# The LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

## Special points of interest:

• Thank You to Our 2016 Sponsors!

- Richard Grant is Guest Speaker at the April 14th Luncheon With Books Program
- The Annual Book
   Sale is in April



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## Library Legislative & Advocacy Day at the Capitol

Jennifer, Sharon, and Martha went to the State Capitol on March 8th to talk to our State Representatives and Senators as part of the Library Legislative & Advocacy Day. As you can see from the photo at right, librarians from all over the state converged on Jackson in the effort to increase visibility about the importance of libraries to all Mississippi communities and advocate for funding for Mississippi libraries and programs.





At left, Jennifer Wann (far right) with (from left) Sunflower County Library System director Mary Ann Griffin, Senator Willie Simmons, and former BCLS Director Lynn Shurden.

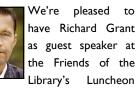
At right, Assistant Director Sharon Williamson and Rosedale Branch Librarian Martha Lawson check out the 3D printer . display.



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### Luncheon With Books Featuring Richard Grant



With Books program in April.

In support of National Library Week (April 10-16), the Friends are providing a lunch catered by Christina's Exquisite Edibles with this program. To assist in planning for the luncheon, those who plan to attend the program are asked to make a reservation by calling the library at 662.843.2774, then choose "0" or any extension.

Richard Grant is an author, journalist, and television host and currently writes for <u>Smithsonian</u> magazine, <u>New York Times</u>, <u>Al Jazeera America</u>, <u>Telegraph UK</u>, and <u>Aeon</u>. He grew up in London and now lives in Jackson, MS. Mr. Grant is the author of *Dispatches*  from Pluto: Lost and Found at the Mississippi Delta,.

Plan to join us for this exciting program on April 14th at 12 noon at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. The author will have copies of his books available for sale and a book signing will follow the program. As always, admission is free and soft drinks will be provided.

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Miss Pepper LouCharles Piccadilly (AKA Mrs. Bobbie) delighted the children at Story Hour on February 26th.

"Once you learn to

read, you will be

forever free."

~Frederick Douglass~

## Calendar

March 18th, April 7th, 15th, 22nd—**Preschool Story Hour** at 10 a.m. at Robinson-Carpenter

March 25th—Good Friday—All Libraries CLOSED

March 31st-Staff Development Day-All Libraries CLOSED

April 6th—9th—Friends' Annual Book Sale—Open to Public at Robinson— Carpenter—SEE ARTICLE BELOW FOR HOURS

April 14th—Luncheon With Books Featuring Richard Grant at 12 Noon— Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

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

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



Annual Book Sale 2015

## Friends of the Library's Annual Book Sale

You are invited to the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System's Annual Book Sale 2015!

The Friends have been busy planning this year's Book Sale for your book buying pleasure.

April 6th—II a.m.-5:45 p.m.

Hardbacks/Audio Books—\$I Paperbacks—50 cents Children's Books—50 cents DVDs—\$I

- April 7th—9 a.m.-5:45 p.m.
   Prices Same at April 6th
- April 8th—9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Half Price Day
- April 9th—9 a.m.-12:45 p.m. 5 Books for \$1

All proceeds from the Book Sale benefit the Bolivar County Library System, so plan to stop by and pick-up some great books at great prices!

See you then!

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## We're the... Librarians!

Reference Services Librarian Tamara Blackwell has been with the library system since 2006 when she started as a Branch Librarian at the Shelby library and then moved to her current position of Reference Services Librarian at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library the next year.

Tamara exhibited an early interest in libraries, getting her first library card at age 5 and being a member

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## Heart of Black History

The annual Heart of Black History program was February 25th and featured special guest Jimmy McKnight, author of "It Isn't Easy Being Me." Zoe Sherwood was the emcee and performers were Myrtle Lucas & her grandson, Nora Moore, Anita Thames,

Olyvia Fields, and Destiny White. Closing the program were Blues musicians Brenda Mitchell, Mickey Rogers & Bob Dowell.



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of the Library Club while in high school. After graduation she joined the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Riley, KS—Home of the Big Red One! Following her honorable discharge, she followed her husband during the last 10 years of his Army service with two tours in then West Germany interspersed with a year at Fort Lewis, WA, and ending with Fort McClellan, AL. Tamara worked as a civilian at Fort McClellan for 10 years until its closure in 1999 afforded her the

opportunity to attend college fulltime. She earned her B.A. in History at Jacksonville State University and her Master of Library & Information Studies at the University of Alabama.

"I've always loved libraries," Tamara confided, "but it wasn't until I worked at a military library while in Germany that I realized I would love to be a professional librarian. That dream finally came true 16 years later."



Tamara in the Mississippi Room, which is one of her main areas of responsibility.

## Celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday



Everyone got into the spirit of *Cat in the Hat* to celebrate the birth of Dr. Seuss, who was born March 2, 1904. Middle, Bobbie Matheney was delighted to be a guest of the H. M. Nailor Elementary School in Cleveland on March 2nd and celebrated again with the Story Hour kids on March 4th at the library.







"Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through no times of libraries. ~Anne Herbert~

#### "RIVERTON

#### By Florence W. Sillers

In 1870, there was a thriving little town at the Riverton landing on the Mississippi River about six miles north of Beulah, then the county seat.

Mr. B. J. Martin built a railroad from Bogue Phalia to Riverton. This line of road was the first railroad in Bolivar County and was operated by mule power. Mr. Martin had a law office in Riverton, besides his station and warehouse for his railroad. Mr. E. H. Moore, afterwards one of the county's most prominent lawyers and citizens, opened a law office at Riverton.

Major D. C. Herndon, Mr. John Young, D. Reinach, and later, Colonel F. A. Montgomery, built homes in Riverton, and there were other residences there. The merchants were Frank Williams, J. D. McDonald, E. H. Moore, David Reinach, and several others.

The caving banks of the Mississippi River have entirely destroyed the village of Riverton; and where once stood that prosperous and important little town is now the center of the great river. Not a vestige remains to show that Riverton ever existed; it is only a memory to a few old citizens. The town of Prentiss was left outside the levee and abandoned, but the land upon which it was built remains. Not so with Riverton—the river devoured it completely."

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

#### Next month's newsletter will feature Terrene.

## **Bolivar County Library System Information:**

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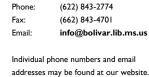
Marie Shorter, Shelby Kanesha Collins, Circulation Evelyn Brown, Merigold Clara, Housekeeping

#### **Branch Information:**

Benoit (662) 742-3112 Hours M & Th 9—1 Gunnison (662) 747-2201 Hours T & Th 1—5 Merigold (662) 748-2105 (ph) / (662) 748-2596 (fax) Hours M, T, W & Th 1—5 Mound Bayou—Closed Until Further Notice Rosedale (662) 759-6332 Hours M & W 10—5, F 12—5 Shaw—Closed Until Further Notice Shelby (662) 398-7748 Hours M & W 10—5, F 12—5



Seated (L to R): Sharon, Nan, Board Member Geraldine Grammer, Megan; Standing (L to R): Clara, Board Member Natalie Peeler, Melanie, LaShaunda, Tamara, Former Director Lynn Shurden, J.R., Martha, Bobbie, Terrye (partially obscured), Board Member Deloris Johnson, and Brett.



Bolivar County Library System

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9:00—6:00 9:00—5:00

9:00-1:00

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Saturday

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