

The LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- John Hailman is Guest Speaker for May Luncheon With Books
- Nan Williamson Is Featured in "We're the ... Librarians!" Column This Month
- Author Richard Grant Speaks to a Packed House

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Bolivar County Library System

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Director's Corner

This month we celebrated National Library Week during the week of April 10-16. The Friends of the Bolivar County Library System invited Richard Grant, author of *Dispatches from Pluto*, to be the speaker at our monthly Luncheon With Books program. We knew that Richard would be a great draw for National Library Week, but we had no idea how great of a draw! We were pleased to welcome 151 guests to the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library for the program. Thank you to The Friends and to all who came out on a rainy day to hear Richard speak. He was funny and charming, and I can't imagine a better way to celebrate National Library Week.

This month The Friends also held



Left, a great photo taken to announce National Library Week featuring (from left) JaeR, Jennifer, Bethany & Tina. Below, Matt Wood (middle) and Carol Manning (right) preparing for the Book Sale.

their annual book sale. The annual books sale takes some serious volunteerism. Over the course of just a couple of days, thousands of books are unpacked from storage and moved to the library, categorized and organized by type, and then the doors are open to the public for four crazy days. The Friends work extremely hard on this event, and while sincere thanks are offered to all who volunteer at the sale, I would like to extend an extra special



thank you to Carol Manning and Matt Wood for their particularly hard work. Thank you, ladies!

Luncheon With Books Featuring John Hailman in May



We're pleased to have John Hailman returning as guest speaker at the Friends of the Library's Luncheon With Books program in May. Mr. Hailman's visit was

originally scheduled for March, but was cancelled due to flooding.

Mr. Hailman will talk about his new book *Return to Guntown: Classic Trials of the Outlaws and Rogues of*

Faulkner County, which is a follow-up to his award winning *From Midnight to Guntown: True Crime Stories from a Federal Prosecutor in Mississippi*. Mr. Hailman was a prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's office for 33 years and also served as Legal Counsel to the late U.S. Senator John Stennis.

If you wish to purchase books for the book signing, please contact Cotton Row Books at 843-7083 by May 5th to pre-order and your

book(s) will be available to pick-up at the program. If you can't attend, ask and the bookstore will have your book(s) signed and ready for you to pick up at Cotton Row Books after the program.

So bring your lunch and join us for this exciting program on May 12th at 12 noon at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. Admission is free and soft drinks will be provided.

We're the... Librarians!



Nan Williamson has been the branch librarian at the Benoit Public Library since 2002, but she confides, "I never thought I would ever want to become a librarian."

Nan said that one day "out of the blue" she received a phone call from her sister Darlene, who was a librarian at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland, asking her if she would like to work at the Benoit Public Library. She told Nan that then director Ronnie Wise was looking for someone that lived in Benoit to work there. Nan's quick

reply was, "No, I don't think I can do that."

Nan explains that at that time she was a stay-at-home mom and homeschooling her six-year-old little boy while also helping her husband with his trucking company. A few days later Nan received another call, this time from Melanie Williamson, her husband's cousin who also works at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library, asking her to give the job a try to see how she would like it. Melanie also reminded her that it was a part-

time job and shouldn't interfere with the homeschooling and helping with the trucking company. So Nan finally agreed to talk to Mr. Wise and was hired.

"I'm so glad that I decided to come to work here at the library," Nan shares. "I've gotten to know a lot of people and have learned a lot about librarianship. I am still meeting new people and learning new things every day. Being a librarian is great and I love my job thanks to all of my friends and co-workers."

"The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history."

~Carl T. Rowan~

Calendar

April 22nd, 29th, May 6th, 13th & 20th—**Preschool Story Hour** at 10 a.m. at Robinson-Carpenter

May 12th—**Luncheon With Books Featuring John Hailman** at 12 Noon—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

May 18th—**Cleveland Library Commission Meeting** @ 10 a.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland

May 18th—**Board of Trustees Meeting** @ 1:30 p.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland

On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!

On Your Mark, Get Set... Read! is this year's Summer Library Program (SLP) theme. SLP begins in June and Mrs. Bobbie and the branch librarians are busy planning and organizing their programs for eager, school-age children and adults alike. What are the benefits of children participating in SLP? I'm glad you asked!

- Children are motivated to read.
- Children develop positive attitudes about reading,

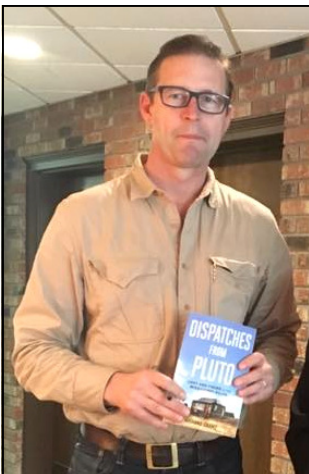
books, and the library.

- Children maintain their reading skills during summer vacation.
- Children have access to experiences that further their sense of discovery.
- Children have access to experiences through which they can learn to work cooperatively.

So watch for more information in next month's newsletter, as well as for flyers in the library and posts on Facebook.

Richard Grant Luncheon With Books a Big Success

As you can see, we had a packed house for the March Luncheon With Books program featuring Richard Grant, author of *Dispatches from Pluto*. In celebration of National Library Week, the Friends of the Library served a special, catered lunch from Christina's Exquisite Edibles for the enjoyment of participants. Great program!



BCLS Celebrates National Library Week With Special Programs

In celebration of National Library Week (April 10th-16th), BCLS offered some fun—and educational—programming for both children and adults.

First up, the Bolivar & Sunflower County Tobacco-Free Coalition visited the library on April 12th (photo series below). Special guest from the group was Beverly Johnson and Terrance the Rat, who gave informative information about how tobacco affects the body and provided interactive activities that reminded the children to Reject All Tobacco! Refreshments were provided compliments of Domino's Pizza.

Next on April 14th, the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System hosted the Luncheon With Books program that featured Richard Grant, author of *Dispatches from Pluto: Lost and Found in the Mississippi Delta* (see short article and photos on Page 2).

And finally, BCLS offered a special Storyhour conducted by Megan Fleming and JaeR Norris on April 15th (top right). In keeping with a Western theme, participants wore Western attire and the book *Cindy Ellen, a Wild Western Cinderella* by Susan Lowell was read. Refreshments were provided compliments of The Cleveland Woman's Club.



Goodbye to JaeR Norris



It is with regret that BCLS announces that Jasmina "JaeR" Norris is relocating to Jackson

to begin a new chapter in her life, pursuing new opportunities. Her bold personality and bright spirit has inspired many, patrons and staff alike, since she started working at the Circulation Desk at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland in 2013. JaeR's confidence and positive energy will be sorely missed—it won't be the same without her.

If JaeR ever misses hunting the shelves for that ever elusive magically disappearing book or reshelving the cookbooks and DVDs correctly for the 5th time in one day, she knows where to find us. Please join BCLS in wishing JaeR the best in the future and her new endeavors.

—Megan

"I discovered me in the library. I went to find me in the library."

~Ray Bradbury~

Looking for a Good Book? (Or Summer Library Program)

Terrye: *Destiny: Step Into Your Purpose* by T. D. Jakes. The author contends that the greatest things that happen in your life are destiny and that if you reorder your life you can achieve wonderful things by embracing your "divine purpose." *Destiny* is inspirational and uplifting. (Fiction—Print)

Martha: *Darkness* by Karen Robards. Dr. Gina Sullivan, a

brilliant ornithologist, is trapped on a remote island in Alaska—and fighting for her life. When a plane crashes, Gina helps the survivor, but soon begins to fear him and his intentions. Can Gina trust him, or should she flee and risk "running straight into the arms of a killer?" A wonderful romantic suspense novel. (Fiction—eBook)

Tamara: *Wedding Cake Murder: A*

Hannah Swenson Mystery by Joanne Fluke. Hannah has her hands full. In addition to planning her wedding, she's competing in The Food Channel's Dessert Chef Competition! Elation at having the final Challenge event in Lake Eden turns to fear when a body turns up. Will Hannah say "I do" and win the competition? Or go home empty-handed on both counts? (Fiction—Print)

Rosedale & Gunnison Branch Librarian Martha Lawson is so excited about the new books by African American authors that she created a special display in Rosedale. Stop by to see what's new!



Some Bolivar County History...



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"TERRENE

By Florence W. Sillers

In the 70's [1870's] and early 80's [1880's], Terrene was a river town of importance, situated opposite the mouth of the White River, about five miles north of Rosedale. It derived its name from Terrene plantation, upon which it was located, owned by Mr. Elias Reece Porter and inherited by his daughter, Mrs. Martha Porter Jarnigan.

A large wharf boat was maintained at this point by William Ezell, who was also in charge of the coal fleet of Brown and Jones of Pittsburgh, that supplied the steamboats on the Mississippi, White and Arkansas Rivers with coal.

J. H. Zadeck operated a large mercantile business there. There were other business houses and saloons. In 1878, Terrene was visited by an epidemic of yellow fever, with many deaths. Among the deaths was that of Dr. C. M. Mason, a prominent physician of that neighborhood.

Caving banks of the river destroyed this town in the late 80's [1880], and in a few years the entire site of the town had entirely caved into the river.

VICTORIA LANDING

Victoria Landing was a landing on the Mississippi River situated on the property of Colonel Miles McGehee, a few miles south of old Concordia, before the Civil War, and was an election precinct in the early days of the county, afterwards transferred to Carson's Landing in 1847."

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

Next month's newsletter will feature Concordia.

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Hours M, T, W & Th 1—5

Mound Bayou—**Closed Until**

Further Notice

Rosedale (662) 759-6332

Hours M & W 10—5, F 12—5

Shaw—**Closed Until Further
Notice**

Shelby (662) 398-7748

Hours M & W 10—5, F 12—5



Front Row (L to R) Tamara, Martha, Tina, LaShaunda, Marie, Evelyn & Bobbie; Middle Row: Nan, Sharon, Kanesha, Jennifer & Brett; Top Row: Jasmina, Bethany, Melanie, Megan & Terrye.

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