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- We're the... Librarians!— Featuring Lisa Hatcher
- The Bolivar Book Club's Last Program for the Summer
- Did You Know?

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We invite you to join us for Snapshot Day to help us commemorate a typical day in the life of the Bolivar County Library System. Visit the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library, the Rosedale Library and/or the Dr. Robert T. Hollingsworth Public Library in Shelby on August 3rd during each library's regular hours and tell us why your public library is important to you.

How? We'll be asking our patrons to complete a short questionnaire asking why you visited and why you enjoy your library. We'll also ask to take your photo and for your permission to use your photo and comments in publicity about the importance of Mississippi libraries. We'll also share your comments with our state congressional members at the next legislative session so they will understand the importance of public libraries to their communities.

We hope you will join us for this special day, share your thoughts, and partake of light refreshments during your visit.

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Lunch With Books Featuring Mystery Writer John M. Floyd



John M. Floyd will be the guest speaker for the Lunch With Books program on September 13th, which

will feature his upcoming book *The Barrens*. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System.

The critically acclaimed author has had his short stories published in

over 250 publications, including [Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine](#), [Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine](#), [The Strand Magazine](#), and [The Best American Mystery Stories](#). He is a three-time Derringer Award winner, a three-time Pushcart Prize nominee, and the recent recipient of the Edward D. Hoch Memorial Golden Derringer Award for lifetime achievement. His seventh book,

The Barrens, is scheduled for release in late 2018.

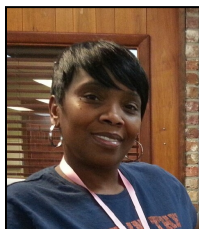
A book signing will follow the program and the author's books will be available for purchase.

Bring your lunch and join us for this exciting program at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland on September 13th at 12 Noon. As always, admission is free and soft drinks will be provided.

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We're the... Librarians!! Featuring Lisa Hatcher

I literally grew up in stacks of books. My mother Rachel was a librarian at McEvans Elementary School in Shaw and my youth was full of library meandering and discovery. Growing up, it was really wonderful having 'free reign' of the library, my home away from home. I distinctly remember visiting Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library, diving into a corner somewhere to read and get into my own little world. As I grew older, my life evolved from just reading and learning to include more in-depth activities like research. I cherish all the time I spent with my mother doing research. I once thought the job she did was so boring until I actually started working at the same library.



Being a librarian makes me happy. I'm one of those lucky people for whom 'things I love doing' and 'things I can get paid for' intersect to a great extent. I love organizing information and describing resources and connecting people to what they're looking for. I get paid to do what I love! I am incredibly fortunate to do what I love. I look at where I am now, in a happy workplace filled with good people, and I am hopeful again. I see my work making a difference, from helping teens in the community to miraculously finding a mis-shelved book. I feel our efforts push the boundary of what librarianship can be. I give to the team and the team gives back. I am so lucky. I am SO lucky.

I maintain that there is a lot to love about libraries. I will defend this profession with my dying breath. My passion for librarianship won't stop me from criticizing it, but nor will my criticism of librarianship blind me to my passion. I can do both. I can be both. I love what I do. And I never want to stop. One last thought... Stan Dale once said, "Comfort zones are plush lined coffins. When you stay in your plush lined coffin, you die." I don't leave my comfort zone very often, as most people don't, but I want to read and learn all there is to know.

~Lisa Hatcher~

When I was young,

*I admired clever
people.*

Now that I am old,

I admire kind people.

~Abraham Joshua

Heschel~

Jewish Theologian

Calendar

NOTE: Boards Do Not Meet in August.

August 3rd—**Snapshot Day**—

Open to the Public During Regular Library Hours in Cleveland, Rosedale, and Shelby

August 4th, October 6th and November 3rd—**Saturday Preschool Storyhour @ 11 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland.

Note: No September program

August 9th—**Bolivar Book Club @ 4 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

September 3rd—**Labor Day**—All Libraries CLOSED

September—**Friday Preschool Storyhour** Will Return—Watch for Flyers and on Facebook for More Details

September 13th—**Lunch With Books featuring John M. Floyd @ 12 Noon**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

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

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

The Bolivar Book Club



The Bolivar Book Club, which is the adult component of the Summer Library Program, continues with the next book talk on August 9th at 4 p.m. in the Founders Room.

As you can see from the photo, there is good size group of participants and Mike Emerson, the discussion leader, shares that "the book discussions have been lively." The previous books read were *The Resurrectionist* by Matthew Guinn and *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt.

The August book is the Pulitzer Prize winning *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole, which Henry Kisor of the *Chicago Sun-Times* describes as "an American comic masterpiece." Stop by Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland to check-out your copy to read for the book talk on August 9th.

Summer is Almost Over... And So Is the Summer Library Program

For more photos and information go to our Facebook page.



Did You Know?

You can check-out books (or DVDs, audiobooks, etc.) that are part of a display? Yes, please—PLEASE—check-out items that are part of displays! Really, we want you to check them out! Just take the item to the Circulation Desk and check it out. If the item is in one of the glass displays, just ask a librarian at the Circulation Desk and they will be happy to remove and check-out the item to you.

We have a print publication that is the official record of proceedings and debates of the U.S. Congress? Yes, we have the *Congressional Record* that is published by the U.S. Government Printing Office when Congress is in session. Current copies of the publication are located in the Mississippi Room. For older editions, go to website at www.CongressionalRecord.gov.

You can request not only books, but eBooks, eAudio-books, and DVD/Blu-Rays through Inter-Library Loan (ILL)? Yes, as with books, if we don't have the item you are looking for, we will first evaluate your request for purchase of the item. If we opt not to purchase, we will make every effort—but we can't guarantee—to borrow the item from another library through ILL.

“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~

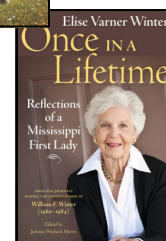
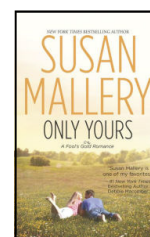
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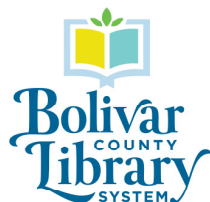
Martha: *Only Yours* by Susan Mallery. This was really a great book that I enjoyed tremendously! Montana Hendrix works with therapy dogs. (Animals are always a plus for me in a book!) Dr. Simon Bradley, a specialist in burn patients, is very aloof, no non-sense doctor that never stays in one place long. When Montana's dog gets loose and enters the burn ward at the hospital, sparks

fly between her and the justifiably outraged Simon. This book shows how therapy dogs can help recovering patients heal. (Fiction—Large Print)

Tamara: *Once in a Lifetime: Reflections of a Mississippi First Lady, from Journals Recorded During the Governorship of William F. Winter, 1980-1984* by Elise Winter. A selection of approx. 250 manuscript pages

from among the 1,581 pages Mrs. Winter produced while her husband was in office. The entries, including sixteen pages of photos, provide a window into the daily life of the first lady, her husband's governorship, politics and politicians (and their wives) of the day, and how Mrs. Winter dealt with the ongoing challenge of her role. (Non-Fiction—Print)





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Some Bolivar County History...

“Incidents of the War in Bolivar County, As Experienced by a Ten-Year-Old Boy, and as Given by Him
By Walter Sillers”—Continued

Our last newsletter ended with our author sharing the experience of having all the guns and weapons confiscated by Union soldiers and hunting with sticks and brick bats until he received a new shotgun as part of his father war “booty.”

“About that time, we secured a wagon load of flour, the first we had seen in a year. We had sorghum molasses, dried sweet potatoes, and coffee. The woods were full of cattle and hogs, so we were fairly well fed. My mother taught the women to spin and weave the cotton, hid away in the woods, into clothes dyed with dye made from maple bark; they made hats from palmetto, split, and plaited in strips, which were shaped and sewed together. In winter cloth caps were made. A cobbler was discovered somewhere who made rough shoes. We were not stylish, but we were clothed. My mother spun the thread, wove the cloth and dyed it, and cut and made my father a suit of grey which he was wearing when captured.

One day, long after the war, while on a deer hunt, I saw that I was at the very place where I was during the shell fire from the gunboats—that memorable day during the war. Looking up, I saw the indentation of the shell that struck that big gum tree just ahead of me in my race through the zone of the broadside shelling of those woods. A recent forest fire had burned away the cane and underbrush, and I decided to look for the shell that had made that indenture. I found it about sixty yards from the tree, copper cap side up, looking as innocent as a water jug. Four overflows had covered it since it had fallen there, which is why the heat of the burning cane had not exploded it. I examined other trees around this one, and found many had been struck from one to two feet from the ground, and the unexploded shells were there still. I can vouch for it, though, that many of the sixty-four pounders did explode during that broadside, and dangerously close to one small boy. I have seen stacks of these unexploded shells from four to five feet high, gathered together from the woods and fields by the Negroes.”

Walter Sillers’ exciting story will be continued in the next newsletter.

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

We’re on the Web!

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