

Special points of interest:

- Preschool Storyhour Resumed on September 9th
- The Gala is On for January 27, 2023!
- BCLS Partners with MLC in Support of the Moving Forward Project for the Formerly Incarcerated

Director's Corner

Recently, we upgraded our Wi-Fi system! Wi-Fi is available at the Cleveland, Rosedale and Shelby branches. The new system is a more reliable mesh system which allows patrons to move freely throughout the library and stay connected to our network. Previously, patrons had to connect to each individual access point and could not roam about without losing access. Additionally, we added an access point in the Teen Room at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library at the recommendation of our TAG (Teen Advisory Group).

The new system will allow us to assess our network to identify potential problems, such as downed access points or other communication failures. It will also show how much our Wi-Fi

network is used at each branch. Previously, we estimated the usage. I look forward to the data this upgrade will provide so that we can see how to better serve our patrons.

~Emily

The Talisman Theater

The "Talisman" was the first movie theater in Rosedale. It was opened by W. M. Priestly in 1910 and bought out by John V. Lobbell in 1916., who named it the "Talisman" after Sir Walter Scott's famous novel. Lobbell's daughter Lillian operated theater until her sister Anne became the manager in 1922. Anne enlarged the theater, both

improving and modernizing it. Sound equipment was added in 1930 for a cost of \$10,000. Upon her father's death in 1933, Anne became the owner. Upon Anne's death in 1940, Ethel Lobbell eventually bought out the owners and moved the "Talisman" to a newer, more modern building. Upon her death in 1958, the property of the Lobdells went to Mrs. Coralie Coppedge Staples, who sold the "Talisman" in 1975, at which time it was closed.

Adapted from History of Rosedale, Mississippi, 1876-1976 by Curt Lamar, editor.



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Grape Expectations Rocks the Library—Keep the Date!

Save the date January 27, 2023! The Friends of the Bolivar County Library System is pleased to announce the upcoming Grape Expectations Rocks the Library Benefit Gala! As usual, the Gala is held to benefit the Bolivar County Library System.

If it seems like it's been awhile since the last Gala, you're correct. After the 2017 Gala, the Friends decided to hold the Gala every two years. Accordingly, they

hosted the 2019 Gala and planned to host the next Gala in 2021. Unfortunately, it was canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

With the COVID pandemic under control, the Friends are delighted to be planning another exciting Gala in Cleveland. As in the past, there will be a Wine Pull, hors d'oeuvres by local chefs, a wine & beer cash bar, and entertainment by The Granboiz, who rocked the library at the

2019 Gala. As usual, the Gala will be held at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

We hope you will "Save the Date" of January 27th and plan to join us at the Grape Expectations Rocks the Library Benefit Gala!

Watch for a press release, posters, and Facebook announcements for more details.

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Moving Forward Project for the Formerly Incarcerated



BCLS is happy to partner with the Mississippi Library Commission in the Moving Forward Project that provides resources for the formerly incarcerated.

The Moving Forward Project is the brainchild of Shellie Ziegler, a consultant with the Mississippi Library Commission, who recognized that the formerly incarcerated face many obstacles in successfully transitioning from imprisonment and/or halfway houses to rejoining society and their communities.

The cornerstone of the project is the Mississippi Reentry Guide for

resources available in our community, the state, and at the federal level for the formerly incarcerated and their families. The directory is intended not only for ex-offenders, but also the family members and friends of ex-offenders, state and local agencies serving ex-offenders, human service providers such as social workers and counselors, nonprofit organizations, law enforcement, parole officers, state and national policy makers, researchers, and anyone interested in advocating for, serving or learning about re-entry in Missis-

sippi. Additionally, Ms. Ziegler selected eighteen books that augment the goals of the project that are available for check-out at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library or from any BCLS branch through inter-library loan.

For more information about the Moving Forward Project, accessing the Mississippi Reentry Guide, and a list of all the resources that are available, go the Library System's website at <<https://bolivar.lib.ms.us/>>. If you have further questions, contact Reference Services Librarian Tamara Blackwell at (662) 843-2774 x104.

"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life."
~Henry Ward Beecher

Calendar of Events

September 21st, October 19th, November 16th—**Library Commission Meeting @ 10 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Robinson-Carpenter (Cleveland)

September 21st, October 19th, November 16th—**Board of Trustees Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter (Cleveland)

September 23rd, 30th, October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and November 4th, 11th, 18th—**Preschool Storyhour**—For the Homebound Child

September 30th—**Friend's Book Sale** from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.—Alley Loading Dock at Robinson-Carpenter

October 1st—**Friend's Book Sale** from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

—Alley Loading Dock at Robinson-Carpenter

October 4th—**Seniors Day Out! @ 10 a.m.**—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter (Cleveland)

November 11th & 12th—**All Libraries CLOSED in Observance of Veterans Day.**

PDS First Graders Visit the Robinson-Carpenter

First Graders from the Presbyterian Day School visited the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial



Library in Cleveland on September 15th in observance of Library Card Sign-Up Month. The children were excited to tour the library, learn about what libraries have to offer, and receive their first library cards. And, of course, Mrs.

Bobbie read a book —*If You Ever Want to Bring a Circus to*

the Library, Don't! before they returned to school.



Book Sale

The Friends of the Bolivar County Library System Announces

Book Sale

September 30-October 1, 2022
Friday - 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday - 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Loading Dock (Alley) Entrance
Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library
104 South Leflore Avenue
Cleveland, MS

Questions? Call 843-2774

Friends of the BOLIVAR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Preschool Storyhour Resumes

Much to the pleasure of our youngest patrons, the in-person Preschool Storyhour resumed on September 9th with a “lets get reacquainted” program. The familiar Alphabet program returned beginning appropriately with the letter “A” on September 16th. Storyhour is every Friday at 10 a.m. at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland.

As I’m sure some of you will remember, the last in-person Storyhour was March 13, 2020, as our Board of Trustees closed all branches of the Library System the next Wednesday (March 18th)

because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We returned to work on June 1, 2020, with curbside service to our patrons and, thanks to the hard work of Bobbie Matheney, Youth Services Librarian, Storyhour returned as a pre-recorded program on Facebook in Sep. 2020 and then as a virtual pro-



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gram via Zoom in October 2021.

The Preschool Storyhour is for the homebound, preschool-age child. Daycares and other groups should call Ms. Matheney to make an appointment at 843-2774 x105. Anyone with questions, may also call Ms. Matheney at the above phone number.



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“This whole phenomenon of the computer in a library is an amazing thing.”

~Bill Gates

Looking for a Good Book?

Anna: *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* by David Sedaris. This book is a collection of nonfiction essays. Sedaris’ droll, astute commentary on the strange and the mundane is always a joy to read. Much of his writing centers around family, his childhood, aging, and the gay experience. Easy to read, funny, gratifying. (Non-Fiction—Print)

Anna: *The Fifth Season: The Broken Earth Book One* by N.K. Jemisin. When our enigmatic protagonist, Essun, loses her son in a vile act of hatred at the hand of her husband, she vows to avenge his death and find her kidnapped daughter. However, matters are complicated by her closeted orogeny (the ability to connect to and manipulate the Earth). Oh, and the world is ending. This is a great sci-fi fantasy read with captivating world building. (Fiction—Print)

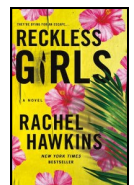
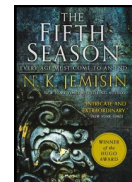
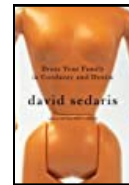
Martha: *Reckless Girls* by Rachel Hawkins. Lux and her boyfriend

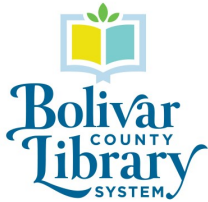
Nico are paid by two women to sail them to a Meroe Island, a remote island in the South Pacific. The island is supposed to be deserted, but it is rumored that strange things have happened there! Looking forward to being off the grid, they are surprised to arrive and find a boat already anchored there. The other couple on the boat are very welcoming, but then strange things start to happen! The women’s backstory is told in alternating voices. This is not a romance but rather a suspense novel that will keep you on the edge of your seat. I thoroughly enjoyed this page turner! I look forward to reading more of Ms. Hawkins books. (Fiction—Large Print)

Tamara: *Lady of Bones (A Sarah Booth Delaney Mystery #24)* by Mississippi author Carolyn Haines. With Halloween just around the corner, Sarah Booth is happily enjoying her time with Coleman, while Tinkie is adjusting to new

motherhood. But when an old family friend of Sarah Booth’s shows up on her doorstep asking for help in finding her missing daughter, the Delaney Detective Agency is on the case and headed for New Orleans. When she learns a local cult may be involved—one whose leader will stop at nothing to recruit new members, Sarah Booth wonders if she’s in over her head this time...! I loved it! (Fiction—Print)

Tamara: *World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments* by Aimee Nezhukumatathil. A lovely story that is beautifully told. I love the way the author talks about animals (and some plants) that she has encountered in her life and weaves these experiences into her personal life. Her use of imagery and metaphor is so imaginative and delightful, as are her drawings—I especially like the frilly-gilled axolotl! Love, love, love this book!! (Non-Fiction—Print)





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Some Bolivar County History . . .

“Rosedale by Florence Sillers Ogden”

The last excerpt left off at the end of the paragraph beginning: “Some of those who composed the settlement of Floreyville were:”

“Business houses and residences soon sprang up around the plantation-home courthouse. The first residence was built by B. K. Bruce, the Negro sheriff, on the site of the present Gulf Oil filling station. Judge B. F. Triple built a home which still stands, across from the railroad station. Mr. Will Jones built on the site of the W. B. Roberts home. Dr. Alex Reeves built an office and bedroom opposite the present Methodist Church. Colonel Alex Yerger built a two-story frame hotel, which he operated, located on the northeast corner of Court and Front streets. In 1874 Colonel Frank Montgomery built a home on the block north of the present Methodist Church. The house burned in 1943. His daughter, Miss Lottie Montgomery, was living there at the time.

In 1876, by an act of the legislature, during the term of service of Representatives Colonel Green Clay and R. J. I. J. Shelby, and Senator James R. Chalmers, the name of the county seat was changed from Floreyville to Rosedale. The residence courthouse burned and was rebuilt by the insurance companies, about 1877. Rosedale was incorporated by an act of the legislature, February 23, 1882. A meeting for organization was called by George P. Melchoir, the sheriff, and W. A. Shelby, deputy sheriff, at the sheriff’s office. The following were elected and constituted the first mayor and board of aldermen: O. G. McGuire, mayor; N. B. Bloodworth, R. H. Purnell, aldermen; W. C. P. Jones, city marshal; John L. Gill, treasurer; B. C. Johnson, secretary and surveyor. E. H. Moore, attorney, was selected to draft the first ordinance for the future government of Rosedale. The first town health officer was Dr. J. W. Dulaney. He was also the first county health officer. Ben C. Johnson agreed to do all the engineering and surveying for the town, in addition to his duties as secretary. His salary was fixed at one hundred dollars a month.”

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

This excerpt will be continued in the next newsletter.

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Rosedale Public Library

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702 Front Street
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