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**Director’s Corner**

Friends of the Library groups are non-profit 501(c)3 organizations that support the library or library system they are affiliated with. The Bolivar County Library System (BCLS) is proud to have such a group – the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System, which is a member of the Friends of Mississippi Libraries.

The purpose of the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System is to provide funds and volunteers to support the library in its mission to serve people of all ages and diverse backgrounds. Since October, our special group held



Summer Library Program 2025, supported by Friends of the Bolivar County Library System

two book sales. They have provided “blackout” prizes at two Senior’s Day Out programs, repaired the custom fabricated patio gate/panels, purchased new chairs for the Founders Room, and generously funded our Opening Day Collection for our new e-platform CloudLibrary. They are diligently working on special

upcoming programming, so make sure you follow our Facebook page to see what is happening at the library!

Becoming a Friends of the Library sponsor truly helps the libraries in our county. Here in Bolivar County, we have many people who understand the value of this group and are very generous. As many of you are aware, the Friends of the Library has kicked off their 2026 sponsorship drive. To those who have donated, thank you! You can still contribute. No donation is too small. Sponsorship and membership forms are available at the library.

~Emily

**CloudLibrary Has So Much to Offer!**

If you haven’t heard yet, BCLS has switched from Boundless to the CloudLibrary platform for eBooks and eAudiobooks on December 18th. If you haven’t already, you will need to go to your app store and download the free CloudLibrary app to continue to checkout BCLS eBooks and eAudiobooks.

If you are worried about learning to navigate a new app, don’t be. While the CloudLibrary app is a little different from the old Bound-

less app, patrons that have made the switch and have been using the CloudLibrary app have not experienced any problems with either downloading, installing, or navigating the app.

Good news! CloudLibrary has an added bonus: With the CloudLibrary app and your BCLS library card our patrons may checkout eBooks and eAudiobooks not only our collection but also from other public libraries within Mississippi

that also subscribe to CloudLibrary. Currently, there are six libraries in Mississippi (including us) using CloudLibrary with a combined total of over 14,000 eBooks and eAudiobooks available for checkout.

This sharing of resources among CloudLibrary subscribers is called CloudLink. Be aware there are some limitations to CloudLink. First, while all BCLS-owned

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## CloudLibrary—Continued



CloudLibrary

*“Learning is what most adults will do for a living in the 21st century.”*

~S.J. Perelman,  
American Humorist &  
Screenwriter

eBooks and eAudiobooks will show up in the Cloudlibrary app whether they are checked out or not, you will only see items from other libraries that are not checked out; they will only show up within the app if they are currently available for checkout. And second, while you can place reserves and save BCCLS eBooks and eAudiobooks to your “Wish List,” you cannot do either of these actions with items from other Mississippi libraries.

As before, in order to comply with recently enacted Mississippi

Code, §39-3-25, as of July 1, 2023, eBooks and eAudiobooks on both CloudLibrary and hoopla is only available for checkout to adults 18-years and older. However, as with the Boundless app, parents have the ability to share content with their own children within the CloudLibrary app.

All you need to access eBooks and eAudiobooks is to have a BCCLS library card (the barcode on the back of your library card that you enter without spaces) and your personal PIN to access CloudLibrary. Go to our website for

more info at <[bolivar.lib.ms.us](http://bolivar.lib.ms.us)>.

If you don't have a library card, stop by one of our branches to get one. You must be a Bolivar County resident or work in Bolivar County to get your free library card, or you may pay the out-of-county fee of \$25 per year. Need a PIN (or can't remember your PIN)? Call us to get one.

If you need any assistance or have questions, please call us at (662) 843-2774.

Install the app. and start enjoying CloudLibrary today!

## Calendar

February 4th, March 4th, April 1st, May 6th—**Teen Time Game Day @ 4 p.m.** at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library

January 23rd, 30th, February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th—**Preschool Storyhour @ 10-11 a.m.**—Open to the

Public at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library

January 21st, February 18th, March 18th—**Board of Trustees Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library

February 3rd, April 7th—**Seniors Day Out! @ 10—11:30 a.m.**—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library

February 28th (Tentative) **Songwriting Workshop**—Details and program start TBA

## Did You Know?

**You can request that BCCLS purchase an item you are interested in reading (either print, eBook, or eAudiobook) and/or viewing (DVDs)?** Yes, if we don't have a title in the format you desire, we will consider purchasing the item to add to our collections. We cannot guarantee we will purchase a particular item, but whether it is a book in print, large print, or digital format, or a movie, TV series, or documentary

on DVD, we will evaluate the item for purchase. If we do not choose to purchase a particular item, if it is a print or large print book, we will attempt to borrow the item through our Inter-Library Loan (ILL) system. Please be aware that we cannot ILL books that are newer than 6—9 months, digital books, or DVDs.

**We have a free notary public?** Yes, we have a notary public that notarizes documents free-of-

charge. There are exclusions so go to our website at <<https://bolivar.lib.ms.us/services-resources/notary-public-services/>> and click on “Notary Service Procedures” for more info. The notary is not available at all times, so we recommend calling ahead at 662.843.2774 for an appointment. Please be aware, **do not** sign documents before arriving; you must sign your documents in the presence of the notary.

## Teen Time Game Day Continues

January 7, 2026, was our first Teen Time Game Day for the year. Teens, what is your Teen Time pleasure? Do you enjoy Jenga, Sorry, Uno Attack, Giant Connect Four, VR headsets, or just relaxing and reading a good book? The Mississippi Library Commission offers several kits for library programming. There are book club kits, 3Doodler kits, Button maker kits, photography kits, and more. Feel free to share your interest with us for programming. Please contact Mrs. Bobbie at [<bmatheney@bolivar.lib.ms.us>](mailto:<bmatheney@bolivar.lib.ms.us>) or 662-441-0007



## Looking for a Good Book?

**Martha:** *The Unseen* by Kat Martin. Rachel, who's battling Muscular Dystrophy, lives in her family's 19th century mansion Belle Reve with her caregiver and niece Nicole. After a 100 year-old skeleton is unearthed on the grounds, strange things begin to happen—strange things of the supernatural variety. When Nicole meets Lucas, she is instantly attracted to him, but he is the owner of the youth detention facility where her half-brother is incarcerated. Despite this, the attraction is mutual, and Lucas soon finds himself embroiled in the frightening events happening at Belle Reve. As Rachel's health deteriorates, Nicole and Lucas must work together to unravel the mystery of Bell Reve and save Rachel's life. Another great book! If you like Romantic Thrillers with some supernatural thrown in, you will like this. (Fiction—eBook)

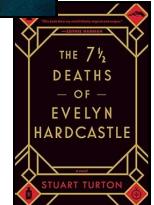
**Tamara:** *The House at the End of the World* by Dean Koontz. Katie lives alone on her own small, private island called Jacob's Ladder in self-exile following a traumatic experience. Eschewing all outside contact, she has no TV, radio, or internet and her groceries are delivered, which is just the way Katie wants it. The secret government research facility next door has posed no problems. That is, until the unexpected arrival of “guests” that are looking for someone—or something—from the facility. As you can predict, things go downhill from there—FAST! Stranded with a severe storm moving in, Katie must fend for herself against both an unseen enemy and the weather. When a young girl suddenly appears, she and Katie must work together to survive. This suspenseful page-turner is recommended for those who love fast-moving thrillers. (Fiction—Print & Audiobook on CD)

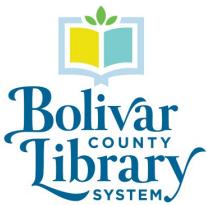
**Tamara:** *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton. When the narrator “becomes aware,” he’s soaking wet in the middle of a forest—and has no memory of who he is. When he stumbles into a clearing, he finds an abandoned mansion. But, no, it’s not abandoned, just in a high state of disrepair. Inside he meets people who know him, but he has no memory of them. When a woman is murdered that night, he’s shocked and bewildered. Then, he wakes up the next day in someone else’s body, someone he met the day before at the house—and, it’s yesterday again! This is one trippy, twisty, supernatural murder mystery with a sense of dread that keeps building as the story continues. I loved the concept and the mystery kept me in suspense and guessing. (Fiction—Large Print & eBook)

"I can't believe it!"

Reading and writing  
actually paid off!"

~Matt Groening,  
Creator of  
The Simpsons





## Bolivar County Library System

Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library  
104 South Leflore Avenue  
Cleveland, MS 38732-2607

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Friday 9a.m.—5p.m.  
Saturday 9a.m.—1p.m.  
Sunday Closed

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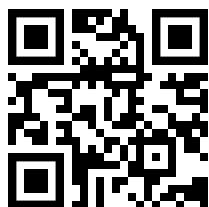
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## Some Bolivar County History...

### “Rosedale by Florence Sillers Ogden” - Continued

#### “Schools

The first seat of learning was an old frame store in the business part of town, belonging to Mr. John Kuhn, located where the Southern Oil Company now stands. The teacher was Miss Hannah Venable of Memphis. Among the “scholars” were Miss Lottie Montgomery, Frank Scott, Edwin and Rucks Yerger, and others.

Colonel F. A. Montgomery made every effort to improve the means of education. His first move was to donate for school purposes a small office building, located in the southeast corner of his yard, just under the limbs of the old cottonwood tree which stands there now. Those who taught there were, successively, Mr. J. M. Waters, the Methodist minister, Mrs. J. B. Brander, Miss Ida Gayden of Beulah, and Mr. Prosser, the Episcopal minister.

After the small Methodist church was built, in the late seventies [1870s], it was used as a schoolhouse during the week. It was customary in those days for the minister to serve as teacher and preacher; and the young Methodist minister, Mr. Waters, taught the children during the week in the church and preached in it on Sundays. When the new church was erected the old one was taken over by the school. For years there was only one room and one teacher. Either Miss Tillie Montgomery or Miss Hattie Chambers served as teacher over a long period. Then another room was added, and a man employed as principal. The first principal was Professor John Martin.

In 1902 the children published the following petition to the town council:

*We, the children of the Rosedale School, ask the people of Rosedale to help us build a new schoolhouse. We have fifty-nine children in the school. We have to sit three on a seat, and some of us on the floor. Every time it rains, it leaks on the recitation bench, so we have to stand up, and the soot blows on the little girls aprons. We are going to give a dollar each. Won't you please help?*

This petition was signed by the following pupils: Pattie Bryant, Fontaine Jones, Florence Sillers, Richard Nugent, Katie May Yerger, Postelle Chaney, Dulaney Clark, Eugene Chaney, Vera Joest, Lillian Lobdell, Genevieve Stone, Lottie Kirchner, May Pearl Scott, Leslie Joest, Ethel Bryant, Finley Linnell, Hugh Sutherland, Zoe Roberts, Alex Yerger, Georgia Scott, John Lobdell, Jim and Charlie Caldwell, Richard Shelby, Dot Washington, Ward Gary, Lena C. Roberts, Mary Lapresto, Sheffy McBroom, Eva Joest, Vernon Barrett, Edna Linnell, Louise Lapresto, Virginia Hines, and Bertha Kimbal. There were others who signed, but their names are not available.”

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

The next newsletter will continue the history of Rosedale with the continuation of “Schools.”

## Bolivar County Library System:

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### Rosedale Public Library

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702 Front Street  
Hours: M & W 10a.m.—5p.m.  
T & Th 1p.m.—5p.m.  
F 12p.m.—5p.m.  
Martha Lawson, *Librarian*

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(662) 748-2105/Fax 748-2596  
201 Front Street  
Hours: T & Th 1p.m.—5p.m.  
Valency Rogers, *Librarian*