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- Teen Advisory Board (TAG) - a Volunteer Opportunity for Teens

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Friday Preschool Storyhour Resumes

The summer hiatus has ended! Friday Preschool Storyhour resumed on September 7th and was a big hit! Preschool Storyhour is so popular in fact we started a Saturday Preschool Storyhour back in the Spring, which, unlike the Friday Storyhour, is offered throughout the year.

Both Storyhours are open to children ages 5 and under and children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Please note that Preschool Storyhour is for individual children; daycare, school groups, and other organized groups may call Mrs. Bobbie to schedule a group visit.

The Friday Storyhour is every Friday at 10 a.m., while the Saturday Storyhour is offered the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. Both programs focus on early literacy skills through stories, of course, as well as games like show-and-tell, songs, and fun activities.

For more information about either the Friday or Saturday Preschool Storyhours, contact Youth Services Librarian Bobbie Matheney at 662.843.2774 x105.

We invite you to bring your preschool child and find out what all the excitement is about!



Friday Storyhour on September 7th



Friday Storyhour on September 14th



Saturday Storyhour on August 4th

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Lunch With Books featuring Charlie Spillers



Charlie Spillers will be guest speaker for the Lunch With Books on October 11th, which will feature his new thriller *Whirlwind: A*

Frank Marsh Novel. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System.

Mr. Spillers was an undercover agent for over a decade, an

experience he described in harrowing detail in his first book *Confessions of an Undercover Agent: Adventures, Close Calls and the Toll of a Double Life*. Following this, he was a federal prosecutor, served two years in Iraq for the Justice Department, and was the U. S. Department of Justice Attaché for Iraq.

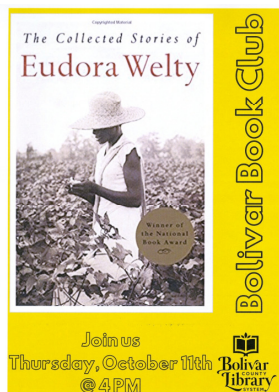
A book signing will follow the program. To preorder a book to

be signed by the author, contact Cotton Row Bookstore by October 5th and your book will be available for purchase at the program.

Bring your lunch and join us for this exciting program at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland on October 11th at 12 Noon. As always, admission is free and soft drinks will be provided.

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Join the Bolivar Book Club—Read Good Books & Have Fun!



We are pleased to announce that the Bolivar Book Club is now a regularly scheduled monthly program on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 4 p.m.

Last winter when planning started for the Summer Library Program, Circulation staff member Mike Emerson began brainstorming for a great summer program that would get adult patrons excited about reading.

After some consideration, he envisioned offering great—and maybe a little quirky—books by

acclaimed authors that would be not only fun to read, but also fun to discuss among other avid readers. And the Bolivar Book Club was the result!

As you may recall, the program launched in June with Donna Tartt's *The Secret History*, then continued with Matthew Guinn's *Resurrectionist*, John Kennedy Toole's *A Confederacy of Dunces*, and W. Ralph Eubanks' *Ever is a Long Time: A Journey Into Mississippi's Dark Past*.

Following these acclaimed books

is *The Collected Stories of Eudora Welty*, a winner of the National Book Award, on October 11th at 4 p.m. at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland.

We invite you to stop in and check-out *The Collected Stories of Eudora Welty* and then join us for this free program on September 11th for, what we hope will be, a lively discussion. Soft drinks will be provided.

If you have any questions, call Mike Emerson at 843.2774 x113.

"A great library

contains

the diary of the
human race."

~George Mercer

Dawson~

Calendar

September 28th, October 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th, November 2nd—**Friday Preschool Story-hour @ 10 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

October 2nd—**Seniors Day Out! @ 10 a.m.**—Open to Public in Cleveland

October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st—**Saturday Preschool Storyhour @ 11 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland.

October 11th—**Lunch With Books featuring Charlie Spillers @ 12 Noon**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

October 11th—**Bolivar Book Club @ 4 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

October 17th—**Cleveland Commission @ 10:00 a.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

October 17th—**Board of Trustee Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

November 8th—**Lunch With Books featuring Brandi Perry @ 12 Noon**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

November 8th—**Bolivar Book Club @ 4 p.m.**—Open to the Public in Cleveland

November 21st Beginning at 1 p.m. through November 25th—**Thanksgiving**—All Libraries CLOSED—Regular Branch Schedules Resume on November 26th

Fine Free Fridays—Return Your Overdue Books & Fines Waived

The last Friday of each month is Fine Free Fridays and the next one is September 28th!

How does it work? Return any overdue books you have on a Fine Free Friday and the fines will be waived.

Are there any exceptions? Yes, all materials must be returned in original condition, excluding normal wear and tear.

What if I have been charged for the book and owe not only the fine, but also the cost of the book and a processing charge? If you return the book in original condition, excluding normal wear and tear, the cost of the book, the processing fee, and the fine will be waived. If the library deems that any book returned on Fine Free Friday is

not in original condition (i.e. damaged and cannot be returned to the shelf), then the fine will be waived, but the cost of the book and the processing fee will still apply.

Can I have a previous fine waived on Fine Free Friday?

No, Fine Free Friday only applies to overdue books returned on Fine Free Day.

See you on Fine Free Friday!



Teens Volunteer with TAG

TAG (Teen Advisory Group) Teens gathered for their second meeting of the new school year on September 18th to get ready for Teen Read Week programs coming up in October. In addition to planning, they also volunteered to cut out library bookmarks.

The next TAG meeting is September 25th and all Teens ages 12-17 are invited to join TAG as they continue to plan for Teen Read Week and other upcoming programs. Call Mrs. Bobbie at 843-2774 x105 if you have any questions.

~Mrs. Bobbie, Youth Service Librarian



Mrs. Bobbie (Right) with TAG Teens



Did You Know?

You can access your Smart Card (such as military ID) at the library? Yes, you can bring your Common Access Card (CAC), or "Smart Card," to Robinson-Carpenter and ask to check out our CAC Reader. The CAC Reader is for in-library usage only and may not be taken home. If you don't have a library card, just let us hold your ID, which we will return when you return the reader.

You can check out an overhead projector and/or a portable projector screen? Yes, you can check out an overhead projector and/or a screen with your library card. We recommend you contact Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library at 843.8774 x109 to make a reservation at least one week in advance to insure that the desired equipment is available when you need it. The check-out period is three days.

You can check-out a Santa suit for your Christmas Party? Yes, you can with your library card and non-refundable \$5 cleaning fee. Just call Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library at 843.2774 x114 at least two weeks before you need the suit to make a reservation. We have a limited number of Santa suits and reservations are on a "first come, first served" basis. We are accepting reservations now, so call soon.

*"If the Beast gave me
a library like he
gave to Belle,
I'd marry him too."*

~Aya Ling~

The Ugly Stepsister

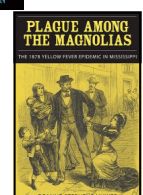
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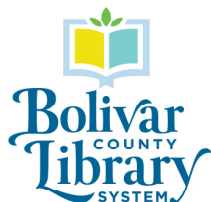
Martha: *Juror #3* by James Patterson and Nancy Allen. Ruby is new to both Rosedale, Mississippi and the Mississippi Bar. When Judge Baylor assigns her as defense counsel in a high-profile case, the prosecuting attorney thinks he has a slam-dunk. Then a second murder occurs... It's a good thing that Ruby has the help of her ex-fiancé's aunt, who's a "hard-charging" attorney—she'll need it.

This book catches your interest from page one. It was awesome! (Fiction—Print & Large Print)

Tamara: *Plague Among the Magnolias: the 1878 Yellow Fever Epidemic in Mississippi* by Deanne Stephens Nuwer. Published in 2009, this excellent resource chronicles the origins of the 1878 Yellow Fever epidemic; the state and federal health response; racial tension and inequities during the

crisis; charitable organization's response; and the local medical communities' struggles to treat their patients for a horrific, lethal disease they did not fully understand. The book concludes with an analysis of the financial burdens suffered by the citizens and businesses in the Southern States and the formation of national and state boards of health as a result of the health crisis. (Non-Fiction—Print)





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Some Bolivar County History...

Blanche Kelso Bruce 1849-1898

"A slave who became a successful plantation owner, Blanche Kelso Bruce was the second African American to serve in the United States Senate and the first to be elected to a full term. Though Bruce focused on protecting the rights of freedmen and other minorities, his life of social privilege in the nation's capital insulated him from the deprivations suffered by many of his black constituents. Bruce moved among elite circles of wealthy white politicians, including his close friends Senator Roscoe Conkling of New York and Senator Lucius Q. C. Lamar of Mississippi. "Mr. Bruce's conduct in the senate has been such as not to alienate himself from the Southern people," noted Lamar, who had drafted the Mississippi ordinance of secession, served as a Confederate diplomat, and returned to the U.S. Congress as an unabashed opponent of Reconstruction. "[Bruce] has not joined in the abusive warfare on the South that many of his Republican colleagues in the Senate Chamber have constantly pursued," Lamar added. "He is an intelligent man, and the best representative of his race in public life."(1)

Blanche Bruce was born near Farmville, Virginia, on March 1, 1841. His mother, Polly Bruce, was a slave, and his father, Pettus Perkinson, was his mother's owner and the son-in-law of her deceased former owner, Lemuel Bruce. Bruce's first name was originally "Branch," but he changed it to "Blanche" as a teenager. For unexplained reasons, he later adopted the middle name "Kelso."(2) One of 11 children, Blanche Bruce was a personal servant to his half brother William Perkinson.(3) Even though he was a slave, Bruce was accorded a status nearly equal to the Perkinson children's. Described by contemporaries as an eager learner, he studied with William's private tutor. But despite such benign treatment, Bruce escaped to Kansas during the Civil War and attempted to enlist in the Union Army. His application was refused, and he settled in Lawrence to teach school. Returning to Hannibal, Missouri, near the war's end, he organized the state's first school for black children in 1864. Though he planned to attend Ohio's Oberlin College to study for his divinity degree, he could not afford the tuition.(4) He spent the remainder of the 1860s working as a steamboat porter out of St. Louis on the Mississippi River, moving to Mississippi in 1869 to find more-lucrative opportunities."

Excerpt: *History, Art & Archives, U.S. House of Representatives*, "BRUCE, Blanche Kelso," <http://history.house.gov/People/Detail/10029> (August 30, 2018)

[Numbers in parenthesis refer to footnotes. To read footnotes, go to the URL listed in the excerpt citation above or see Vertical Files at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library under "Senators-BRUCE, Blanche Kelso".]

Blanche Kelso Bruce's biography will continue in the next newsletter.

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