

BOLIVAR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Special points of interest:

- Two Staff Members Graduate from Librarianship 101
- Story Hour Resumes
- We Have Great Online Resources
- TAG Has First Meeting of the New School Year

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Hidden Treasures in the Mississippi Room

Have you visited the Mississippi Room located at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland? It contains some great resources and documents related to the history of Bolivar County. Including:

- Local newspapers on microfilm, including the *Bolivar Commercial* (inception to March 2005), the *Cleveland Enterprise* (Feb. 21, 1901-Aug. 22, 1945), the *Bolivar County Democrat* (Feb. 1914-Dec. 31, 1936 and Nov. 6, 1941-Feb. 27, 1969), and the *Bolivar County News-Enterprise* (Nov. 1, 1945-June 11, 1953).
- Cemetery records for Bolivar County and some for Sunflower County, too.
- Marriage records on microfilm for marriages that took place in Bolivar County from 1866-1919.



Be sure to check out the Mississippi Room display in the Kenneth McClafflin display cabinet.

- Deeds on microfilm from 1836-1900.
- Bolivar County Board of Police records on microfilm from 1836-1877.
- Tax rolls on microfilm from 1836-1896.
- Wills & Inventories on microfilm from 1861-1924.
- Free access to Ancestry Library and HeritageQuest genealogical databases.

- Civil War records.
- Published family histories and some documentation for local families.
- Published histories of Cleveland, Bolivar County, Sunflower County, and others.
- The Mississippi Official and Statistical Register (i.e., the "Blue" Book) for most years.
- A photographic collection of over 400 photos ranging from the 1800s to 1980s.
- Yearbooks from Delta State University, Cleveland High School, Ole Miss, and others.
- Much more!

Visit the Mississippi Room today for your genealogical and historical research—or even if you are just curious. Please note that materials in the Mississippi Room are for in-library use only and cannot be checked out.

Luncheon With Books Featuring Rick Cleveland



We are proud to welcome renowned sports writer and author Rick Cleveland as guest speaker for the October Luncheon

With Books program.

Mr. Cleveland recently returned to writing after four years as the executive director of the Missis-

issippi Sports Hall of Fame and is the recipient of numerous awards, including the prestigious Richard Wright Lifetime Achievement Award for Literary Excellence (2011) and the Distinguished Mississippian Award from the MS Press Association's Education Foundation (2000). In addition to his 50 years as a professional sports writer he is also the author

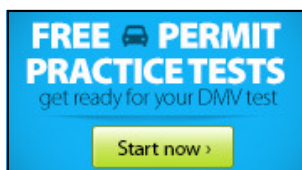
of four books, including *Boo: A Life in Baseball Well-Lived* and *Mississippi's Greatest Athletes*.

Bring your lunch and join us for this exciting program at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland on October 13th at 12 Noon. As always, admission is free and soft drinks will be provided.



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Useful Online Resources



Here are some great online resources that you can access through our website from the library or home.

Driving-Tests.org. Driving-Tests.org offers practice tests for preparing to take your driver's permit test for cars and motorcycles, as well as for the CDL. You will find PDF versions of the handbooks and answers to frequently asked questions, too. When taking a practice test, you can have the text read aloud in many different languages, you can

enlarge the text size, and even convert the test questions to MP3. *No registration or library card is required to access from home.*

Rocket Languages. Rocket Languages is a self-paced system of learning that is designed to help you learn a foreign language faster. You have 13 languages to choose from, as well as American Sign Language. *To access from home or the library, register using your personal email, your library card number (barcode on back entered without spaces), and a password that you choose.*

LearningExpress Library. LearningExpress is a test and skill preparation website that offers a wide variety of practice tests and study materials for school, work, and job hunting. Courses include: GED, ACT, SAT, GRE, and ASVAB exams; math, reading and writing for high school and college; job skills, such as resume writing; and much more. *You must register the first time either from the library or home. Just click on "New User," enter your email, name, and the password of your choosing. After that, just click on "Returning User."*

"A library outranks

any other one

thing a community

can do to

benefit its people. It is

a never failing spring

in the desert."

~Andrew Carnegie~

Calendar

September 30th, October 7th, October 14th & October 21st—**Story Hour** at 10 a.m.—Open to Children 5 and Under at Robinson-Carpenter

October 4th—**Seniors Day Out!** @ 10-11:30 a.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

October 11th—**Staff Training**—All Libraries **Closed** for Staff Training

October 13th—**Luncheon With Books Featuring Rick Cleveland** @12 noon—Open to Public Free-of-Charge at Robinson-Carpenter (See Article on Page 1)

October 13th—**Teen Read Week** @ 4 p.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

October 19th—**Cleveland Commission and Board of Trustee Meetings Are Cancelled**—New Date To Be Announced

October 27th—**Jumpstart: Read for the Record** @ 4 p.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

November 10th—**Luncheon With Books Featuring Augusta Scattergood** @ 12 Noon—Open to Public Free-of-Charge at Robinson-Carpenter

November 11th—**Veterans Day**—All Libraries **Closed**

Two Staff Members Attend Librarianship 101 Training



Megan Fleming, Circulation Manager, and Bethany Brooks, Circulation Librarian, completed the 13th Annual Librarianship 101 program at the Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) in Jackson September 12th-15th.

MLC created the program in 2004 as a means of turning library "paraprofessionals into degreed

librarians" via an intensive in-residence, four-day workshop that focuses on the core principals and tools of public librarianship, while hopefully motivating a desire to pursue a professional degree in the future. The application process is competitive and the program has proven so successful that "slots" are highly coveted.

Director Jennifer Wann, formerly

an instructor for the workshop, is an avid advocate and encourages staff participation in the program. Staff members Martha Lawson, Rosedale/Gunnison Branch Manager, Sharon Williamson, Assistant Director, Brett Jordan, Technical Services, and Bobbie Matheney, Youth Services, are all graduates of the program.

Congratulations to Megan and Bethany on their achievement.

Story Hour is Back!

Story Hour resumed on September 9th, much to the delight of the “little ones” in attendance. Story Hour is every Friday from 10—11 a.m. at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library for children 5-years-old and under.



TAG—Teen Advisory Group—Looking for Interested Teens



The Teen Advisory Group, better known as TAG, met for the first

meeting of the new school year on September 12th.

What is TAG? TAG is for Bolivar County teens aged 12-17 who want to volunteer at the library. TAG advises the library on matters that affect teens. For example, thanks to input from TAG, BCLS is currently working on the creation of a new Teen Room, which will be moved from its current

location to the LePoint Cassibry Smith Room that currently houses the non-fiction collection.

Bolivar County teens are invited to attend the next TAG meeting on October 3rd @ 4 p.m. at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. TAG will be planning for a Teen Read Week program on October 13th and a Read for the Record Story Hour on October 27th.

*"Books will persist
because they're
beautiful and useful.
They're like horses
after the automobile -
not gone, but
transformed into a
recreational beast."*

Looking for a Good Book?

Martha: *Once a Rancher (The Carsons of Mustang Series—Book1)* by Linda Lael Miller. This is a new series about the Carson brothers: Slater, Drake, and Mace, who own and operate a ranch in Wyoming. The first book focuses on Slater, a documentary filmmaker that takes an interest in the new resort manager's rebellious step-son Ryder. Grace, an ex-cop from Seattle, has taken the job of

resort manager in an effort to rebuild her life after her recent divorce. Danger and romance ensue, of course. A good, good book! Linda Lael Miller never disappoints. (Fiction—Print).

Tamara: *Night Shift (A Novel of Midnight, Texas)* by Charlaine Harris. This is the third book in Harris' eerie, supernatural series, continuing the strange and often

scary happenings in Midnight, Texas, where everything is not as it seems. When people began visiting town and promptly committing suicide, the residents of Midnight work together to find out what is causing the events. As always with this series, you feel that you are never getting the full story—leaving you eager for the next book! (Fiction—Print)

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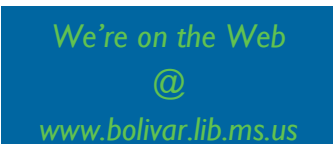
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Some Bolivar County History...

"Australia Landing

By Captain W. R. Shepherd*

In the early days, when a plantation was opened on the river front, it was usually given a name; otherwise, it was known by the owner's name. The landing bore the name of the plantation. In 1851 and 1852, Sydney T. Deeson, as manager for his brother, William Deeson of Lake Providence, Louisiana, "opened up" a plantation and named it "Australia"; hence we have Australia Landing. About the same date, Colonel Jesse Perkins developed "Tally-Ho" plantation, and Tally-Ho Landing came into existence. Dr. Parker of Port Gibson, Mississippi, grandfather of Governor Parker of Louisiana, opened the "Parker Place", hence, Parker's Landing.

These three settlements were all that were improved until about 1856, in the north end of the county. At that time the largest settlement in Bolivar County was on Concordia Island, known as Maysonia. I can recall a few settlers on the island: A. H. Glenn (in after years my father-in-law), W. Y. Glenn, Colonel W. H. Peake, James B. Smith, a civil engineer who laid out the first levee built in the county, Judge Elliott, grandfather of Charles Elliott, now a resident of Port Gibson, Mississippi, Dr. O. D. Dean, Henry Bridges, and others. The Glenn brothers and Colonel Peake later settled east of Australia Landing.

*Soon after this sketch was written, Captain Shepherd's death occurred. With his death passed the last member of the McGehee Rifles."

"Australia Landing" will be continued in next months newsletter.

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

Bolivar County Library System Information:

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