

The LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

Happy 4th of July!



Bolivar County Library System

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Special points of interest:

- Teen Summer Library Program Begins in July
- Magician Steve Thomas Performs in Cleveland and Rosedale
- Library System Welcomes New Staff

Children Love the Summer Library Program!



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Teen Summer Library Program



Sports and Fitness is the theme of the Teen Summer Library Program (SLP) titled "Get in the Game: READ!" Registration for the Teen SLP begins June 27th and will continue throughout the Teen SLP program. All programs are free-of-charge and will begin at 11 a.m. each day:

- July 12th—Delta Health Alliance / Tobacco Free
- July 14th—Film: *A League of Their Own*
- July 19th—Delta Medical Group / Teens & HIV
- July 21st—Film: *Zootopia*

In addition to the programs listed above, teens are encouraged to sign up for the Reading Challenge. Teens are challenged to read as many books as they can between

June 27th and July 21st. For **each** book read, turn in a book summary to Mrs. Bobbie or at the Circulation Desk at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library. All summaries received will be entered into a drawing for a grand prize—the more you enter, the higher your chances of winning!

Contact Mrs. Bobbie for more information at 843.2774 ext. 105.

Get In the Game: READ!

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Magic Show Kicks Off Summer Library Program

The Summer Library Program got off to a rousing—and magical—start on June 2nd with a wonderful family show by magician Steve Thomas, a



Top left & far left, Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library, and near left, Rosedale Public Library. We were ecstatic at the full house at both locations!

professional magician with over 30 years experience. Magician Steve Thomas wowed the audience at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland in the morning then did a repeat performance at Rosedale in the evening. The Summer Library Program will continue throughout June for children in grades 1st-6th and the Teen program will begin in July.

Calendar

June 28th & 30th—**Summer Library Program for Grades 1st-3rd**—Registration On-Going at Robinson-Carpenter

June 23rd & 30th—**Summer Library Program for Grades 4th-6th** — Registration On-Going at Robinson-Carpenter

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

July 12th, 14th, 19th & 21st—

Teen Summer Library Program at 11 a.m.—Robinson-Carpenter—Open to All Teens—See Article on Page 1

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

July 20th—**Board of Trustees Meeting** @ 1:30 p.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland

SLP Supporters

Thank you to our Summer Library Program supporters:

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The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history.

~Carl T. Rowan~

Talking Book Services



Summer Library Program participants in Rosedale enjoying the magic show by Steve Thomas on June 2nd.

The library has a free public library service for eligible Mississippi residents who are unable to read standard print due to a visual, physical or organic reading disability called the Talking Book Services and is administered by the Mississippi Library Commission. To be eligible, you must be a Mississippi resident and must meet at least one of the following:

- Cannot hold a book or turn pages due to physical disability (includes missing arms or hands, lack of muscle coordination or prolonged weakness)
- Cannot see standard size print due to visual impairment or blindness (includes macular degeneration)
- Have temporary disabilities due to injury, illness, or surgery
- Have an organic-based reading disability (medically certifiable reading disabilities, including dyslexia)

If you have questions or would like to pick up an application, call or stop by the library, or contact the Mississippi Library Commission directly toll-free at 1.800.446.0892 or local at 601.432.4116 or email them at talkingbooks@mlc.lib.ms.us.

Get Ready, Set... READ! Summer Library Program 2016

Mrs. Bobbie (Youth Services Librarian); branch librarians Martha Lawson (Rosedale), Marie Shorter (Shelby), Evelyn Brown (Merigold), & Tina McGee (Benoit); and volunteers worked hard preparing for a fun and exciting Summer Library Program this year! During the first week, Mrs. Beverly Johnson from Delta Health Alliance talked about being tobacco free to children in both Rosedale (near right) and Cleveland (bottom right). Mrs. Bobbie had help from your teen



volunteers, who created some great sidewalk art (below) and helped her in welcoming participants (Top right) in Cleveland.



Welcome to New Staff Members Lisa and Shelby

BCLS is pleased to welcome two new staff members, Jelisa "Lisa" Watson Hatcher and Shelby Lee, who both work at the Circulation Desk at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland.

Lisa, who is originally from Shaw, worked for Delta Airlines in Romulus, Michigan, but returned recently to the Delta after the death of her parents. Lisa's mother was the Shaw school

librarian for 44 years and Lisa says, "I'm following in my mom's footsteps. I'm very excited to join the Bolivar County Library team." She also confides that she loves the Shaw Hawks!

Shelby Lee was born in Cleveland and graduated from the Indianola Academy. She received her Associate of Arts from Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead, where she also

worked in the library—sparking her interest. Shelby currently attends Delta State University where she's majoring in English and upon graduation, plans to earn a Master's in Library Science.



Lisa (Left) & Shelby

Next time you visit the library, stop by and say hello to Lisa and Shelby.

Looking for a Good Book?

Martha: *'Til Death Us Do Part* by Amanda Quick. A Victorian novel set in London, Calista operates an "introduction" club for respectable ladies and gentlemen. When she begins receiving deeply disturbing mourning trinkets with her initials on them, she turns to Trent Hastings, an author of wildly popular crime novels, for help. He thinks Calista is taking advantage of his sister, who is Calista's client,

so he really doesn't trust her. If you like a Victorian novel with a really creepy vibe and an ending you will not see coming, you will enjoy this one—I could not put it down! (Fiction—Print.)

Tamara: *Rock-A-Bye Bones* (A Sarah Booth Delaney Mystery) by Carolyn Haines. Another fun cozy mystery featuring our favorite private eye Sarah Booth—and

Tinkie, of course. When a baby is left on Sarah Booth's doorstep, Tinkie and hubby Oscar take in the baby, while Sarah Booth searches for the mother. To complicate matters, old nemesis Gertrude is still gunning for Sarah Booth. Sarah Booth must elude Gertrude and race against time to find the baby's mother—before Tinkie loses her heart for good! (Fiction—Print.)

Goodbye to Kanesha

It is with regret that we say goodbye to Kanesha Collins. Kanesha began as the Branch Librarian at Field Memorial Library in Shaw in November 2013 and began working at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library when Field closed temporarily last year. We wish Kanesha all the best in her future plans.





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Some Bolivar County History...

"CONCORDIA By Lavinia S. Pulliam—Continued

No troops ever landed at Concordia nor was any fighting done there during the Civil War, but warships passing down the river cannonaded the river banks in its vicinity.

In 1879 the yellow fever claimed forty percent of its inhabitants, and some entire families were wiped out.

Among its merchants were the Tobins, the Blanchards, the McGehees, the Popes, and the Rothschilds. At its most flourishing stage, Godfrey Frank was the principal merchant.

The planters in and near Concordia were the Tobins, the Wilsons, the Hudsons, the Melchoirs, the Picketts, the Shelys, the Humes, and the Torreys. Many descendants of these pioneer settlers still live in the neighborhood.

It is said that in '61 [1861], when a company of its volunteers were bidding farewell to homefolks, there was among the company one whose heart was aching, for he had neither kith nor kin to bid him Godspeed; yet among those who were bidding others farewell was a little girl who afterwards became his wife. Many are the stories of the bravery of this young soldier, lovingly called by his comrades Billy Boyd, who settled, lived, and died near Concordia.

In 1889, when the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad came and passed by three miles to the east, Concordia, forsaken by the river, scorned by commerce, was abandoned by man, and most of its inhabitants moved to a railroad station on the plantation of Mr. A. N. Gunnison, from whom the present town of Gunnison takes its name.

No contest arose over abandoning the town or changing its name, and today there stand only a few of the old landmarks of the town of Concordia. (#1)

#1. Mr. William Boyd, Mr. J. M. Kirk, and Mr. Pole Knowlton were the author's sources of information for this article."

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

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Front Row (L to R) Tamara, Martha, Tina, LaShaunda, Marie, Evelyn & Bobbie; Middle Row: Nan, Sharon, Kanesha, Jennifer & Brett; Top Row: Jasmina, Bethany, Melanie, Megan & Terrye.

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