

The LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

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Director's Corner — Board Chair Geraldine Grammer Retires

Thank You to Mrs. Geraldine Grammer for Ten Years of Service on the Board of Trustees.

In December, the Bolivar County Library System's Chairman of the Administrative Board of Trustees, Mrs. Geraldine Grammer, will retire from her many years of extraordinary service to the Bolivar County Library

System. For the past ten years, Mrs. Grammer tirelessly volunteered her time and energy for the betterment of the Bolivar County Library System. She brought warmth, intelligence, and empathy to the Administrative Board of Trustees, and we have been extremely lucky to have her as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Grammer has seen the library system through a tremendous amount of technological and social change including the introduction of e-books, a massive upgrade to high-speed fiber Internet access, and an evolving information and educational landscape. When Mrs. Grammer began her tenure on the Board, neither the iPhone nor the Kindle had been released yet. As technological innovation threatened to disrupt traditional library services, her steady



temperament and sense of humor helped the library weather this changing landscape by expanding our digital services while maintaining our commitment to helping our community fulfill our greatest potential through reading, early literacy, and access to information for all.

Public library trustees serve on a volunteer basis receiving no compensa-

tion for their efforts. It is truly a labor of love borne out of dedication to one's community. The Bolivar County Library System Administrative Board of Trustees meets every third Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library except August and December. Board members are charged with the governance of the library system including setting library policy, developing the strategic long range vision of the library, and advocating for adequate financial support for the public library system. Mrs. Grammer was indefatigable in her duties as a Board member; I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to Mrs. Grammer for her tireless work on behalf of the Bolivar County Library System. Thank you, Mrs. Grammer!

Luncheon With Books Featuring Charlie Spillers



We are proud to welcome Mississippi author Charlie Spillers as guest speaker for the December Luncheon With Books program.

Mr. Spillers, a native of Oxford and an ex-Marine, was first an undercover officer and later a career federal prosecutor. He will

be talking about his book *Confessions of an Undercover Agent: Adventures, Close Calls, and the Toll of a Double Life* about his undercover experiences infiltrating the Mafia, drug traffickers, and others.

To pre-order books for the program to be signed by the author, contact Cotton Row Bookstore at (662) 843-7083 by December 2nd and your books

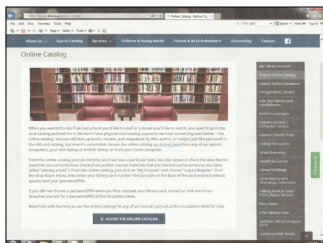
will be available at the program.

Bring your lunch and join us for this exciting program at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland on December 8th at 12 Noon. As always, admission is free and soft drinks will be provided.



BOLIVAR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

What Can the Online Catalog Do For You?



Our Online Catalog page at
<www.bolivar.lib.ms.us>.

Don't have a PIN/password or
can't remember it? Stop by the
library or call (662) 843-2774.

Most people know you can use the Online Catalog (OPAC) at our website to find out if the library system has a particular book and whether it is checked out or not. Type the name of the book (or the author's name) in the search box and click "Search," then click "Availability" next to the book. The Online Catalog can do so much more for you.

Most entries in the OPAC also have a short synopsis of the book you can read to see what the book is about, as well as the number of pages in the book, the table of contents listing (if available), publishing information, and more. After you search and find the book, just click "Full Display" to see all the information available.

You can reserve a book you want to read that's checked out by clicking "Place Request" next to the book. You will be contacted when the book is available.

You can browse new books recently added to the library system at the OPAC. Just click on "New Items" in the upper left-hand side of the page for the list.

You can access your account to see what you have checked out and when it's due—or if it's overdue and you owe a fine. Also, if you would like to keep a list of the books you've checked out from the library, you can also opt to save your reading history. Just click on "My Account" and enter your library card number (barcode without spaces) and your PIN/password, then click on "My Record." From here, you'll see the list of options at the left. To enable the reading list option, start in "My Account," click on "Contact Information and Preferences," and then click on "Maintain Reading History." If you decide you no longer want to have your history saved, just uncheck the box.

Calendar

*A library is not a luxury
but one of the
necessities of life.*

~Henry Ward Beecher~

November 24th at 1 p.m. through
27th—**Thanksgiving Holiday**—
All Libraries Will Be Closed—
Normal Hours of Operation
Resume on November 28th

December 2nd, 9th, 16th &
January 6th, 13th & 20th—**Story
Hour** at 10 a.m.—Open to
Children 5 and Under at Robinson
-Carpenter

December 8th—**Luncheon
With Books Featuring Charlie**

Spillers @12 noon—Open to
Public Free-of-Charge at Robinson
-Carpenter (See Article on Page 1)

December 24th through 26th—
Christmas Holiday—All Librar-
ies Closed—Normal Hours of
Operation Resume on December
27th.

December 31st—January 2nd—
New Year's—All Libraries
Closed

January 12th—**Luncheon With
Books Featuring Anne Martin**
@ 12 noon—Open to the Public
Free-of-charge at Robinson-
Carpenter

January 16th—**Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day**—All Libraries
Closed

**Note: There Are No Board
Meetings in December. Next
Board Meetings are January**

Grape Expectations—Save the Date!



It's almost Thanksgiving and the Annual Grape Expectations Benefit Gala will be here before we know it. So don't forget to put the Gala on your calendar for January 27, 2017. The Friends of the Bolivar County Library System are busy preparing for the Gala to bring you the event of the

season. As in the past, there will be great food from local chefs and entertainment to make the evening sparkle, as well as the fun of the Wine Pull. Wine and beer will be available for purchase at the cash bar, too. The Friends will accept wine donations up until the Gala. Save the Date! January 27, 2017 from 5:30—8 p.m.!! See you then.

Augusta Scattergood



Mississippi native Augusta Scattergood was guest speaker for our November Luncheon With Books program

and she was delightful! Ms. Scattergood talked about her books: the award winning *Glory Be, The Way to Stay in Destiny*, and her newest *Making Friends with Billy Wong*.

Save the Date
Grape Expectations
A Benefit Gala
for the
Bolivar County
Library System

Entertainment
Hors d'oeuvres
by Local Chefs
Wine & Beer
Cash Bar
Wine Pull
Friday
January 27, 2017
5:30p.m. - 8:00p.m.

Preschool Groups Visit Library

With the importance of early literacy, we were delighted to have three preschool groups visit the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland recently. The Cleveland Headstart (CL2) three-year-olds (left) visited on November 14th, Cleveland Headstart (CL2) four-year-olds (below left) on November 15th, and the Shaw Headstart (below right) on November 16th. All enjoyed stories and a tour of the library by Mrs. Bobbie—that's her costume at right.



We're the Librarians! Meet Terrye Jackson

Terrye Jackson has been with the library since June 2007 and states, "My journey at the library has been amazing."

Terrye was looking for a job and never thought about being a librarian until her husband, knowing of her love for reading, told her he could see her working at a library or bank. One day while visiting the library, a friend of hers mentioned that she was leaving

her job at the library to move to another city. Terrye's husband encouraged her to apply.

Terrye confides that the library has helped her grow in many ways. "I'm so glad that I decided to work at the library. I've gotten to know a lot of people and learned a lot."

There is one aspect of being a librarian that Terrye especially loves. "Standing on the front line

protecting democracy and the freedom to read, think, write, and speak," states Terrye. "As librarians, we provide access to all."

Terrye enjoys meeting new people and learning new things every day. "I love my job," she continues, "and am very thankful for my library family. It gives me great joy that knowing at the end of the day I've made a difference, little or big, for a patron."

*Your library is your
portrait.*

~Holbrook Jackson~

Looking for a Good Book?

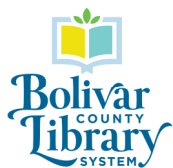
Martha: *Darkest Journey* (Krewe of Hunters Series) by Heather Graham. Charlene is back in her hometown in Louisiana working on a movie about the Civil War that features reenactors. While working one night, she runs across a dead reenactor—thus starts the mystery! Did I mention that "Charlie" sees and communicates with ghosts?? If you like a good ghost story, you will love this one. I thoroughly enjoyed it and am looking forward to her next book. (Fiction—Print)

Lisa: *Everybody's Got Something* by Robin Roberts with Veronica Chambers. It's impossible to not admire the grit, determination, and character with which Robin Roberts has faced and overcome daunting health challenges—breast cancer followed by MDS! This was such an inspirational story of the troubles that Robin has gone through over the last few years. The one thing that I took away from the book was the gratitude and appreciation she has had for her family and especially her

parents. One other thing I thought was very nice was how Robin continually mentioned the fact that it saddens her that many people have gone through or are going through the same thing she did, but they don't have the resources that she does to get the best medical care. She was really blessed that her sister was a perfect match. This is an easy read that I would highly recommend to anyone who is going through something similar in their life. (Print-Non-Fiction)



Great news!
You can now engage with
us on Instagram
@bolivarcountylibrary.



Bolivar County Library System

104 South Leflore Avenue
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Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00—6:00
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Saturday 9:00—1:00

Closed Sundays & All Legal Holidays

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addresses may be found at our website.

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www.facebook.com/lbcls; you may also
access the page from our website.



Contact the Friends:
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Some Bolivar County History...

"Australia Landing [Continued from October 2016 Newsletter]"

By Captain W. R. Shepherd

Not until the Civil War closed were there any merchants at Australia. In 1866, a man named Stochs leased some land on this property and opened a mercantile business. In 1867, the county was badly overflowed, and Stochs became very discouraged and sold to W. R. Shepherd, who continued in business until 1870, when J. W. Lyman and W. N. Brown were taken in as partners. This arrangement continued until 1874, when Brown retired.

In 1879, Mr. Lyman, wishing to engage in the furnishing business to a greater extent, W. R. Shepherd sold his interest to Godfrey Frank, and the firm was known as J. W. Lyman and Company. Upon Mr. Lyman's death, the firm was changed to D. J. Allen and Company and so continued until the coming of the railroad in 1887 wiped out all river towns.

At this date, Australia consisted of the firm mentioned and two other business houses, D. B. Blair and Company and J. H. Clore; two residences, a Methodist Church, a doctor's office, and one saloon, all passing out of existence with the advent of the railroad. There are but three of the families mentioned having male descendants living at this date: Jethro Brown of Duncan, in this county, is a grandson of H. B. Brown; Major Andrew Donelson has grandsons living in Memphis, Tennessee; and the writer has two sons living at Pace, in this county."

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

We're on the Web



www.bolivar.lib.ms.us

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Gunnison (662) 747-2201

Hours T & Th 1—5

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(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



Front Row (L to R) Tamara, Martha, Shelby,
Bobbie, Marie, Clara, Lisa, & Evelyn; Top Row:
Bethany, Melanie, Megan, Brett, Sharon, Tina,
Jennifer, & Terrye.

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