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The Seventh Annual Grape Expectations Benefit Gala a Success!

The Grape Expectations Benefit Gala was held on January 27th and it was the best yet! The Friends of the Bolivar County Library System did a great job—again. BCLS appreciates the hard work and dedication that the Friends put into not only the Gala, but all their projects and service that benefits the library system throughout the year.

Look for more details about the Gala in next month's newsletter. For more photos of the event, go to the photo gallery at our website (click on one of the photos to see all photos in the gallery).



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Author Ashton Lee is March Luncheon With Books Speaker



We are proud to welcome Mississippi author and Natchez native Ashton Lee as guest speaker for the March Luncheon With Books program. Mr. Lee will feature his new book *Queen of the Cookbooks*, the fifth novel in his "Cherry Cola Book Club" series.

A book signing will follow the program.

Mr. Lee credits his love of reading and writing to his father, who was an editor and writer in New York using the pen name R. Keene Lee. He attended the University of the South, where he studied creative writing. He now resides in Oxford.

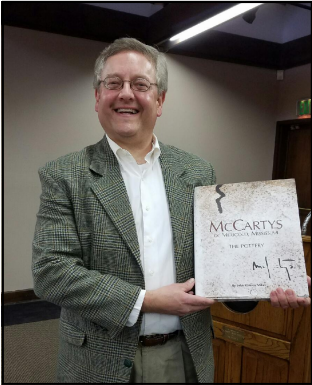
To pre-order books for the

book signing following the program, contact Cotton Row Bookstore at (662) 843-7083 by March 3rd and your books will be available at the program.

Bring your lunch and join us for this fun program at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland on March 9th at 12 noon. As always, admission is free and soft drinks will be provided.

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Stephen Smith Talks about McCartys Pottery



Stephen Smith was guest speaker for the February 9th Luncheon With Books program that featured the new book *McCartys of Merigold, Mississippi: The Pottery* written by Greenville native and author John Ramsey Miller.

Mr. Smith shared his memories of growing up in Merigold and of “Uncle” Lee and “Aunt” Pup McCarty, who founded McCartys Pottery in Merigold in 1954. Mr. Smith and his brother are godsons of the McCartys and Lee helped raise them. The Smith boys were raised by Margaret and Albert Smith, who helped raise their nephew Lee. After earning his law degree at the University of Georgia in 1991, Mr. Smith worked for a law firm in Athens, Georgia for the next seven years.

Home called, however, and Mr. Smith and his brother returned to Merigold in 1998 to join the family business, with Stephen managing the studio’s business affairs and the Gallery Restaurant.

A copy of the beautiful coffee table book is located in the Mississippi Room in Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland for viewing in the library.



Calendar

*“An original idea.
That can’t be too
hard. The library must
be full of them.”
~Stephen Fry~*

February 24th, and March 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th—**Preschool Storyhour** at 10 a.m. at Robinson-Carpenter; For More Information Contact Bobbie Mathe-ney at 662-843-2774 x105.

February 20th—**President’s Day**—All Branched Closed In Observance of President’s Day

February 23rd—**The Heart of Black History** at 4 p.m. at

Robinson-Carpenter—Open to the Public Free of Charge

March 9th—**Luncheon With Books featuring Mississippi Author Ashton Lee** at 12 Noon; Admission is Free and Soft Drinks Are Provided

March 15th—**Cleveland Commission** at 10:00 a.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland

March 15th—**Board of Trustee Meetings** at 1:30 p.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland

March 30th—**Staff Development Day**—All Libraries Closed All Day for Staff Training



Rosedale Author Anne Martin Talks About Hot Tamales



Anne Martin: right graciously signing books following the program and far right with the Friends of the Library President Cathy Bishop.

We were pleased to have Rose-dale author Anne Martin as the guest speaker at the January 12th Luncheon With Books program.

Ms. Martin talked about the history of hot tamales in the Delta, entertaining the audience with stories about her interactions with local hot tamale makers. It turns out there is no one recipe or technique for making this

popular Delta staple.

During the program, Ms. Martin confided that this is just the first book in a planned series of



books covering other historical topics pertinent to the Delta.

Preschool Storyhour



open to all children ages 2-5 every Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. For more information contact Bobbie Matheney, Youth Services Librarian at 843-2774 x105.

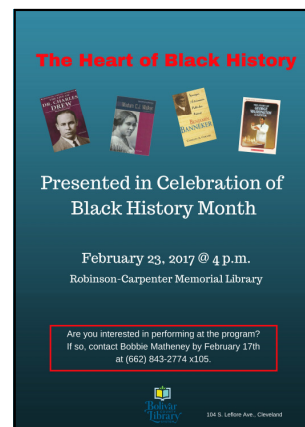
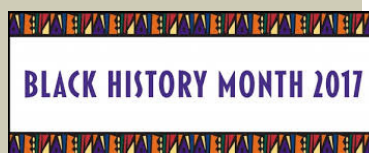


Preschool Storyhour is educational—and fun! Designed to nurture pre-literacy reading and learning skills, the program is

The Heart of Black History

The annual Heart of Black History program that celebrates Black History Month will be presented on February 23, 2017 @ 4 p.m. at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland.

The program is hosted by the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) and is open to the public free-of-charge. As in past years, the program will feature local talent offering a variety of entertainments, including poetry, songs, dance, and more.



The Bill of Rights and You Exhibit at Rosedale Public Library

We are pleased that the Rosedale Public Library was chosen as one of the sites to receive *The Bill of Rights and You* exhibit that was developed by The National Archives Traveling Exhibits Services (NATES) as part of our country's commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the Bill of Rights. Stop by Rosedale soon and ask Librarian Martha Lawson to tell you about the exhibit.



“When you absolutely positively have to know, ask a librarian.”
~The American Library Association~

Looking for a Good Book?

Martha: *When All the Girls Have Gone* by Jayne Ann Krentz. With Jocelyn missing, stepsister Charlotte is drawn into the murder of a woman who was Jocelyn's friend. Max, also investigating the murder, teams up with Charlotte to find out just what is going on. The story twists and turns to the surprise ending. Another one I greatly enjoyed by Ms. Krentz. (Fiction—Print)

Shelby: *Finding Zoe* by Brandi Rarus and Gail Harris. Described as “a deaf woman's story of identity, love, and adoption,” Brandi Rarus' memoir really makes you think about how different things are for deaf people, not something one usually ponders because they can blend in really well. It give you a different perspective. Good book. (Non-fiction—Print)

Tamara: *The Lies that Bind: a Bibliophile Mystery* by Kate Carlisle. Our favorite book restoration specialist Brooklyn Wainwright is teaching a bookbinding class at a famous museum in San Francisco. As usual, she's plagued by both her arch nemesis—and murder! A fun cozy mystery with a little romance thrown in. One of my favorites. (Fiction—Large Print)





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Some Bolivar County History...

[Continuation from last month's newsletter]

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

By Walter Sillers

After months of drilling, the Bolivar Troop was ordered to war, and our little company accompanied them to the river landing, where they embarked. The families of all the Troopers, and the citizens generally, gathered to see them off. The sweetheart of one of the Troopers that the writer knew well stood out alone on the bank of the river while her lover waved the flag of the company until the boat bearing the Troopers north disappeared around the bend of the river. She never saw him again."

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

NOTE: The rosters of the three companies of Bolivar County are included in the *History of Bolivar County, Mississippi*, which you can read in the Mississippi Room at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland.

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Hours M & W 10—5, F 12—5



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

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