

## Special points of interest:

- MS Author Hezekiah Watkins—Evening With Books (Article this Page)
- New MakerSpace & STEM Kits Now Available in Cleveland (Pages 2 & 3)

## Summer Library Program in Cleveland



Mrs. Bobbie at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library (RCML) (Cleveland) has been busy planning a wonderful Summer Library Program (SLP) experience this year!

The SLP is open to all children that are entering the 1st through 6th grades in the upcoming school year beginning in August 2023. Registration is required and begins May 22nd at RCML (in Cleveland), Monday through Friday from 9-5 and Saturdays from 9-1.

All programs are from 12:30—2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) on Tuesdays for children 1st-3rd grades and on Thursday for

children 4th-6th grades.

The following is a tentative Calendar of Events, with other programs to be announced:

—June 5th—**Big Kick Off** with Wink Danenberg, Comedy Juggler—**This Program is for All Ages 1st—6th Grades**

—June 6th—Mizuki Umebara from Delta State University

—June 8th—Mizuki Umebara from Delta State University

—June 13th—Wanda Woodard from MDOT

—June 15th—Becky Rosamond from North MS Refuges Complex

—June 20th—Ashley Kerr, from the Bolivar County Extension Services Office

NOTE: Program and teen volunteers are needed!!

For more info, contact Mrs. Bobbie at 662-843-2774 ext. 105.



Thank you to the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System for the purchase of the following:

—Chairs for the Founders Room at Robinson-Carpenter (Cleveland)

—The game Giant 4-In-A-Row at Robinson-Carpenter (Cleveland)

—Repair of a leaking window at the Rosedale Public Library

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## Evening With Books—MS Author Hezekiah Watkins



We're pleased to welcome MS author Hezekiah Watkins as the speaker for our Evening With Books program on May 18th at the

Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland at 6 p.m.

Mr. Watkins, a Jackson native, will talk about his book *Pushing Forward: The Story of Mississippi's Youngest Freedom Rider*. Mr. Watkins was thirteen-years-old when the first group of Freedom

Riders arrived in Jackson on July 7, 1961. Wanting to learn what the group was about, he went to the Greyhound Bus Station in Jackson when they arrived, where he was mistaken for being a member of the group and arrested. His book chronicles the harrowing five days he spent at Parchman on Death Row and his subsequent work as a Civil Rights leader.

Those wishing to have Mr. Watkins sign copies of his book following the program may pre-order books from the Cotton

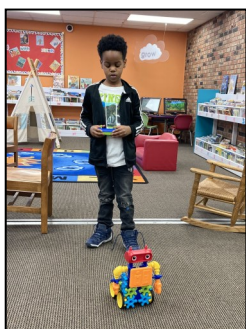
Row Bookstore before May 11th. These pre-ordered books may be picked up by May 17th or at the program itself on May 18th. Alternately, books will also be available for purchase at the program, but the number of copies may be limited.

We hope you will join us for this Evening With Books program featuring Hezekiah Watkins on May 18th at 6 p.m. The program is open to the public and is free-of-charge. Light refreshments will be served.

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## MakerSpace and STEM Kits Popular with Kids

Kids love the new MakerSpace and STEM Kits at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library—and they are learning science, technology, engineering and mathematics concepts and skills while playing! For more information about the MakerSpace and STEM Kits, see the article on Page 3 of this newsletter and/or call Mrs. Bobbie, the Youth Services Librarian, at (662) 843-2774 x105.



## Calendar

*"Libraries always  
remind me that there  
are good things  
in this world."*

*~Lauren Ward~  
American Singer and  
Actress*

April 21st, 28th, May 5th, 12th,  
19th—**Preschool Storyhour** @  
10 a.m.—Open to the Public at  
Robinson-Carpenter

April 19th, May 17th, June 21st,  
July 19th—**Library Commission  
Meeting** @ 10 a.m.—Open to  
the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

April 19th, May 17th, June 21st,  
July 19th—**Board of Trustees  
Meeting** @ 1:30 p.m.—Open to  
the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

**NOTE: No Boards in August**

April 25th—**NLW Community  
Health Fair** from 10a.m.-12p.m.  
—Open to the Public at Robinson  
-Carpenter.

May 10th, June 14th, July 12th—  
**STEM & MakerSpace Activi-  
ties** from 3:45-4:45 p.m.—Open  
to Public at Robinson-Carpenter

May 18th—**Evening With  
Books Featuring Hezekiah  
Watkins** @ 6 p.m.—Open to the  
Public at Robinson-Carpenter;  
Books Available for Purchase at the  
Program or Pre-Order at the

Cotton Row Bookstore

**Summer Library Programs** at  
See Page 1 for Cleveland. Details  
for Shelby & Merigold are Forth-  
coming. Rosedale will not have an  
SLP Program.

June 6—**Seniors Day Out!** @ 10  
a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Open to the  
Public at Robinson-Carpenter  
Memorial Library

July 7th & 8th—**Friends' Book  
Sale** from 9-4 (F) & 9:30-12:30  
(Sat.) - Open to the Public at  
Robinson-Carpenter

## Easter Bunny Visits Preschool Storyhour and Staff

During the Preschool Storyhour at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library on March 30th, the kids enjoyed dyeing Easter eggs and a visit from the Easter Bunny. After Storyhour, the staff got in on the fun, too.

Thank you to Samantha Williams, who entertained us as the Easter Bunny!



Individual Photos (L to R): Melissa Robinson, Rachel Guerry, Kevin Reed, and Anna Sims.

## Introducing MakerSpace and STEM Kits

BCLS is pleased to announce the acquisition of a MakerSpace and a variety of STEM Kits (hereafter collectively referred to as "MakerSpace") at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library (RCML) in Cleveland.

The MakerSpace program is designed for children ages 3-12 and provides tools for children to explore, build, make things, and creatively learn through play, which is true of STEM Kits, as well. The main difference between the MakerSpace and STEM Kits is

the STEM Kits are more focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and have a more structured learning process.

A MakerSpace program is offered the second Wednesday each month at RCML. Additionally, to ensure that the maximum benefit is gained from these wonderful learning systems, when the MakerSpace is not in use during programs, it will be available for an in-library use only checkout in the Children's Room. Please note that only a parent or legal guardian

may check-out the MakerSpace, must sign a MakerSpace Use and Release form at the time of check-out, and must remain with the child during the check-out period.

If you question, please call Bobbie Matheney at (662) 843-2774 x105.

This MakerSpace Program was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Grants to States Program as administered by the Mississippi Library Commission.



See photos from the introductory program on Page 2

## Looking for a Good Book?

**Martha:** *Forget What You Know* by Christina Dodd. A sequel to 2022 *Point Last Seen*, *Forget What You Know* revisits Gothic, California with characters you'll recognize, but it is a standalone. When the Dragon's Heart (a priceless ruby) surfaces in Gothic, collector's descend on the town. Then, Zoey Phoenix finds herself hospitalized by a car accident that doesn't seem so accidental. Zoey, who doesn't remember her childhood, finds herself a target, but why? As disappearances and murders begin happening, Zoey realizes she must unravel both her mysterious past and the truth about the mystical Dragon's Heart. More twists and turns that will leave you guessing until the very end. As usual, a very entertaining book with quirky characters! (Fiction—Print)

**Samantha:** *Daisy Jones & The Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. The book was really about an interview with a rock n' roll band that started out

with doing gigs to get by until they meet with a producer. At that point, they started making albums and started getting hit numbers on every album they made. This is the novel the mini-series of the same name on Amazon Prime streaming network is based. Good book! (Fiction—Print & eBook)

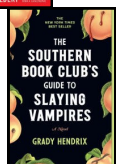
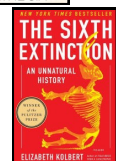
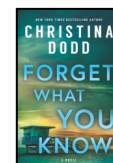
**Tamara:** *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert. This unsettling book relates the history of the previous five extinction events (like the asteroid impact that resulted in the extinction of dinosaurs) experienced by Earth while predicting another major extinction event caused by humans—in the not so distant future. Kolbert backs this prediction up with plenty of data to support her thesis. Excellent book! A Pulitzer Prize Winner, a New York Times Book Review's 10 Best Books of the Year, a New York Times Best-seller, and A National Book

Critics Circle Award Finalist. (Non-Fiction—Print)

**Tamara:** *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires* by Grady Hendrix. Patricia Campbell is a happily, but boringly, married mother of two living in a nice, upper-middle class neighborhood in Charleston. Patricia appreciates her privileged life, but sometimes wishes "something" would happen. Then she finds friendship in a local book club from her neighborhood. The arrival of an attractive bachelor James into the neighborhood has everyone wondering about his strange habits. When people start disappearing and dying, Patricia begins to suspect that James is not who he says he is... A fresh take on the traditional vampire novel that is funny, devastating, heartwarming, and horrifying in turns. Recommended for everyone who loves a good thriller. (Fiction—Print)

"The most important  
asset of any  
library goes home at  
night – the library  
staff."

~Timothy Healy ~  
Former President,  
New York Public Library







#### Bolivar County Library System

104 South Leflore Avenue  
Cleveland, MS 38732-2607

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9a.m.—6p.m.  
Friday 9a.m.—5p.m.  
Saturday 9a.m.—1p.m.  
Sunday Closed

All Branches Are Closed on All Legal Holidays (Except Columbus Day) and on Good Friday; note that If Friday is a Legal Holiday, the Saturday Following It Will Be Closed, Too.

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## Some Bolivar County History...

### “Rosedale by Florence Sillers Ogden”

The last excerpt left off at the end of the paragraph ending: “Among them were the Sillers, Christmas, and W. A. Shelby families. The next and final quarantine for yellow fever was in 1905.”

“Below is a list of the Rosedale officials from 1900 to 1945:

1900: R. J. Matthews, mayor; G. P. Rice, C. L. Jones, George L. Kerg, aldermen; O. D. Thomas, clerk.

1904: W. H. Fitzgerald, mayor; John V. Lobdell, W. Mac Anderson, R. H. Purnell, C. L. Jones, aldermen; O. D. Thomas, clerk.

1906: W. A. Stone, mayor; the board of 1904 was re-elected; Doctors Sutherland and Sandifer, health officers.

1908: W. A. Stone, mayor; H. C. Goldman, J. A. Eddins, R. H. Purnell, W. A. Shelby, aldermen; O. D. Thomas, clerk.

1910: John V. Lobdell, mayor; W. H. Fitzgerald, E. H. Woods, Walter Sillers, J. L. Wilson, aldermen; S. A. Hinds, clerk; W. F. Poole, acting marshal.

1912: Marcus L. Kaufman, mayor; W. H. Fitzgerald, W. A. Shelby, J. A. Eddins, J. L. Wilson, aldermen; Marcus L. Kaufman, clerk.

1914: W. H. Fitzgerald, mayor, J. L. Wilson, W. A. Shelby, P. H. Joest, J. A. Eddins, aldermen; Mrs. Minnie Littleton, clerk.

1916: W. H. Fitzgerald, mayor; J. L. Wilson, Bonner Richardson, P. H. Joest, E. R. Chaney, aldermen; Walter Sillers, Jr., attorney; R. A. Linnel, marshal; Minnie E. Littleton, clerk. In the year 1916 there was a heated campaign between W. H. Fitzgerald and J. L. Wilson for mayor. A short time before the election Mr. Fitzgerald died and Mr. Fontaine Jones took his place in the race. Mr. Wilson was elected and has held the office up to the present time, except for a short time interim when his son, J. L. Wilson, Jr., served.”

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

**This excerpt will be continued in the next newsletter.**

## Bolivar County Library System Information

### Board of Trustees:

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Ms. Corrinne Hegwood

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Kevin Reed, Circulation  
Valencity Rogers, Technical Svcs  
Anna Sims, Circulation  
Samantha Williams, Circulation  
Rachel Guerry, Circulation  
Yolanda Spearman, Merigold  
Clara, Housekeeping  
Donny, Housekeeping

### Rosedale Public Library

(662) 759-6332/Fax: 734-0825  
702 Front Street  
Hours: M & W 10a.m.-5p.m.  
T & Th 1p.m.—5p.m.  
F 12p.m.—5p.m.  
Martha Lawson, Librarian

### Dr. Robert T. Hollingsworth Public Library (Shelby)

(662) 398-7748/Fax: 775-7002  
211 Third Street  
Hours M & W 10a.m.—5p.m.  
F 12p.m.—5p.m.  
Marie Shorter, Librarian

### Thelma Rayner Memorial Library (Merigold)

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