



LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- Grape Expectations is January 31st (See this page)
- Haiku Man Sculpture Now at Robinson-Carpenter (See Director's Corner this page)
- Two Evening With Books Events Coming in 2025 (see page 2 for more info)

Director's Corner

The Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland has recently become home to a permanent art installation! The City of Cleveland Beautification Commission works diligently to keep the Cleveland area attractive and welcoming. Art installations are typically found at Delta State University and Downtown Cleveland.

"Haiku Man" was sculpted by Glenn Zwegardt of Alfred Station, New York. The piece was the competition winner in the Competition Class II 2002-2004, and was a 2004 Purchase Award. The piece was originally installed near the then Zeigel Music Center (now Zeigel Hall) on the Quad at Delta State University.

The sculpture was installed at the library on November 20, 2024, on the front lawn (facing Court Street). We are honored to be "home" of this wonderful piece. Don't forget to stop by the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library to enjoy this amazing artwork!

Thank you to the City of Cleveland Beautification Commission for including our library in your vision!"

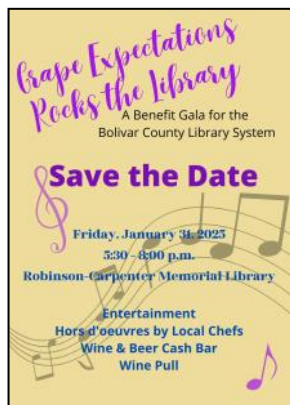
~Emily



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Grape Expectations Rocks the Library Benefit Gala



The Grape Expectations Rocks the Library Benefit Gala is Friday, January 31, 2025, from 5:30-8 p.m. We are pleased to announce that The Grand Boyz will be providing entertainment again this year for our listening pleasure. Tickets are \$10 per person and will soon be available for advance purchase at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland, but will also be available for purchase at the door the night of the Gala.

The Gala is hosted by the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System (Friends) for the benefit of BCLS libraries. The Friends are also asking the public for food and wine donations for the event, as well as asking for volunteers who would like to help at the Gala. Anyone who is interested in donating food/wine or volunteering may email the Friends at <friendsofbcls@gmail.com>. Wine donations may also be delivered to the Circulation Desk at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland anytime during regular hours of operation leading up to the event.

We invite you to "Save the Date" and hope to see you at the Grape Expectations Gala on January 31, 2025!

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Evening With Books



The Friends of the Bolivar County Library System (“Friends”) are pleased to announce some upcoming Evening With Books events featuring Mississippi authors.

First, the Friends have confirmed that Meredith Coleman McGee will be here on February 6th at 5:30 p.m. Ms. McGee, who is the niece of Civil Rights icon James Meredith, is the author of *James Meredith: Warrior and the America that Changed Him* (Praeger,

2013) and her new book *Billie Holiday: Jazz Singer* (Meredith McGee DBA, 2024).

Then on April 10th at 5:30 p.m., Marion Barnwell and Ellen Ann Fentress will be here at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Barnwell is the author of *All the Things We Didn't Say: Two Memoirs* (University Press of Mississippi, 2024), while Ms. Fentress is the author of *The Steps We Take: A Memoir of Southern Reckoning* (University Press of Mississippi, 2023).

The public is invited to these free programs, both of which will be held at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland.

Watch for flyers in the library and posts on Facebook closer to the dates for details about the events and obtaining the author’s books. Wine, soft drinks, and light hors d’oeuvres will be served at both events.

“I love getting out the house because writing is such a solitary business that even being at the library makes me feel part of the world.”
~Jane Green
English Author

Calendar

December 13th, 20th, 27th, January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th—**Preschool Storyhour** @ 10-11 a.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

December 24th-26th—**Christmas**—All Libraries CLOSED

December 31st—January 1st—**New Year's**—All Libraries CLOSED

January 10th—**Friends Book Sale** @ 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

January 11th—**Friends Book Sale** @ 9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

NOTICE: No Board Meetings in December

January 15th, February 19th, March 19th—**Library Commission Meeting** @ 10 a.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

January 15th, February 19th, March 19th—**Board of Trustees Meeting** @ 1:30 p.m. —Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

February 4th, April 1st—**Seniors Day Out!** @ 10—11:30 a.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

February 6th—**Evening With Books featuring Meredith Coleman McGee** @ 5:30 p.m. at Robinson-Carpenter

April 10th—**Evening With Books featuring Marion Barnwell & Ellen Ann Fentress** @ 5:30 p.m. at Robinson-Carpenter



MS Digital Library

In the August newsletter, we reported that we had made some documents from the Mississippi Room, mostly from WWI and of historical/genealogical importance, available on the Mississippi Digital Library (MDL). We are now working diligently to complete digitization of more documents, mostly from WWII, which we hope to upload to MDL soon. We invite you to visit this collection at the MDL website at <https://msdiglib.org/b2v>.

Did You Know?

BCLS has eBooks and eAudiobooks available on two platforms for checkout? Yes, we have **Boundless** and **hoopla**. All you need is your BCLS library card number (the barcode number on the back of your card) and your PIN. For both **Boundless** and **hoopla**, just download the free **Boundless** or **hoopla** app from your app store (Google, Apple or Amazon for Kindles). Open the app, search for and select “Bolivar County Library System” and follow the prompts. Call us if you don’t have a PIN. For more detailed instructions, go to our website at <https://bolivar.lib.ms.us/>, then click on “eBooks and eAudiobooks” under “Services” on the main menu.

If you have any problems, give us a call or stop by with your device at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland.

Recent Happenings at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library

On November 20th, a **Merry Makers: Pop-Up Craft** program was held, to great success. Participants of all ages created Christmas ornaments, bracelets, bearded Santa's, and Christmas trees.



On November 26th, a **Tween & Teen Paint Party** was held. Participants painted canvases that were pre-drawn by art major Hadiya Cooks, Circulation Clerk at Robinson-Carpenter, or designed their own original artwork. Thank you to Dominos for donating the pizza!



Mrs. Bobbie welcomed four Cleveland Headstart groups and children from a daycare—mostly 3- and 4-year olds. The kids toured the library, learned what the library has to offer, and enjoyed a short Storytime.



Elf on the Shelf

It's Christmastime and that means our Elf on the Shelf Holly Berry is back in a playful mood. Holly will be moving around the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library to a new location each day and challenges our patrons to find her.

Each day leading up to Christmas we will offer clues to her location on Facebook and at the Circulation Desk at Robinson-Carpenter.

Holly may be hiding anywhere inside the library so check out the clues each day. If you find her, leave Holly where she is and go to the Circulation Desk. Once you tell them where you found her that day, you will receive a sweet treat. Happy Hunting!



Looking for a Good Book?

Tamara: *Blue Christmas Bones: Sarah Booth Delaney Mystery* by Carolyn Haines. Number 28th in the Mississippi author's mystery series, *Blue Christmas Bones* finds Sarah Booth, Tinkie, Cece, and Millie are all in Tupelo for Christmas and the annual Elvis festival. The guys Coleman, Oscar, Jaytee, and Harold will join them later for the Elvis impersonators competition, which the ladies plan to enter. But the fun barely gets started when a bejeweled replica of Elvis' Las Vegas-style belt is stolen right out of its display case, quickly followed by an attempted murder. Now, Sarah Booth, Tinkie and company are on the case amidst Colonel Parker and Elvis sightings—and resident "haint" Jitty gets in on the action, too, of course. Another fun installment with plenty of red herrings to keep you guessing. This is one of my favorite series! (Fiction—Print)

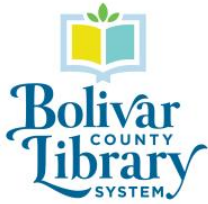
Tamara: *The Knife Before Christmas (A Fixer-Upper Mystery #11)* by Kate Carlisle. In this installment, Shannon Hammer and her fiancé Mac are looking forward to Christmas. Mac is working on a new book, while Shannon and her crew are contracted for a building project at the gorgeous Cliffs Hotel, a Victorian mansion overlooking the Pacific. The Garrison's, the hotel owners, want Shannon's help creating an authentic Victorian carnival midway, which, unfortunately, the Garrison's grown children feel is a waste of money. The project comes together and the carnival opens as planned, but everything does not go as planned... A dead body at the carnival is definitely not what Christmas is all about, nor what Shannon or the Garrison's had in mind for the holiday. If you like a good cozy mystery, I recommend this one! (Fiction—Print)



"This whole phenomenon of the computer in a library is an amazing thing."

~Bill Gates





Bolivar County Library System

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Friday 9a.m.—5p.m.
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Some Bolivar County History . .

“Rosedale by Florence Sillers Ogden” - Continued

The last excerpt started the “Levee Inspection,” ending with the last sentence: They have four grandchildren, Ed Green, Jr., and Margaret Green, Charles B. III, and Dorothy Ruth Allen.”

“Banks

The first bank in Bolivar County was the Bank of Rosedale, founded in 1888, by Charles Scott, who was its president. This bank failed in 1898, was reorganized and the depositors paid in full. Mr. Scott continued as president for a number of years. After surviving boll weevil, panics, and other disasters, it finally closed its doors in 1922, during the deflation which followed World War I.

The Valley Bank, now the oldest bank in the county, was established in November 1898. The original stockholders were W. B. Roberts, Dave Reinach, J. L. Wilson, Godfrey Frank, and a number of employees in Frank’s Memphis office, including James G. McGehee. For many years W. B. Roberts served as president, and J. L. Wilson as cashier. The bank has grown in its forty-seven years and is now about ten times as large as in the first years of operation. Several accounts on the books have run continuously for forty-seven years. The institution has aided in financing many enterprises in this section, totalling [sic] millions of dollars. The present officers are J. L. Wilson, president; W. C. Roberts, vice-president; J. L. Wilson, Jr., cashier; and J. E. Bobo, assistant cashier. The directors are J. L. Wilson, J. L. Wilson Jr., Walter Sillers, H. H. McGowen, and Cal Busby. Sillers and Roberts are attorneys.

The Bolivar County Bank operated for a short period, 1920 to 1930, when it failed under the impact of the depression.”

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

This excerpt will continue with Rosedale’s “Modern Improvements” section in the next newsletter.

Bolivar County Library System Information

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- Ms. Lynn Shurden, *Vice-Chair*
- Ms. Lucille Holmes, *Secretary/Treasurer*
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Cleveland Commission:

- Ms. Jurist Green, *Chair*
- Ms. Dorothy Tolliver, *Vice-Chair*
- Ms. Carol Tatum
- Ms. Heather Walker
- Ms. Corrinne Hegwood

Library Staff:

- Emily Bell, Director
- Melissa Robinson, Office Manager
- Melanie Free, Systems Administrator
- Tamara Blackwell, Reference / Newsletter Editor
- Martha Lawson, Rosedale
- Bobbie Matheney, Youth Svcs
- Marie Shorter, Circulation
- Valencity Rogers, Technical Svcs
- Samantha Williams, Circulation
- Yolanda Spearman, Merigold
- Cindy Williamson, Circulation
- Hadiya Cooks, Circulation
- Clara, Housekeeping
- Donny, Rosedale/Housekeeping

Rosedale Public Library

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702 Front Street
Hours: M & W 10a.m.—5p.m.
T & Th 1p.m.—5p.m.
F 12p.m.—5p.m.
Martha Lawson, Librarian

Thelma Rayner Memorial Library (Merigold)

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