

## Special Points of Interest:

- Alice Rhea Mitchell is the Guest Speaker for Lunch With Books in October
- We're the... Librarians! Features Megan Fleming this Month
- Storyhour and TAG Resume
- Lisa Hatcher Chosen for Librarianship 101

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## Saturday Preschool Storyhour & Rosedale Public Library News

We are pleased to introduce a new children's program and tell you about what's happening at the Rosedale Public Library.

We'll start with the new program first. On October 7th, we will have our inaugural Saturday Preschool Storyhour program! The new Saturday Storyhour will be held the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland.

"Building pre-reading skills is necessary in order for children to become proficient at reading," states Jennifer Wann, director of the Bolivar County Library System. "Research has shown that language and

literacy skills begin developing at birth and that much of the capacity for learning is developed in the first three years of life. In order to meet the needs of Bolivar County preschoolers, the library system is excited to extend Preschool Storyhour to Saturday for those families who are unable to attend the Friday sessions."

The Saturday Preschool Storyhour is open to all preschoolers, including those who attend the Friday sessions, and is free-of-charge. As with our Friday Storyhour, children must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

Moving on to Rosedale, we are so happy to announce that must-needed repairs have

begun on the Rosedale Public Library. A wonderful group of concerned citizens has rallied together to spearhead the repair work at the library, including a new roof and siding, new paint inside, and, once the old carpet has been removed, refinishing the flooring.



We wish to thank everyone who helped make the renovations at the Rosedale Public Library possible.

## Lunch With Books featuring Alice Rhea Mitchell



The Friends of the Library are pleased to welcome Mississippi author and poet Alice Rhea Mitchell as guest

speaker at the Lunch With Books program on October 12th.

Ms. Mitchell, a native of Jackson, taught public school at the second-

dary level in Mississippi for twenty-seven years. She now writes children's books illustrated by Sheryl K. Perry, including *Our Game* (2017), *My Mama's Closet* (2013) and *Scooter Mouse and the Teddy Bears* (2016). She lives in Magnolia with her husband.

If you would like to purchase copies of Ms. Mitchell's books to be signed by the author at the

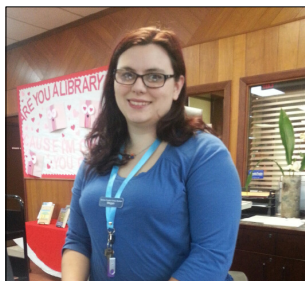
program, contact Cotton Row Bookstore at 843.7083 by October 6th.

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



# LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

## We're the... Librarians! Featuring Megan Fleming



Megan Fleming

*"The only thing  
that you absolutely  
have to know,  
is the location of the  
library."  
~Albert Einstein*

"Becoming a librarian was somewhat of an inevitability for me, although I did not set out with that goal in mind. I was a shy, quiet child with an enormous love of words and often found myself drawn towards conversing with adults and reading rather than interacting with children my own age. From a very young age, my educator parents instilled a love of reading and a profound respect of the library system. When my father was offered a job at DSU teaching Marketing & Management, we moved here from the New Orleans area. My mother was originally a computer programmer, but after arriving here, she went back to school for certification to teach high school math.

"When we lost my father in the summer of 2010, I followed his wishes and attended DSU. A good friend mentioned a part-time position at the library and following an interview, I was hired in 2012. I had grown up using this same library and was glad to be able to "give back" a bit of what it had provided to me. I came on board fulltime at the front desk in September 2014 and was offered the Circulation manager position in February 2016.

"I cannot fully express what this library system has given to me in all my years, both as a patron and as an employee. When your outside world is chaotic and seeming to fall apart, this library has always been a steady, reassuring presence. I was not the most social or most confident person when I started here. I grew to be quite comfortable in my own skin through the interactions with our beloved patrons. My favorite part of the library is our diversity! There is not a day that goes by when I have not been taught something by both my front desk

## Calendar

September 22nd, 29th, October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th—

**Preschool Storyhour (Friday)**  
@ 10 a.m.—Open to the Public

September 28th—**Staff Development**—All Libraries Will Be CLOSED

October 3rd—**Seniors Day Out!** @ 10 a.m.—at Robinson-Carpenter—Open to the Public

October 7th & November 4th—

**Saturday Preschool Story-hour**—Open to the Public

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

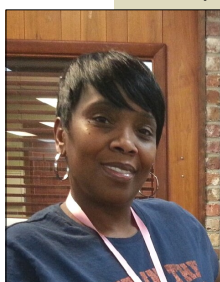
October 10th—**Board of Trustee Meetings @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

October 12th—**Lunch With Books Featuring Alice Rhea Mitchell @ 12 noon**

team and our patrons. I realized that things really do come full circle when I came across a newspaper clipping my mother kept from my childhood. It was a picture from June 19, 1997, captioned "Puppets entertain at library" and in red ink my mother had circled a young girl in the front row. That child was me, at 5 years old at my first Summer Library Program here in this very same building. It seems the saying is true: once a library kid, always a library kid!"

—Megan Fleming

## Librarianship 101



We are proud to announce that Lisa Hatcher has been chosen to attend the Librarianship 101 program offered by the Mississippi Library Commission. This competitive program is designed to empower participants with the knowledge and skills they need to become the best librarians possible. Congratulations to Lisa!!!

## Finding New Books

Want to keep up-to-date about what's new at the library? You could check the New Book shelf, but what if an item you might be interested in is already checked out? How would you know?

Just go to our online catalog! From our website at <http://bolivar.lib.ms.us>, click on "Search Catalog" on the menu bar (the bar below our logo). Once there you will notice the "covers" for various items scrolling across the webpage—these are the newest items available. You can also see a list of new items by clicking on the "What's New" tab in the "What's Hot" area just below the scrolling covers. You can search for specific formats (i.e., books, large print, DVDs, etc.) for the last 1 week, 2 weeks, 1 month or 2 months. And even better?

And an added bonus is that both print items and eBooks are now displayed in the catalog, so you don't have to check both the catalog and the Axis360 Magic Wall just to see what's new.

## Storyhour Returns

The new school year has begun and so has Preschool

Story Hour! On Friday, September 15th, twenty-two chil-



dren attended the first storyhour of the new school season. Preschool Storyhour is every Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. Please be advised that children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Questions? Contact Bobbie Matheney at 843-2774 x105.

The Teen Advisory Group (TAG) had their first meeting of the new school year on September 12th at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library. Teens aged 12-18 are invited to join TAG and help the library by providing input for materials and programming, as well as by volunteering at various programs throughout the school year.

Contact Bobbie Matheney at 843-2774 x105 for more information.



“My grandma  
always said that  
God made libraries so  
that people didn't  
have any excuse  
to be stupid.”  
~Joan Bauer, Author

## Looking for a Good Book?

**Lisa:** Kevin Hart's *I Can't Make This Up: Life Lessons* is laugh out loud funny. Funny man Kevin has much to draw on as he shares tales from his upbringing in an entertaining, inspirational and always humorous fashion making this book a big ball of fun.

Drawing on his own life lessons, Kevin dispenses advice, exploring what he has learned from his not always successful way of handling what life throws at him. I think the strength of the book is the advice comes from a place of humble experience. So it's not, “Hey, I'm the star and I said do this, that and the third and you too will be a success.” He is not writing as if he is some self-help guru; he is simply sharing his life and decisions he made at the various forks in the road. You can go left or you can go right. Judging by the success he has attained, Kevin has chosen wisely far more often than not, which he doesn't shy away from discussing. The honesty he brings to the failures and the embarrassing moments help give the book its solid feel of authenticity and realness. Although he had a less than middle class rearing, with a comical, say anything father, and what today would clearly be labeled an abusive mother, he succeeded beyond their expectations.

He caught some good breaks on his way to becoming an “overnight success,” explaining that the process “was only sixteen years in the making.” Readers will certainly appreciate his grit and endurance and will find his grind inspirational. If you are in a rut while trying to achieve something, it doesn't have to be a comedy career, it could be anything. I feel adequately safe in saying you will find inspiration in Kevin's life lessons, which qualifies this book as a success. There is some profane language in these pages that the more squeamish may find objectionable, but don't let that deter you from appreciating and enjoying what is sure to be a bestseller. (Print—Non-Fiction)

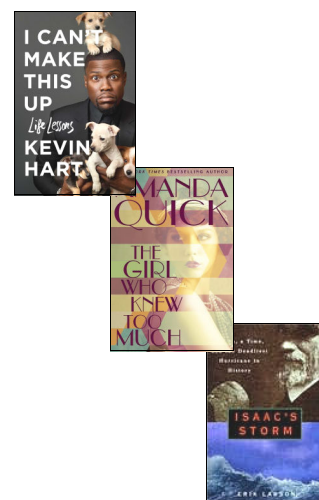
## Looking for a Good Book? Continues

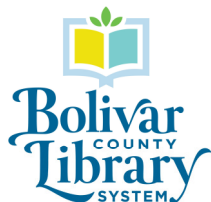
**Martha:** *The Girl Who Knew Too Much* by Amanda Quick. A departure from Quick's usual books, I was hesitant as to whether I would like it—but I loved it! Set in the 1920s, a beautiful actress is found dead at the Burning Cove Hotel. Apparently there are secrets some people will kill to keep. The book has a noir feel and is full of intrigue about the early

movie industry: the films, the studios, and the power executed by the studios over the actors and their lives. (Print, Large Print & Audiobook—Fiction)

**Tamara:** *Isaac's Storm: a Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History* by Erik Larson. *Isaac's Storm* is a gripping account of the 1900 hurricane that destroyed Galveston and affected a large

swath of the United States, killing at least 6,000 in Galveston alone. Well written with excellent research on Galveston; hurricanes; the U. S. Weather Bureau; and the citizens of Galveston, especially Isaac Cline, the chief of the local weather station. For those who have an interest in history in general and hurricanes especially, *Isaac's Storm* is highly recommended. (Print—Non-Fiction)





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## Some Bolivar County History...

### “Bolivar County Troops in the Civil War (Continued)”

By Captain W. R. Shepherd

#### *Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers of the McGehee Rifles at the Time of Organization*

W. N. Brown, captain, Calhoun, 2nd lieut., R. M. Wilson, 1st sgt., C. A. Dykes, 3rd sgt., W. R. Shepherd, 5th sgt., W. Robinson, 2nd sgt., J. G. McGehee, 4th sgt.

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At this time, I can recall only one corporal, little Johnnie Jackson, five feet one, but every inch a soldier.

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In July 1861, the company became part of the 20th regiment of Mississippi Volunteers, and was given the place of honor in the formation of the regiment, being placed on the right of the regiment as Company “A.”

Captain Brown was promoted to major, Lieutenant Canty became captain, and W. W. Robinson 1st Sgt. In a short time Robinson was detailed as clerk at headquarters, C. A. Dykes was discharged, and Jim McGehee waived his rank and allowed the writer to step over him to 1st sergeant's place, which position he held until after the battle of Champion Hill, when Captain Canty was killed. The writer then became 2nd lieutenant and held this rank until after the battle of Franklin, Tennessee. In this battle, the regiment was badly cut to pieces—four companies came out without a commissioned officer, and four companies were consolidated into two. Lieutenant R. M. Wilson was placed in command of one and the writer in command of the other. Lieutenant F. C. Williams was in command of our old company, Captain Calhoun Hale having picked up three bullets in the battle of Franklin, which put him out of business. He recovered from his wounds but never rejoined the command.

The company was in North Carolina with General Johnston when he surrendered. We laid down our arms and made our way back home to begin all over again.”

(To be continued in next newsletter)

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

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