



LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

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COVID-19 and the Library System

We've all been experiencing difficult times with the COVID-19 pandemic and the Library System is no exception. As I'm sure you already know, we were closed from March 19th until we re-opened for curbside service only (Phase 1) on June 1st.

We then opened to the public with limited service (Phase 2) on June 22, 2020. We originally thought we would be at Phase 3 or 4 by now, but with the infection rate continuing to rise in Mississippi, our Board wisely opted to remain at Phase 2 for the time being.

We are sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused and we want you to know we appreciate your understanding in the face of shorter hours (see page 4 for branch days/hours), no Saturday service, no meeting rooms, no browsing—and, of course, the ever-present face mask requirement, frequent hand-washing, and social distancing rules.

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We're the... Librarians! Meet Mike Emerson



The "We're the... Librarians!" column returns to the newsletter with Mike Emerson, who has been manning the desk at the entrance since the library reopened in June.

Mike Emerson began working at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in April of 2017 at the Circulation Desk.

Mike shares that the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library was not his first foray into the

world of books. He worked as a merchandising manager for Barnes and Noble when he lived in Texas, where he earned a bachelor's degree in English. He recently received his master's in library science from the University of Southern Mississippi.

He lives with his wife and their two belligerent cats Inca and Matilda. The cats have become too smart for their own good:

they learned to tell time and often crouch in one corner of the living room quietly meowing to each other and furtively darting their eyes around, as though scanning for something, or someone. At night they stare out the back window, swaying to some type of hollow, metallic music that Mike and his wife are only able to barely hear, before darting into a closet once the howling begins.

"Libraries always remind me there are better things in the world."

~Lauren Ward~
American Singer & Actress

Calendar

September 5th-7th—**Labor Day**—All Libraries Closed

September 16th, October 21st, November 18th—**Cleveland Commission @ 10:00 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

September 16th, October 21st, November 18th—**Board of Trustee Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

September 11th, 18th, 25th, October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, November 6th, 13th, and 20th—**Preschool Story Hour**—View virtually on Facebook anytime after 10 a.m.

Preschool Story Hour

With the COVID-19 virus still active, Preschool Story Hour will be virtual until further notice. Mrs. Bobbie will prepare a prerecorded Story Hour program that will be available each Friday beginning September 11th after 10 a.m. on Facebook.

Saturday Preschool Story Hour is postponed until further notice. Please note that once uploaded, each Story Hour may be viewed on Facebook at any time it is convenient and as many times as desired.

Friends Awarded America's Farmers Grow Communities Donation



We are pleased to announce that the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System is the recipient of an America's Farmers Grow Communities donation. The library system was notified on March 16, 2020, in a letter from Angela H. Allen, America's Farmers Outreach Manager, of the \$2,500 donation that was awarded on behalf of Bolivar County farmer Cheryl Dean. Ms. Dean selected BCLS to receive this generous donation through the Grow Communities program, which is sponsored by the Bayer Fund, a philanthropic arm of Bayer.

"This donation will allow us to transform our Summer Library Program," BCLS Director Emily Bell reports, "while still engaging area children." For more information about Summer Library Program, contact Bobbie Matheny, Youth Services Librarian, at 662.843.2774 x105.

Photo: Youth Services Librarian Bobbie Matheny on left, and Director Emily Bell.

eBooks and eAudiobooks are Available for Check-Out

eBooks and eAudiobooks (hereafter just referred to as eBooks) are available for check out to all BCLS library card holders who are in good standing (you owe no fines or fees).

You may download the **Axis360 Mobile app** or the **Read Now app** for portable devices (laptops, etc.) and desktop computers. Just go to the your app store to download the appropriate app for your device. For more info about the apps, visit our Magic Wall, where you go to select and check out eBooks. Just go to our website at <bolivar.lib.ms.us>, under the “eBooks & eAudios” section, click

on the “More Info” box or “Axis360” to go straight to the Magic Wall.

Once you download the appropriate app, login by choosing Bolivar County Library System as your location. Next, enter your library card number, which is the barcode on the back of the card (entered without spaces) and your PIN. Once you have logged in, you will not have to login again unless you have manually logged out.

Don't have a PIN? Call the library at (662) 843-2774 x113 to get one.

If you need assistance download-

ing or using the app, or have other questions, please call Tamara Blackwell, Reference Services, at (662) 843-2774 x104.

Can't find what you want to read? Please note that we make every effort to provide the materials our patrons would like to read and you may request we purchase a specific eBook title. However, as with print books and DVDs, we cannot promise to purchase requested materials, but we will consider each request and purchase if possible. Just ask for a Request Card at any BCLS branch. Please note we cannot borrow (ILL) eBooks from another library.

“I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.”

~Laura Bush~
Librarian & Former First Lady

Summer Library Program and Winners

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the Summer Library Program (SLP) was very different this year. We were so happy that we had a wonderful response to the Activity Packets; the virtual Storytimes and magic show on Facebook; and the Reading BINGO game. Each week Mrs. Bobbie held a drawing from among those who completed their Activity Packets with three winners each week. Week 1 winners were: Christopher Crews, Jacelyn Nix, and Dallis Eatmon. Week 2: Hank Davey, Christopher Crews, and Will Mullins. Week 3: Faulkner Bailey, Beau Baily, and Samantha Traux. Week 4: Pierre Jordan (lower right photo), Johnson Jira (near right photo), and Candace Torres. The Cleveland Optimist Club donated two bicycles that were awarded for the Reading BINGO winners Palmer Manning (far right photo on pink bike) and Gerod Torres (far right photo on black bike).



Thank you to Dominoes and the Cleveland Optimists Club for their generous donations to the Summer Library Program!!

Looking for a Good Book?

Annie: *The Obsession* by Nora Roberts. Haunted by her murderer father's sins, Naomi moves to a new town to begin a new life—again. Will she succeed this time? If you love romance and suspense, this is a must read. The book was captivating and will keep you on the edge of your seat. From beginning to end, I couldn't put it down. (Print & eBook—Fiction)

Tina: *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. Matilda is a neglected 5-year-old that seeks revenge on her parents when she feels unloved by them. At school, Matilda likes her teacher Ms. Honey, but does not like her “evil” principal Ms. Trunchbull, especially when she accuses Matilda of something she did not do. Matilda plots to have a happy life and to help Miss Honey. While the plot is fun to read, it is not

realistic. Matilda has great talent, but also can move things with willpower, which I don't think is a good idea. I like the relationship between Matilda and Miss Honey, who is actually the niece of Ms. Trunchbull, which is a good twist. Matilda is a brilliant young girl and this a fun story that is a suitable bedtime story for all children. (Print—Fiction)



Tina McGee with Week 4 Dominoes gift card winner Pierre Jordan



Bolivar County Library System

104 South Leflore Avenue
Cleveland, MS 38732-2607

During COVID-19 Phase Two:

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9:00—10:00 (Age 65
and older & other vulnerable patrons)

10:00—11:30

1:00-4:30

Saturday Closed

Closed Sundays & All Legal Holidays

Phone: (622) 843-2774

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Email: info@bolivar.lib.ms.us

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Some Bolivar County History. . .

“Letters Addressed to Miss Nancy Stephens, Evansville, Indiana

“Victoria, Bolivar Co.,
Mississippi
November 17, 1846

Dear Sister:

I assume my pen to inform you that we arrived safe in Mississippi on the first of November. We had a very pleasant trip of five days. Mr. Wilson is overseeing for Isaac Wilkerson and I expect he will continue in the same business next year. I like the country very much, though I am sure you would call it perfect wilderness. We had a protracted meeting which broke up last Sunday, I suppose the first meeting that ever was in the country. I had an introduction to a great many of the ladies and found them very social and intelligent.

When you write to brother John, tell him to please be social enough to call and see us, opposite the Island of Seventy in Mississippi. My pen is so bad, I must conclude.

You must not fail to come and see me the first opportunity that offers. Direct your letters to Victoria, Bolivar Co., Mississippi. No more at present, only that I missed the ague entirely and become healthy. Excuse my bad writing; I will promise to do better next time, providing I do not have to write with a cane pen. No more at present, but remain,

Your affectionate sister,

Susan Wilson.”

The above letter was addressed to Miss Nancy Stephens, Evansville, Indiana. It was mailed at White River, Arkansas, November 22, 1846, and the postage was ten cents.”

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

Note: The next newsletter will feature another Susan Wilson letter to her sister.

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Circulation

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COVID-19 Phase 2:

Benoit Public Library
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