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Want! Our Nobel,
Pulitzer, Pen Faulkner,
and Caldecott Sponsors
are below, while our
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and Friends' Members
are on Page Three.

Crawford King, a Bayou Academy Sophomore, recently completed his Eagle Scout Project at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library. Part of the Boy Scout oath is to "To help other people at all times." Crawford certainly upheld that oath as he recognized the library had an old fence that was about to collapse. His planning, leadership and hard work has not only created a safe structure but removed an eyesore. We are grateful to Crawford and those who helped him succeed in his project!

Thank you, Crawford!

~Emily



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Talking Book Services News



The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) has announced some exciting updates to the Talking Book Services (TBS) program: a new audiobook machine and expansion of Braille & Audio Reading Download (BARD).

DA2 is Almost Here

NLS has introduced the advanced, second-generation of Digital Talking Book Machines (DTBM) called DA2 for TBS patrons! DA2, in addition to playing the cartridge-based audiobooks, will have BARD access in one machine with numerous setting options per the users' preference.

BARD is a service that allows Talking Book Services (TBS) patrons with internet access and an email address to search for and download titles to their smartphones or tablets for immediate listening. Previously, BARD was a service that TBS patrons had to sign up for separately, so this is an exciting new development for TBS patrons. As with the audiobook cartridges, new BARD titles are added frequently, providing patrons with a wealth of reading options.

Currently, TBS staff at the Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) are receiving training to become certified in the operation of DA2. The new machine is scheduled to be delivered to interested patrons in late summer.

If you currently a TBS user and are interested in signing up for a DA2, call a Reader Advisor at (601) 432-4151 soon as the number of new machines will be limited during the early adoption period.

BARD 2

As mentioned above, BARD allows patrons to access and download titles to their own smartphones or tablets. Now NLS will begin to offer BARD 2 in late July. With BARD 2, TBS patrons may sign up to receive instant access to hundreds of thousands of audio and braille books and magazines. BARD 2 will allow access to these materials for reading with the new DA2 machine (mentioned above), a personal smart device with BARD Mobile, a Braille eReader, or a patron's PC with the BARD Express player. Contact TBS at (601) 432-4151 to sign up for BARD 2.

BARD 2 has exciting new features:

- The Wish List, Reading History, Subscriptions, and Account Settings have been reorganized under one menu.
- New sorting capabilities that allow patrons to search through book lists and refine the results by format, language, and subject.
- An updated, faster search engine.
- Advanced search functionality.

Be aware that access to BARD 2 will required a change in current patrons' login procedures. TBS staff will contact all BARD web users and provide instructions for the new login procedures.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the new DA2 or expanded BARD 2, or about the TBS program in general, call TBS staff at (601) 432-4151. You may also visit the Mississippi Library Commission's TBS website at: <https://www.mlc.lib.ms.us/tbs/>.

"The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history."

~Carl T. Rowan

Calendar

Sep. 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st—**Preschool Storyhour @ 10-11 a.m.**—Open to All Preschool-Age Children

Oct. 7th, Dec. 2nd—**Seniors Day Out! @ 10-11:30 a.m.**—Open to All Older Adults at Robinson-Carpenter.

Sep. 17th, Oct. 15th, Nov. 19th—**Board of Trustees Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to Public in Cleveland; **NOTE: No August Meeting.**

Preschool Storyhour

Kids are heading back to school and that means it is time for Preschool Storyhour! The program is for individual children (not daycares or classes), who must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Storyhour will resume on September 5th at 10 a.m. every Friday (except legal holidays) at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. Registration is not required.

If you have questions or would like to register a daycare or class for a library visit, contact Mrs. Bobbie at (662) 843-2774 x105.

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"Every writer I know
got their start in a
library somewhere.

We read a book, and
we thought, 'I want to
do that.'"

~Karin Slaughter

Looking for a Good Book?

Hadiya: *Problematic Summer Romance* by Ali Hazelwood. Loved this one so much! *Problematic Summer Romance* gave me exactly what I wanted from an Ali Hazelwood novel: her signature banter, witty internal monologues, all the tension, and that trademark storytelling magic that somehow feels both grounded and giddy at once. Ali's prose is effortlessly charming, and Maya's voice, which is equal parts self-aware, chaotic, and sincere, pulled me in from the first page. There's just something about the way she writes that feels like comfort and excitement in equal measure. It's messy, sweet, funny, and full of heart. A great summer romance with a touch of angst, a lot of tension, and a satisfying payoff. I give this book two thumbs up!! (Fiction—Print)

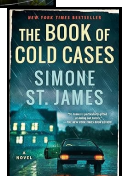
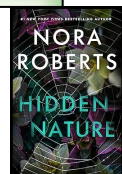
Tamara: *Doggone Bones* by Carolyn Haines. Twenty-ninth in the Sarah Booth Delaney Mystery series, *Doggone Bones* has Sarah

Booth, Tinkie, and the gang delving into a case of a dognapping in a nearby town that turns into something much more sinister. Aside from our amateur sleuths continuing to take some really ridiculous risks and the continued Sarah Booth and Coleman relationship stasis, this is another fun, twisty mystery. (Fiction—Print)

Martha: *Hidden Nature* by Nora Roberts. Police officer Sloan Cooper's life is changed drastically after a being shot during a crime, but she is determined to get her life back in order. While recuperating at her parent's house, a series of abductions soon piques Sloan's passion for solving mysteries. But this mystery proves dangerous. This is a really good book. Nora Roberts at her best! (Fiction—Print)

Tamara: *The Book of Cold Cases* by Simone St. James. In 1977, two murders resulted in Beth Greer

standing trial for the so-called Lady Killer Murders. After being acquitted, Beth retreats into isolation in her mansion. In 2017, Shea Collins has a podcast called "The Book of Cold Cases" in which she investigates unsolved murder mysteries, including the Lady Killer Murders. Shea is very surprised when Beth agrees to be interviewed—Beth has steadfastly refused all previous requests for interviews. But there is something very strange about Beth and the mansion she inherited from her father, who was murdered in his own kitchen a few years before. The story unfolds with alternating perspectives between Beth (from 1977 and the present 2017) and Shea in 2017. The more Shea investigates, the more tangled the mystery becomes. But what is driving Shea to risk her life to find the truth? Does it have something to do with the secret she's been keeping...? (Fiction—Print)





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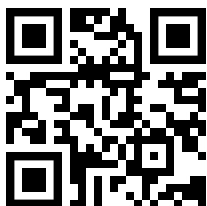
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Some Bolivar County History...

“Rosedale by Florence Sillers Ogden” - Continued

The last excerpt from Rosedale's history was the section “Water System.”

“Telephones

According to the records of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, the first telephones were installed around 1896-1897, though this company did not come in until 1905. There is no record as to who installed the first system, but evidence points to town ownership. There were no telephones in the homes during the overflow of 1897. Mr. J. L. Wilson recalls that there was a telephone in the Valley Bank when he came to Rosedale in the fall of 1898. He remembers talking long distance to New Orleans from this phone, a most unusual occurrence. In 1905 the Southern Bell Telephone Company entered into an agreement with the city by which they were granted permission to use the city's poles for their wires. At this time there was an exchange and twenty-five subscribers. Numbers were not used. One simply asked [the operator] for Mrs. Sillers' or Mrs. Scott's or Mrs. Roberts' residence, all of whom were among early subscribers.

Screens came into use in the early 1900's. People were slow to accept them, believing they kept out the air. After the mosquito theory was proved, there was general screening among white people.”

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 “Railroads.”

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