy Boteler



Mississippi author and Grenada native Lovejoy Boteler was guest speaker for the Lunch With Books program on September 19th. Mr. Boteler talked about his new book *Crooked Snake: The Life and Crimes of Albert Lepard* and his experience being kidnapped at age 18 by Albert Lepard and an accomplice.

The author graciously signed books at the end of the program.

Watch for flyers about upcoming Lunch With Books Programs.

## Did You Know?

**Do you know what a “hamburger” icon (three horizontal lines) does? It toggles / opens a collapsed website menu or navigation bar.** It is a common “space-saving” element on a website that is viewed on a mobile device or tablet and it typically opens a side menu or website navigation. A good thing to keep in mind when navigating our website from your mobile device or tablet.

“My library  
is an  
archive  
of longings.”

~Susan Sontag

## Looking for a Good Book?

**Martha:** *The Girl From Summer Hill* by Jude Deveraux. *The Girl From Summer Hill* is a delightful novel! The storyline features chef Casey Riddick who’s living in actor Tate Landers’ guest house—but she has no idea he owns it. When Casey is hired to cater for the cast and crew of the summer play of [Pride and Prejudice](#), she’s reluctantly cast as Elizabeth, while Tate

is talked into playing Darcy. Like the characters they portray, sparks fly between Casey and Tate despite a bad first meeting! This book was very entertaining and I look forward to reading the next installment. Once you start reading it, you don’t want to put it down. (Fiction—Print)

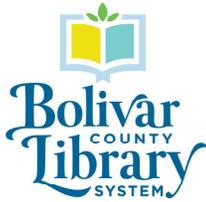
**Tamara:** *Crooked Snake: The Life and Crimes of Albert Lepard* by Lovejoy Boteler. Boteler tells the story of convicted murderer Lepard while weaving in his own story of his kidnapping at the hands of Lepard and an accomplice. Extensive research combined with vivid imagery creates a suspenseful page turner. Highly recommended. (Non-Fiction—Print)

### MAGNOLIA Databases

NOTICE: The password for the MAGNOLIA databases has changed.

When you access MAGNOLIA from home, the new password is:

MAGN1013



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## Some Bolivar County History...

### “The Burning of Major Montgomery’s House During the Civil War

By Mathilda B. Sillers

I was refugeeing on the Bogue, my family, Mrs. Frank Montgomery’s, and Mrs. Gayden’s having had to leave our comfortable homes because they were on the Mississippi, and we were in constant danger of being shelled by the Yankee gunboats.

I lived a mile from Major Montgomery’s, and Mrs. Gayden lived across the Bogue from me. Mrs. Clark had insisted that I should send for her piano for my daughter Anna and Miss Lottie Baldwin to practice on; both of them were little girls at the time. Mr. Baldwin started early for the piano with three men on a flat boat. I was going to Mrs. Montgomery’s to make a call. Walter, who was a small boy, was with me riding a mule. I was riding a white pony and had on a red shawl and sunbonnet. We crossed the Bogue and made a call on Mrs. Gayden. There I met a son of Judge Harris, who belonged to the Bolivar Troop, and who was on his way back to his command. We recrossed the Bogue and were on our way to Mrs. Montgomery’s, and as we turned a bend in the Bogue, I saw a hundred or more Yankees. I said, “Walter, do you see those soldiers in cousin Mary Delia’s yard? They are Yankees; don’t be afraid of them.” I was dressed so conspicuously that they couldn’t help but see me, and I knew it was useless to turn back until I saw what they were going to do. As soon as they saw us, the advance guard came galloping to meet us. They had long pistols in their hands and halted us, waving those pistols around in a very careless manner.

I said to Walter, “Since there are so many soldiers here, I believe I’ll go back.”

“No,” they said, “you won’t. You will have to come with us.”

I said, “Where are you going?”

“Up to that house and burn it,” they replied in a very ugly savage manner.

I said, “All right, I’ll go with you. I was going to make a call anyhow.”

They said, “Have you seen any men this morning?”

I replied, “No, I have not seen any men.” (I had seen only one man).

“Have you seen any soldiers this morning?”

I said, “No, I have not seen no soldiers.” (I had seen only one soldier.)

“Where is Major Montgomery’s Company?”

“I do not know. The last I heard of them they were in Coahoma County.””

Excerpt from *History of Bolivar County, Mississippi* (DAR, 1948) by Florence Warfield Sillers, et al.

**Mathilda B. Sillers’ exciting story continues in the next newsletter.**

We’re on the Web!  
<http://bolivar.lib.ms.us>

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