



Special points of interest:

- Martha Lawson is in the Spotlight in Here's the... Librarians!
• Summer Library Program for Children and Teens Begin in June

The LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

Summer Library Program Registration Begins Soon!

School is almost out for the year. And that means the Summer Library Program is just around the corner! In keeping with this year's theme of "Build a Better World," Bobbie, Martha, Tina, Marie, and Evelyn are busy building a great Summer Library Program experience that will not only be fun, but will enrich participants' lives.

Unless otherwise noted, the program is for children entering grades 1st through 6th in the fall and registration is required. Mark your calendars for another exciting Summer Library Program!

CLEVELAND

All programs in Cleveland are from 10:30 a.m.—12 noon. Registration is May 22nd—26th.



June 1st—All Grades at Robinson-Carpenter (Cleveland)—Kick-Off Program—Wink Danenburg the Juggler

Tuesday—1st-3rd Grades

June 6th—Mississippi Museum of Natural Science

June 13th—Winterville Mounds — Mississippi Dept. of Transportation

June 27th—Extension Services

Thursday—4th-6th Grades

June 8th—FAIRS Opportunity-17 and GRAMMY MUSEUM

June 15th—Poochie's Pottery

June 22nd—Poochie's Pottery

June 29th—All Grades at Robinson-Carpenter—Final Program Featuring Author Floyd Stokes (Thank you to the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System for sponsoring this event.)

ROSEDALE

Registration is not required and program is for all ages.

June 1st @ 2 p.m.—Kick-Off Program—Wink Danenburg the Juggler

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Lunch With Books Final Program Featured James T. McCafferty



BCLS was pleased to welcome Mississippi author James T. McCafferty as guest speaker at the Lunch With Books program on May 11th, the last before the summer break. Mr. McCafferty spoke about his books, including The

Bear Hunter: the Life and Times of Robert Eager Bobo in the Canbrakes of the Old South. You may have noticed the name change for the program. That's not a mistake. The Friends of the Bolivar County Library System decided that simply "Lunch With Books" better

conveyed the desired tone of the program. Lunch With Books will resume on September 12th. See you then.



BOLIVAR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Here's the... Librarians!—Martha Lawson



Photo of Martha Lawson was taken at the Mississippi Library Association Awards Dinner in Vicksburg on October 23, 2015, just after she received her Mary Julia Anderson Award plaque.

Martha Lawson has been the Branch librarian at Rosedale and Gunnison since October 31, 2007, and has the distinction of the second highest circulation in the library system.

Martha, who was born and raised in Gunnison, confides, "I have always been an avid reader and I love libraries. When this job became available, I immediately applied." Martha has had a long history with the Rosedale and Gunnison branches. "I had helped the librarian in Gunnison when I

was a teenager," Martha relates, "and I also worked in the library at Rosedale High School. After working at the library in Rosedale for about year, I was asked to also work at the library in Gunnison. I now work 3 days a week in Rosedale and 2 days a week in Gunnison."

Martha is dedicated to not only her branches, but also librarianship in general. She was competitively chosen to attend the Mississippi Library Commission's (MLC) Librarianship 101 program in 2009. MLC designed the

program to immerse "participants in the principles and tools of public librarianship," thereby empowering participants to be the best librarians possible.

Martha's hard work was recognized more recently when she received the Mary Julia Anderson Award in 2015 that recognizes an outstanding paraprofessional for their librarian work.

"I love working at the library," Martha notes, "helping people find books and just interacting with my patrons! This is my dream job!"

The library was the place I went to find out what there was to know. It was absolutely essential.
~Zadie Smith~

Calendar

NOTE: the Lunch With Books program has ended for this school year and will resume on September 14th.

May 17th —**Cleveland Commission @ 10:00 a.m.**
—Open to the Public in Cleveland

May 24th—**Board of Trustee Meetings @ 1:30 p.m.**
—Open to the Public in Cleveland

May 29th—**Memorial Day Holiday**—All Libraries Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

June—**Summer Library Program**—See Article on

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June & July—**Teen Summer Library Program**—See Article on Page 3 and flyers for dates, time, and individual programs.

July 4th—**Independence Day**—All Libraries Closed in Observance of Independence Day

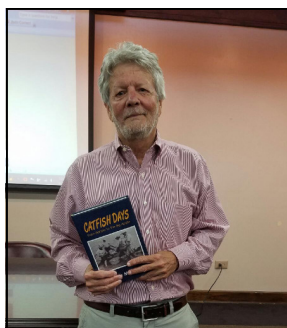
Mike McCall Guest Speaker

Mississippi Author Mike McCall visited the library as guest speaker for the March Luncheon With Books. Mr. McCall talked about the catfish industry, especially in the Delta, and the downturn in the Delta catfish economy caused by the introduction of Vietnamese "catfish" to the market. An informative—and fun — program.

Axis 360 All-In-One Reading App

Amazon released an update on April 13, 2017, for the Axis 360 All-In-One Reading app for Kindle Fire devices. If the Axis 360 app does not update automatically on your Kindle Fire, uninstall the old version and then install the update. Just go to the Amazon Appstore and search for "Axis 360 app for Kindle Fire." Verify the "Latest Developer Date" is April 13, 2017, by clicking "Details" before installing.

If you are still having problems after installing the new, updated app, please contact Tamara Blackwell, Reference Services, at (662) 843-2774 x104.



Mike McCall above and at right with library system Director Jennifer Wann (Left) and Carol Tatum, a member of the Cleveland Library Commission.



Summer Library Program Programs—Continued

June 8th—Details pending

Other Dates Pending

For more information, contact the Martha in Rosedale at 759-6332.

SHELBY

Registration is May 15th—29th and all programs begin at 1 p.m. Contact Marie Shorter for details.

June 5th

June 12th

June 19th

June 26th

BENOIT

Registration is not required, programs are open to all ages, and all programs will be conducted during the library's regular scheduled opening times. Generally, all Mondays are reading time and all Thursdays are for activities. Call Tina for more information.

June 1st—Thursday

June 5th—Monday

June 8th—Thursday

June 12th—Monday

June 15th—Thursday

June 19th—Monday

June 22nd—Thursday

June 26th—Monday

June 29th—Thursday

MERIGOLD

Contact the Evelyn at 748-2596 for further information about Merigold.



Help!

Want to help out with the Summer Library Program? We would be most appreciative to receive donations of empty toilet tissue and paper towel tubes for craft activities this summer. Drop off your donations to Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland.

Teen Summer Library Program

The Teen Summer Library program starts with the Reader's Challenge June 1st (through July 20th), while the individual programs are in July. As with the children's program, the program is free-of-charge and registration begins on May 22 from 9-5 at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland.

All programs are from 12-1 p.m. at Robinson-Carpenter:

July 11th—Guest Speaker Celia McHardy from the Delta Arts Alliance.

July 12th—Guest speaker Tasha Huerta talking about Thinc and graphic design

July 18th—Guest speaker Sara Danza Locke from the Delta Arts Alliance talking about dance.

July 20th—Guest speaker David Hadley talking about culinary arts.

July 25th—Guest speaker Kierre

Rimmer talking about teens Building a Better Future.

The aforementioned **Teen Reading Challenge**. Sign up, read books, and turn-in book summaries between **June 1st and July 20th**. The teen who reads the most books will receive a Grand Prize.

For more information contact Jelisa Hatcher or Bobbie Matheney at (662) 843-2774.

Looking for a Good Book?

Martha: *Flight Patterns* by Karen White. The book starts off with a mystery and it continues throughout the book, which is told from the perspectives of sisters Maisy and Georgia and their mother Birdie. Georgia, a fine china expert, is estranged from her family, while Maisy is separated from her police officer husband and lives with Birdie and their grandfather, who is a beekeeper.

In search of a certain piece of china, Georgia reluctantly returns home. Why her sister is not at all happy to see her unfolds throughout the book. Also, why does Birdie no longer talk to anyone? A wonderful book that draws you in from the first page and keeps you guessing until the very end. (Fiction—Print)

Tamara: *Crimson Shore: A Pendergast Novel (#15)* by Preston

& Child. Our favorite FBI agent Special Agent Pendergast and his ward Constance travel to the Massachusetts coast to investigate a seemingly straightforward case of theft. Suspense—and fun—soon ensues with a mix of Salem witches, shipwrecks, a secret room—and their humorous interactions with the local denizens and cuisine, too. Always a delight and highly recommended. (Fiction—Print)

Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.
~Laura Bush~



Some Bolivar County History...

“BOLIVAR COUNTY TROOPS IN THE CIVIL WAR—Continued

BY Captain W. R. Shepherd

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When the call to arms was sounded throughout the Southland, W. N. Brown issued a call for the young men to meet on June 16th, 1861, at Prentiss, then the county seat of Bolivar County, to organize a military company. On that date, the company was organized and was named the “McGehee Rifles” in honor of Colonel McGehee, then the owner of Sunnywild plantation. Colonel McGehee immediately sent to Memphis for goods and tailors to make each man a uniform, and in a few days each man had a summer uniform. Then Colonel McGehee ordered the very best of Confederate gray cloth and had a winter uniform made for each man.

Before we left for the front Miss Blanche McGehee, the daughter of Colonel McGehee, presented us with a very handsome company flag, and we pledged to her that this flag would never fall into the hands of the enemy; when we were forced to surrender at the fall of Fort Donelson, at Dover, Tennessee, we built a fire and laid the flag in the flames, and so we kept our pledge.

On the company’s leaving for the front, Colonel McGehee presented them with one thousand dollars to be used for the benefit of the sick. He also gave the company two fine mules and a wagon so that we would have transportation for our baggage if the quartermaster’s department should happen to be short of wagons.

I write this so that the people may know that Colonel Miles McGehee did everything he could to help the South.”

Excerpt from *History of Bolivar County, Mississippi* by Florence Warfield Sillers, et al (Spartanburg: SC: 1976 [1948])

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Branch Information:

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Hours M & Th 2—6
- Gunnison (662) 747-2201
Hours T & Th 1—5
- Merigold (662) 748-2105 (ph) / (662) 748-2596 (fax)
Hours M, T, W & Th 1—5
- Mound Bayou—Closed Until Further Notice
- Rosedale (662) 759-6332
Hours M & W 10—5, F 12—5
- Shaw—Closed Until Further Notice
- Shelby (662) 398-7748
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