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## The Library System Re-Opened on June 22nd

Good news! The Bolivar County Library System reopened on June 22, 2020! For the protection of our patrons and staff, all staff and visitors are required to wear a facemask while inside the library.

Each branch will operate with limited capacity, meaning only a set number of visitors may be inside each branch at a time, and we ask that visitors observe strict social distancing while in the library. Appointments are encouraged to ensure access to the library. Once capacity is met, entrance into the library is not allowed.

Unfortunately, children’s and teen computers will not be accessible and the Mississippi Room at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland will remain closed until further notice.

Please be aware that the first hour of operation at each library is reserved for patrons over 65 and patrons with medical vulnerabilities ONLY.

Curbside Service pick-up of materials, faxing, and photocopying is still available and encouraged. Call in advance to request books and we will call you when they are available for pick-up.

A limited number of computers will be available in each branch. There will be a 60-minute time limit that will not be extended. Computer reservations for online job applications, census submissions, unemployment applications, tax purposes, and schoolwork will have priority. Reservations may be made by contacting the branch you wish to visit.

Here are the individual branch phone numbers, capacities, and

days and hours of operation:

**Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library (Cleveland)**  
662-843-2774 / Enter through the south (parking lot) door ONLY. Capacity: 7 computers available with a total of 15 patrons allowed. *Mon. – Fri. / No Sat. hours*  
900 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Rosedale Public Library**  
662-759-6332 / Enter through the east (front) door ONLY. Capacity: 2 computers available with a total of 5 patrons allowed. *Monday & Wednesday*  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.  
12:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
*Friday*  
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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## World Book Online

Have you wondered where the dusty, out-of-date encyclopedias are? We replaced them with an online, up-to-date encyclopedia that you can access at the library or home with your library card!

It’s called **World Book Online** and has six modules that have something for everyone: Kids (for young students), Student

(elementary & middle students), Advanced (high school & college), Timelines (all ages), Discover (reference resources for students reading below grade level due to reading difficulties), and Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos (a beginner’s Spanish-language reference). You may find World Book Online at our website:

<https://bolivar.lib.ms.us/>  
From the Home page, hover over “Services” and click on “Online Databases,” then scroll down to World Book Online. If you are accessing from home, just enter your library card number—that is, the number on the back of your library card that you enter *without* the spaces.

# LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter



Service may not be available at all times due to decreased hours and library capacity.

Please call to make an appointment.

## Notary Public Services

We are pleased to offer notary public service to our patrons at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. Melissa Robinson, our Office Manager, is generally available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and while an appointment is not required, we recommend calling ahead to insure that Melissa will be available.

Here are some basic guidelines about the service:

- Offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- You may have up to three documents notarized per visit.
- Documents must be in English only.
- Documents to be notarized should be filled out completely, BUT NOT SIGNED. You must sign personally in front of the Notary.
- The person signing the document must show Notary valid identification: 1) a valid photo identification or passport issued by a U.S. government agency; 2) a valid driver's license issued from any state in the U.S.; 3) a valid non-driver's photo identification issued from any state in the U.S.; or 4) a U.S. military identification card.
- Notaries cannot provide legal advice nor assist in document preparation.
- The Library System will NOT provide witnesses nor can witnesses be solicited from among other patrons. A witness must know the person whose documents are being notarized and must present a valid photo identification (same types as noted for the person signing).

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"We may sit in our library and yet be in all quarters of the earth."  
~John Lubbock,  
The Pleasures of Life~

## Calendar

September 16th, October 21st—  
**Cleveland Commission**  
@ 10:00 a.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland

September 16th, October 21st—  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
@ 1:30 p.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland

**NOTICE: Boards do not meet in August.**

## Notices

**Friday Preschool Story-hour** has ended for the school year and will resume in September.

**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the following programs & services have been closed and/or discontinued until further notice:**

- **Seniors Day Out!**
- **Saturday Preschool Storyhour**
- **Meeting Rooms** at Cleveland, Rosedale & Shelby
- **Mississippi Room**
- **Bolivar Book Club**
- **Teen Room**

"Me, poor man, my library was dukedom large enough."  
~William Shakespeare,  
The Tempest~

## Library Re-Opened—Continued

**Dr. Robert T. Hollingsworth Public Library (Shelby)**  
662-398-7748  
Capacity: 3 computers available with a total of 5 patrons allowed.  
*Monday & Wednesday*  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m .  
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m  
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m

**Thelma Rayner Memorial Library (Merigold)**  
662-748-2105 phone / 662-748-2596 fax  
Capacity: 1 computer available with a total of 3 patrons allowed.  
*Tuesday & Thursday*  
1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m  
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m

## Did You Know?

- That the Library has **Flash Drives** available for purchase? Yes, each branch has flash drives (4 Gb) available for purchase for \$3 each. Just ask at the Circulation Desk.
- That the Library has **Cleveland: A Centennial History, 1886-1986** for sale? Yes, copies are available at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library (Cleveland) for \$4 each.

## Heart of Black History Program



On February 26th, the Library System held its annual Heart of Black History Program, which is hosted by the Teen Advisory Group (TAG). TAG President Tyler Bristlin welcomed everyone to the program and FlyZone member Anton Hampton introduced the keynote speaker Mr. Kierre Rimmer, CEO & Founder of Forever Lifting Youth, Inc., more commonly known as FlyZone.



Mr. Rimmer spoke about the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and our daily voting activity, recommending to teens not to wait until they are 18 years of age to vote in political elections, but to vote daily and make the right choices in life. Mrs. Bobbie noted, "This was a great subject for this Heart of Black History Program."



## Notary Public Service—Continued

- Notary services are NOT available for: Deeds; property, mortgages or real estate closings; wills; powers of attorney; or corporate/business documents.
- Certain public documents cannot be copied and notarized, including: birth certificates, death certificates, marriage certificates, and passports.
- Notary services are for individuals only (not businesses, partnerships, etc.)
- The library's notary reserves the right to decline services should the circumstances surrounding an appointment raise any doubt regarding their legal obligations.
- The library's notary cannot certify true copies of vital records and documents.
- The Notary and the person seeking notarization must be able to communicate directly with each other; the use of a translator is not permitted.

For more information on our Notary Services including a full explanation and list of documents accepted by our Notary, please ask for assistance at the front desk or visit our website at: [<https://bolivar.lib.ms.us/services/notary-services/>](https://bolivar.lib.ms.us/services/notary-services/).

### Memorial Gift— Endowment Fund

Friends of the Library  
For

Joyce Applegate  
Weegie Walker  
Marjorie Peebles

## Looking For a Good Book?

**Tamara:** *Six Wakes* by Mur Lafferty. This Hugo and Nebula Awards Finalist opens with the newly created clones of the spaceship *Dormire* crew awakening to disaster. While heading to a distant planet for colonization with a cargo of 2,000 colonists in "cryo" sleep, all six crew members died violently very recently, but the clones have no memory of what happened or which one of

them is guilty. Now they must figure it out—before the murderer strikes again. A clever and imaginative science fiction thriller that kept me on the edge of my seat! (Fiction—Print)

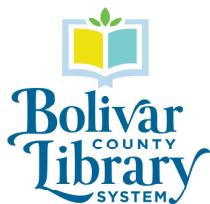
**Tamara:** *The Graceland Conspiracy* by Mississippi author Philip Shirley. Part mystery, part coming of age story, this fun read that includes Elvis Presley conspiracy theories

was hard to put down. When a "suit" that Matthew doesn't know informs him his father has had an accident and he should return home, Matthew begins a trip down the rabbit hole in a mystery about his father, who his father worked for, and why someone would kill to keep old secrets buried? A fun page turner that will keep you guessing. (Fiction—Print)

### Memorial Gifts— Friends of the Library

Stacie & Jim Harris  
For  
Mrs. Martha Hiter

Carol Tatum  
For  
Weegie Walker



## Some Bolivar County History . . .

### Levees 1926-46

By J. S. Allen [Chief Engineer, MS Levee Commission from 1922-1946]

"In 1926 we were operating under the second Flood Control Act of 1923, under which act all the levee boards contributed one-third of the cost of construction of the levees and maintained the works after they were constructed.

On April 21, 1927, occurred the Mound Landing break, by far the most disastrous flood that had ever occurred in our district, overflowing all of the land from Beulah to Vicksburg. In fact, practically all of the alluvial valley was under water, it being calculated that the flow passing Arkansas City (had it been confined) would have reached 2,600,000 feet. This devastating 1927 flood caused the loss of more than 246 lives; drowned out hundreds of cities, towns, and villages; drove 700,000 people from their homes, rendering them objects of charity dependent upon the Red Cross and other agencies; inundated 1,800 square miles; destroyed 1,500,000 farm animals; caused losses amounting to many hundreds of millions of dollars; suspended interstate freight and passenger traffic; prevented telegraph and telephone communication; delayed the United States mails; and paralyzed industry and commerce. As a result of this disaster to the valley, the Federal Congress on May 15, 1928, passed a general flood control act, wherein the government assumed the cost of all construction and for the first time enunciated the policy of the Federal Government assuming the construction of levees necessary for the protection of the valley.

This fundamental act of May 15, 1928, has had several amendments, the most notable being those of 1936, 1938, and 1944; all of these amendments carried out the policy adopted by the construction of adequate levees, by control of the Mississippi River in its meandering, and by deepening the channel from Baton Rouge to Cairo from its navigable depth of 9 feet to 12 feet. This estimated cost of this work is two hundred millions of dollars, which has been authorized. At the present time the levees along the river are being enlarged to the ultimate grade line, and rapid progress is being made with the work, with an annual appropriation of \$30,000,000, even during the war time. This new grade line has a super elevation over that of Arkansas and Louisiana of two feet. When this new grade line is completed, we shall have reason to feel that levee breaks and desolating floods belong to an era that is passed."

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

#### Bolivar County Library System

104 South Leflore Avenue  
Cleveland, MS 38732-2607

#### During COVID-19 Phase Two:

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00—11:30  
1-4:30  
Saturday Closed

Closed Sundays & All Legal Holidays

Phone: (622) 843-2774  
Fax: (662) 843-4701  
Email: [info@bolivar.lib.ms.us](mailto:info@bolivar.lib.ms.us)

Individual phone numbers and email addresses may be found at our website.

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Contact the Friends:

Phone: (662) 843-2774

Email: [maureenbucky@cableone.net](mailto:maureenbucky@cableone.net)

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Administrator

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Circulation

Clara, Housekeeping

### Branch Information:

Benoit Public Library  
(662) 742-3112  
109 Preston Street  
Hours CLOSED for Repairs  
Tina McGee, Librarian

Rosedale Public Library  
(662) 759-6332  
702 Front Street  
Hours M & W 10—4:30,  
F 12—4:30 (Phase 2)  
Martha Lawson, Librarian

Dr. Robert T. Hollingsworth  
Public Library in Shelby  
(662) 398-7748  
211 Third Street  
Hours M&W 10—5 (Phase 2)  
Marie Shorter, Librarian

Thelma Rayner Memorial Library  
(662) 748-2105/Fax 748-2596  
201 Front Street  
Hours T&Th—1-4:30 (Phase2)  
Annie Henry, Librarian

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