

Special points of interest:

- Summer Library Program Details!
- Shelby Lee is Featured in the "We're the... Librarians!" Column
- The 2018 Friends of the Library Sponsors List

Summer Library Program Begins in June!

We have a wonderful Summer Library Program planned this year around the theme "Libraries Rock." All programs will feature light refreshments. Here are some of the details, including dates and times.

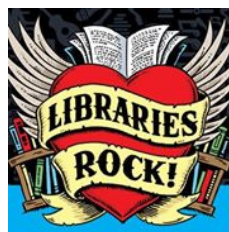
In **Cleveland**, all programs are in the Founders Room at 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, call Mrs. Bobbie at 843.2774 x105.

Tuesdays (1st—3rd Grades)

June 5—Shelly Collins, Archaeology and Music
 June 12—Freedom Ranch
 June 19—Art with Alex
 June 26—Lip Sync Battle and Talent Show
 June 28—ALL GRADES—Belzoni's Miss Catfish, Nikki Merchant

Thursdays (4th—6th Grades)

June 7—DSU Science / Planetarium.



June 14—Art with Alex/Lip Sync Battle & Talent Show

June 21—Art with Mr. Smith/ Drum-Off with Almeta

June 28—ALL GRADES—Belzoni's Miss Catfish, Nikki Merchant

In **Benoit**, programs offered every Monday & Thursday in both June and July from 1-4 p.m. Registration is required—just call Tina McGee at 742.3112. Mondays feature reading and activities, while Thursdays will feature games and outdoor activities.

In **Rosedale**, programs are offered every Wednesday in June from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Programs are

open to all ages and no registration is required. For more information, contact Martha Lawson at 759.6332.

June 6—Paige Bailey, Fire Marshal's Office

June 13—Belzoni's Miss Catfish, Nikki Merchant

June 20—David Moore, Musician

June 27—Beverly Johnson, Delta Health Alliance

In **Shelby**, programs are offered the first three Fridays in June (June 1st, 8th & 15th) from 1-2 p.m.

Programs are open to all ages and no registration is required. For more information, contact Marie Shorter at 398.7748.

In **Merigold**, programs are offered every Thursday in June from 2-4 p.m. Registration is not required and all ages are welcome. For more information, contact Evelyn Brown at 748.2105.

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Bolivar Book Club Introduced for Adult Summer Library Program



As a part of our Summer Reading Program we're excited to introduce the Bolivar Book Club for adult

readers! After all, why should the kids get to have all the fun?

Does sharing your thoughts and opinions among a group of like-minded booklovers in a relaxed setting appeal to you? Then this is the program for you!

On the second Thursday of each month at 12 noon you are invited to bring a sack lunch (we'll provide the soft drinks) and join a book discussion at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library. On June 14th, our first selection is *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt, the author who was awarded the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her 2013 book *The Goldfinch*.

The book for July is *Resurrectionist* by Matthew Guinn, which will be available for checkout at the June 14th program. The book for August, to be announced, will be available at the July 12th program.

Please note that all book selections are available in eBook format through Axis 360. Call Mike for more information at 843-2774 x109. We hope to see you there!

LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

We're the... Librarians!



Shelby Lee has worked at the Circulation Desk since June 2016. and is a Cleveland native.

I found my love reading at a very young age. I was that kid that loved going to the bookstore and I would rather stay inside and read than play outside. I will read pretty much anything that catches my attention, but I also play RPG video games.

I realized I wanted to work in libraries when I was in college at

Mississippi Delta Community College, where I was awarded my Associates of Arts degree. I just graduated with my Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in General Business and a concentration in Philosophy from Delta State University. I now plan to pursue a Masters in Library and Information Studies online at the University of Southern Mississippi—and just see where life takes me.

I've enjoyed working at the

Bolivar County Library System where, in addition to working at the Circulation Desk, I'm in charge of ordering large print books, I manage all materials (i.e., books, large print books, DVDs, etc.) requests that we receive from our patrons, and I manage overdues.

On a more personal note, I have 3 cats and a big dog that can magically escape from her harness.

~Shelby

*"To build up a library
is to create a life.*

*It's never just
a random collection
of books."*

*~Carlos María
Domínguez~*

Calendar

June-July—**Summer Library Programs For Branches**—See Article on Page One for More Information

June 14th, July 12th & August 9th—**Bolivar Book Club @ 12 Noon**—Open to the Public—See Article on Page One For More Information

July—**Teen Summer Library Program** Details Are Forthcoming—Watch for Updates on Face-

book and Flyers in the Library

July 7th and August 4th—

Saturday Preschool Story-hour @ 11 a.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland. *Please note there will be no September 1st Story-hour due to Labor Day.*

June 20th—**Cleveland Commission @ 10:00 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

June 20th—**Board of Trustee Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to

the Public in Cleveland

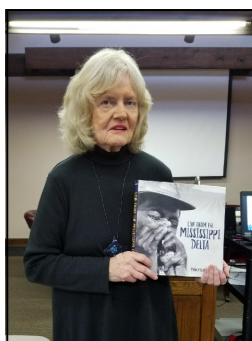
July 4th—**Independence Day**—All Libraries CLOSED

July 18th—**Cleveland Commission @ 10:00 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

July 18th—**Board of Trustee Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

NOTE: Boards Do Not Meet in August; Next Meeting is September 19th.

Lunch With Books with Panny Flautt Mayfield & Brenda Haynes Brown



On April 12th, Clarksdale resident Panny Flautt Mayfield delighted her audience with stories of Robert Plant, B. B. King, and other Bluesmen in the Delta. Fun program!



We also enjoyed having Delta native Brenda Haynes Brown at our May

program where she shared wonderful memories of her family and growing up around Merigold/Sunflower Plantation. Look for

Mayfield's *Live from the Mississippi Delta* and Brown's *Snuff Glasses and Jelly Jars* at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library—they're both available for check-out.



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Where Are the Instructions?!!



From the 1941
Telephone Directory:
“How to Dial:
suppose, for exam-

ple, you want to dial 2341. 1) Place your finger firmly in the dial opening over the figure “2.”

2) Turn the dial around to the right until your finger strikes the finger stop. 3) Then lift your finger clear of the dial and let it return to its original position. 4) Proceed

in same manner with the other figures “3,” “4” and “1.””

When was the last time you saw such detailed instructions for anything, especially a phone? (Or a telephone number with only four digits!) Don’t worry. If you need help with your phone or other mobile devices in accessing or using our online services, such as eBooks, LearningExpress Library, etc., bring them in to the library

and we will be happy to help you figure it out. Don’t have time to stop by? Call us at 843.2774 and we will attempt to help you over the phone.

We also have instructions for accessing our online services on business cards that are available at the Circulation Desk of any of our branches. We want you to get the most out of our online services. So if you need help, just ask us!

“The only thing
that you absolutely
have to know, is the
location of the
library.”

~Albert Einstein~

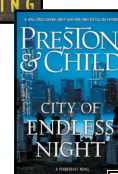
Looking For a Good Book?

Martha: *Dead Girl Running* by Christina Dodd. “I have three confessions to make: 1. I’ve got the scar of a gunshot on my forehead. 2. I don’t remember an entire year of my life. 3. My name is Kellen Adams...and that’s half a lie.” So begins *Dead Girl Running*. I loved it. Romantic suspense—twists and turns you will not see coming. (Fiction—Print)

Tamara: *City of Endless Night* (a Pendergast Novel) by Preston and

Child. When the body of the daughter of a powerful “one-percenter” turns up—quickly followed by others, Lt. D’Agosta is under tremendous pressure to find the serial killer targeting New York’s wealthiest citizens. Our favorite CIA agent Pendergast is soon assisting him on this puzzling mystery. I love it when D’Agosta and Pendergast team up! I couldn’t put it down! (Fiction—Print & Large Print)

Tamara: *Gwendy’s Button Box: a Novella* by Stephen King and Richard Chizmar. Gwendy is twelve and running the “Suicide Stairs” every day trying to lose weight when she meets an unusual man who gives her an even more unusual “button box.” As with all things, the “gift” comes with a price. The novella builds both dread and suspense as you wonder what will happen next. Excellent! (Fiction—Print)





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Some Bolivar County History...

“Incidents of the War in Bolivar County, As Experienced by a Ten-Year-Old Boy, and as Given by Him
By Walter Sillers—Continued

Our last newsletter ended with a young Master Sillers being disappointed that Stark's Cavalry did not engage the Federals.

Shortly after this, my brother and I were riding on the levee in front of General Clark's residence. We could see the town of Napoleon, Arkansas, five miles down the river, with its great Government Hospital. Opposite Napoleon on the Mississippi side was the town of Prentiss. As we looked, a transport, loaded with Federal troops, under the convoy of several gunboats, rounded the bend from the north. They passed by and were a mile below when they swung into the bank within three hundred yards of the shore. Suddenly a flash came out of a clear August sky and seemed to strike the transport—men stumbled in all directions; the boats pulled off to the Arkansas shore, slowed down, stopped, and began to signal with whistles. A squad of Confederate cavalry galloped by and we learned that Stark's regiment had fired upon the transports. As they left, the fleet fired a broadside into the woods from which the attack had been made that shook the earth and effectually satisfied our curiosity. We left rapidly, and at once. The firing of one broadside after another continued for several hours. Towards dark, the Federals landed troops, took possession of the town of Prentiss, freed all criminals from the jail, and burned the town. The remains of the fine brick courthouse can still be seen on its forest-grown site. The planters of the neighborhood took in the homeless refugees. An Indiana family, by the name of Snodgrass, fell to us. Among them was two boys. One Sunday, I took these boys with me muscadine hunting. We went to the back of General Clark's plantation, which was abandoned at the time, and had just begun to look for grapes when we heard two shots, a mile or so away. We knew something was about to happen. A signal whistle was given by a boat and answered. I said: “Boys, they are going to shell these woods—let's go!” As we turned to go a broadside was fired, and a small shell hit a gum tree just in front of us. The shells and cannon balls were tearing through the deadening in front of us like a drove of wild hogs, and three terrified boys struck the road in a marathon that may have been equaled, but I doubt that was ever excelled.

The next broadside was just ahead of us; at the half mile post we were in the thick of it. A sixty-four pounder struck a gum tree twenty yards ahead of me, about twenty feet up. I jumped behind an immense tree. The shell did not explode, but rolled off into the cane, and I saw about where it stopped. Almost immediately, a shell passed through the top of my tree, taking off limbs that fell about me. I concluded I had business elsewhere and called to the boys to strike for home. I lead a race that would have put me in the front ranks as a college sprinter. The other boys were among the “also ran” class. I ran about seventy-five yards, when a broadside cut the tree tops about me, which accelerated by speed. I paused at the tall fence of the woodland, but a broadside with sixty-four pounders flying low gave me a new inspiration, and a final spring landed me on horseback behind my brother, who was searching for me. The other boys were put on horses, and people packed into carriages or other vehicles that waited for our return only, and white and blacks fled the Lenoir place, two miles to the east.”

Walter Sillers' exciting story will be continued in the next newsletter.

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

We're on the Web!

<http://bolivar.lib.ms.us>



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(662) 748-2596 (fax)

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