

The LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

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- Mobile Printing Service Is Now Available
- Letters About Literature State Finalists



Mrs. Bobbie awarded Story Hour Graduate certificates to Madison Peebles and Mya Wesley on May 20th.

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Bolivar County Library System

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Director's Corner—BCLS Library Services Annual Report

Earlier this month I presented our annual report to the Bolivar County Board of Supervisors. I was so pleased to be able to inform our Supervisors that over 69% of the population of Bolivar County has an active library card, and that in 2015 our libraries in Bolivar County received over 90,000 visits. Library users checked out over 34,000 items and logged 27,700 sessions on the libraries' 54 public computers to search for jobs, connect with loved ones, take online courses, and more.

In the last year, we've increased the Internet connection speed at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library and made Wi-Fi available in the parking lot 24/7. The libraries in Merigold, Shelby, and Rosedale area all scheduled to upgrade to high speed Internet access and add

Wi-Fi within the next year. While we continue to offer print books, we've also added e-books and, most recently, a digital music service called Freegal®. (It's free to library card holders and legal!) The economy, technology, arts, and education have all changed a lot in the last few years; at the Bolivar County Library System we take pride in balancing traditional library services while meeting the evolving needs of our community.

Right now, our biggest challenge is reaching all of our residents throughout the County. Bolivar County's large land area, compounded by the fact that many families do not have reliable, permanent transportation, hinders universal library access. We recognize this barrier and are actively engaged in developing an outreach

strategy to increase access to library services in an effective and efficient manner throughout Bolivar County.

The Bolivar County Library System's operating budget consists primarily of public funds appropriated by the Bolivar County Board of Supervisors, the Cities of Cleveland and Shelby, the Towns of Rosedale and Boyle, and the State of Mississippi. We take the stewardship of your tax dollars, and our obligation to serve the people of Bolivar County very seriously. Thank you to all the users of the Bolivar County Library System and to our elected officials who continue to make sure that library services are strong and healthy for our citizens.

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Summer Library Program Begins!

Summer is almost here and so is the Summer Library Program (SLP)! Registration requirements, age limitations, and program dates and times vary by branch. The following schedule of programs is being offered at each branch.

Cleveland

Registration is required and continues throughout the program. Program is for children who will enter grades 1-6

in the fall. **All programs are from 10:30 a.m.—12 noon.** Call Bobbie Matheney at 843-2774 x105 for more information.

June 2nd—Magician Steve Thomas—Open to All Ages @ 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays—1st-3rd Grades

June 7th—Let's Go Play

June 14th—Stretch & Exercise

June 21st—Fire Safety with State Fire Marshal

June 28th—CHS Sports

June 30th—Harmony Bowling

Thursdays—4th-6th Grades

June 9th—Tobacco Free

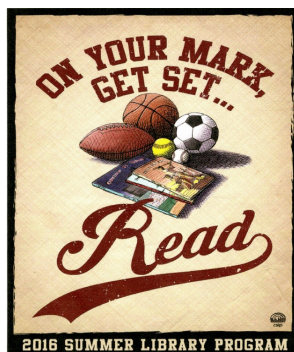
June 16th—Nutrition / Stretch & Exercise

June 23rd—Sports Medicine

June 30th—Harmony Bowling

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Rosedale

No Registration is required. **All programs begin at 1 p.m.** and are open to all ages. Call Martha Lawson at 759-6332 for more information.

June 1st—Beverly Johnson with Terrence the Rat

June 2nd—Magician Steve Thomas

June 8th—Coach Joac Williams Talks About Football

June 15th—Sherry Norquist from Paw Prints

June 22nd—Paige Bailey from State Fire Marshal's Office

June 29th—Play Day!!

Shelby

Registration is requested and continues throughout the program. Programs are designed for children ages 5-12, but all children who show up for programs may attend. Call Marie Shorter at 398-7748 for more information.

Marie has not finalized program details, but dates are:

June 10th

June 15th

June 20th

June 24th.

Merigold

Registration is required and continues throughout the program. The program is open to children ages 4-12. Call Evelyn at 748-2105 for info.

Evelyn has not finalized program details, but dates are:

June 9th

June 16th

June 23rd

June 30th.

Benoit

To Be Announced. Contact Tina after May 31st at 742-3112.

Calendar

May 23rd—**Summer Library Program** Registration Begins at Robinson-Carpenter—See Article for Branch Program Information and Schedule of Events

May 30th—**Memorial Day**—All Libraries Are CLOSED

June 2nd—**Magician Steve Thomas** at 10:30 a.m. at Robinson-Carpenter & 1 p.m. at Rosedale

June 22nd—**Seniors Day Out!**

@ 10 a.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland

June 15th—**Cleveland Library Commission Meeting** @ 10 a.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland

June 15th—**Board of Trustees Meeting** @ 1:30 p.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland

NOTE: Luncheon With Books program takes a hiatus this summer & will resume in September.

Goodbye to Lashaunda



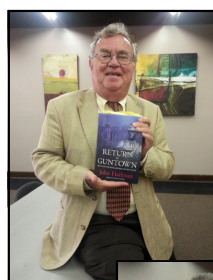
It is with regret that we announce the departure of Lashaunda Evans, who's worked at the Circulation Desk at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library since 2014. We wish Lashaunda well with her planned move to another state and as she completes her college studies.

"My library
is an archive of
longings."

~Susan Sontag~

John Hailman Visits

On May 12th, author John Hailman regaled Luncheon With Books attendees with stories from his new book *Return to Guntown: Classic Trials of the Outlaws and Rogues of Faulkner County*, a sequel to the winner of the Mississippi Library Association's 2015 Author Award for non-fiction *Midnight to Guntown*.



John Hailman
with Mimi Clark,
the Friends'
Luncheon With
Books Chair



Mobile Printing Service Now Available



BCLS is pleased to offer a new service—Mobile Printing. Our patrons may now print from their smartphones, laptops, Kindle Fires, tablets, or desktop computers and pick up their prints at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library within two hours. Copies cost 25 cents for B&W and \$1 for color.

Mobile devices (other than Kindle Fires) may download the new "PrinterOn" app, while other users go to <http://www.printeron.net/rcml/bcls> to print. Alternately, all users may email their print jobs to either bcls-bw@printspots.com for B&W or bcls-color@printspots.com for color. Ask for full Mobile Printing instructions at the Circulation Desk at any branch or go to www.bolivar.lib.ms.us, click on "Services" and then click on Mobile Print is at bottom of page. Ask about it today.

A Note From Mrs. Bobbie—Letters About Literature

On April 29, 2016, I attended the Letters About Literature Awards Ceremony and Reception in Jackson at the Mississippi Library Commission. I was delighted that two students from Cleveland placed in the competition: Jazlyn Young and Indu Nandula.

Jazlyn, who attends East Side High School, was chosen as one of the State Finalists for her letter to author Jennifer Brown about the author's book *The Hate List*. Indu, who attends Margaret Green Junior High School, was also a

State Finalist for her letter to author Jacqueline Kelly about the author's book *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*.

Indu has been participating in Letters About Literature since 2007, while this is Jazlyn's second year to compete. This year there were over 500 letters submitted and only 50 State Finalists were invited to the Awards Ceremony at the Mississippi Library Commission.

You would be surprised to find out how books impact young

readers. There were letters about bullying, gun violence, views of the world, and more. Hearing the State Finalists read aloud their letters brought about emotions and tears throughout the room. When you think about it, Jazlyn and Indu's letters had to be really awesome—and believe me they were!

I encourage them to keep reading, writing, and competing in the Letters About Literature Reading and Writing competition.

—Mrs. Bobbie



May 6th was Alphabet "X" & "Y" Story Hour and the kids enjoyed playing the xylophone.

Freegal® Free Music Service

Have you tried Freegal® yet? Download 3 songs per week and it's yours to keep! Go to our webpage or ask us about it at the library today! Here is a Freegal® recommended playlist for Memorial Day:

BILLY RAE CYRUS
Some Gave All
THE ISLEY BROTHERS
Ballad For The the Fallen Soldier
DROWNING POOL
Soldiers
MARIAH CAREY
Hero

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

Born In The U.S.A.
LEE GREENWOOD
God Bless The U.S.A.
MERLE HAGGARD
The Fightin' Side Of Me
FIVE FOR FIGHTING
Note To The Unknown Soldier
CARRIE UNDERWOOD

Just A Dream
ALAN JACKSON
Where Were You (When The World Stopped Turning)
JOHNNY CASH
The Ballad of Ira Hayes
DIXIE CHICKS
Travelin' Soldier
RICK DERRINGER
Real American

Goodbye to Nan



It is with regret that we announce the departure of Benoit Branch Librarian Nan Williamson, who has worked at BCLS since 2002. Nan is planning to enjoy retirement and spending more time with her family. We wish her well.

"Any book that helps
a child to form
a habit of reading,
to make reading one
of his deep and
continuing needs, is
good for him."
~Maya Angelou~

Looking for a Good Book?

Tamara: *Dispatches from Pluto: Lost and Found in the Mississippi Delta* by Richard Grant. Grant was born in England and has travelled the world, but he was unprepared for the new life he experienced in the Mississippi Delta. I found his analysis of race relations in the Delta and what it means to be born in "the most American place on Earth" insightful, amusing, and honest. I highly recommend this

wonderful book. (Non-Fiction—Print)

Martha: *Gentlemen Prefer Curves: A Perfect Fit Novel* by Sugar Jamison. When her estranged husband Carter walks back into her life after almost 5 years—with his 5-year-old daughter in tow, Belinda realizes she can't runaway again from unfinished business. Funny and sensitive—it's a really good book. (Fiction—Print)

Tamara: *Winging It: A Memoir of Caring for a Vengeful Parrot Who's Determined to Kill Me* by Jenny Gardiner. Umm, I have a question. Why!!!! Why continue to care for an seriously unhappy African Gray parrot that may live to be 60 years old? I kept asking myself this—that is, when I wasn't laughing. A surprisingly poignant—and funny—memoir. (Non-Fiction—Print)



Some Bolivar County History...



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"CONCORDIA By Lavinia S. Pulliam

Among the deserted villages of Bolivar County none is more rich in romance or more dear to the hearts of its old inhabitants than the little town of Concordia, which once flourished upon the eastern bank of the great "Father of Watters", about one hundred miles below Memphis. The monster river, like old Father Time, holds the destiny of towns and cities in its grasp, and in 1870 there occurred what is known as the chute of '70 [1870]; the river, in a capricious mood, veered off its eastern bank and left many prosperous landings several miles inland. Among those thus isolated, Concordia was the most flourishing.

Concordia's history is so interwoven with that of Carson's Landing that it is necessary to go back to the history of that landing, to begin that of Concordia.

It is thought that the settlement of Carson's Landing was coincident with the opening of steam navigation on the Mississippi River, although it may have been a landing in the earlier days of the old flatboats. In those days there was nothing permanent about landings, as they were merely places to load and unload the boats' cargoes, consisting of the mail, plantation supplies, and other articles of trade. They were maintained by the use of spades and shovels. Carson's Landing was probably named for the man who first established it, but of him I have never been able to obtain information.

In the 1860's a new landing one and a half miles below Carson's Landing was established and soon became a flourishing village. In 1865 or 1866, the two landings were merged and became Concordia, the name indicating that the arrangement was agreeable to all concerned.

Immediately following, Concordia was made an incorporated town and early in its history was noted for saloons, gambling houses, and wild western ways. Many crimes were committed within its borders.

The last mayor of the town was Sol Cohen, an English Jew and one of the best known men of northwest Mississippi."

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

Next month's newsletter will feature the conclusion of "Concordia."

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Hours M & Th 9—1

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Hours T & Th 1—5

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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



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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