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## Grape Expectations Benefit Gala—January 27th

Christmas is almost here and so is the Annual Grape Expectations Benefit Gala! Don't forget to put the Gala on your calendar for January 27, 2017. As we reported last month, the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System continue to prepare for the upcoming Gala that we know you won't want to miss.

Local chefs and the Friends are planning the wonderful hors d'oeuvres for Gala guests to enjoy while listening to live entertainment the Friends have planned. And don't forget about the Wine Pull!



For the enjoyment of our guests, wine and beer will be available for purchase by the glass at the cash bar.



The Friends will accept wine donations for the Wine Pull up until the Gala. Tickets will soon be available at all Branches for \$25 each.

So Save the Date! January 27, 2017 and plan to be at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland from 5:30-8 p.m. See you then!

*Save the Date*  
*Grape Expectations*  
*A Benefit Gala*  
*for the*  
*Bolivar County*  
*Library System*

Entertainment  
 Hors d'oeuvres  
 by Local Chefs  
 Wine & Beer  
 Cash Bar  
 Wine Pull

Friday  
 January 27, 2017  
 5:30p.m. - 8:00p.m.

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## Luncheon With Books featuring Rosedale Author Anne Martin



We are proud to welcome Rosedale, author Anne Martin as guest speaker for the December Luncheon With

Books program. Ms. Martin will talk about her new book *Delta Hot Tamales: History, Stories & Recipes*.

Anne Martin, who grew up in Greenville, is an award-winning

journalist, a regular contributor to Life in the Delta and Eat, Drink, Mississippi, and is a co-founder of the Delta Hot Tamale Festival held in Greenville each October. Ms. Martin now resides in Rosedale.

To pre-order books for the program to be signed by the author, contact Cotton Row Bookstore at (662) 843-7083 by January 6th and your books will be

available at the program.

Bring your lunch and join us for this exciting program at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland on January 12th at 12 Noon. As always, admission is free and soft drinks will be provided.



# BOLIVAR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

## Here's the Librarians!



I have always been a people person and entertainer. Ha, ha, ha!! I have always loved the idea of making someone smile or laugh. I guess that came from my blood line of parents. They were always happy and loved people. However, becoming a librarian was not one of things on my list to do in life.

My husband and I had just moved back home from Corinth and I wanted a part-time job so I could assist my parents in their old age. Well, there was this part-time job available at the Thelma Rayner Memorial Library. I applied and was

hired in 2006. In 2007, my mother passed and then seven months later my father passed. Now I had too much time on my hand to think and grieve.

One day I called my Director to tell her about a problem I was having with my computers at the library. It was then when Miss Linda Kern asked me if I would like to have the position as Youth Services Librarian. I could have screamed! I was just looking the same day for a full-time job. I said to myself God is good.

I had no idea that I would love my job as much as I do. It is this job where I can display my public relations skills and at the same time be an entertainer. I love planning programs and working with the children and teens and going the extra mile for the children so that they will enjoy and learn at the same time. I also have developed a love of entertaining the senior citizens by using the name Pepper LouCharles Piccadilly.

Well, that's how I became a librarian.

Bobbie

"Like many science fiction lovers of my generation, I discovered Andre Norton on the shelves at the junior high's library."

~Sherwood Smith~

## Calendar

December 23rd through 26th—**Christmas Holiday**—All Libraries Are Closed



December 30 & January 6th, 13th, 20th & 30th — **Story Hour** at 10 a.m.—Open to Children 5 and

Under at Robinson-Carpenter

December 31st—January 2nd—**New Year's**—All Libraries Are Closed

January 12th—**Luncheon With Books Featuring Anne Martin** @ 12 noon—Open to the Public Free-of-charge at Robinson-Carpenter—See Article Page 1

January 16th—**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**—All Libraries Are

Closed

January 18th—**Cleveland Commission @ 10:00 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

January 18th—**Board of Trustee Meetings @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

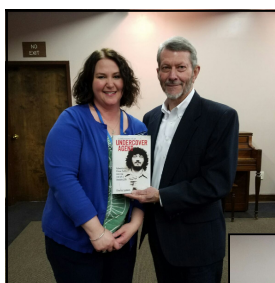
January 27th—**Grape Expectations Benefit Gala** from 5:30-8 p.m. at Robinson-Carpenter—Tickets Available at All Branches

## Author Charlie Spillers—Guest Speaker at Luncheon With Books

Charlie Spillers was the guest speaker at the December Luncheon With Books and he was a delight. Mr. Spillers is the author of *Confessions of an Undercover Agent: Adventures, Close Calls, and the Toll of a Double Life*. As you can guess from the title, the book is about his years as an undercover agent catching not only drug dealers, safecrackers, and burglars, but also infiltrating Mexican drug smuggling operations and the Mafia!

Mr. Spillers regaled the audience with stories that were both humorous and hair-raising. A book signing followed and Mr. Spillers graciously signed books—and posed for photos, too.

Mr. Spiller's exciting book is available for check-out at Robinson-Carpenter or you can complete a request card at any branch if you want to check it out at another location.



Charlie Spillers with Jennifer Wann, Library Director (above), with a Luncheon With Books guest (near right), and with Lonnye Sue Pearson, Friends of the Library Board member (far right).



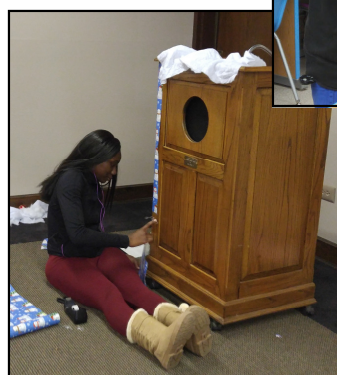


## Santa Visits the Story Hour and Teens Help With Decorations



Thank you to Charles Clark for being such a jolly Santa at Story Hour again this year on December 9th. The children enjoyed having their pictures taken with Santa.

Thank you to the Teens who helped with decorating Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library for the season and the Christmas program



## New Releases—DVDs, Books & Large Print Books



Have you checked out all the new titles we have added recently? Stop by the displays for new DVDs, new print books, and the



large print new books. There's also new Audiobooks on CD on the way, too. We have something for everyone!

*"Thus, the standard library will serve as both a tool and as a teacher."*

*~Bjarne Stroustrup~*

## Looking for a Good Book?

**Tamara:** *The Wedding Circle* by Ashton Lee. The 3rd book in the Cherry Cola Book Club series continues the story of librarian Maura Beth Mayhew and the other denizens of Cherico, MS. With a new library building in the works and her wedding date just around the corner, Maura has her hands full. Delightful, small-town story. If you like "gentle reads" with an ensemble of interesting characters, you'll like this series. (Fiction—Print)

## Christmas Program



TAG's (Teen Advisory Group) Tyler Bristlin dressed as Santa at the Christmas program on December 20th and read "The Night Before Christmas." Other teens sang Christmas Carols and assisted the children with creating Christmas ornaments to take home.





## Bolivar County Library System

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Front Row (L to R) Tamara, Martha, Shelby, Bobbie, Marie, Clara, Lisa, & Evelyn; Top Row: Bethany, Melanie, Megan, \_\_\_\_\_, Sharon, Tina, Jennifer, & Terrye.

## Some Bolivar County History...

"WAR: As Affecting Bolivar County and its Citizens, 1861-1862

By Walter Sillers

South Carolina seceded, Mississippi followed, and feverish preparations for war began in every part of the country.

The Bolivar Troop, a superb cavalry company, was organized at Prentiss, the county site. Colonel Charles Clark, a Mexican War veteran, was elected captain, but shortly afterwards was appointed a general in the Confederate Army, and Frank Montgomery was elected captain in his stead.

W. N. Brown organized and Miles McGehee equipped an infantry company from the northern part of the county, named the "McGehee Rifles." Brown was made captain.

Dr. R. M. Mason organized the Mason Dragoons, of which he was captain. Later, W. E. Montgomery organized a cavalry company of old men, wounded soldiers, and youngsters, known as the "Cameron Company State Troops, of which he was elected captain, Daniel Cameron, 1st lieutenant, and Joseph Sillers, 2nd lieutenant.

The Bolivar troop was drilled on the plantation of Captain F. A. Montgomery near the school-house where I was attending school at the time. When troopers began to drill, every school boy was equipped with a uniform and a little sword, and a juvenile cavalry company organized with Phillip Lee as captain, James Sillers, 1st lieutenant, and William Gayden, 2nd lieutenant. These boys, burning with the spirit of war and being fine horsemen, lost nothing in comparison with the trooper's mounts."

Excerpt from *History of Bolivar County, Mississippi* by Florence Warfield Sillers, et al (Spartanburg: SC: 1976 [1948])

To be continued in the January 2017 newsletter.

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Hours M & Th 9—1

Gunnison (662) 747-2201

Hours T & Th 1—5

Merigold (662) 748-2105 (ph) /

(662) 748-2596 (fax)

Hours M, T, W & Th 1—5

Mound Bayou—**Closed Until**

**Further Notice**

Rosedale (662) 759-6332

Hours M & W 10—5, F 12—5

Shaw—**Closed Until Further**

**Notice**

Shelby (662) 398-7748

Hours M & W 10—5, F 12—5