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BOLIVAR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Director's Corner

Visiting Washington

I've been traveling from Mississippi to California, for a vacation (yes I actually did a Zip line) and then to DC for the Mississippi Library Association's legislative delegation to meet with our Congressmen. It was a thrill to be there in all of the hustle and bustle of the Capitol. Every time I fly into DC, I marvel at the beautiful buildings and landscape in our capital city and feel so proud to be an American.

Representing Mississippi libraries, the five Mississippi Library Commissioners (Celia Fisher, Glenda Segars, Russell Burns, Pamela Pridgen, Jolee Hussey), Stephen Cunetto, President of MLA, Susan Cassagne, the MLA Legislative Chair and I, as Vice President of MLA, were fortunate

enough to meet with all six of our Congressmen. They were all very attentive to us and are all library supporters. The initiative for librarians from across the country was to talk about how important the Library Services and Technology Act is to all our citizens. In Mississippi, we know that the special programs, activities and new technologies would not be possible without funds through this legislation. And most important in our state is the legislation that funds E-rate discounts for technology. If you're not sure about who is paying for this legislation, take a look at your next phone bill. There is a cost to all

phone users (yes, cell phones, too) that goes into an FCC pot somewhere and this is used to discount our telecommunications' services for public schools and libraries. Bet you didn't even know this. So, thank you citizens for this.

We counted the trip as a very successful one and as representatives for our state are pleased to have had the opportunity to make this journey.

Lynn



Lynn (5th from the left) with other members of the Mississippi Library Association in Washington, D.C. meeting Senator Thad Cochran (4th from right).

Learn a New Language at "Rocket Languages"



Want to learn a new language or brush up on one? The Bolivar County Library System is now offering **Rocket Languages**. With your library card, you will be able to access a program to study a foreign language.

Go to our web site: www.bolivar.lib.ms.us and click

on the Icon for Rocket Languages and start your journey. At the present time, you can study **Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Spanish**. And you also can brush up on converting **Spanish to English** as well as a program for **Sign Language**.

This program is so great because it can be accessed from any computer or your smart

phone. Each program has an introductory video that is very intuitive. We're really excited about offering this program to you and will continue it, if our statistics prove that Bolivar County citizens are interested in the program.

Don't forget—you must have a library card to access Rocket Languages. Stop by the closest branch with your picture ID to get a card.

Lynn

Children's Book Week

One of the longest-running literacy initiatives, Children's Book Week was established 1919 by Franklin K. Matthews with the assistance of Frederic G. Melcher and Anne Carroll Moore to celebrate the transformative power of literacy. The Library System will join in the fun with two special programs for children under the age of 12: Story Time on May 7th and Game Day on May 10th. Both programs, sponsored by Teen Advisory Group, will be at Robinson-Carpenter in Cleveland at 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Bobbie Matheny at (662) 843-2774 ext. 105.

"Librarians have always been among the most thoughtful and helpful people. They are teachers without a classroom. No libraries, no progress."

~Willard Scott~



Summer Library Program (SLP)—Branches

Rosedale/Gunnison: Martha reports that her Program will feature visits by Jan Taylor from Winterville Mounds; Laura G. from MS Extension Services; Sharon Sims from the MS Dept. of Health; and "Myrtle the Turtle". Martha states that registration is not required—just show up, and all programs begin at 1:30 p.m.:

Rosedale: June 5, 12, 19, and 26.
Gunnison: June 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Shelby: Marie reports that her registration is June 11-15 and her program dates are June 29, July 6, July 13, and July 20.

Shaw: Latesha reports that her registration is May 21-30 and her

program dates are June 6, 13, 20, and 27. Scheduled for programs so far are Sharon Sims from the MS Dept. of Health and someone from the MS Forestry Commission.

Merigold: Nora reports that her registration will begin May 8th and continue until the start of her programs in June. Her program dates so far are: June 12, June 14, June 21, June 26, and June 28, but she stated that she may add more dates later. Nora's programs will feature a Pajamarama and visits by Laura G. from MS Extension Services; Beverly Johnson, "Tobacco Free"; Sharon Sims from the MS Dept. of Health; and Kelly from Dr. Hugh Smith's Office.

Benoit: Nan reports that her registration is May 3-31 and her program dates are June 7, June 11, June 21, and June 28. Nan's program will feature a camp out, pajama party, "Fisherman & His Wife" skit, and "Stars, Planets, and Space".

Mound Bayou: SLP details will be announced at a later date.

NOTICE: a parent is NOT required to be present for a child to attend these programs.

For more information, call the branch librarian where you wish your child/children to attend; phone numbers and branch hours are on Page 4.

May Calendar

May 7th—**Children's Book Week Story Time** at 4:00 p.m.—Open to Children Under 12 at Robinson-Carpenter

May 10th—**Children's Book Week Game Day** at 4:00 p.m.—Open to Children Under 12 at Robinson-Carpenter

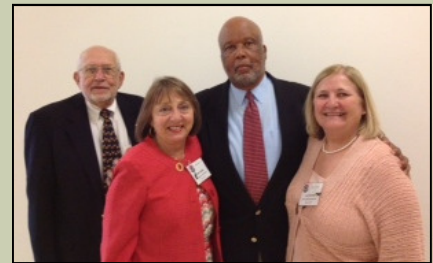
May 15th—**Luncheon With Books** at 12 Noon— at Robinson-Carpenter

May 16th—**Cleveland Library Commission Meeting** at 10:00 a.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

May 16th—**Board of Trustees Meeting** at 1:30 p.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

July 10th—**Seniors Day Out!** from 10-11:30 a.m.—Open to All Seniors at Robinson-Carpenter

Director Visits Washington, D.C.



Librarians from across the country visited on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, with congressmen regarding current federal library legislation. The people in this photo were with me for our meeting with Congressman Bennie Thompson. From left to right, Dr. Russell Burns, Jolee Hussey (who are both trustees with the Mississippi Library Commission, and I, as Vice-President of the Mississippi Library Association) were in DC for this meeting.

Lynn

Annual Book Sale and Raffle Winners

The Bolivar County Library System and the Friends of the Bolivar County Library thank everyone who supported the Library System by visiting the Friends' Annual Book Sale and participating in the raffle last month.

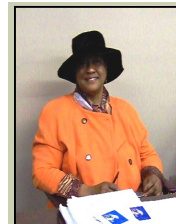
The Book Sale and raffle made \$2525.73 this year.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle: Sarah Tapley, Verlee Williams, Carolyn Hudson, Rebecca Harrison, and Elest Priest, who won gift certificates to local restaurants.

The Friends wish to thank Mississippi Grounds, Country Platter, Western Sizzlin', Lost Pizza Company, and Catfish Cabin for generously donating gift certificates for the raffle.

The Friends would also like to thank everyone, including the inmates at the Bolivar County Correctional Facility, who assisted in the set up and break down of the Book Sale.

CTM Cooper Visit



Mississippi native CTM Cooper was guest speaker at the Friends of the Library's Luncheon With Books program on April 17th. Ms. Cooper

delighted the audience with remembrances about her life and growing up in Jackson during the turbulent 1950s and '60s that are detailed in her new book *God Sent Us Angels in the Form of Good White Folks: Mama's Good White Folks Angels*.

1950's Sock Hop and Photography Contest Letters About Lit.

The 1950s Sock Hop was a blast! Everyone enjoyed 1950s décor, costumes, and music. In addition to the festivities that included dancing and refreshments, Mrs. Bobbie presented awards for the Photography Contest. The winners were: in the adult category Dhimant Patel; in the Junior High/High School Student category Trusan Patel; and in the Elementary Student category Abby Krutz, pictured below left with Mrs. Bobbie, Youth Services Librarian. All winners were presented with a certificate and a \$25 gift card. Certificates were also presented to all who entered the Photography Contest thanking them for their contribution.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sock-Hop and donated clothing items for the Bolivar County Community Action Agency's Rainbow Emergency Shelter.

Thank you to our local Cleveland Wal-Mart for their generous donation that provided for party refreshments. We greatly appreciate the support Wal-Mart has provided to the Library System over the years.

Student Indu Nandula, her mother Aparna Nandula, and I visited the Mississippi Library Commission on April 18th where Indu received a certificate for advancing to the state level as a Finalist in the "Letters About Literature" reading and writing promotional program. Indu wrote a letter to Carl Hiaasen, author of *Hoot*. She was the only one to submit a letter from this area.

It was a joyous occasion to be present to see Indu receive her certificate, presented by Tracy Carr Seabold (pictured at right with Indu).

Mrs. Bobbie



Learning Express Library—a Great Way to Learn!

Learning Express Library is a comprehensive, interactive online program for learning. The Learning Express Library's Learning Centers includes resources for students (elementary, middle, high school and college) and adults wishing to study for specific exams or improve their academic and/or job skills. Specific exams include U.S. Citizenship, graduate school entrance, Civil Service, Paramedic, GED, and many more. Skill building includes math, English, spelling, vocabulary, public speaking, resume writing, and many more. The program includes practice tests, tutorials, and tips for studying. Learning Express Library is a great learning tool and resource center for students and adults of all ages.



Accessing Learning Express Library is easy. Go to the Library System's webpage at www.bolivar.lib.ms.us, click on "Databases", and then click on "LearningExpress". You may access the service using the Library System's public access computers at Robinson-Carpenter or any branch in the county, or your own computer at home. No books to buy or special equipment other than a computer is needed, but you do need to have an email address. What could be a simpler, easier way to learn?



For complete instructions for accessing Learning Express Library or more information about the service, contact the Bolivar County Library System at (662) 843-2774 or drop by the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library.

"Dream Big-Read!" Summer Library Program Begins in June

School is almost out and summer is almost here again. And you know what that means? It's almost time for the Bolivar County Library System's Summer Library Program! This year's theme is "Dream Big-Read!" and Mrs. Bobbie has BIG things planned.

WHAT: Registration is May 21st—25th, 2012, in the Children's Room.

WHERE: Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland

WHO: A parent or guardian must come to the library to register their

child/children.

WHO: Children who will be entering 1st—6th grades in the fall.

WHAT: Children must have a library card to check out books and a parent or grandparent must come to the library to request a card for their child/children

WHAT: While children under the age of 12 must normally be accompanied by an adult when visiting the library, a parent does NOT have to be present for children to attend Summer Library Program events at any library in the

Library System.

WHEN: The first program at Robinson-Carpenter will be on June 5th.

WHAT: Handouts will be given during registration and flyers will be posted in the library with complete program dates and times.

For more information about the Summer Library Program in general or about the program in Cleveland, please call Bobbie Matheny at (662) 843-2774 ext. 105.

Branch Summer Library Program details are on Page 2.

"I often feel sorry for people who don't read good books; they are missing a chance to lead an extra life."

~Scott Corbett~

Scanning Service

Don't forget! Robinson-Carpenter has a free scanning service available for scanning your personal documents, photographs, and/or slides that are of historical, genealogical, or cultural significance.

The service is on a first-come, first-served basis; however, if you have many items that you would like to scan, please call ahead for an appointment.

If you have questions, please call Tamara Blackwell, Reference Services Librarian, at (662) 843-2774 Ext. 104.

A Short History... Early Cemeteries



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"We find that the cemeteries of Bolivar County have no great historical value in relation to the early settlers of the county. Great distances of primeval forests divided the settlements, and private burial grounds were universally used. Very few stones are found in these early burial places, which seems to prove that the planters considered these only temporary resting places for their dead.

Almost all of these early cemeteries were upon Indian mounds, that are scattered over the entire county. These mounds insured safety from overflows that almost annually threatened this Delta country. Some of them were large enough to be used by the friends and neighbors of the owners for their burial grounds also. Such a mound is owned by Mrs. Alice R. Blanchard near Perthshire, and there are many graves and some stones marking the resting places of early citizens of the northern part of the county.

General Charles Clark, his family, and friends are buried on a mound on his "Doro" plantation, a few miles below Beulah. A mound on the Glenwood plantation, close to Beulah, is the family graveyard of the Gaydens and Sillerses, and their friends. A stone bearing the date 1859 and the name of John V. Lobdell, pioneer citizen, stood many years on a mound on his plantation, "Leesland", and now has been placed in the Beulah cemetery.

On a mound upon the plantation of Judge Joseph McGuire, near Mound City, east of Beulah, Judge McGuire and his wife are buried; and there is a stone bearing the name of Joseph McGuire, dated 1858, a son of Judge Joseph McGuire.

At the western edge of Egypt Ridge is a mound once owned by the Noble family, upon which stand the grave-stones of that family."

To be continued next month.

Excerpt from History of Bolivar County, Mississippi compiled by Florence Warfield Sillers, et al.

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Circulation
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Gunnison

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Jamial Jackson, Mound Bayou
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Branch Phone Numbers:

Benoit (662) 742-3112
Hours M & Th 1—5
Gunnison (662) 747-2201
Hours T & Th 1—5
Merigold (662) 748-2105
Hours T & Th 1—5
Mound Bayou—(662) 741-2559
Re-Opening Soon!
Rosedale (662) 759-6332
Hours M & W 10—5, F 12—5
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Hours M & W 1—5
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