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## Summer Library Program—Cleveland

The Summer Library Program is here! The programs at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library are open to children entering grades 1st-3rd on all Tuesdays in June and June 10th, and for grades 4th-6th on all Thursdays in June. Here is the schedule:

**June 3rd—Ashley Kerr, MS**  
State Ext.

**Legos**  
1st - 3rd Graders

**June 5th—Dr. Maria Weber**  
**Colors & Patterns in the Sky**  
4th—6th Graders

**June 10th—Beverly Kovarcik**  
**Poochie's Pottery**  
1st—3rd Graders

**June 11th—Wanda**  
**Woodard, MDOT**  
1st—3rd Graders

**June 12th—Beverly Kovarcik**  
**Poochie's Pottery**  
4th—6th Graders

**June 17th—Mantra**  
**Henderson**  
**Delta Health Alliance**  
**Kids Painting**  
1st—3rd Graders

**June 19th—T-shirt Tie**  
**Dyeing**  
**(NOTE: Bring White T-Shirt)**  
4th—6th Graders

**June 24th—Allyson Hardy,**  
**Delta Arts Alliance / Art**  
1st—3rd Graders

**June 26th—Wanda**  
**Woodard**  
**MDOT**  
4th—6th Graders

Come out and join us for fun and creative activities!

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## Summer Library Program—Merigold

Valency Rogers, Interim Librarian, is conducting the Summer Library Program at the Thelma Rayner Memorial Library in Merigold and she is excited to welcome children of all ages!

Programs are scheduled on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and registration is not required. Just show up and have fun.

**June 5th—Rocks!**

**June 12th—Bluey Surprise!**

**June 19th—Ashley Allison, MS State Ext. —Legos**

**June 26th—Wanda Woodward, MDOT**

We hope to see you soon!

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## Youth Songwriting Workshop



Sean "Bacon" Gasaway

BCLS was pleased to host a Youth Songwriting Workshop on May 17th at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. The program was part of the Delta Region Mississippi Songwriters Festival for ages 12-19. Songwriter and musician Sean "Bacon" Gasaway conducted the workshop, teaching participants how to write lyrics for original music that he wrote. Bacon stated that he will be releasing two songs that were composed at this workshop, and promises that we will be hearing them in a few months!

Mrs. Bobbie thanks Bacon's assistant and local songwriter, Alanna Mosley, who will be doing workshops of her own soon; FlyZone for their continuing support of library programs; and

others who came out for the workshop.

Thank you to the BCLS Friends of the Bolivar County Library System for sponsoring this event.



*At the moment that  
we persuade a child,  
any child, to cross that  
threshold, that magic  
threshold into a  
library, we change  
their lives forever, for  
the better. It's an  
enormous force  
for good.*

~Barack Obama~

## Calendar

June 18th, July 16th, September 17th—**Board of Trustees Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

**NOTE: The Board of Trustees Does Not Meet in August.**

June—**Summer Library Program Begins**—See Articles on this Page for Details.

**NOTE: Seniors Day Out! Does Not Meet in June.**

August 5th, October 7th—**Seniors Day Out! @ 10-11:30 a.m.**—Open to All Older Adults at Robinson-Carpenter

**NOTE: Preschool Storyhour will Resume in September.**

## The Stuttering Foundation

Thanks to a donation from The Stuttering Foundation, we have added several new resources for those who stutter (adult, teen, and children) and for the parents of stutters.

All the new titles have the same call number: 616.8554. The new titles are:



**Advice to Those Who Stutter** (Print—Adult)

**Do You Stutter: Guide for Teens** (Print—Young Adult)

**If you Stutter: Advice for Adults** (DVD—Adult)

**If Your Child Stutters Guide** (Print—Adult)

**Self-Therapy for the Stutterer** (Print—Adult)

**Self-Therapy for Those Who Stutter** (DVD—Adults & YA)

**Sometimes I Just Stutter** (Print—Juvenile)

**Straight Talk for Teens** (DVD—Young Adult)

**Stuttering & Your Child: Q & A** (Print—Adult)

Thank you to The Stuttering Foundation for their generous donation of these valuable resources.

All Titles are available for check-out.

## Children's Book Week

BCLS celebrated Children's Book Week with a special "Pete the Cat" Storyhour at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland on May 6th. Fun Pete the Cat décor set the mood in the Founders Room for the event.

Participants enjoyed retelling Pete the Cat stories as they adventured on the floor decals and counting buttons. Volunteer reader Jordyn from Bell Academy read "Potty Time with Pete the Kitty," Laroya from Cleveland Central High School read "Pete the Cat Five Little Ducks," and Zion from

Cleveland Central High School read "Pete the Cat Pete Saves Up." As an added bonus, participants earned prizes for being good listeners.



## Staff Are Ready for the Summer Library Program!



Hadiya, Bobbie, Clara



Melanie



Melissa, Emily & Valency (seated)

Thank you to the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System for funding the Summer Library Program t-shirts!

*"To acquire the habit  
of reading is to  
construct for yourself  
a refuge from  
all of the miseries of  
life."*

~William Somerset

Maugham~

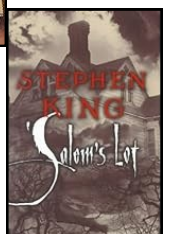
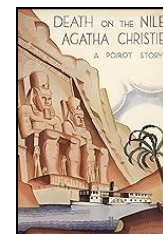
## Looking for a Good Book?

**Tamara:** *Death on the Nile* by Agatha Christie. This is the fifth Hercule Poirot mystery in the series and one of my favorites. Even if you've seen the movies (either the 1978 version with Peter Ustinov in the title role, or the 2022 movie with Kenneth Branagh as Poirot—both are excellent), the book is a fun and twisty read. The story of the jealous, jilted lover out for revenge against her former boyfriend and his new wife (and her

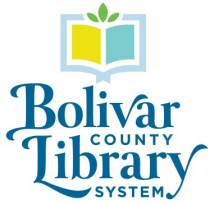
former best friend!) set against the backdrop of the Nile River is a classic. Recommended for anyone who loves classic mysteries. (Fiction—Print)

**Tamara:** *'Salem's Lot* by Stephen King. I read this in the 1970s not long after it was first published (1975) (and saw the movie that featured David Soul in 1979), but I've been longing to revisit the book for some time. The story opens with Ben Mears moving to

Jerusalem's Lot, Maine, looking for a fresh start. 'Salem's Lot, as the locals call it, was the site of evil in the past—and, unfortunately for Ben, evil has just returned. In Stephen King's hands, this is so much more than just a horror novel about vampires. King was awarded the 2007 Grand Master Award from the Mystery Writers of America for a reason! Now I need to watch the 2024 movie to compare to the 1979 version... (Fiction—Print)







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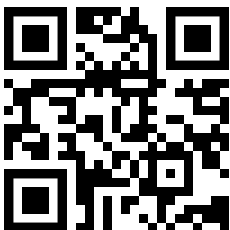


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## Some Bolivar County History. . .

### "Rosedale" by Florence Sillers Ogden" - Continued

*The last excerpt from Rosedale's history was the section "Lighting System."*

#### "Water System

By order of the town, hitching racks were built around the courthouse square, and a water trough for the stock in front, where water was pumped by hand. This is the first record of a public water system. Homes were supplied through privately owned underground cisterns or wooden tanks above ground. For bathing purposes water had to be borne in and up the stairs in large buckets, a laborious system, probably responsible for the Saturday night custom. In 1901 a legislative amendment to the charter of 1882 was passed for the purpose of issuing \$15,000 of bonds to establish "an artesian well or other water supply." It was October, 1902, before running water was available to the citizens. Rates for dwellings of more than four rooms were five dollars per quarter, plus five dollars per tub, five dollars per closet, and fifty cents per head for stock."

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

**The next newsletter will continue the history of Rosedale with "Telephones."**

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### Rosedale Public Library

(662) 759-6332/Fax: 734-0825  
702 Front Street  
Hours: M & W 10a.m.—5p.m.  
T & Th 1p.m.—5p.m.  
F 12p.m.—5p.m.  
Martha Lawson, Librarian

### Thelma Rayner Memorial Library (Merigold)

(662) 748-2105/Fax 748-2596  
201 Front Street  
Hours: T & Th 1p.m.—5p.m.  
Valency Rogers, Interim  
Librarian