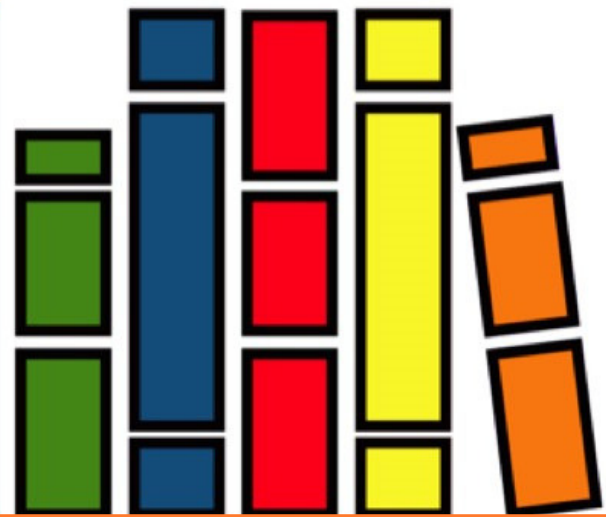


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Summertime!

Hulen E. Bivins, Executive Director

Ah! The summer season is upon us bringing high temperatures, limited breezes, increased humidity, and lots of activities.

There are a lot of activities going on with Mississippi's public libraries as we head into the summer season. With school out, and the Legislative Session concluded, it is a great time for public libraries to do an analysis of their services made available in the past year that supported the educational processes in the state that are designed to enhance the abilities of both children and youth. It is also a great time to review adult service programs that have been provided, noting the challenges met while recognizing additional opportunities to respond to local community needs.

Like the public libraries, the Mississippi Library Commission takes this time to do an evaluation of activities as well. This analysis helps in the planning of actions to be taken by the Commission in the forthcoming year. Actions reviewed include: a) the distribution of funds to public libraries via the Personnel Incentive Grant Program; b) efforts needed to continue to provide the shared resources in the MAGNOLIA database collection that are used in libraries, on the job, and at home; c) an examination of the work done in support of the statewide Summer Reading Program that is designed for the inclusion of both children and youth; d) working to insure the accessibility of library materials via the Beehive program; e) ascertainment of the needs of special populations having difficulty using conventional library materials; f) analysis of the tasks involved with the continued website hosting of many public libraries while assisting with additional technologies, to enhance the ability of local libraries to distribute notice of their services and programs; and g) an evaluation of a library development team who provide, to libraries statewide, information in a group setting or in one-to-one meetings.

MLC in this commitment works to enhance all libraries in the state -- libraries in the big cities and libraries in the small towns; libraries that are urban and libraries that are rural; libraries with strong budgets and libraries who depend on volunteers and contributions to pay for their library needs and services to patrons.

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Composed by George Gershwin with lyrics by Dubose Howard for the 1935 musical opera *Porgy and Bess*, the aria "Summertime" spoke of the hot summer season in the Southern states where the livin' is easy and the fish are jumpin'. Reality, however, is that when summertime comes in the South, the pace of activities increase and life is not necessarily easy but may be at a frenzied pace. Indeed, like the fish in the song, things are jumpin' in Mississippi's libraries. Ah! Summertime.

MLC Bids Farewell to Commissioner



MLC staff and fellow Board members recently bid farewell to Suzanne Poynor who has served on the Board of Commissioners since 2014. Suzanne served as Board Chair in 2017.

Suzanne is also a big fan of her local library and said she plans to become more involved on a local level. She is a huge book lover and assures us all that she will come back to visit and will definitely see us at the Mississippi Book Festival. Thank you so much Suzanne for all your hard work and leadership on the MLC Board of Commissioners.

Photo left: Board Chair Jolee Hussey(left) presents Suzanne Poynor with a proclamation.

Photo right: Fellow Board members presented Suzanne Poynor with a mantle clock commemorating her time as a Board member.

Snapshot Day is an advocacy tool of the Mississippi Library Commission that serves to showcase the impact public libraries make on Mississippi's communities during one day of the year! Contact MLC Public Relations Director Susan Liles at sliles@mlc.lib.ms.us for more information!

SNAPSHOT DAY AUGUST 6, 2019



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF MISSISSIPPI LIBRARIES

Summer Reading Kickoff



On Thursday, April 25 the clouds were dark and gloomy. Then the skies opened and everything was soaked...including most of the MLC staff! The wet weather didn't darken our spirits because some bright faces came to visit and they brought some sunshine with them! Students from Casey Elementary School, Spann Elementary School, and the New Summit School came to celebrate the kick-off of the summer reading season. They were treated to loads of fun activities including storytime, face painting, a photo booth, and lots of crafts and games. Special thanks to Jackson Hinds Library System, Madison County Library System, and Central Mississippi Regional Library System for all of your support, and to Walt Grayson from WJTV for reading to the kids!



Forest Library Teen Scholarship Program

Two years ago Brandi Parker, the children's librarian at the Forest Library, a branch in the Central Mississippi Regional Library System, started researching a plan to provide a scholarship for teens in the area. After establishing a Teen Advisory Board this past school year, the perfect opportunity presented itself to allow plans for the scholarship to proceed. Thanks to donations by the Friends of the Library and an anonymous donor, the \$1,000 Friends of the Forest Public Library Beverly Rhodes scholarship was established. Eligible students must be a senior at Forest High School or Scott Central High School and must participate in the Forest Public Library's Teen Advisory Board.

Additionally, they cannot miss more than three meetings in a row or four meetings between the months of August and April. Also, the student is required to complete one hour of volunteer service each month, in addition to the monthly meetings. Congratulations to Jordan Smith, who was the recipient this year, and to this wonderful library for such an outstanding program!



Photo left: Brandi Parker, Jordan Smith, scholarship recipient, and Beverly Rhodes
Photo right: Jordan Smith receiving scholarship from Brandi Parker

Congrats to MLC Staff

Demetra Hayes, Front Desk Receptionist (right) and Kristina Kelly, Administrative Assistant (left) recently graduated from the Executive Services Certification Program (ESCP) and Administrative Services Certification Program (ASCP). These programs are administered and delivered by the State Personnel Board and provide comprehensive training to staff who support these program areas of governmental agencies. Participants earning the ESCP designation have completed the three levels of ASCP curriculum as well as three additional levels of coursework.



Margaret Murray Grant Recipients

The Friends of Mississippi Libraries, Inc. is pleased to announce the 2019 Margaret Murray Grant recipients. There were 15 applications this year and all were very competitive. Based on the needs reflected in the applications, the state Friends agreed to support two partial awards in addition to the three \$1000 grants. The state Friends would like to thank all of the applicants. Please join us in congratulating these local Friends groups!

Friends of the Emily Jones Pointer Library, First Regional Library System

- This grant seeks to advance early literacy through collection development by providing books to children in an area where nearly 50% are performing below passing levels in language arts.

Friends of Margaret Reed Crosby Memorial Library, Pearl River County Library System

- This grant will promote family reading by putting books in the hands of children and encouraging parents to appreciate the importance of reading and interacting with their children.

Friends of the Lexington Public Library, Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System

- Funds will be used to purchase Accelerated Reader Level 6 books to meet the needs of local school children in Holmes County, which has a poverty rate of 40.8%.

Partial Awards:

Friends of the Choctaw County Library System, Choctaw County Library System

- Funds will purchase a Flannel Early Childhood Story Easel and Felt Stories set and other items to support year-round early literacy programming at CCLS.

Friends of Noxubee County Library System, Noxubee County Library System

- Funds will be used to purchase diverse materials to supplement the collection to enhance children's programming. Materials will reflect the physical and cultural diversity of Noxubee County.



Mississippi Star Libraries



Two of the Mississippi Star Library recipients were unable to attend the presentation ceremony earlier in the year, but were recognized at the recent Public Library Directors' meeting in May.

Sissy Bullock, Director of the Union County Library System (left), and Sharon Tollison, Director of the Carroll County Library System (right), were presented their certificates by MLC Executive Director Hulen E. Bivins. Both of these library systems received Star Library status in the Level I funding category.

Mississippi Library Stars were presented to the best-scoring libraries in the state, recognizing the three highest-scoring library systems in each of four expenditure categories. The Mississippi Library Stars were awarded to libraries for their performance in Fiscal Year 2017 (October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017). Congratulations to these library systems!

TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE

Collaborative Summer Library Program Teen Video Challenge

Do the teens in your library like to make videos? Encourage them to participate in the Collaborative Summer Library Program 2019 Teen Video Challenge this summer! This year's Teen Video Challenge will be a NATIONAL contest and five winners will be chosen to receive a \$200 cash prize plus \$50 worth of summer reading materials for their library. *New* this year, the challenge will run through the summer, so you can hold video making programs in June and July. Videos can be submitted June 1 - August 2, 2019. These 60 second-or-less videos should be their interpretation of the 2019 slogan "A Universe of Stories." For more information, including complete contest rules, see: <https://www.csllreads.org/programs/teen-program/2019-teen-video-challenge/>

Opportunities For Libraries

FOUNDATION FOR THE MID SOUTH

The main priorities of this foundation are education, health, communities, and wealth building ("We enable communities to develop solutions to better conditions and improve lives.") They focus their funding in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. <http://www.fndmidsouth.org/grants/>

THE ANDREW MELLON FOUNDATION

The mission of the foundation is to endeavor to strengthen, promote, and, where necessary, defend the contributions of the humanities and the arts to human flourishing and to the well-being of diverse and democratic societies. <https://mellon.org/grants/grants-database/>

GE FOUNDATION

This organization has funded grants in libraries that support programs designed to improve the equity and quality of K-12 public education through collaboration and innovation to ensure that young Americans are prepared for careers in a global economy. Special emphasis is directed toward preparing students for college and careers. <http://www.gefoundation.com>

ASSOCIATION OF BOOKMOBILE & OUTREACH GRANT SERVICES (ABOS)

CAROL HOLE CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AWARD

The Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services remembers the services of Carol Combs Hole by offering three (3) \$500 travel grants to the ABOS conference in Omaha, NE, (October 23–25, 2019). The grant provides free conference registration with a stipend for travel expenses and/or accommodations for the conference. There is a July 31 deadline for applications. See: <https://abos-outreach.com/awards/>

REIMAN FOUNDATION

The Reiman Foundation accepts applications for grants with a focus on healthcare, education, the arts, and children. The application that is submitted has no specific form and therefore allows the applicant to provide the information they believe is most important to showcase the intended project and the benefit it will provide. For more information see: <http://www.reimanfoundation.org/grantapplicationinformation/>

SHELL OIL

Shell considers charitable contributions to eligible nonprofit organizations with priority given to organizations serving in or near US communities where Shell has a major presence. They seek to fund community, education, and/or environment-focused projects and organizations. They have a focus on civic and human needs in the community, promoting healthy lifestyles, and projects that promote access to underserved students and communities. They also focus on energy awareness, increasing interest in technical careers among students (STEM), and professional development in science and math among educators. They support K-12 programs that boost math and science skills, as well as university programs that aid engineering and geoscience students and departments. See: <https://www.shell.us/sustainability/request-for-a-grant-from-shell.html>

Inside the Commission

Technology Department News

Technology Staff Assist Delta Libraries



Technology staff members made a whirlwind trip through the Delta visiting the Marks, Clarksdale and Tutwiler libraries. At the Marks-Quitman County Public Library, they rewired the WiFi. While at the Carnegie Public Library of Clarksdale and Coahoma County, they performed a network analysis and installed a repaired computer. At the Tutwiler Library, part of the Tallahatchie County Library System, they installed new computers. Be sure to reach out to the MLC Technology Department if you need any assistance!

News from Talking Book Services



Join us in welcoming J.D. Burns as the new Circulation Librarian in Talking Book Services!

J.D. is tasked with checking in and maintaining Talking Books inventory and machines. He is always ready to assist with any other duties, including making sure patrons are receiving their books in a timely manner.

J.D. loves the sense that in, some small way, he is part of helping get books into the hands of people who need them. When asked why he likes libraries, he stated, "I love the overall concept of the library. In my opinion, access to the written word is one of the most important things in life, and the library gives that to people. Having access to so much knowledge, free of charge, is an incredible thing."

When he is not at work, J.D. probably has a guitar in his hands. Music is his passion and he has been playing for close to 18 years. He also loves to cook and enjoys experimenting with new recipes.

Talking Books Director visits Jackson Hinds Library System Branch



Mary Rodgers Beal, Talking Book Services Director, recently visited the Bolden Moore Library on Wiggins Road in Jackson. The library hosts the Westside Community Senior Organization in their meeting room Monday through Friday. The group gardens, makes quilts, and accesses computers and the internet at this library. Those in attendance were eager to hear about the services available through MLC's Talking Book Services program.



News from Administrative Services



Bobbie Green recently joined MLC as Purchasing Chief. Bobbie issues purchase orders and tracks property and assets for the agency. She started working for MLC in March of 2019.

Bobbie thinks libraries are important because they help people achieve their full potential by providing them with near limitless knowledge. She likes to read YA series, as well as science fiction. Her absolute favorite series is Becca Fitzpatrick's *Hush, Hush*. When she's not reading, Bobbie loves to help out with Vacation Bible School and Bible drills at her church. She's a country girl at heart, one who loves to fish and ride four wheelers. Welcome to MLC, Bobbie!



New Kits Available!

Check out these new additions to MLC's Special Collections available for loan to libraries for **FREE!**

littleBits Code Kits

- Includes 16 bits
- Engages up to 3 people
- Includes 10 Lessons
- Requires **FREE** App
- Ages 8 and up



littleBits Gizmos and Gadgets Kits



- Includes 15 bits
- Engages up to 3 people
- Booklet of 12 projects
- Ages 8 and up

littleBits STEAM Student Kits

- Includes 10 open-ended invention challenges
- Includes 19 bits
- Engages up to 3 people
- Ages 8 and up



littleBits Synth Kits

- 12 bits included
- Booklet of 10 projects
- Ages 14 and up



Escape Room

- Three thrilling scenarios to play.
- For Ages 16 and up.
- For 3 to 5 players.



Going, Going, GONE!

- Board Game
- Ages 8 and up
- For 2 to 6 players
- Playable in 20 minutes

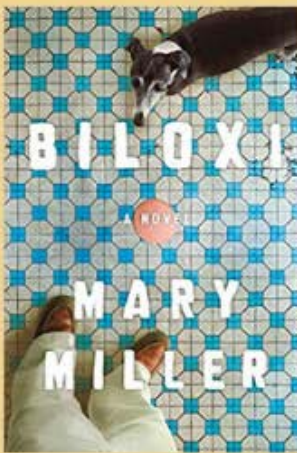


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MLC's Newest Book Club in a Box Kits



Biloxi: A Novel
by Mary Oliver



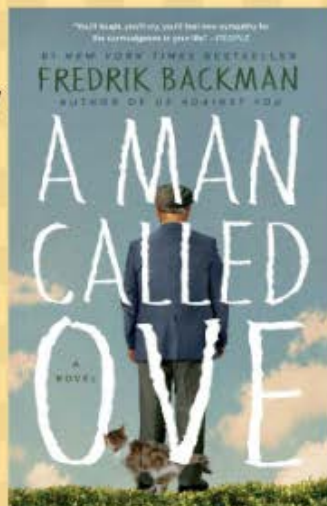
- Genre: Southern Fiction
- Theme: Second act
- 10 copies
- Discussion Guide

Girl in Hyacinth Blue
by Susan Vreeland



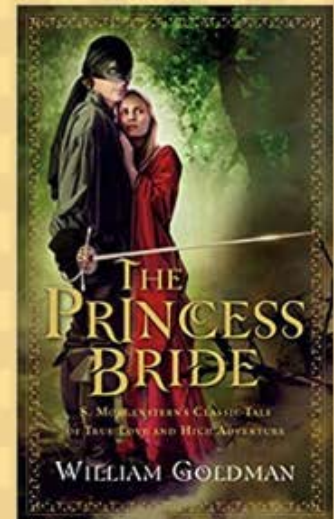
- Genre: Biographical Fiction
- Theme: Life in art
- 10 copies
- Discussion Guide

A Man Called Ove
by Fredrik Backman



- Genre: Contemporary Fiction
- Theme: Confronting Mortality
- 10 copies
- Discussion Guide

The Princess Bride
by William Goldman



- Genre: Fantasy Fiction
- Theme: To the rescue!
- 10 copies
- Discussion Guide

Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic

by Alison Bechdel



- Genre: Autobiographical Graphic Novel
- Theme: Family and Relationships
- 10 copies
- Discussion Guide

The BFG

by Roald Dahl

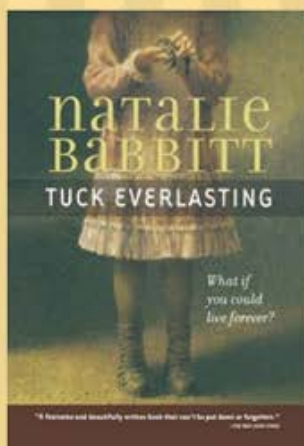


- Genre: Children's Classic
- Themes: Slaying the dragon
- 10 copies
- Discussion Guide

Tuck Everlasting

by Natalie Babbitt

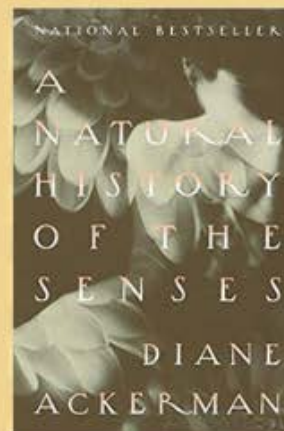
- Genre: Children's Classic
- Theme: Be careful what you wish for
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- Discussion Guide



A Natural History of the Senses

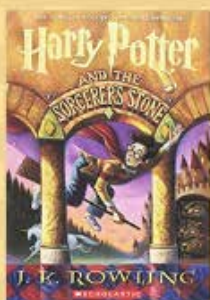
by Diane Ackerman

- Genre: Science Writing
- Tone: Impassioned
- 10 copies
- Discussion Guide



Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

by J. K. Rowling



- Genre: Fantasy Fiction
- Theme: Hidden Heritage
- 10 copies
- Discussion Guide

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Do you want to know everything going on at MLC but you just don't do social media? Well, we have a way for you to keep up with all of the news! Visit the MLC Blog at: <http://mlceref.blogspot.com/>.

The blog is filled with all sorts of great stories, so be sure to check it out!

MLC Calendar

June 12	Tech Academy: Wordpress
July 4-5 23	State Holiday - Agency Closed Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 15-16 17	Public Library Directors' Meeting Mississippi Book Festival
Sept 2 24	State Holiday - Agency Closed Board of Commissioners Meeting

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