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2020 Census: Fact v. Fiction

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The Federal Trade Commission is partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help you guard against potential census scams. Knowing how the 2020 Census process works, what information you will — and won't — be asked for, and some red flags will help you spot and report scams.

The Process

In mid-March 2020, the Census Bureau will start mailing out (and, in some areas, hand delivering) invitations to participate in the 2020 Census. You should get yours by April 1. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail.

The Census Bureau has an important job: to count every person living in the United States. Starting in May 2020, census tak-

ers will start visiting homes that haven't responded to make sure everyone is counted. If you aren't home or can't come to the door, the census taker will come back up to six times. Each time, they'll leave a door hanger with a phone number so you can call to schedule a visit.

The Questions

The census questionnaire asks how many people are in the home at the time you complete the form; their sex, age, race, ethnicity; their relationships to one another; phone number; and whether you own or rent the home. For the full list of questions on the 2020 Census, visit Questions Asked.

Signs of a Scam

Scammers may pose as census takers to get your personal infor-

mation — and then use it to commit identity theft and other frauds. But there are ways you can identify official census takers.

Census takers must show a photo ID with the U.S. Department of Commerce seal and an expiration date. If you ask, the census taker will give you a supervisor's contact information and/or the census regional office phone number for verification.

The Census Bureau will never ask for your full Social Security number, bank account or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party. The 2020 Census will not ask citizenship status.

The Census Bureau may call you as part of their follow-up and quality control efforts. They also might call if you're not home

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Friends of the Library Begin Sponsorship Drive

The Friends of the Bolivar County Library System ("the Friends") are putting the final touches on preparations for the annual Sponsorship Drive.

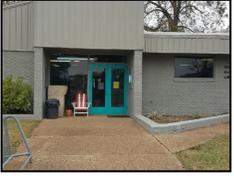
With this being the off year for the biennial Gala, which is next scheduled to be held in January 2021, the Friends are prepared to put extra effort into this year's Sponsorship Drive. As with the Gala, all funds benefit all branches of the Bolivar County Library System.

If you would like to support the Bolivar County Library System, please ask for a brochure at the Circulation Desk. As you can see from the graphic at right, your generous donations benefits the Library System in so many ways.



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The Rosedale Public Library



The Rosedale Public Library started out in the home of Alma Morris until 1935, when it moved into a newly renovated room in the Court House under the guidance of West Bolivar County Library Director Lorene Rush Goza. During the renovation, the library was operated out of a borrowed bookmobile at the Court House. Ms. Goza was succeeded by Rosa Belle Shelby in December 1940. Newly decorated, the library had an Open House on June 7, 1959, that feature Benoit author George Patterson, who autographed his book *Out on Egypt Ridge*. Bobbette Farrar was the librarian at this time

and was succeeded upon her retirement in 1973 by Vivia Lorance Michael, who served until 1979. The library moved from the Court House in 1979 to its present building on Front Street. The building was designed by Kaplan & Oakland, who won awards for their innovative design, and built by Roy Collins Construction. The librarian in 1979 was Elizabet McCreary Myrick, who was succeeded by Joyce Applegate in 1986. The library received a thorough renovation (see photos) in the fall of 2017 through the determined efforts of the Friends of Rosedale. The renovation was spearheaded by Board

member Becky Lewis, who was awarded a 2017 Mississippi Library Association Champion Award in recognition for her dedication. An Open House was held on January 26, 2018, to celebrate the renovation. At the Open House, the Friends of Rosedale recognized former librarian Joyce Applegate with a plaque for her 20 years (1986-2006) of dedicated service and named the meeting room "The Joyce Applegate Room." Martha Lawson has been the librarian since 2007. She received the Mississippi Library Association's Mary Julia Anderson Award for her tireless dedication to the library field and her patrons.

Rosedale Librarian Martha Lawson (with husband Jerry) was delighted to welcome long-time Rosedale librarian Joyce Applegate for the Open House.

"We will have a total chaos without books, literature, and library."

~Anne Waldman~

Calendar

NOTICE: No Board Meetings in December.

December 6th, 13th, 20th, January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th—**Friday Preschool Storyhour**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

December 7th, January 4th, February 1st —**Saturday Preschool Storyhour @ 11 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland.

January 15th—**Cleveland Commission @ 10:00 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

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

Becky Lewis



Becky Lewis was presented with a plaque of appreciation for her 10 years of service on the BCLS Board of Trustees by Board President Nathaniel Grammer and Director Emily Bell.

Census 2020: Fact v. Fiction—Continued

when a census taker stops by or when a personal visit is not convenient. Calls will come from one of the Census Bureau's contact centers or from a field representative. Since we all know you can't trust caller ID, visit How to identify a phone call from the Census Bureau for the phone numbers you can use to check out any calls you might get.

Make sure you have the latest and

most accurate information about the 2020 Census. Visit 2020 Census Rumors to fact-check and ask questions.

If you suspect fraud, call 800-923-8282 to speak with a local Census Bureau representative. You also can file a report with the FTC at [FTC.gov/Complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/Complaint). Your reports may help law enforcement agencies launch investigations that

could stop imposters and other fraudsters in their tracks.

Want information on the latest frauds and scams we're seeing? Sign up for our consumer alerts at: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts>.

Colleen Tressler. "Census 2020: Fact v Fiction." *Federal Trade Commission*, 14 November 2019, https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2019/11/2020-census-fact-v-fiction?utm_source=govdelivery.



Halloween Carnival

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) hosted the Halloween Carnival held at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library on October 29th. The program was for kids ages 9 and under and featured fun & games—and chills and thrills!



Did You Know?

We have a great collection of **movies, TV shows, and documentaries on DVD & BluRay** that you can check out just like books? Yes, with your library card you may check out DVDs and BluRays from the library. We have popular movies, including some classic films, as well as TV shows, including Dark Shadows, Supernatural, Longmire, Monk, and Gunsmoke. Stop by and see the collection!

We have a nice historical and genealogical collection in the **Mississippi Room**? Yes, we have great resources that can help you research your family tree. The collection includes: local histories of Bolivar County, including Cleveland, Rosedale, Shelby, and Litton/Longshot, and other counties in Mississippi; cemetery records; genealogy records; a full run of local newspapers on

microfilm, including the Bolivar Commercial (up to 2005), Cleveland Enterprise; Bolivar County Democrat, and most of Cleveland Current; Civil War Union & Confederate official papers and rolls; school & college yearbooks, including for DSU and Cleveland High School; and some wonderful photographs.

Stop by the Mississippi Room in Cleveland and see what we have!

“The library was the place I went to find out what there was to know. It was absolutely essential.”

~Zadie Smith~

Looking for a Good Book?

Martha: *What Rose Forgot* by Nevada Barr. *What Rose Forgot*, which isn't part of Barr's Anna Pigeon series, opens with Rose in the woods, with no memory of how she got there! As she begins to put the pieces together, she finds that she “escaped” from a memory center that was keeping her heavily drugged. While planning her next escape, she searches for clues as to how she came to

be in this situation. A wonderful “whodunnit” that will keep you guessing until the very end. I loved this book! (Fiction—Print)

Tamara: *Old Bones* (Nora Kelly #1) by Preston & Child. When a historian approaches archaeologist Nora Kelly to lead an archaeological team in search for the “Lost Camp” of the Donner Party, she jumps at the chance. The historian claims to have a diary that helps

pinpoint where the site is located. Meanwhile, FBI agent Corrie Swanson is investigating several murders that soon brings her into contact with Nora's archaeological team. Nora and Corrie are protégés of FBI Agent Aloysius Pendergast and it's fun to see them meet for the first time in this new series featuring Nora. Preston & Child delivered another taut thriller. (Fiction—Print)





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Some Bolivar County History...

"The Burning of Major Montgomery's House During the Civil War"

By Mathilda B. Sillers

My information did not seem very pleasing to them. I was glad they made me go with them, for Mrs. Montgomery was not doing much to try to save her things—they all seemed struck dumb; it came so suddenly, this terrible news that their dear home was to be burned. When I went in, Mrs. Montgomery told me orders had been given to save everything in the house that belonged to General Clark. His splendid library, all his trunks, and other personal possessions were not to be burned. They had carried out a lot of his fine books, but there were a great many lying on the floor of the hall. There were soldiers standing all around.

I said, "Pick up those books and carry them out; they are not to be burned." They carried out all the books but could not get the bookcases out. Mrs. Montgomery's sister, Mrs. Jacobs, then a young girl, was there.

I said, "Come with me, and we will have the piano carried out."

"Oh no, Aunt Matilda, they will not let us have it."

I said, "Colonel Curry, this is my niece, Miss Clark, General Clark's daughter. She wants her piano carried out."

He called some men and had it carried out, chopping down one of the beautiful doors to get it out.

I said to her, "Now get the guitar, and say it is yours also." She did so, and they carried that out, too.

One of them said, "You people had better be thinking of something besides music."

I said, "Indeed, but we will have our music if we have to sit under the trees to have it."

General Clark's son, then a small boy, wanted his trunk saved. I said, "Go upstairs now and show those men your trunk, and tell them to carry it out."

He did so, but returned screaming, "They won't let me have it."

I took him by the hand and sent upstairs with him and said to some men, "Those are General Clark's trunks. Pick them up and carry them out." They did.

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."

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

Mathilda B. Sillers' exciting story continues in the next newsletter.

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We're on the Web!
<http://bolivar.lib.ms.us>