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- Preschool Story-hour is Now Live Via Zoom (See This Page for Article)
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Director’s Corner



The holiday season is a special time of year when we reflect on the year past and eagerly look to the future. Hopefully, it is a time spent with family, friends, and good food and good times. Maybe curl up with a good book. A holiday themed book perhaps? You can come browse our displays and find the perfect book! Maybe a family night in with a good movie is more your

speed. We can help with that, too! Of course, this is not an either-or scenario. You can do both and we are here to help.

The season is also a time to give thanks. We are thankful for you and the local communities who continue to support us. We are proud to be a part of Cleveland’s “50 Nights of Lights.” We are hosting two displays. One was donated by

the Cleveland Heritage Commission and one was donated by Maureen & Bucky Brooks. It is exciting to be a part of this wonderful celebration.

If you are out and about looking at the holiday lights in downtown Cleveland, don’t forget to come check us out as well!

~Emily

Preschool Storyhour is Now Live via Zoom!

We are pleased to be offering Preschool Storyhour live via Zoom on Fridays at 10 a.m.

As you know, we discontinued the in-person Preschool Storyhour at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland at the start of the COVID pandemic and were offering recorded Storyhour programs on our Facebook page. It was a good alternative that allowed our patrons to view the Storyhour whenever it was

convenient, but lacked the interaction component that makes Storyhour so much fun and special.

When it became obvious that the ongoing pandemic would mean no live programs again this year, Youth Services Librarian Bobbie Matheney began investigating a better delivery system for Storyhour. Zoom seemed the most logical choice—even though you can’t watch it later. After working

out some bugs, children of all ages are again enjoying “live” Storyhour where they can interact with Mrs. Bobbie during the program!

If you want to participate, call Mrs. Bobbie at (662) 843-2774, extension 105 and let her know. She will send you the Zoom link to connect to Storyhour each week.

See you on Fridays at 10 a.m.!(Except holidays; check our Calendar on Page 2.)

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Rachel Guerry

We're pleased to welcome Rachel Guerry, who is the new librarian at the Thelma Rayner Memorial Library in Merigold. Rachel is a lifelong Mississippi resident who recently moved to Cleveland from Columbus. Rachel shares that some of her hobbies include caring for her houseplants, putting together puzzles, and of course, reading. Rachel has been with us since August and states, "I am very excited to join the team of the Bolivar County Library System."



NEA Big Reads

BCLS is partnering with Delta State University and other community partners to apply for a National Endowment for the Arts grant titled "NEA Big Reads." The grant encourages a community to read a specific book chosen from an approved list and attend various programs throughout the program period. In preparation for the grant application we are asking the community to assist us by completing a survey that you can access at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y9F3NXXB>.

Thank you for your help!

No Overdue Fine

On November 1st, BCLS discontinued charging fines on overdue materials. No more overdue fines!

If you return a damaged book that is deemed destroyed or unrepairable, you will still be charged for the cost of the book plus a \$10 processing fee to replace the item. But books that are merely overdue—no matter how long you have had them—will not be charged an overdue fee.

So please return any overdue materials you have now!

Calendar

*Literacy is the most
basic currency
of the
knowledge economy.
~Barack Obama*

December 17th, January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & March 4th—**Zoom Storyhour**—Every Friday at 10 a.m.—Contact Bobbie Matheney to Participate at 843-2774 x105.

December 22nd at 1 p.m. through December 26th—**Christmas Holiday**—All Libraries CLOSED

December 31st through January 2nd—**New Year's Holiday**—All Libraries CLOSED

January 17th—**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**—All Libraries CLOSED

January 19th, February 16th, March 16th—**Board of Trustees Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland (**No Meeting in December**)

NOTICE: Cleveland Library Commission—No Meetings Until Further Notice.

Holiday Schedule

Christmas Holiday

All Libraries Close at 1 p.m. on December 22, 2021 & Reopen on December 27, 2021

New Year's Holiday

All Libraries Are Closed December 31, 2021 & Reopen on January 3, 2022

eBooks & eAudiobooks Available for Check-Out

If you haven't heard, we have eBooks and eAudiobooks (so called to distinguish them from Audiobooks on CD, which we also have) are available for check-out with your library card and password. Don't have a library card or don't know your password? Call us at (662) 843-2774 x109 to find out what you need to get your library card and password.

You have the option of using the Axis360 Mobile app or the Read Now app on your PC. For the mobile app, go to your chosen app store and download the Axis360 Mobile app onto your device. The first time you log into the app you will have to enter your library card number (the barcode on the back of your card that you enter without spaces) and your password. As long as you don't log out, you will not have to enter this again. For the Read Now app, use your PC to access the Magic Wall from our website, login using your library card number and password, check out a book, and then choose the Read Now option to read from your PC.

You may check out up to three titles at a time and keep them for three weeks. You have the option of returning a title early if you are finished reading it or just do nothing and it will "expire" when the check out period ends. The advantage of returning early is that within a few hours of returning a title you can check out another title.

We have over 700 eBooks and over 70 eAudios for your reading pleasure. And, just like other materials, you may request that we purchase a specific title. We can't promise we will purchase every item requested, but we evaluate all requests and will notify you about our decision.

Storyhour via Zoom and First Library Cards

As part of our pre-literacy mission, we began offering Preschool Storyhour via Zoom. That's Mrs. Bobbie (left) conducting Storyhour via Zoom on October 22nd. We further encourage the love of reading by giving kids their very own library card to checkout books! That's (left to right) Jamye Moore from Hayes Cooper; Keiana and Kennedy; and Austin Armstrong, also from Hayes Cooper—all getting their first library cards in October and November! Congratulations!!



Did You Know?

Did you know that you can check out materials (books, audio-books, DVDs, etc.) from any branch of the Bolivar County Library System (BCLS) and return your materials to any branch of the Bolivar County Library System? Yes, if you have a BCLS library card in good standing, you may check out and return materials to any of the four BCLS branches in Cleveland, Merigold,

Rosedale, or Shelby.

Did you know that you can request that we consider purchasing any type of materials that we currently have collections for? Yes, you may request we consider purchasing an item you would like to read (or watch) that we don't currently own in the format you desire—print books, eBooks & eAudiobooks, Audiobooks on CD, and DVDs. We can't promise to

purchase everything that our patrons request, but if we don't purchase a requested item, we will make every effort to borrow the item from another library through the Inter-Library Loan (ILL) Program. If we borrow an item through ILL, we will notify you when it is available to pick-up at the branch of your choice and when you are finished, just return it to any BCLS branch.

*Whatever the cost of
our libraries,
the price is cheap
compared to
that of an
ignorant nation.*

~Walter Cronkite
American Journalist

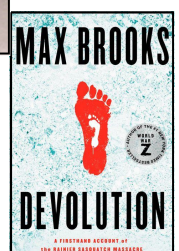
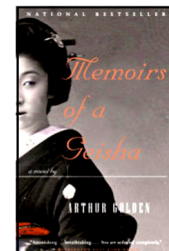
Looking for a Good Book?

Anna: *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden. Wildly popular, this is a timeless story of love, perseverance, and destiny, and it more than earns its distinction as a modern classic. Set in Kyoto, Japan, this sweeping tale follows Chiyo, a poor fisherman's daughter who greatly improves her station, eventually assuming one of Japan's most esteemed roles for women—a geisha. This novel will have you captivated from the first

page, especially as Chiyo immerses herself in the rich culture and intricate customs of Kyoto's geisha district, Gion. This is a great read for anyone who loves historical fiction. (Fiction—Print)

Tamara: *Devolution: A Firsthand Account of the Rainier Sasquatch Massacre* by Max Brooks, author of *World War Z*. Despite the title, this is a work of fiction and it was so good! The story opens with the

troubled Holland family joining the Greenloop community, six state-of-the-art “green” homes— just before the catastrophic eruption of Mt. Rainier. Cut off from civilization, the group must work together to survive, first from starvation, then from an enemy no one expected. The dread is palpable in this thrilling page-turner. I highly recommend this to anyone who enjoys horror and suspense. (Fiction—Print & eBook)





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Some Bolivar County History...

This continued excerpt is taken from the chapter titled "The Creation of Bolivar County" and the section titled "Early Settlers" that begins on Page 6 that details the plantations and their owners. The chapter was written by Walter Sillers.

The final sentence from the last newsletter ended: "... the Alexanders, the Masons, the Parkers, the Carsons, the Hudsons, the Branders, the Shelbys, and the Gozas."

"Among these early settlers were many prominent men, such as Colonel Charles Clark, a colonel in the Mexican War; General A.B. Bradford, who was a major in the Mexican War; Captain F.A. Montgomery, Lieutenant Clinton D. Herndon, a major of the Confederacy; Judge William L. Harris of the Supreme Court of Mississippi, who owned a plantation on Bogue Phalia; and his son-in-law, Dick Bell, who was sheriff before the war, and later a lieutenant in the Bolivar Troop. Bell was a nephew of John A. Bell, the last Whig candidate for president. Then there were Major Andrew Jackson Donelson, a typical Southern gentlemen; Major W.E. Montgomery, Dr. D.C. Montgomery, Captain Gadai Herrin of the Bolivar Troop, who was killed in a charge at Franklin; James S. Peacock, author of the "Creole Orphans" and other novels; Judge Joseph McGuire, first probate judge of the county; Judge Charles T. Miles, probate judge; Judge John Burrus, Judge Shawl Yerger, a planter and judge of the circuit court before the war; Judge B.F. Trimble and Judge Poindexter, attorneys before the War; and Isaac S. Robinson, clerk of the circuit court before the War. George L. Gayden, Miles McGehee, Samuel Lee, Joseph Sillers, John Lobdell, Gilford Torrey, Colonel C.I. Field, Isaac Hudson, J.M. Owen, George Walton, and others, all personally known to me, and the many others not known to me, were men of prominence in the building of the county before the War, and in defending it during the War."

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

"Early Settlers" will continue in the next newsletter.

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