

# LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

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## The Summer Library Program Has Begun!

School's out and summer is coming soon (June 20th). That can only mean one thing. The Summer Library Program is here! Okay, that *can* mean more than one thing, but the Summer Library Program (SLP) really is here. The theme of this year's program is "Tails and Tales" and we think it's going to be fun.

To kick off SLP, we have some great STEM activity kits that are now available. They are fun and educational (but, mostly fun!) activities to keep you busy during the summer. We have the following themes available: Crane and Christmas Countdown Calendar. One STEM activity kit per child **while supplies last** at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland.

We are also pleased to offer "Reading BINGO Fun" that is now open through July 29th. You can

ask the librarian at any branch for a "Reading BINGO Fun!" sheet to participate and for a chance to win a Kindle Fire. Don't forget the deadline to enter the program is July 29, 2021. Thank you to the Optimist Club of Cleveland, MS, for donating the Kindle Fire.

Beginning July 5th, weekly activity packets will be offered:

- Week 1 (July 5th-9th): *Bookish Beasts*
- Week 2 (July 12th-16th): *The Wild Side*
- Week 3 (July 19th—23rd): *No Place Like Home*
- Week 4 (July 26th—30th): *Me and My Farm Animal*

All Activity Packets are provided on a "first come, first served" basis at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland.

We'll also be featuring some fun virtual Facebook activities:

- July 12th: *Unicorns: Break the Cage*, hosted by Talewise
- July 13th: *A Day in the Life of a Wildlife Ambassador*, hosted by Freedom Ranch
- July 15th: *Animal Diversity*, hosted by Freedom Ranch
- July 20th: *Bird is the Word*, hosted by Freedom Ranch
- July 22nd: *Is This Critter for You?*, hosted by Freedom Ranch
- July 27th: *Tails of Communication*, hosted by Freedom Ranch
- July 29th: *A Talk with Myrtle the Turtle*, hosted by MDOT

All virtual programs will be available on Facebook at 10 a.m. on the date shown and may be watched at any time thereafter.

All programs are offered free-of-charge to the public. Contact Mrs. Bobbie at (662) 843-2774, extension 105 for more information.

### Special points of interest:

- 2021 Friends of the Library Sponsors
- Emergency Broadband Benefit
- Rental Assistance of MS Program
- MS Cancer Control Program

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## Emergency Broadband Benefit



The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary

program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit

provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll

through a participating broadband provider or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an online or mail in application.

You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting <[www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)>, or by calling (833) 511-0311.

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## Mississippi Comprehensive Cancer Control Program



The Mississippi Comprehensive Cancer Control Program is offered through a collaboration between Pack Health and the Mississippi Comprehensive Cancer Control Program and provides free health coaching to support life after finishing primary cancer treatment.

Participants will receive free health coaching from one of Pack Health's in-house Health Advisors for three months at NO COST to participant.

Included in the program is:

- Personal health coaching by phone, text, or email, designed for the participant's schedule
- Free resources and strategies that help participants focus on their overall health after cancer therapy
- A source for participants to get questions answered, share their concerns, and have help solving their problems.

To be eligible for the program, individuals must be Mississippi

residents who have finished their primary cancer treatment and/or are continuing long term maintenance therapy.

Those newly diagnosed are encouraged to visit the American Cancer Society's website at <<https://packhealth.com/acs/>> for resources.

Visit <[packhealth.com/myMCCCP](https://packhealth.com/myMCCCP)> or call (855) 375-5715 for more information or to sign-up for this program.

This article adapted from the program flyer and the website listed above.

## Calendar

*"Literacy is the most basic currency of the knowledge economy."*  
~Former President Barack Obama~

July 21st, September 15th, October 20th—**Board of Trustees Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland (No Meeting in August)

July 5th—**Independence Day**—All Branches Will Be CLOSED

July 6th-9th—**SLP Activity Packets**—"Bookish Beasts" Available

July 12th—**Facebook Activity**

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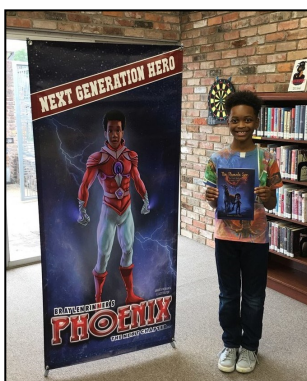
July 27th—**Facebook Activity**

July 29th—**Facebook Activity**

September 6th—**Labor Day**—All Branches Will Be CLOSED

**NOTICE: Cleveland Library Commission—No Meetings Until Further Notice.**

## Author Visit—Braylen Rimmer



We were pleased to welcome eight-year-old Braylen Rimmer to Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland on May 29th. Braylen, who is a Cleveland native and the son of Fly Zone director Kierre Rimmer, talked about his first novel *The Phoenix Son: The Saga Begins* (Barnes & Nobel Press, 2021), which was published in April. Following the program, Braylen graciously signed copies of his book for attendees. The book is available for purchase at Barnes & Novel.

The program was hosted by the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System.

## Did You Know?

**If we don't have a book you want to read, you can request that we consider purchasing the item?** Yes, we will consider purchasing any book; audiobook on CD; movie or TV series on DVD; eBook; or eAudiobook that you want to read/listen to that we don't already have. If we decide not to purchase the item, we will then make every effort to borrow the item from another library. We can't promise we will purchase or be able to ILL an item, but we will make every effort to do one or the other. Just ask for a Request Card at the Circulation Desk at any branch. Be aware that ILL takes 2-3 weeks and purchasing an item takes up to 4 weeks to purchase and prepare the item for circulation. We will notify you when it is available.

## Rental Assistance of Mississippi Program

The Rental Assistance of Mississippi Program (RAMP) offers homelessness prevention services such as short-term rental assistance, rental arrears, and housing stability case management to eligible individuals and families.

If you are a resident of Mississippi, there are two programs available:

The Emergency Solutions Grant may provide assistance if you are:

- An Individual experiencing homelessness or in need of shelter, rapid re-housing, or other services related to homelessness.

- An individual whose total household income is below 50% of area median income.

Or, the Emergency Rental Assistance program may provide assistance if you are:

- A landlord who has tenants behind on their rent.
- A Tenant who needs help paying past due rent and/or utilities in the unit they are currently living in.
- A tenant who has a total household income below 80% of area median income.

Mississippi Home Corporation has partnered with MUTEH, Inc. (Mississippi United to End Homelessness), Central MS Continuum of Care, and the Open Doors Homeless Coalition to administer the current \$8 million RAMP program for the State of Mississippi to carry out Emergency Solutions Grant activities authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

To apply for assistance, go to the RAMP website <ms-ramp.com>.

This article adapted from the RAMP website at <ms-ramp.com>.



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*Libraries are the thin  
red line between  
civilization  
and barbarism.*

~Neil Gaiman~

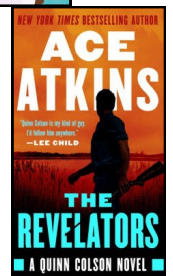
## Looking for a Good Book?

**Tina:** *Shady Baby* by Gabrielle Union-Wade and Dwayne Wade, Jr. Based on the actress and NBA All Star's daughter Kaavia James, *Shady Baby* teaches others how to be a very good friend, how to be kind to others—even when they do bad things to you, and how to share and play together. The book is easy to read and I highly recommend it. The book is fabulous and I think your kids will ask you to

read it twice to them. (Fiction—Print)

**Tamara:** *The Revelators* by Mississippi author Ace Atkins. The tenth book in the Quinn Colson series, the story opens with Sheriff Quinn Colson shot and left for dead by the syndicate. The novel follows Colson's (and other characters introduced in previous novels) in their continued fight to rid the fictional county of Tibbehaw, MS,

of graft, corruption, and organized crime and makes for a fast-paced, page-turning read that is hard to put down. Note that this gritty, realistic novel describes seedy environments (strip clubs) and criminal activity (prostitution, sex trafficking, gun running, drug running) and includes (not surprisingly) profanity and coarse, often offensive language. I highly recommend this excellent suspense novel and series. (Fiction—Print)





**Bolivar County Library System**

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## Some Bolivar County History. . .

*This excerpt is taken from the chapter titled “The Creation of Bolivar County” and the section titled “Early Settlers” that begins on Page 6 that details the plantations and their owners. The chapter was written by Walter Sillers.*

“The first settlement in the county of which the writer has any record was Georgetown in the southern part of the county, a landing on the Mississippi River, located on the plantation of John L. Martin, a Kentuckian, who cleared and developed a fine plantation known as the Timber Lake place. Following the English custom, plantations were given names: the Balfour place on Deer Creek was “Fall Back,;” the William Sillers place on Egypt Ridge was called “Asia;” the Jonathan C. Lobdell place on Egypt Ridge, “Egypt;” William Sackville Cook’s place, “Dorset Grove;” General Clark’s place, “Doro;” the Lobdell place on Lake Vermillion, “Leesland;” the George L. Gayden place, “Glenwood;” Joseph Sillers’ place, “Woodlawn;” Colonel F. A. Montgomery’s place, “Beulah;” the Lafayette Jones place, “Rosedale;” the Gilford Torrey place, “Perthshire;” the James M. Porter place, “Terrene;” the Dickinson Bell place, “Belle Isle;” Miles McGehee’s place, “Sunnywild;” John C. Kirk’s place, “Waxhaw;” and so on throughout the county, but as the writer does not know them all, he will designate them as they were more commonly known and called by families. I know nearly all the plantations and will name them in the order they came, coming up the river banks, distinguishing them by the family names.”

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

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Martha Lawson, Librarian

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