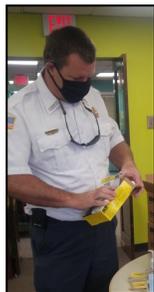


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Fire Inspector Greg Jackson delivering smoke detectors, coloring books, stickers, and hats to go in Storyhour packets (Alphabet "C"). See Storyhour details on this page.

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Director's Corner

COVID-19 has immeasurably impacted our everyday lives, and libraries are not exempt from those changes. We closed to the public on March 17, 2020 and reopened on June 22, 2020. I never would have imaged that I would face this type of challenge within my first year as your Library Director. Thankfully, our local governments and community leaders continued to support our efforts and our patrons have been understanding of the need to transition to a different type of library environment.

Obviously, the library of today is not the same as it was one year ago. We have limited patrons in the building and limited computers available. We impose a time limit on the computers to ensure everyone has access since so few are available. We require masks, social distancing and offer hand

sanitizer. We have suspended in-person programming and the Friends' backroom book sales. We must shut down to clean throughout the day. If you are like me and appreciate the liveliness, hustle-and-bustle, and friendships that were once commonplace in libraries, these changes can be a little sad.

I choose to focus on the positives. We are open and are here for you; many libraries are not open right now. All the changes we have made were implemented with patron and staff safety in mind. If you feel unsafe coming into the library, we are still offering curbside service. We will happily walk library materials out to you. You can sit in the parking lot and access our Wi-Fi. We also offer e-books, e-audio books and e-magazines if you would rather just stay in the safety of your

home. Our programming has transitioned to our Facebook page. Through a partnership with PBS, we offer a wide range of live programming for adults. Our smallest patrons have not been left out of the fun! Children's programming can also be located through our Facebook page and families can pick up take-away packets for the children/families to work on at home. One thing I am most pleased about is that with the new children's programming format we can reach children and families who otherwise would have been unable to attend our regular programs!

One day, this pandemic will be over. Until that time, we will continue to be diligent in ensuring your safety.

~Emily

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Preschool Storyhour is a Little Different This Year

Preschool Storyhour resumed September 11th, but in a different format this year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Preschool Storyhour, like the Summer Library Program, will be virtual until further notice. Mrs. Bobbie will prerecord a Storyhour each scheduled week that will be available on Facebook anytime after 10 a.m. on Friday.

To augment the virtual Storyhour, Mrs. Bobbie has also prepared an activity packet for September through December Storyhours that is available by reservation only. Call Mrs. Bobbie at (662) 843-2774 x105 to reserve your child/family's packet and then pick-up at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland between the hours of 9-11:30 a.m.

and again from 1-4:30 p.m.

As reported in the last newsletter, Saturday Preschool Story Hour is postponed until further notice.

Please note that once uploaded at 10 a.m., each Friday's Storyhour may be viewed on Facebook at any time it is convenient and as many times as desired.

LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

We're the... Librarians! Meet Circulation Staffer Kevin Reed



Hi, I am Kevin Reed. I started out as a student in college, receiving my Associate Degree in Pre-Health Science from Mississippi Delta Community College and I'm currently pursuing my Bachelor's in Education at Southern University.

I work at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library as a Circulation Clerk and I have been a member of the library team since 2017. My chief responsibilities include routine library management, shelf

maintenance, and clerical functions using automated circulation system, which includes assisting patrons in checking out materials, shelving library materials, and inputting data. This position has also invested in me beginning level library clerical skills, which have added to my skills set. My work also requires advanced knowledge, skill, and ability in the use of computers and Internet navigation, as well as Microsoft Office programs, which I try to pass on to patrons to make our library more welcoming and helpful.

While working here at BCLS, I have gained a lot of valuable experience learning from my amazing co-workers. I have also met a lot of great people in the community. I enjoy helping people achieve their goals and success and I feel like the library has allowed me to do so. I realize this year has introduced numerous difficulties; notwithstanding, every challenge is an open door for us to work through our problems and keep pushing.
~Kevin

*I go into my library
and all
History unrolls
before me.*

*~Alexander Smith~
Scottish Poet*

Calendar

October 21st, November 18th—
Board of Trustees Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland

NOTE: Boards Do Not Meet in December.

October 16th, 23rd, 30th, November 6th, 13th, 20th, December 4th, 11th, 18th—
Preschool Story Hour—View virtually on Facebook anytime after 10 a.m.

November 11—**Veterans Day**—All Libraries are Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

NOTE: Holiday Hours To Be Announced—Watch for Flyers in Libraries and Facebook Posts

eBooks/eAudios/eMags

The library system currently has over 700 eBooks, 71 eAudiobooks, and over 50 popular eMagazines available for check-out. All you need is your library card! If we don't have an eBook or eAudio that you want to check-out, you may request we consider purchasing a copy. No promises, but we will do our best to obtain a copy. Sorry, but we can't Interlibrary Loan electronic materials.

Rightfully Hers 19th Amendment Exhibit at Robinson-Carpenter

BCLS was pleased to be chosen as one of the organizations to receive the *Rightfully Hers* popup exhibits commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, women's voting rights before and after the 19th, and its impact today. The exhibit was on display at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland from August 17, 2020, through September 18, 2020.

The *Rightfully Hers* exhibit was co-curated by Jennifer N. Johnson at the National Archives, who stated, "The ratification of the 19th Amendment was a landmark moment in American history that dramatically changed the electorate, and although it enshrined in the U.S. Constitution fuller citizenship for women, many remained unable to vote."

The exhibit was organized by the National Archives and Records Administration, which launched this nationwide initiative and major exhibition that explores the generations-long fight for universal woman suffrage. The exhibit was presented in part by the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission and the National Archives Foundation through the generous support of Unilever, Pivotal Ventures, Carl M. Freeman Foundation in honor of Virginia Allen Freeman, AARP, and Denise Gwyn Ferguson.



Library Card Sign-up Month

Here are some readers who signed up for their first library card in September:



Easton & Brooks Dean

Jeremi Banks

Jonah Paul & Mary Mathew Giachelli

New Furniture & Courtyard Gate in Cleveland

The purchase of the new furniture in the Magazine Room was made possible by a donation from



Salvadore A. & Maria Grace Serio Feduccia Trust.

The new library-themed courtyard gate to replace the broken gate (top right) was purchased by the

Friends of the Bolivar County Library System and was created by Fioranelli Fabrication and Welding.



Thank you to Feduccia Trust, the Friends, and Fioranelli Fabrication and Welding for their contributions!



PDS Virtual Library Visit



Children from the Presbyterian Day School enjoyed a virtual library visit and a story from Mrs. Bobbie on September 18, 2020.



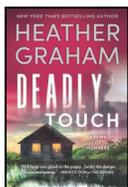
New Furniture in Shelby

The Dr. Robert T. Hollingsworth Public Library in Shelby just received some new furniture, too! A beautiful reading area was created by the addition of a loveseat, chair, and coffee table in the main area of the library.



Looking For a Good Book?

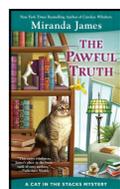
Martha: *Deadly Touch* by Heather Graham. When Raina Hamish tries on a dress in a Miami boutique, she inexplicably experiences the murder of a woman in the Everglades, where bodies have been found dumped for years. Soon the tribal police, local police, and the FBI are all working the case. Another great



installment of Ms. Graham's Krewe of Hunters series. She always manages to keep this series fresh and exciting. I really enjoyed this book and once again, there are lots of suspects and a totally unpredictable ending. (Print—Fiction)

Tamara: *The Pawful Truth (A Cat in the Stacks Mystery)* by Miranda James. When Charlie returns to

college he meets his professor, the charismatic Cary Warriner.



Soon Charlie is entangled in a lover's triangle involving Warriner, his wife, his wife's co-author—and another professor on campus. Another delightful cozy in this the eleventh in the series. (Print—Fiction)

I wanted to see my name on the cover of a book. If your name is in the Library of Congress, you're immortal.

~Tom Clancy~
American Author



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**We're on the
Web!
Bolivar.lib.ms.us**

Some Bolivar County History. . .

“OTHER LETTERS

“Mississippi, Bolivar County,
February 20th, 1848

Dear Sister:

I take this opportunity of writing to you to inform you that we all are enjoying good health and prosperity and we hope these lines find you enjoying the same blessings. This is the second time that I have written you since I have received an answer, and I should have written several times between if it had not been so far to the Post Office.

When I wrote you last, we were living at Isaac Wilkerson’s, we are now at home and are very happy and contented, and we expect to be able to come to see you once a year after this year. We have very kind, good neighbors, though not very enterprising. There is no prospects for the improvement of society. This is certainly a very fine country. I was in hopes that [brother] John would have come and settled in this country.

When you write to him, send him my love and tell him where we are and how we are doing. I must bring my letter to a close. Give my love to all the family.

Farewell, nothing more, but remain,
Yours affectionate Sister until death,

Susan R. Wilson”

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

Note: The next newsletter will feature another letter from Susan Wilson.

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Circulation

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F 12-2, 2:30-4:30
Martha Lawson, Librarian

Dr. Robert T. Hollingsworth
Public Library in Shelby
(662) 398-7748
211 Third Street
Hours M&W 10—5
F 12-2, 2:30-4:30
Marie Shorter, Librarian

Thelma Rayner Memorial Library
(662) 748-2105/Fax 748-2596
201 Front Street
Hours T&Th—1-4:45
Annie Henry, Librarian