



LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

- The Friends of the Library Gala is On!
- Friends of the Library Donors 2022
- NEA Big Reads Bolivar County (See Page 2)
- A New Service—The Palace Project (see Page 3)

Director's Corner

Want to know something quirky about our library? We offer Santa suits for checkout. We have offered these suits for checkout for well over 25 years. I honestly do not know when or how this program came to be, but it is much loved and utilized by area patrons. That is pretty amazing, right?

It gets better though! This year, we are updating and expanding this program! Using grant money, we have purchased five (5) brand new Santa suits to replace the ones that have been well loved over the years. Now, Santa does not have to visit children and other believers solo! We now offer two (2) Mrs. Claus and two (2) unisex Elf costumes. We didn't stop there either. We have purchased two (2) Easter Bunny costumes, as well! Costumes may be reserved by calling the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library (662-843-2774) circulation desk and are only available at the Cleveland branch. There is a \$5 reimbursement fee to assist with cleaning costs. Help us spread the word!

~Emily

Grape Expectations Rocks the Library
A Benefit Gala for the Bolivar County Library System

Friday, January 27, 2023
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library

Entertainment
Hors d'oeuvres by Local Chefs
Wine & Beer Cash Bar
Wine Pull

\$10 Per Person
Tickets Available at the Library & at the Door

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Thank You to Our Friends of the Library Donors 2022

Nobel Level

Charles & Mimi Clark

Pulitzer Level

Bucky & Maureen Brooks
Carol Tatum

Pen/Faulkner Level

William & Emily Bell
Tori & Stan Gaines

Newberry Level

Planters Bank
Dr. Rose Strahan

Caldecott Level

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Cleveland State Bank
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Robinson Electric Company
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Rachel Tate & Gregory Cole
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Mr. & Mrs. Jim Tims
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Friends of the Library Donors 2022



O. Henry Level

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 Jeannette Tarsi
 Kenneth & Gwendolyn Thomas
 Wishing Well Boutique

“For those without money, the road to that treasure house of the imagination begins at the public library.”
 ~Pete Hamill~

Calendar

Nov. 24th-27th—**All Libraries CLOSED for Thanksgiving**

Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, Jan. 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th—**Preschool Story-hour**—For the Homebound Child

Dec. 6th—**Seniors Day Out!** @ 10 a.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter (Cleveland)

Dec. 23rd-26th—**All Libraries CLOSED for the Christmas Holiday**

Dec. 31st—Jan. 2nd—**All Libraries CLOSED for New Year’s**

Jan. 6th @ 10-4:30 & Jan. 7th @ 9:30-12:30—**Friends Book Sale**—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter (Cleveland)

Jan. 18th & Feb. 15th—**Library Commission Meeting @ 10 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Robinson-Carpenter (Cleveland)
 —No Meeting in December

Jan. 18th & Feb. 15th—**Board of Trustees Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Robinson-Carpenter (Cleveland)—
 No Meeting in December

Jan. 27, 2023—**Friends’ Benefit Gala** from 5:30-8 p.m.—Tickets \$10 at Robinson-Carpenter (Cleveland) & at the Door the Evening of the Event

NEA Big Reads Bolivar County

As mentioned in the last newsletter, BCLS is partnering with Delta State University through a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant in support of “NEA Big Read Bolivar County” program. The idea is for a community to read the same book and come together in celebration of the book through book discussions and other programs that explore the themes of the book.

The book chosen is an Oprah’s Best Books of the Year and PEN/Hemingway award winner

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi. All Bolivar County Residents are invited to sign-up to receive a free paperback copy of the book and a free t-shirt!

Sign up at Delta State’s webpage <https://tinyurl.com/BIGReadBolivarCounty> or capture the QR code at left with your mobile device to go the registration form.

The kick-off program is Friday, December 2nd in the first floor Union lobby at DSU or at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library (Cleveland) from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Everyone who has signed up or signs up that day can pick up a book. T-shirts will be available in January and everyone will be notified of where to pick it up at the email they provided during registration.

BCLS will be hosting a book discussion program on February 21st at 6 p.m. and a genealogy program on February 24th. Watch for flyers and our Facebook page for information about these programs and more coming in January -February 2023.



The Palace Project—eBooks & eAudios

The Palace Project is a state-wide eBook/eAudiobook lending program that is hosted by the Mississippi Library Commission and provided free-of-charge to all Mississippi residents.

You do not use your BCLS library card (or even have to have one) to use the service. Currently, the app works with newer Android or Apple mobile devices (unfortunately, it doesn't work with Kindle, Kobo, etc.) and you must download The Palace Project app from your app store to utilize the service. Then go to our website and navigate to the eBooks & eAudios (on the Homepage) and follow the instructions to create a "virtual library card." Be sure you choose "Mississippi Library Commission" for the library. You will also have to submit your address to show you are a MS resident—if prompted you must allow the app to access your location. If you have any questions or problems using the app, call us at 662-843-2774 or just bring your device in to the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland for assistance.

Students of the Week



Youth Services Librarian Bobby Matheny was on-hand to congratulate The Optimist Club of Cleveland Students of the Week: (left to right) Optimist Bobbie, 7th grader Camdyn Wilson, 8th grader Trinity Runners, and Optimist President Deborah Pilgrim

Looking for a Good Book?

Martha: *Something in the Heir* by Suzanne Enoch. Eight years ago, when Emmeline's grandfather said she could stay in the home she grew up in but stipulated that she had to have children, she married William. When she realized she was unable to have children, Emmeline "invented" them. All was well until her grandfather wanted her to bring the children to his 70th birthday party so he could meet them!! So, they decided to go to an orphanage and "borrow" a boy and girl to pretend they were their children (this was the 1800s in England). At home, the street-wise kids, ages 8 and 5, were being taught manners, while they were also stealing from their new "parents" items that they could sell to insure they wouldn't have to go back to the orphanage! Hilarity ensues as everyone in the household falls in love with them. This is a heart-warming story that is full of laughs.

I really enjoyed this feel good read! (Fiction—Print)

Tamara: *Two Parts Sugar, One Part Murder* by Valerie Burns. The first in the Baker Street Mystery series, this cozy mystery is so much fun. When spoiled bride Maddie is left at the alter, she thinks her life is over. So when she inherits her aunt's estate, she decides to pack her Louboutins, leave L.A., and travel to Michigan to see what she has inherited. As it turns out, she inherited a beautiful house, a thriving bakery, and Aunt Octavia's dog. But there's a another catch... She must live in Michigan in the house while running the bakery and caring for the dog—for a year! As you can probably guess, things don't go exactly as Maddie planned—especially after she finds a corpse in her new business. Did I mention she can't bake and has never owned a dog before? If you

love a good cozy mystery with a lot of humor, you'll love this.

(Fiction—Print)

Tamara: *It Came from the Closet: Queer Reflections on Horror* edited by Joe Vallese with illustrations by Bishakh Som. A collection of essays by LGBTQIA+ authors who talk about the horror films that they most identify with as viewed from their perspective. I have a love of horror—both books and older films (especially 50s B movies and the Hammer Studio films) and was interested in how others would view these and other films. The resulting essays are deeply personal as the authors delve into their own experiences using mostly very well-known films as a springboard. I found the book to be illuminating—and their experiences often heartrending. I would recommend this for anyone who loves horror films and has an interest in the queer perspective. (Non-Fiction—Print)

We will have a total chaos without books, literature, and library.

~Anne Waldman~





Bolivar County Library System

104 South Leflore Avenue
Cleveland, MS 38732-2607

Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9a.m.—6p.m.
Friday 9a.m.—5p.m.
Saturday 9a.m.—1p.m.
Sunday Closed

All Branches Are Closed on All Legal Holidays (Except Columbus Day) and on Good Friday; note that If Friday is a Legal Holiday, the Saturday Following It Will Be Closed, Too.

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Some Bolivar County History. . .

“Rosedale by Florence Sillers Ogden”

The last excerpt left off at the end of the paragraph beginning: “In 1876, by an act of the legislature, [...]”:

“There are no records from 1883 to 1890, but it was about time that Mr. Charles Scott began buying up property in and around Rosedale. His first purchase, according to the chancery records, were from J. H. Field and D. C. Herndon, in 1882, and were within the town. He continued to buy until he owned most of the property within the town. He sold building sites and donated a number of lots for church, school, and other purposes over a period of years.

In 1882, Mr. Scott purchased a small portion of the Rosedale plantation from Charles L. Jones, son of Colonel Lafayette Jones. In 1886 he added 590 acres and continued to buy until he owned what is still known as the Rosedale plantation, comprising 3,123 acres. In 1913, he built the “Manor”, a handsome red brick house of antebellum design, in a beautiful pecan grove just north of the town. After Mr. Scott’s death, in 1916, his wife moved away and their son, Alex Y. Scott, occupied the home.

In 1930 the Rosedale plantation and all town property passed out of the hands of the Scott family. Mrs. Fannie H. Ellis bought the “Manor” and surrounding grounds. The house was torn down and the grounds divided into lots and sold. Mrs. Ellis built a modern home from the materials in the old house, close to the same site. The subdivision has been taken into the corporate limits of the town of Rosedale. The plantation is owned by Alfred Welshans, Norwood Smith, Neal Streater, and others, at the present time.”

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

This excerpt will be continued in the next newsletter.

Bolivar County Library System Information

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- Marie Shorter, Shelby
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- Clara, Housekeeping
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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

Dr. Robert T. Hollingsworth Public Library (Shelby)

(662) 398-7748/Fax: 775-7002
211 Third Street
Hours M & W 10a.m.—5p.m.
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