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- Martha Lawson and Evelyn Brown Graduate from the Technology Academy
- Here Are... the Librarians! Features Sharon Williamson this Month
- Welcome to New Staff Members

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## Teen & Adult Reading Programs Continue



The Teen Summer Library Program, which kicked off on July 11th with a fun program from Celia McHardy of the

Delta Arts Alliance, will continue through July. Area teens ages 12-18 are invited to attend free-of-charge at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. The other scheduled programs are:

July 12th—Tasha Huerta, *Thin/Graphic Design*

July 18th—Sara Danza Locke, *Delta Arts Alliance—Dance*

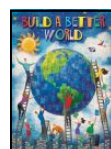
July 20th—David Hadley, *Culinary Arts*

July 25th—Kierre Rimmer, *Teens Build a Better Future*

The program also includes a Reading Challenge that challenges teens to read as many books as

they can by July 20th. The teen that reads the most books will receive a Grand Prize!

For more information about the Teen SLP, contact Lisa Hatcher or Bobbie Matheney at 662.843.2774.



The Adult Summer Library Program features a

Reading Contest that continues through July 31st and challenges adults to learn new skills and topics through reading. Just choose a topics card, read the books of your choice, then turn in completed cards to the library to be entered into drawings for a chance to win prizes. For example, the Topic Card for

**First Teen program with Celia McHardy showing the teens how to tie-dye t-shirts**

“Learning about World Cultures” includes the following three requirements: 1) Learn about a language ; 2) Read a book by an author from another country; and 3) Read about the history of another country. If you need help

finding appropriate books, we will be happy to help you.

For more information about the Adult Reading Contest, contact Shelby or Mike at 662.843.2774 x109.



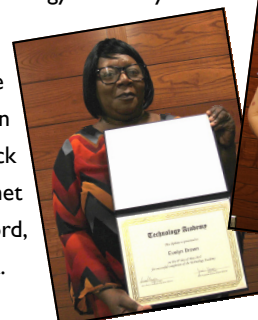
## Branch Librarians Complete The Technology Academy

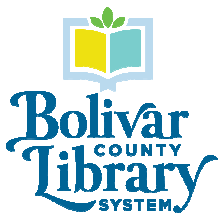


Congratulations to Rosedale Librarian Martha Lawson (5th from left) and Merigold Librarian Evelyn Brown (2nd from right) on graduating from the Mississippi Library Commission's Technology Academy.

The Technology Academy is a five

month training opportunity for library paraprofessionals to learn valuable computer applications and skills that they can take back to their libraries' patrons. Topics included: computer and internet basics and safety; internet resources and safety; Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel; the cloud, social media, and MAGNOLIA.





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## We're the... Librarians!

This month's column features Assistant Director Sharon Williamson.



Sharon Williamson

Like most of my coworkers (15 out of 17), I was originally hired as a part-time employee (in 2010) for the Bolivar County Library System. I worked five days per week alternating days between the branches in Shelby and Merigold. Lynn

Shurden was the Director at

that time.

I thoroughly enjoyed the time at the branches, but was given the opportunity to serve fulltime in Cleveland as the Circulation Manager, a position left vacant after my mother, Judy Williamson, retired. It was an honor to fill the position. After seven years and serving in various positions, including Branch Librarian, Circulation Manager, Cataloger, and now Assistant Director, it remains an honor to

be a part of this library system.

I would also like to share that twenty-something years ago, Ronnie Wise hired me for a temporary summer job to cover and process books with then Cataloger, Lydia Brinkley. Lydia and I shared many laughs that summer (we were in the back of the building!). The processing was slightly different then—we were still using the card catalog. How time flies!

~Sharon

*"Reading makes*

*immigrants of us all. It*

*takes us away from*

*home, but more*

*important, it finds*

*homes for us*

*everywhere."*

*~Hazel Rochman~*

## Calendar

### July—Teen Summer Library Program—

Continues in Cleveland through July 20th; See Our Facebook Page or Call Jelisa Hatcher or Bobbie Matheney at

July 19th—**Cleveland Commission @ 10:00 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

July 19th—**Board of Trustee Meetings @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

August 1st—**Seniors Day Out! @ 10 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

September 4th—**Labor Day**—All Libraries Closed in Observance of Labor Day

**NOTE: Board of Trustees and Cleveland Commission Do Not Meet in August**

September—**Story Hour**—Watch for flyers in the library and on Facebook for details

September 14th—**Lunch With Books featuring Boyce Upholt @ 12 Noon**—Admission & Soft Drinks Free

## Welcome to New Staff Members

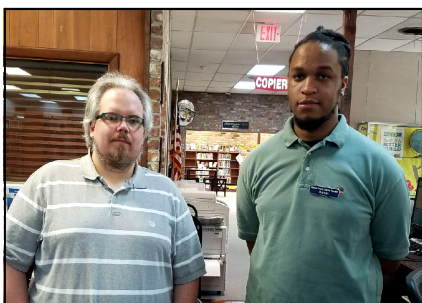
We are happy to introduce two new staff members Kevin Reed and Mike Emerson, who joined the Circulation staff at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland in April.

Kevin is a native of Greenville, MS and graduated from Greenville Weston High

School. He received his Associate of Arts from Mississippi Delta Community College, majoring in Health Science to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. "I think reading is not only a way to expand your knowledge and strengthen your vocabulary," Kevin says, "but it also gives people a peace of mind."

Mike is a Texas transplant who

moved here back in 2013. He received a degree in English from the University of North Texas and looks forward to continuing his education. Mike states that he is an "avid book reader, movie watcher, and media consumer with an eccentric penchant for the odd and the macabre." He also confides that he and his wife own "three cantankerous cats who terrorize them on a daily basis."



New staff members Mike Emerson (Left) and Kevin Reed



## The Summer Library Program Built a Better World!



### Looking for a Good Book?

**Martha:** *Real Murders (An Aurora Teagarden Mystery #1)* by Charlaine Harris. Aurora, a public librarian, is a member of the library's "Real Murder Club," that concentrates on analyzing and solving really old murders. The book opens with a murder at one of their meetings and when several more similar murders occur, they begin investigating. It's up to Aurora (who with the rest

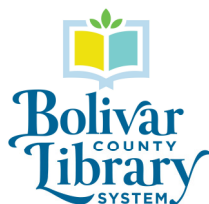
of the club is under suspicion) to find the real killer. A great cozy mystery that I really enjoyed. If you haven't started this series, pick this one up—you will not be disappointed. **(Fiction—Print)**

**Tamara:** *Making Friends with Billy Wong* by Augusta Scattergood. This delightful book opens with eleven-year-old Azalea unhappily being delivered to her grandmother, who needs her help

following an injury. Shy Azalea doesn't make friends easily, so she's especially upset to leave her best friend back home. Then she meets Billy Wong, a Chinese American boy who works in his grandparents' grocery store and dreams of attending a good school come September. An historically accurate account of the racism faced by Chinese Americans in the 1950s in the South. **(Juvenile Fiction—ILL)**

"Once you learn  
to read, you  
will be  
forever free."

~Frederick Douglass~



#### Bolivar County Library System

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## Some Bolivar County History...

### “BOLIVAR COUNTY TROOPS IN THE CIVIL WAR—Continued

BY Captain W. R. Shepherd

#### BOLIVAR TROOP

Frank A. Montgomery, captain

This company was a part of the 1st Mississippi Cavalry. Captain Montgomery was promoted to colonel of the regiment.

#### MASON'S DRAGOONS

This company was organized by Dr. R. M. Mason, Captain, R. A. Brown, Ivan Shelby, Isaac Shelby, lieutenants. It was a part of the 28th Mississippi Cavalry. Dr. Mason was badly wounded and resigned. Ivan Shelby became captain and was killed near Spring Hill, Tennessee. Dr. Shelby became captain.

#### HOME GUARDS

Daniel Cameron, captain

Peter L. Whitworth, 1st lieutenant

John B. Milroy, 2nd lieutenant

The service of this company was confined to limits of Bolivar County.

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### ROSTER OF THE McGEHEE RIFLES OF BOLIVAR COUNTY, COMPANY “A”, 20TH MISSISSIPPI INFANTRY

As I recall them: Aycock, J. P.; Aycock, John (Killed); Aycock, Langdon; Aycock, George, Aycock, Wm. (Killed); Arnold, Lee; Boyd W. C.; Bate, John N. (Killed); Bulzonia, John (Killed); Barker, John; Baumgarten, W.; Graffy, \_\_\_\_; Saffo, \_\_\_\_; Farrar, Thos. J. (Killed); Clark, Michel; McGehee, Jas. G. (Detached Services as Aid 1st Lieut.); Dykies, C. A.; Grimm, Jake (Killed); Wrenn, G. L. (regiment ensign rank 1st lieutenant); Williams, F. C.; Shepherd, W. R.; Arnold, William; Arnold, \_\_\_\_; Bankston, J.; Brown, Geo. T. (Killed); Gentry, M. J. (Killed); Jackson, Jno. M. (Killed); Lyman, H. G.; Scott, Jno. A.; O'Connor, Jas. (Killed); McGowan, Martin; McClure, Jno. T. (Killed); Scruggs, Jno. W.; Stadden, J. V. (Killed); Grimm, Harry; Webster, Dan'l (Killed); Hale, Calhoun; Elliott, B. C.; Vonel, Henry (Killed).

To be continued in the next newsletter.

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

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Ms. Carol Tatum  
Ms. Cheryl Line

### Library Staff:

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Kevin Reed, Circulation  
Mike Emerson, Circulation  
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Gunnison

Tina McGee, Benoit/Circulation  
Marie Shorter, Shelby  
Evelyn Brown, Merigold / Circ.  
Clara, Housekeeping

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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  
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Shaw—Closed Until Further  
Notice  
Shelby (662) 398-7748  
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