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Voter Registration and ID Information

With the presidential election coming up in November, it is important to insure you are registered and have the required documentation prior to the voter registration.

To vote, you must register either in person at the Circuit Clerk’s office in your county or by mail-in registration application at least 30 days prior to the date of the election. You have until February 10th to register to vote in the March 10th primary and October 5th to register to vote in the November 3rd presidential election.

All applications must be post-marked on or before 30 days prior to the date of the election. If the 30th day falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, then both the post-mark and in-person deadline is extended to the next regular business day. Voters who have not yet reached the age of 18 at the

time of a primary election may vote in the primary election so long as he/she will reach the age of 18 on before the date of the general election.

Registered Mississippi voters need to show photo ID at the polls to vote.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF VOTER ID AND RULES

- Photo ID with voter’s name*:
- Driver’s license
- ID issued by branch, department, agency or entity of US or any State government
- U.S. Passport
- Government employee ID card
- Firearms license
- Tribal ID card
- U.S. military ID
- Student ID issued by accredited MS university, college, or community/junior college
- MS Voter ID card

*Can be expired maximum 10 years, so long as validly issued by federal or a state government.

LOCAL VOTER RESOURCES

Additional voter registration and voter ID requirements and resources:

Mississippi Secretary of State: <http://www.msvoterid.ms.gov/Pages/VoterIDAcceptID.htm>.

Mississippi’s Online Voter Information Center: https://www.msegov.com/sos/voter_registration/amiregistered/Search.

The non-profit organization VoteRiders provides information and free, expert assistance to help voters with renewing expired ID, obtaining the documents needed to secure a valid ID, and may cover the cost of getting to and from ID-issuing offices. Call or text VoteRiders’ Voter ID Helpline: 844-338-8743 for more information about their services.

Dr. Robert Lockett Leads Discussion of Margaret Walker’s Jubilee

The Friends of the Bolivar County Library System are hosting “One Read” Community Book Club on February 20th at 5:30 p.m. at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. The program is open to the public free-of-charge.

In celebration of Black History Month, the neo-slave narrative

Jubilee by Margaret Walker will be discussed at the program. Leading the discussion will be Dr. Robert Lockett, an associate professor of History and Director of the Margaret Walker Center of the Study of African American Experience at Jackson State University.

A limited number of copies of *Jubilee* are available for check-out at Robinson-Carpenter. Patrons

may request copies of the book be delivered to another branch by contacting their branch librarian. Patrons that choose to read their own copies of the book may request a hand-out of Dr. Lockett’s handwritten notes that accompany the library’s copies of the book by calling the library at 662.843.2774 to request a digital copy to be sent to their email.

Managing Your Credit—Getting Your Credit Report

According to the article [Getting Your Credit Report](#) by Lisa Weintraub Schifferle, Federal Trade Commission (FTC), one of the first steps in managing your credit is to obtain your credit report.

How do you get a free copy of your credit report? There are two ways: call 1-877-322-8228 or go to [annualcredit-report.com](#). The FTC warns that other websites may steal your personal information or charge you for a report.

When you access [annualcredit-report.com](#) make sure you do so from a secured internet connection, such as your home Wi-Fi—not a public Wi-Fi you find at fast food restaurants, which are unsecured (meaning you don't need a password to access the Wi-Fi).

You will need to fill out a form with your name, birth date, and Social Security number. Then you choose which credit bureaus you want to receive a report from—Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.

You are entitled to a free credit report each year from each and you may choose to request all three at once or you may opt to stagger your requests throughout the year.

Next, you will be asked questions pertaining to your prior addresses, loans, or other personal information. This is so the bureaus can verify you are who you say you are. If you have problems with answering the online questions, try calling 1-877-322-8228 instead to request the report.

You then will receive your credit report, which you may read online or download to keep a copy. In any event, make sure you store the report securely. The FTC recommends under lock and key for paper or password-protected device for a digital copy.

For more information or tips about credit or credit reports, go to: https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/01/getting-your-credit-report?utm_source=govdelivery.

Calendar

“Closing a public library is child abuse, really, because it hinders child development.”
~Alan Bennett~

February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, March 13th, 20th, 27th—**Friday Preschool Storyhour**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

February 8th—**Bolivar Book Club @ 11 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland (See Article on Page 2)

February 19th, March 18th—**Cleveland Commission @ 10:00 a.m.**—Open to the Public

in Cleveland

February 19th, March 18th—**Board of Trustees Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

February 20th—**“One Read” Community Book Club Featuring Dr. Robert Luckett @ 5:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland (See Article on Page 1)

February 22nd—**Movie Madness @ 10:30 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

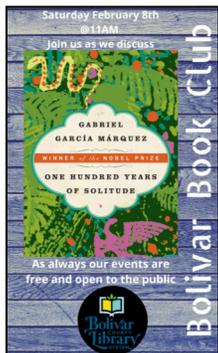
April 4th, May 2nd, June 6th — **Saturday Preschool Storyhour @ 11 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland.

April 7th, June 2nd—**Seniors Day Out! @ 10 a.m.**—Open to Seniors in Cleveland

Bolivar Book Club

Books are now available for check-out for the Bolivar Book Club February selection *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez. The monthly Book Club next meets on February 8th at 11 a.m. Please note that dates and times vary month to month, but are usually announced at each meeting, as is the next month's book.

For more information about the program, call Mike Emerson at 662.843.2774



Shonshunah Winford Joins Staff



We are pleased to welcome new employee Shonshunah Winford to the Circulation Desk at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library. Shonshunah, a Greenville native, has been living in Cleveland for 9 months, received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from MVSU. She is currently continuing her education working towards a Masters in Human Resources Management at Strayer University. Shonshunah

loves libraries, stating “I have a strong passion for reading and feel that it is one of the greatest gifts to have. Reading brings life, challenges your point of view, and allows you to experience multiple realities.”

The Robert T. Hollingsworth Public Library in Shelby

The Shelby Public Library, which was formally dedicated on February 14, 1959, was originally in a 324 square-foot building rented by the City from Wayne Thompson.

Former librarians include: Evelyn Browning (Mrs. James), the first permanent librarian; Patricia A. Denton, who was librarian in 1972; and Vivian Malatesta, who was librarian from 1974 to December 2005. Marie Shorter has served the needs of library patrons since 2011.

The first library board was appointed by Mayor Scott

Morrison in May, 1960: Mrs. Jack Denton, chairman, Mrs. H. L. Bretall, Mrs. Harry Childress, Charles Newton, and James McKenzie. Later board members included: Sam Long, Mrs. J. O. Burris (who was chairman in 1963), Wallace Wooten, Mrs. Gwin Shelby, and Mrs. Buck Ming.

When the City of Shelby applied to the Mississippi Library Commission for funds for a new building, Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Hollingsworth presented the City with a deed to a lot, which had been purchased from Mrs. Ruth Hawkins with the

stipulation that only a library could be built there. Service for the new facility began in March 1968.

On May 14, 1968, the Shelby railroad depot closed and was purchased by the City of Shelby in 1976 for later conversion into the Shelby Public Library in 1977. The library was later designated a Mississippi Landmark by the Historic Preservation Division of the Mississippi Department of Archives & History on January 6, 1988. The highway marker was unveiled on April 14, 1989.

On Nov. 17, 2005, the library was



renamed the Dr. Robert T. Hollingsworth Public Library for the retired, beloved Dr. Bob, as he was affectionately known. Dr. Bob and his wife Kathryn, a registered nurse who worked side-by-side with her husband, served the City of Shelby and the community for over 50 years. Dr. Bob passed away in 2010.

Did You Know?

That you can print from your mobile device? Yes, with our **MobilePrint Service™** you can print from your mobile device and pick-up your prints at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library. Just attach the document you want to print to an email, leaving the "Subject" line blank, and send it to: bcls-bw@printspots.com (for B&W) or bcls-color@printspots.com (for color). You

also have the option of downloading the "PrinterOn" app from Google Play, Apple Store, or Amazon (for Kindle Fires). You can also visit www.printeron.net/rcml/bcls to print from your mobile device. Go to our website at: <https://bolivar.lib.ms.us/services/mobile-print-service/> for full instructions or ask for an instruction sheet at any branch.

That you can check out a portable charger? Yes, you can check-out a **portable charger** for use in Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library with your library card. If you aren't a resident of Bolivar County just give us your driver's license or other valid ID and we will return it when you return the charger. It's that simple. Keep in mind that your library card must be in good standing.

Looking for a Good Book?

Shelby: *Queen of the Damned (Vampire Chronicles #3)* by Anne Rice. Following a 6,000 year slumber, Queen Akasha is awakened by an emboldened Lestat and she has a plan for both him and mankind that no one is going to be happy about. . . Full of twists. Narrator changes had me a bit confused at times, but I really enjoyed the book nonetheless. (Fiction—Print)

Martha: *The Stalking (Krewe of Hunters #29)* by Heather Graham. Cheyenne Donegal, who was instrumental in putting the original serial killer "the Artiste" in jail, now faces a copycat killer. Krewe agent Andre Broussard joins Cheyenne in the hunt for the elusive killer. This is full of twists and turns as they investigate old friends and others to figure out "who dunnit." Another great book

by Ms. Graham. (Fiction—Print)

Tamara: *The Wedding Book* by Mindy Weiss. An updated and revised "classic" that answers the traditional questions ("Help, my parents want to invite everyone!" and "What should I ask the caterer, florist, etc.?"), but also includes 21st century topics: destination weddings, same-sex ceremonies, choosing a videographer, etc. Excellent! (Non-Fiction—Print)

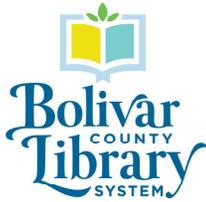
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Some Bolivar County History. . .

The Burning of Major Montgomery’s House During the Civil War—Continued

By Mathilda B. Sillers

I heard Colonel Curry telling Mrs. Montgomery to give him the pantry key. She could not find it at first, but finally did and handed it to him, and we followed him to the pantry door.

I said, “Colonel Curry, surely you are not going to burn all those provisions and deprive these little children of food.”

“I intend doing just that, Madam; not a thing comes out of here.” And he locked the door, putting the key in his pocket.

I said, “Mary Delia, why don’t you save your carpets?”

She replied, “They won’t let me.”

I said to some of the men, “Pick up that roll of carpet and throw it out of the window.” They did.

I picked up some of the silverware and the heavy silver soup ladles and put them in my pocket and was going out with some other things, when Colonel Curry, who was standing out on the steps, said “Madam, tell all of your soldiers that if there are anymore gunboats burned, we will burn every house in Bolivar County.”

I said, “All right, Colonel, you cannot burn all the trees. When we came here, we felled the trees and built our houses, and we can do it again.”

They burned Major Montgomery’s home and every house in the yard, but left in such a hurry that we put out the loom room, and covered up the hole burned in it. That was the only place the little children had to sleep. Their beautiful home was in ashes.

In the meantime, Mr. Baldwin had gotten the piano and was coming up the Bogue with it when the same crowd of Yankees halted him, made him come ashore, set the boat on fire, beat the piano all to pieces, and frightened the Negroes almost to death.

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

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