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A History of the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library

In 1917, the Madame Hodnett Chapter of the DAR created a public library located in a room of the newly completed First Methodist Church of Cleveland, but quickly outgrew its small quarters and moved to a room upstairs in a storefront (formerly the Owen Drug Store, now Neysa's). From there it was moved upstairs over the Cleveland State Bank on Sharpe Street.

In 1928, the Bolivar County Board of Supervisors gave space on the third floor of the Court House and a small monthly sum for books. The County took over partial financing of both Cleveland (and Rosedale) libraries in 1943. In 1948, Cleveland Public Library was moved from the Court House to the Cleveland High School.

Following renovation, the Cleveland library was moved to a store building (formerly the Davis Furniture Company) at 120 North Street and formally opened on April 5, 1959. In November 1959, a tragic house fire killed the Cleveland librarian Dorothy Robinson Carpenter and her family. Her parents purchased the present property and together the Robinson family and the City of Cleveland built the Dorothy Robinson Carpenter Family Memorial Library (eventually shortened to Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library). The project included adding an addition to the original structure (formerly the McPheeters Gift Shop). The formal dedication was held July 2, 1961.

In 1965, a construction grant from the MLC allowed for a 2,816 square foot addition that added the Mississippi Room. Following this addition, Mrs. John T. Smith added the walled garden (courtyard) as a memorial to her husband, which was dedicated in April 1967. After acquiring an adjoining lot, a final addition was added in 1979, adding another 4,200 square feet.



Dedication of the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library — (front, left) Saralie Robinson Heard, Rosalee Robinson, (back) James T. Robinson Jr. and J.T. Robinson. Circa 1963-64. Courtesy of Saralie Robinson.

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Changes Coming to eBooks & eAudiobooks

In September, our eBook platform will be transitioned from the current Axis 360 to Boundless. Everyone currently using the Axis 360 Reading App will receive in-app notifications of the upcoming change beginning the week of August 21st. The notification will include a "Learn More" button to click and learn more about the new Boundless platform and how it is different from Axis 360. Before the change-over, all Axis 360 app users will be required to visit the app store for their device and download the new Boundless app. As before, once the app has been downloaded AND the new Boundless platform goes live, users will need to open the app: 1) Find My Library and choose Bolivar County Library System, as before; 2) enter their library card number (barcode on back of card entered without spaces); and 3) enter their PIN. The Boundless app is supported in iOS 13 and above, and Android 9 and above. Users with earlier OS versions will need to upgrade their mobile operating system to a supported version to check out eBooks.

Watch for flyers in our branches and posts on Facebook for information about the transition and when the changeover will take place.

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Snapshot Day 2023

Snapshot Day is a fun way for public libraries to engage with our patrons—and take fun photos! Thank you to everyone who participate, either by agreeing to a photograph and/or completing our survey.



After School Program in Merigold



Join Librarian Yolanda Spearman at the Thelma Rayner Memorial Library in Merigold on Tuesdays & Thursdays for Story Time and Fun Crafts. Each Tuesday and Thursday's programs will be from 3:30 -4:30 p.m. These programs are for children of all ages and are offered free-of-charge. Registration is not required.

If you have any questions, please call Yolanda at (662) 748-2105.

Calendar

"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him."
~Maya Angelou,
Poet/Author

September 4th—**Labor Day**—All Libraries are CLOSED

Tuesdays & Thursdays in September—**After School Adventure** @ 3:30-4:30 p.m.—Open to the Public Free-of-Charge at Thelma Rayner Memorial Library in Merigold

September 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, November 3rd, 10th, 17th—**Story Hour** @ 10 a.m.—Open

to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th—**STEM & MakerSpace Activities** on the Second Wednesday of Each Month from 3:45-4:45 p.m.—Open to Public at Robinson-Carpenter

September 20th, October 18th, November 15th—**Library Commission Meeting** @ 10

a.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

September 20th, October 18th, November 15th—**Board of Trustees Meeting** @ 1:30 p.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

October 3rd, December 5th—**Seniors Day Out! on the First Tuesday Every Other Month** @ 10 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

The Friends of the Library Stained Glass Window



The history of the stained glass window in the Children's Room at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library had been thought lost. So you can imagine how pleased we were when we recently found a memo dated September 25, 1990, by former BCLS Director Ronnie Wise in which he approved this article for publication in the Library Journal:

"This unique window was commissioned by the Friends of the Bolivar County Library Board of Directors for the library's newly expanded Youth Services Room. The window was designed by stained glass window artist Andrew Young of Pearl River Glass Studios in Jackson, Mississippi. The \$2,500 window ties together traditional and modern librarianship. It depicts a computer monitor sitting among shelved books. Below the monitor is a stylized keyboard which shows the evolution of writing from the earliest forms. Two Chinese symbols are shown on the bottom row of keys. The left symbol means 'scholar' and the right means 'peace.'"

Notice also the "R" and "W" on the stylized keyboard—for Ronnie Wise, no doubt.

Summer Library Program Ends; Story Hour Begins Soon

We had another great Summer Library Program this year that began with a performance by comedy juggler Wink Danenberg on June 5th and ended with a Teen Program on July 18th. Happy children and teens attended programs that were held at branches in Cleveland, Shelby, and Merigold.

The end of the Summer Library Program and back to school means Story Hour at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library is resuming! Story Hour is every Friday at 10 a.m. beginning on September 8th. Registration is not required. For more info call Mrs. Bobbie at (662) 843-2774 x105.

Comedy Juggler Wink Danenberg



Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library



Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library (Cleveland)

Dr. Robert T. Hollingsworth
Public Library (Shelby)



Teen Program at Robinson-Carpenter



“It was good to walk
into a library
again; it smelled
like home.”

~Elizabeth Kostova,
Author

Looking for a Good Book?

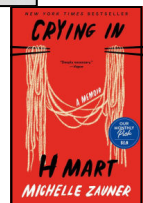
Martha: *The Secret Recipe of Ella Dove* (Dove Pond series) by Karen Hawkins. The third book in the Dove Pond series, Ella Dove is a baker with a magical touch, Angela is the woman who accused her of stealing recipes, Jules is Angela's daughter who is nursing a grudge against her mother, and Jules' son Gray is the man whose heart Ella broke so many years before. A warm-hearted, magical story about forgiveness, trust, and acceptance. A really great book! (Fiction—eBook)

Tamara: *Crying in H Mart: A Memoir* by Michelle Zauner. Written by the indie rockstar of

Japanese Breakfast fame, Zauner examines her childhood growing up Asian-American in Eugene, Oregon with a Caucasian father and Korean mother. Korean food plays a huge part in the author's relationship with her mother—thus the importance of H Marts (the H stands for Han ah reum, which means “one arm full of groceries”) in her life. A lovely, intimate portrait of the author's often difficult bond with her mother and her Korean identity. (Non-Fiction—Print)

Tamara: *Midnight at the Blackbird Café* by Heather Webber. This book is described by

Fanfiction.com as a “captivating blend of magical realism, heart-warming romance, and small-town Southern charm.” Anna Kate returns home to Wicklow to claim her inheritance after her grandmother Zee has died—there's a catch: she must live in the café and keep the Blackbird Café operating for 60 days first. Dismayed, Anna Kate can't wait for the 60 days to be up so she can leave. But Wicklow and its inhabitants have secrets, some of which Anna Kate has been searching to unravel... and some that will surprise her. I loved this delightful story! (Fiction—Print)





Bolivar County Library System

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Friday 9a.m.—5p.m.
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Some Bolivar County History...

“Rosedale by Florence Sillers Ogden”

The last excerpt left off at the end of the paragraph listing the Rosedale officials ending:

“1945: J. L. Wilson, mayor; L. P. Joest, H. Schear, F. C. Paden, Leroy Jones, aldermen; Mrs. Mary B. Chaney, clerk; Charlie Crawford and Alex Yerger, marshals; Walter Sillers, attorney.”

“POSTMASTERS

1877: John N. Lease

1878: Mrs. Mary J. Noel

1879: T. Richard McGuire

During these years the post office was located in the chancery clerk's office.

1891: Edward M. Scott

The office was now located in Mr. Scott's general store. After fire destroyed the building, an office

Was located on Court Street in brick store buildings as today.

1909: Mrs. Lily Warfield Nugent

1922: W. A. Shelby

1929-1933: Richard Shelby

1945: Mrs. Viva Hall McInnis”

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

This excerpt will continue with Rosedale's Building Eras in the next newsletter.

Bolivar County Library System Information

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Rosedale Public Library

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F 12p.m.—5p.m.

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Dr. Robert T. Hollingsworth Public Library (Shelby)

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Yolanda Spearman, Librarian