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Summer Library Program 2024 at Robinson-Carpenter

"Adventure Begins at Your Library" is this year's theme for the Summer Library Program (SLP) and Mrs. Bobbie has planned some fun programs at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland, 104 South Leflore Avenue, Cleveland.

SLP features FREE fun and creative activities for kids entering 1st through 6th grades as of August 2024. All programs will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on the dates indicated.

Registration is required and begins May 22nd, Monday through Friday from 9-5 and Saturday from 9-1.

June 4th - BMX with Ty
OPEN TO 1st-3rd GRADES

June 6th - Ashley Kerr, MSU Ext.
OPEN TO 4th - 6th Grades

June 11th - Rebecca Parker, DSU
Talks About Aviation Program @ Cleveland Airport
OPEN TO 1st - 3rd Grades

June 12th -Becky Rosamond, North MS Refuge
Talks About Frogs
OPEN TO 1st - 6th Grades

June 13th - Rebecca Parker, DSU
Talks About Aviation Program @ Cleveland Airport
OPEN TO 4th - 6th Grades

June 18th - Mizuki Umebara, DSU
Japanese Culture
OPEN TO 1st - 3rd Grades

June 20th - Mizuki Umebara, DSU
Japanese Culture
OPEN TO 4th - 6th Grades

June 25th - Jackie Kerr, MMNS
Talks About Reptiles
OPEN TO 1st - 6th Grades

June 27th - Crystal Bradley
Talks About Diabetes Prevention
OPEN TO 4th - 6th Grades

For more information, contact Mrs. Bobbie, Youth Services Librarian at Robinson-Carpenter, at (662) 441-0007.

Summer Library Program details for the Thelma Rayner Memorial Library in Merigold is on Page 3.



Storyhour Takes a Hiatus for the Summer

The last Storyhour of this school-year was May 17th, but don't worry, Storyhour will resume in September.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Storyhour a success this year!



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Did You Know...?



We have costumes available for checkout? Yes, Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library has various costumes in various adult sizes available for a three-day check out period. Costumes you may choose from are: Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, an Elf, and the Easter Bunny. You must have a valid BCLS library card in good standing and pay a \$5.00 non-refundable cleaning fee to check out costumes. You may call or stop by Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library to make a reservation for any of our costumes year-round.

We can help you or your family members Sign Up for the Talking Book Services for the visually impaired? Yes, we have applications available at all branches or you may go to our website at <https://www.bolivar.lib.ms.us/services/talking-book-large-print-library-services/> to find a PDF version of the application to fill out online and print. Any librarian may be a certifying authority to sign off on your Talking Book Services application; or you may have a health care professional act as the certifying authority.

We offer lamination and scanning? Yes, most people know we make copies (25¢ per page b&w, \$1 per page for color) and fax (25¢ per page), but we can also scan your documents to your email free-of-charge and laminate your documents (8 1/2" x 11" or smaller) for \$1 per page. We're sorry, but we only scan to your personal email, not to a third-party, but you can always forward the email to a third-party.

Call or stop by the library for more information about any of the services listed above.

*"A library book lasts
as long as a house,
for hundreds of
years."*

~Thomas Jefferson~

Calendar

Storyhour—Suspended Until Next September.

Seniors Day Out! - No June Program Due to Summer Library Program

Beginning June 5th—**Teen Time Game Day @ 3:30 p.m.**—A Fun Game Day for Teens Aged 12-18—1st Wednesday of Each Month

June 19th, July 17th, September 18th—**Library Commission**

Meeting @ 10 a.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

June 19th, July 17th, September 18th—**Board of Trustees**

Meeting @ 1:30 p.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

Library Commission & Board of Trustees—No August Meetings

June—**Summer Library Program @ Robinson-Carpenter**—For a List of Programs, Dates, and Times, See

Article on Page 1

June—**Summer Library Program @ Merigold**—For a List of Programs, Dates, and Times, See Article on Page 3

July 4th—**Independence Day**—All Libraries Will Be CLOSED

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

Children's Book Week & National Library Week



We had two special children's programs recently. First, National Library Week (April 7th-13th). We offered fun events throughout the week, including a special program featuring MS author & journalist Anne Martin Vetrano, who discussed the flood of 1927, which is the subject of her forthcoming book, See photos at right.

The other was Children's Book Week (May 6th-12th) that we celebrated with a special Storyhour on May 8th. Guests were Marie Shorter, who works at the Circulation Desk at Robinson-Carpenter and Samantha Clifton, from the Cleveland School District. See photos at left.



Summer Library Program at Thelma Rayner in Merigold

As noted in the article about the Summer Library Program (SLP) in Cleveland on Page 1, “Adventure Begins at Your Library” is this year’s theme for SLP and Yolanda, Librarian at Thelma Rayner, also has some FREE fun and creative activities planned at the Thelma Rayner Memorial Library, 201 Front Street, in Merigold.

All programs are from 2-3 p.m. each day for children ages 3-10 and registration is not required.

June 11th—Career Adventure

June 13th—Arts & Crafts

June 18th—Adventure Around the World

June 20th—Arts & Crafts

June 25th—Nature Adventure

June 27th—Arts & Crafts

If you have any questions about the programs or the Summer Library Program in Merigold in general, please call Yolanda at 748-2105.



“All that is necessary
for a student is
access to a library.”
~Thomas Jefferson~

Looking for a Good Book?

Cindy: *Night Road* by Kristin Hannah is the story of three teenagers. Lexi, a disadvantaged teen, who when her mom died from an overdose, she raised herself for the most part and was taken in by a long-lost aunt. Lexi finds friendship, acceptance, and love with a Seattle-area family. Then there is Mia and her twin brother Zach. They were raised with all the love and support from their mom, Jude, who has lived her life for her children. All is right with the world, then one night, one bad decision and a tragic accident changes everything. The family is torn apart, and Lexi loses everything she has worked so hard for. This is a heartbreaking story of loss and how everyone involved finds the courage to forgive. This book has all the feels. It makes you laugh, makes you cry, and has a very emotional twist or two. (Fiction—Print)

Tamara: *The Mystery Writer* by Sulari Gentill. Theo flees to her brother in Kansas from Australia and her parents’ expectation that

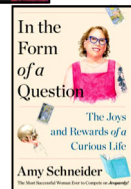
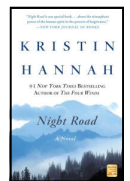
she become a lawyer. Theo wants to be a writer and is thrilled when she is befriended by a world-famous mystery writer at the coffeeshop where she works on her novel most days. That is, until a dead body turns up... and the police target her as the likely suspect. Excellent mystery and fun, twisty story. (Fiction—Print)

Martha: *People in Glass Houses* (Planet Harmony #16) by Jayne Castle. “When the Tarnished Knight, a once-respected explorer whose career was destroyed by an Underworld disaster, is found, Molly Griffin heads to his location, confident she can help him regain control of his shattered senses since he is the key to finding her sister—a member of his vanished expedition team.” [Description from *NovelList*.] I really enjoyed this book. It is a great addition to her Harmony series. The dust bunny (can’t remember his name!!) steals the show. (Fiction—eBook)

Tamara: *In the Form of a Question: The Joys and Rewards of a Curious Life* (2023) by Amy

Schneider. Billed as “The Most Successful Woman Ever to Compete on *Jeopardy!*,” Amy Schneider’s memoir is, in turns, inspirational, heartrending, and wickedly funny as she talks about her life, her transgender awakening, and eventual success as a *Jeopardy* champion. WARNING: This book is for adults; if you are under 17, ask your parents for permission before checking it out. (Biography—Print & eBook)

Tamara: *Primates of Park Avenue: A Memoir* by Wednesday Martin. Have you ever wondered how life is among the one-percenters? Martin’s memoir talks about moving to the upper-eastside (not to be confused with the upper-westside, which is also rich, but not “as rich”) of Manhattan where the fabulously wealthy live. Martin approaches her subject as if she is an anthropologist writing an ethnology about a recently discovered, isolated community of people. Too funny! An enlightening—and surprising—read. (Biography—Print)





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Some Bolivar County History...

"Rosedale by Florence Sillers Ogden" - Continued

The last excerpt began the "Early Doctors" section, leaving off on Page 347 with: "Mr. Allen encouraged him to stick it out, saying the weather would clear. It cleared the next day."

"EARLY DOCTORS (Continued)"

"Dr. Patterson rode a high spirited bay horse on his early rounds. All three physicians practiced in Rosedale for the first time, fresh from their internships.

Dr. H. D. Vardaman was the first dentist to open an office in own and practice here. He came from Hermanville, Mississippi, in 1906. Prior to that time the dental needs were taken care of by traveling dentists or the local doctors, who became proficient in extracting teeth but could do no more. Those who could afford it went to Memphis or Greenville. Dr. Vardaman practiced until his death in 1944. Dr. J. W. Parker is the present dentist.

The first hospital in the county was built in Rosedale in 1902 by the Virginia McGuire Circle King's Daughters. In 1935 a modern hospital was built under the WPA, sponsored by the city.

W. H. Ramsey was the first undertaker. He came in the early 1890's and set up an establishment and conducted the funerals. Prior to that time coffins were bought at the general stores.

EARLY MERCHANTS

Among the early merchants were Ed Scott, Misses Rosa and Mollie Oberst, Reed Washington, Tony Lapresto, H. D. Chaney, E. R. Chaney, W. H. Fitzgerald, G. P. Rice, and others. Later came D. Reinach, A. R. Shattuck, and Lewis Myers. The first brick store was a two-story building at the foot of Court Street, called the "Bank Store," owned by Charles Scott. Mac Anderson was the manager. This store is now the Colonial Inn, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Trapp.

In 1896 two sisters, Misses Rosa and Mollie Oberst, came to Rosedale from Memphis and opened a millinery and dressmaking establishment, in a frame building on the present site of the Talisman Theater. This was the first and, to date, the only millinery establishment in the town. These gracious gentlewomen have served four generations of the feminine population, operating their millinery a few doors south of the old site until January, 1946, when Miss Rosa died and Miss Mollie sold the business to Mrs. Leila Travis. This was the oldest business institution in the town under its original management."

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

This excerpt will continue with Rosedale's "EARLY MERCHANTS" in the next newsletter

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Martha Lawson, Librarian

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