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Director's Corner

Bye-Bye Fine Free Friday!

Late book? Trying to remember to bring your library materials back on "Fine Free Friday", which has been the last Friday of the month, can be a hassle. Beginning with our new fiscal year on October 1, 2021, we will no longer assess overdue fines!

We love seeing our patrons in the library and we love it when patrons checkout materials. We appreciate patrons adhering to the due date. Sometimes, life

happens and people forget to return their items by the due date. Just bring it back with no penalty! If you have overdue materials, you will not be allowed to check anything else out, but that is not a new policy. Likewise, if you lose library materials, you must still pay for the item(s) lost plus a processing fee. I personally am excited about this new change and I hope you are too!

~Emily



We are pleased to host photographs that were entries in the Optimist Club of Cleveland's Photography Contest for 2021, at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. The display is in the glass cabinet near the front entrance. We invite everyone to stop by and see these beautiful photographs.

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HeritageQuest Genealogy Database

We are pleased to offer the trusted genealogical database HeritageQuest, which may be accessed free-of-charge from any of our patron computers at all branches. HeritageQuest is a comprehensive collection of genealogical sources that includes primary sources, local and family histories, and finding aids for over 60 countries and goes back to the 1700s.

The database includes the complete Federal U.S. Census records from 1790 through to 1940. Census data is only released after 72 years, so the 1950 Census will become available in 2023. In addition to the usual Census data, you will also find:

- U.S. Territories and Military & Naval Forces Schedules
- U.S. Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940

—Mortality Schedules 1850-1880
—Selected U.S. Federal Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880

Again, HeritageQuest may be accessed from any patron computer at any of our branches. To begin, go to our website at <https://bolivar.lib.ms.us>, hover over the "Services" on the main menu and click "Local History & Genealogy Collections." Then just click on "HeritageQuest".

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Welcome to Our New Employees

We're pleased to introduce our three new employees who recently joined the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library staff at the Circulation Desk.



From Left, Anna Sims, Samantha Williams, and Valency Rogers

Anna Sims was born and raised here in Cleveland, Mississippi. She received her associate of Arts degree from Mississippi Delta Community College in 2019 and completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Delta State University in 2021. Anna shares that she enjoys baking, reading, and listening to music in her spare time.

Samantha Williams is from Cleveland and graduated from Cleveland High School. She attended Mississippi Delta Community College and plans to return to complete her Science degree. In her limited free time (she works a second job on weekends), she shares that she babysits her two nieces and a nephew, watches movies, and reads.

Valency Rogers is from Merigold and graduated from Cleveland High School. She completed her Associate of Business Administration at Grantham University and is currently working on her Bachelors. Valency shares that she likes to read and her favorite genres are mystery and suspense. In addition to working the Circulation Desk at Robinson-Carpenter, Valency is also the interim branch librarian at the Thelma Rayner Memorial Library in Merigold.

Calendar

October 20th, November 17th—**Board of Trustees Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland (No Meeting in December)

November 11th—**Veterans Day**—All Branches Will Be CLOSED

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

Virtual Storyhour

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, Bobbie Matheney, Youth Services Librarian, is planning a virtual Storyhour program that is slated to begin in October. Mrs. Bobbie is excited about the possibilities this year and we think you will be, too.

So watch for details about the upcoming Storyhour program on Facebook and flyers that will be posted in the library.

Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Bolivar County Library System are busy planning a Used Book Sale for October.

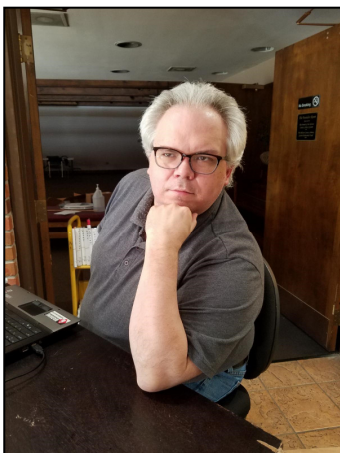
Watch for news about the dates, times, and other details on Facebook and flyers posted around the library.



"Your library is your portrait."

*~Holbrook Jackson~
Journalist*

Goodbye to Tina McGee, Michael Emerson, and Annie Henry



"Gone, but not forgotten..."

Good luck to Tina as she moves on to her new future.

Congratulations to Mike, who is now an Assistant Professor at Delta State University.

Good luck to Annie as she moves on to her new role: Grandmother.

Do You Need Financial Assistance Due to COVID-19?

September 10, 2021

By Emily Wu

Attorney, Division of Consumer and Business Education, Federal Trade Commission

While some aspects of American life have returned, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact this country, and it may be hard to figure out what help you can get now. There's still aid available through the federal government, as well as your state, local, or tribal government. Some are automatic benefits and others require an application.

Automatic benefits:

—**Child Tax Credit.** If you have kids, you may have already gotten money from the IRS because of the Child Tax Credit. The IRS has more information about whether you qualify and what to do if you want to unenroll from advanced payments.

—**Student Loans.** Eligible federal student loan payments are on pause until January 31, 2022. You can still make payments on your principal balance or any interest you accrued before March 13, 2020, but until the pause is over, eligible loans are set to a 0% interest rate.

—**Free Credit Reports.** Weekly credit reports are free for everyone until April 2022. Visit <www.annualcreditreport.com> to get yours.

Benefits to apply for:

—**Housing.** If you're having a hard time paying rent, or you're a landlord who's lost rental income, help may be available through your local legal aid provider. Mortgage relief is also available for homeowners who need help with mortgage payments.

—**Jobs.** If you're looking for a job, you might be able to get unemployment insurance benefits through your state unemployment benefits agency.

—**Food.** If you need food assistance, help may be available through your state's SNAP office or WIC office. If you need help finding additional resources, call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (in Spanish).

—**Funerals.** If a loved one passed away due to COVID-19 and you paid for funeral expenses, you may be eligible for funeral assistance by calling 844-684-6333.

—**Internet.** If you need help paying for internet access during the pandemic, some households are eligible for a discount on broadband service.

—**Small Businesses and Non-Profit.** If your small businesses or non-profit has been affected by the pandemic, you can apply for loans to help you through: for example, the Economic Injury Disaster Loan and the Small Business Administration Debt Relief Program.

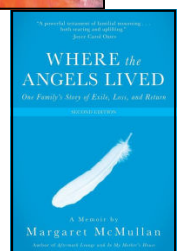
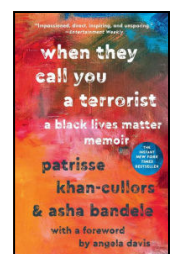
If someone contacts you out of the blue offering help and asks for your financial or personal information, that's a sure sign of a scam. And know that the government won't ask you to pay anything to get COVID-related financial help. If you spot a scam, report it to your state attorney general's office and the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

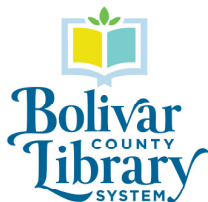
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Looking for a Good Book?

Bobbie: *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir* by Patrisse Khan-Cullors & Asha Bandele with a foreword by Angela Davis. Black Lives Matter movement originator Khan-Cullors expresses her concerns for society, law, and compassion for people. She tells us about how it was in her family with Black brothers and the stigmatism of Blacks in her neighborhood. She grew up hoping that this would change, but how can something change if you do not say or do something about it? Tired of unjustifiable racial profiling, she became an activist, never realizing that her statement would reach nor mean so much to so many people. Starting small will bring about change that you wouldn't believe. (Print—Young Adult Fiction)

Tamara: *Where the Angels Lived: One Family's Story of Exile, Loss, and Return* by Margaret McMullan. Beautifully written and well researched, the book explores the author's mother's family and their experiences during World War II and the Holocaust. The author was striving to not only learn more about the family and what happened to them, but also to better understand her mother. Moving and thought provoking, the memoir skillfully weaves together WWII history with her ancestor's history, as well as her and her own family's (husband and son) experiences as they live and work in her mother's homeland of Hungary. (Print—Non-Fiction)





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Some Bolivar County History...

This continued excerpt was 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 final sentence from the last newsletter was: "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."

"After the Martins, came the Galloways, the Campbells, the Hunts, the Estills, the Vicks, the Manleys, the Clays, the Fields, the Brannins, the Rowlands, the Wilsons, the Newmans, the Cooks (said to be descendants of Lord Sackville Cook) the Balfours, the Sillerses, the Pearcefields, the Lenoirs, the Humphries, the Lobdells, the Nobles, the Burruses, the Barritts, the Gibsons, the Strauthers, the Yergers, the Ingersols, the Lancasters, the Glasses, the Sessions, the Bedfords, the Millers, the Owens, the Montgomerys, the Starkes, the Kingsleys, the Harrises, the Westons, the Christmases, the Coffees, the Moores, the McGuires, the Poindexters, the Robinsons, the Nebletts, the Wilkersons, the Clarks, the Bells, the Gaydens, the Rosses, the Gardners, the Herndons, the Aycocks, the Sykeses, the Lewises, the Lees, the McDonalds, the Prides, the Purnells, the Joneses, the Goughs, the Mileses, the Kirks, the Porters, the mcGehees, the Arnolds, the Melchoirs, the Perkinsees, the Waltons, the Peacocks, the Boyds, the Storms, the Picketts, the Donelsons, the Bradfords, the Torreys, the Camerons, the Alexanders, the Masons, the Parkers, the Carsons, the Hudsons, the Branders, the Shelys, and the Gozas."

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

"Early Settlers" will continue in the next newsletter.

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