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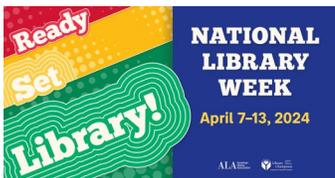
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## Director's Corner

Research from the mid-1950s showed Americans were spending less money on books and more money on radios, televisions, and musical instruments. After noticing this concerning trend, the American Library Association and American Book Publishers formed the National Book Committee in 1954. Committee goals included "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life." Obviously, books were at the forefront of their thinking. The American Library Association first sponsored National Library Week (NLW) in 1958 with the theme "Wake up and Read!" In the 66 years that America has celebrated NLW, libraries have changed. Books, reading and encouraging/supporting literacy are all still integral components of libraries; today, we also embrace technology, access of information across platforms and connectedness. I believe this year's theme "Ready, Set, Library!" shows that libraries are about more than the traditional book. However you use your library, we are Ready! We are Set!

In honor of National Library Week, we will have the following events at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland:



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| Monday, April 8th:     | 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Children's Story Time   |
| Tuesday, April 9th:    | All day popcorn to celebrate National Library Workers Day                               |
| Wednesday, April 10th: | 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Teen Time with Virtual Reality and board games                    |
| Thursday, April 11th:  | 5:30 p.m. Anne Martin Vetrano to discuss the 1927 Flood.                                |
| Friday, April 12th:    | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friends Book Sale<br>10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Preschool Story Hour |
| Saturday, April 13th:  | 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Friends Book Sale  |

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*Emily*

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*“My father was in the  
Army and we  
moved around a lot,  
and one of my favorite  
places was the  
library.”*

*~Suzan-Lori Parks~*

## Calendar

March 22nd, April 5th, 12th 19th,  
26th, May 3rd—**Story Hour @**  
10 a.m.—Open to the Public at  
Robinson-Carpenter

April 17th, May 15th, June 19th—  
**Library Commission Meeting**  
@ 10 a.m.—Open to the Public at  
Robinson-Carpenter

April 17th, May 15th, June 19th—  
**Board of Trustees Meeting @**  
1:30 p.m.—Open to the Public at  
Robinson-Carpenter

March 29th & 30th—**Good  
Friday & Easter Weekend**—  
All Libraries Will Be Closed

April 2nd, August 6th—**Seniors  
Day Out!** on the First Tuesday  
Every Other Month (Except for  
June) @ 10—11:30 a.m.—Open  
to the Public at Robinson-  
Carpenter

April 6th—**Crosstie Festival**—  
Table in Front of Mississippi  
Grounds

April 8th—**Children’s NLW  
Story Time @**3:30-4:30 p.m.—  
Open to the Public in Cleveland

April 9th—**National Library  
Workers Day-Popcorn Served  
All Day**—Open to the Public in  
Cleveland

April 10th—**Teen Time with  
Virtual Reality and Board  
Games @** 3:30-4:30 p.m.—Open  
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April 11th—**Anne Martin  
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Public in Cleveland

April 12th—**NLW Preschool  
Storyhour @** 10 a.m.—Open to  
the Public in Cleveland

April 12th —**Friends of the  
Library Book Sale @** 9a.m. to  
4:00 p.m.—Open to the Public in  
Cleveland

April 13th—**Friends of the  
Library Book Sale @** 9:30a.m.  
to 12:30 p.m.—Open to the Public  
in Cleveland

## BCLS Will Be at the Crosstie Festival



The 55th Annual Crosstie Arts and Jazz Festival is April 6th this year and BCLS will be there! We will have a booth set-up in front of Mississippi Grounds, where we will be registering new patrons, as well as talking about library programs and services. BCLS has a long history of supporting the Crosstie Festival. In the past, art entries were exhibited at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library leading up to the Festival. In fact, Robinson-Carpenter still has some art pieces from past festivals on display around the library. We invite the public to stop by, register for a new library card, or just say Hi. We hope to see you there!

## Did You Know?

**You probably know that BCLS offers eBooks and eAudiobooks (eAudios) for checkout, but did you know you can request specific eBooks and eAudios, just like you can other materials?** Yes, you may request we consider purchasing a specific eBook or eAudio that you want to read. All you have to do is ask for and fill out a Request Card at the Circulation Desk at any of our branches.

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We currently offer two platforms for eBooks and eAudios: **Boundless** and **hoopla**. Just go to your app store to download the apps for these platforms. Then all you need is your BCLS library card and PIN. If you already have a BCLS library card but don't know what your PIN is, you may call or

stop by any branch to get one.

The **Boundless** platform only has eBooks and eAudios, but the **hoopla** also has comics, movies, TV episodes, and music in addition. The check-out period on **Boundless** is three weeks, while on **hoopla**, you may check-out books, comics, and eBooks/eAudios for 21 days, most music for 7 days, and movies and TV episodes for 2 to 3 days.

NOTE: Due to recent state legislation, you must be at least 18 years of age to access **Boundless** and **hoopla**.

*"For those without money, the road to that treasure house of the imagination begins at the public library."*

~Pete Hamill~

## What Does the Friends of the BCLS Library Do For the Library?



Do you wonder what we mean when we say the Friends of the Bolivar County Library hold the Gala or ask for Sponsorships for the benefit of the Bolivar County Library System? It's because the funds raised are used to support the library. For example, the Friends purchase technology that the library would not otherwise be able to provide to our patrons, technology such as the new media table (pictured at left) that was installed at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library last month and the new DVD rack that has been ordered for the Thelma Rayner Memorial Library that will be arriving in April. They host author events like the recent Evening With Books event that featured Anne Hart Preus in January and the upcoming National Library Week event featuring Anne Martin Vetrano on April 11th. They also provides funds for the Summer Library Program, the Seniors Day Out! program, and the subscription to the monthly magazine [Book Page](#). In the past they have also purchased furniture (desks, chairs, etc.), computers, the new exterior signs for Robinson-Carpenter and Thelma Rayner, and the new courtyard gate at Robinson-Carpenter.

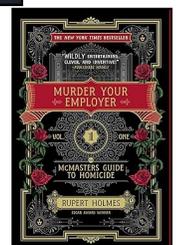
Thank you for your support of the Friends of the Bolivar County Library System!

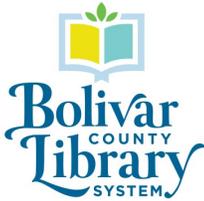
## Looking for a Good Book?

**Samantha:** *The Night Swim* (2020) by Megan Goldin. Rachel is the host of a true crime podcast called "The Escape Room." Now a household name, Rachel is covering a controversial trial in a small town, but she soon begins to find notes begging her for help in solving a crime that happened years earlier. A crime no one wants dredged up. SPOILER ALERT: I liked how the sister found her sister's killer after all those years. (Fiction—Print & eBook)

**Tamara:** *Murder Your Employer: The McMasters Guide to Homicide* (2023) by Rupert Holmes; illustrations by Anna Louizos. What a delightful book! I'm not sure why I'm surprised this is such a good novel. Rupert Holmes did write one of the biggest music hits of 1979, "Escape (The Piña Colada Song)" with its famous twist ending, as well as the novel *Where the Truth Lies*, which was made into a movie starring Colin Firth

and Kevin Bacon. *Murder Your Employer* is a mischievous and punny tale about a university (which author Alafair Burke describes as "Hogwarts-like") that trains students to "delete" (i.e., murder) the person of their choice, which the student must accomplish as their "thesis" upon graduation. A "mock serious" but suspenseful novel that had me laughing out loud. (Fiction—Print & eBook).





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# Some Bolivar County History . .

## “Rosedale by Florence Sillers Ogden” - Continued

The last excerpt finished the “Early Settlers” section, leaving off on Page 346 with: “Lawyers of today are: Walter Sillers, W. C. Roberts, M. L. Kaufman, A. F. Valentine.”

### “EARLY DOCTORS

The first doctors were Alex Reeves, McGowen, Simmons, Peebles, Dr. J. W. Dulaney and Dr. T. A. Harris served the community through long years in the early existence of the town. When Dr. Dulaney moved to Greenwood after the overflow of 1897, Dr. H. L. Sutherland succeeded to his practice. He practiced until 1912, when he retired and bought a plantation near Benoit. The family doctors endeared themselves to the people and in many instances acted as nurse as well as physician. They came on call, at all times of the night. During the smallpox epidemics, so prevalent in those days, the doctors worked courageously and under difficult conditions. There were no hospitals; and pest camps were established, with armed guards.

Dr. Charles W. Patterson came to Rosedale in 1909 from Red Lick, near Port Gibson; Dr. L. B. Austin in 1911 from near Vicksburg; Dr. E. R. Nobles in 1913, from Flora, Mississippi. They are practicing here today. Dr. Austin and Dr. Nobles both operate hospitals for their negro patients.

Dr. Austin brought his Buick and his horse and buggy by steamboat from Vicksburg. He was the first doctor to use an automobile in this vicinity. There were six automobiles in the town when he came in January 1911. Late winter brought high water and fears of overflow. Dr. Austin jacked his automobile up on Dr. Sutherland’s front porch and it stayed there the whole spring through. His horse bogged so deep in mud by Reinach’s corner, now Dattel’s, that he put his horse in the livery stable and made his rounds on foot.

Dr. Nobles came in September 1913. He had an iron gray horse for his country practice. It began to rain the day he arrived and continued for three months. In making a call three miles out, to Niles Crossing, his horse bogged so much that he inquired whether there was not some better way back to Rosedale. An old Negro told him that the white folks used the railroad track and cross a stream to the south of the big tree, but by no means must he try to cross on the north side. He did as bidden, but the water was so deep his horse had to swim for it. When he reached his room at the C. B. Allen home he was ready to quit and leave for drier lands. Mr. Allen encouraged him to stick it out, saying the weather would clear. It cleared the next day.”

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

This excerpt will continue with Rosedale’s “EARLY DOCTORS” in the next newsletter.

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F 12p.m.—5p.m.  
Martha Lawson, Librarian

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