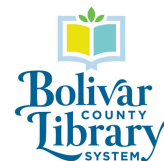


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October 1, 2026



Director's Corner



In a world where libraries are continually closing, I am excited to announce that the Field Memorial Library in Shaw, Mississippi, will soon be reopening! This has been a huge project. We have used state grants, federal grants, and donations from the Friends of the Library to upgrade wiring, install WIFI, new data drops, and switches, and to purchase new patron computers. The Friends of the Library also made a HUGE donation by providing the beautiful new shelving that was just installed.

Here are a few pictures of the new shelves. Over the next few weeks, we will move in remaining furniture and technology and books and transform this empty space into a beautiful library of which the community can be proud!

Please stay tuned for updates!

Emily

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you can expect:

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Grape Expectations Benefit Gala is January 29, 2027!

We are excited to announce our upcoming Grape Expectations Benefit Gala, an opportunity to celebrate the library's impact and invest in its future. As we prepare for this special event, we invite individuals, families, local businesses, and community organizations to consider sponsoring the gala in support of our library's mission.

Your sponsorship can make a lasting difference. Contributions help strengthen library programs, expand access to resources, support community initiatives, and ensure that the library remains a welcoming and enriching space for everyone. By becoming a sponsor, you demonstrate your commitment to literacy, education, and the continued growth of our community. Every contribution is an investment in the people, programs, and opportunities that make our library such a valuable community asset. There are several levels of giving

For information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact the library at (662) 843-2774 at extensions 109, 113, or 114, or ask for a sponsorship brochure at any Bolivar County Library System branch.

Thank you for your continued support of our library. We hope you will consider sponsoring the library system and remember to Save the Date - January 29, 2027, for the next Grape Expectations Benefit Gala! More info about the Gala is forthcoming.

Calendar

Oct. 30th, Nov. 6th, 13th, 20th, Dec. 4th, 11th, & 18th—
Preschool Storyhour @ 10 a.m.—Open to the Public
Robinson-Carpenter

Oct. 21st, Nov. 18th—**Board of Trustees Meeting** @
1:30 p.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

Nov. 11th—**Veterans Day**—All Libraries Will Be
CLOSED

November 4th—**Teen Time Game Day** @ 4 p.m. at
Robinson-Carpenter

Dec. 1st, Feb. 2nd—**Seniors Day Out!** @ 10—11:30 a.m.
—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter;
Registration Required, Call 843-2774

Coming January—**Book Sale** @ 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.—
Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

Coming January—**Book Sale** @ 9:30 a.m. to 12:30
p.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

January 29th—**Grape Expectations Benefit Gala** @
6-8 p.m.; More Info Coming Soon



Seniors Day Out!

Seniors Day Out! is a fun program for senior citizens that features fun, friends, and BINGO. The program is held every other month at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland on the first Tuesday of the month. The next program is December 1st from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the Founders Room. The program features at least five rounds of BINGO with prizes for winners.

Registration is required; please call (662) 843-2774 or stop by to RSVP at the Circulation Desk.

All seniors are invited to this program that is free and open to the public. The Friends of the Bolivar County Library System contribute to this program.

We hope to see you there!

Teen Time Game Day



Following a hiatus for the summer, Teen Time Game Day resumed on October 7th at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. The program is held on the first Wednesday of each month for tweens and teens 11-18 years of age. Participants can enjoy board games, VR headsets, coloring sheets, puzzles, snacks, and more.

All tweens/teens are invited to stop by the next Teen Time Game Day on November 4th to explore and make suggestions for other engaging events for tweens and teens. Virgle, a sixth grader from Hayes Cooper Center, was chosen as the G.O.A.T. for yesterday's Teen Time Game Day. Congratulations Virgle!



CloudLibrary

We introduced CloudLibrary a few newsletter ago, but if you missed the announcement, CloudLibrary is our eBook/eAudiobook platform that is compatible with most newer portable electronic devices. Once you've downloaded the free CloudLibrary app from your app store, click into the app, search for and click on "Bolivar County Library System," then enter your library card number (barcode without spaces) and your personal PIN. If you don't have a PIN, or can't remember it, stop by the library to get one.

We're excited to announce that CloudLibrary now offers Kobo Integration for Kobo device users. From within your CloudLibrary app, login if you haven't already done so. Then, click into "Account" and look for and click on "Kobo Connect." When the "Connect Your Kobo Account" page comes up, click on "Connect." Next, you will be prompted to sign-in to your Kobo account, just click "Continue" and then "Accept" when prompted. You will see a page with "Your Kobo account is now connected to CloudLibrary," and you can then click "Close." Once your account is connected, you will see "Send to Kobo" in the Book Details of titles that are available in the Kobo catalog. Three things to be aware of. First, that you can still read titles sent to Kobo in the CloudLibrary app, but your reading position will not sync between the two apps. Second, that if you renew a title, you should send the title to Kobo again. And, finally, you will need version 5.15 of the CloudLibrary Mobile apps.

If you have any problems using CloudLibrary or Kobo Integration, call the library at (662) 843-2774 for assistance.

Banned Books



We're celebrating Banned Book Week from October 4-10, 2026, with a special display of some really good frequently banned books at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. This year's theme is "Let Books Be. Protect the Freedom to Read."

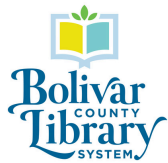
Stop by and check out our display. And, while you're here protect the freedom to read by checking out a banned book!

Book Reviews

Martha: *Frost and Venom* (Sunrise Lake #4) by Christine Feehan.

Someone has been sending Harlow, a nurse in a small California town, threatening letters. Then, several people in town are poisoned by a mysterious unknown toxin. When Harlow finds the man she's been crushing on bleeding out on a mountain trail, she takes him into her home. Despite the distraction that her infuriating patient presents, Harlow is determined to unravel the mystery. Realizing she needs help, Harlow calls on her five BFFs to help her find who is behind the threats and killings - before they all lose everything they care about. I love this series and this book! It keeps you guessing all the way to the end. While you could read this novel as a standalone, I recommend you read the series in order to fully appreciate the relationships among the five women—#1 *Murder at Sunrise Lake*, #2 *Red on the River*, #3 *Deadly Storms*, and #4 *Frost and Venom*. (Fiction—Print, eBook & CloudLibrary)

Tamara: *The Only One Left* by Riley Sager. It's 1983 and disgraced home-health aide Kit is taking the only job available to her, caregiver to Lenora Hope, a 70-year-old invalid heiress in a creepy old house. An heiress that everyone believes brutally killed her parents and sister in that same house in 1929. Mute and confined to a wheelchair, Lenora can only communicate by typing out sentences with one hand on an old manual typewriter. On her first day, Lenora types, "It wasn't me," leading Kit down a dangerous path to find out the truth. This mind-blowing mystery/thriller will keep you guessing—because every time you think you know what is going on, you realize you don't! What a great book! Highly recommended to those who like gothic mystery/thrillers! (Fiction—Print & CloudLink eAudio)



"Rosedale by Florence Sillers Ogden" - Continued

"Churches

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The Methodist Church site was donated by Colonel Frank A. Montgomery, and a small church erected about 1876, the first in town. Colonel Montgomery and his large family; Mr. and Mrs. John Kirk, Captain and Mrs. John Jarnigan, Mr. and Mrs. George Melchoir, and Mrs. Matilda B. Sillers were among the early Methodists. Before the little church was built, services were held in Colonel Montgomery's parlor. The Reverend J. E. Waters was the first pastor. One of the early ministers was an Englishmen [sic] who died of yellow fever and left a wife and five children. Colonel Montgomery took the family into his home and took care of them for some months, then paid their transportation back to England.

In 1889, the present church was built. The tornado of '93 blew the steeple entirely away; in the overflow of '97 the water was over the pulpit; about 1903 it was partially destroyed by fire; but the old church still stands, with a membership today of 141.

The Grace Episcopal Church, the first and for many years, the only Episcopal Church in the county, was built in 1879, due to the efforts of Mrs. Alex Yerger and her daughters, Mrs. Charles Scott, Mrs. T. R. McGuire, and Mrs. D. A. Scott. The site was donated by Charles Scott; the first pastor was the Reverend R. H. Prosser. The first couple to be married in the Episcopal Church was Mr. William Arthur Erger and Miss Kate Otey of Memphis. It is the oldest church building in town and the oldest in the county through though the Methodist Church is the older institution. The Episcopal membership in 1946 was sixty-eight."

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 "Churches."

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