

# Vanceleave Public Library

## Quarterly News



Vanceleave Public Library, located in Vanceleave, Mississippi, is a welcoming community hub that offers a wide range of resources and services to residents of all ages. The library provides a well-curated collection of books, periodicals, and digital media, catering to diverse interests and educational needs. In addition to its traditional library services, Vanceleave Public Library hosts various programs, including storytime for children, gaming clubs, artistic programming, and cultural events, fostering a sense of community and lifelong learning. The facility has computer workstations, free Wi-Fi, and comfortable meeting areas, making it a convenient and accessible space for enrichment and leisure. Whether you're looking to borrow a book, attend a program, or enjoy camaraderie with friends, Vanceleave Public Library is a valuable resource for the local community.

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# Meet the Staff



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# 3rd Annual Fall Festival

**October 12th at 10 am**



Thank you to our wonderful Friends of the Library President, Noell Gonzalez and our amazing staff for all your hard work in planning these events.

**FREE**

**All the carnival games are FREE!**

**There is a small charge for the cake walk and concessions.**

Mark your calendars for a day of excitement at our 3rd Annual Fall Festival on October 12, from 10 AM to 3 PM! This year, we're bringing even more fun by combining this with our **annual fall craft show**, where you can explore unique, handmade goods from talented local artisans. Plus, don't miss the chance to check out our car show, featuring stunning **antique and classic cars** – or showcase your own pride and joy!

Get in on the action with our FREE upgraded carnival games, take a spin on the cakewalk, and savor mouthwatering treats at the affordable concession stand. Don't forget to show off your best costume for a shot at winning our costume contest!

Vendors and antique car owners are invited to join the festivities – it's a perfect opportunity to connect with the community and show off your creations and cars. With fun activities for all ages, it's the perfect event to enjoy with friends and family. This is one festive celebration you won't want to miss – see you there!

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# The Quilting Bees



Monday nights are full of creativity when our Vancleave Quilting Bees are in the building. For more information, call Lana Self at 228-218-0655.

The Vancleave Quilting Bees donated seven baby quilts to the Gulfport Women's Resource Center in April, followed by a donation of twelve quilts to Elijah's Closet in Biloxi in July, benefiting children in foster care. The Bees gather every Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the library meeting room. Their mission is to foster a fun and educational environment where quilters can enhance their skills and immerse themselves in the art of quilting. Meetings feature technique exchanges, fabric swaps, quilting tips, and charity projects. The public is welcome to join.

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## Win a one-of-a-kind Tammy Rice Gift Basket!

Congratulations Mr. Kenny! He was the July winner of our gift basket! Each month we award someone with a gift basket to thank them for checking out the most items in the library for that month. You might be the next one if you hurry in for lots of good reads or movies!

If you're interested in winning one of Miss Tammy's unique gift baskets, there's another way to enter. Visit the library and purchase a \$2 raffle ticket, sponsored by the Friends of the Vancleave Library.



## Speaking of Friends

We always like to make new ones! Consider joining the Friends of the Vancleave Library. Friends are civic-minded citizens, who know that any community becomes better when its libraries are improved. They work to raise funds to support the enhancement and expansion of public library services and programs for all segments of the community. Call the library for more information. 228-826-5857



**Meetings on the third Thursday of  
each month at 5 pm**

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# Book Nook with Laura L



**Laura is a clerk at the Vancleave Public Library that all of our patrons rely on for book reviews. She is extremely well-read and loves to recommend a good book! Thank you for all you do Miss Laura!**

## *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros

Rebecca Yarros' *Fourth Wing* is a captivating and exhilarating novel that masterfully blends fantasy, romance, and adventure elements. It is set in a terrifying world where dragons and their riders must continually fight for survival. The story follows Violet Sorrengail, a determined young woman striving to prove herself in a competitive and dangerous environment. Yarros's writing is vivid and engaging, drawing readers into a tale filled with intrigue, intense danger, epic battles, and heartfelt moments. The character development is superb, with Violet emerging as a relatable and resilient heroine. *Fourth Wing* is a thrill to read. It keeps readers on the edge of their seats, I could not put it down.

## *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn

Kate Quinn's *The Briar Club* is a historical novel with vines of romance and suspense. Quinn's vivid storytelling transports readers to an era of espionage and bravery during the post-World War II, McCarthy era. The characters are richly developed, each bringing their own unique perspectives and depth to the narrative. The plot is intricately crafted, filled with unexpected twists and turns that keep readers on the edge of their seats. Quinn's meticulous attention to historical detail and her ability to blend fact with fiction makes *The Briar Club* not only an engaging story, but also an enlightening glimpse into the complexities of war and the resilience of the human spirit. This novel is a must-read for fans of historical fiction and those who appreciate a well-told, emotionally resonant story.

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# Fourth Friday Food Trucks

We want to give a shout-out to the town of Vancleave for your amazing support of our food trucks on the fourth Friday of each month. We have had the pleasure of enjoying some of the best the Gulf Coast has to offer. Thankyou to the food trucks that have served us thus far. If you have a food truck you would like to bring to the library call Noell at 816-977-4724. She is the president of our sponsor, The Friends of the Vancleave Library. Thanks Guys! (in no particular order)

## Fourth Friday **FOOD** TRUCKS



**Taqueria Olvera**

**Flourish**

**Frankie Faye's Good Eatin'**

**Mann Kettle Corn**

**Papa's Peanuts**

**Burger Box**

**Captain Earl's**

**Noni's Ice Box**

**One Two Grill**

**D'Chef Craig**

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# What's Happening?

## critter Tasting!



Maybe you have always wanted to taste a creepy crawly! Or perhaps you just want to laugh at someone else doing so! Either way, you do not want to miss two spooktacular events at the Vancleave Library this fall! Call the library for more information. 228-826-5857

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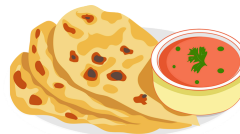


# A Look Back at the Adult & Family Summer Library Program

Adult library programs are vital in empowering individuals and strengthening communities. As the summer season draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the enriching and diverse range of programs offered by the library for adults. This summer has been filled with opportunities for learning, creativity, and community engagement. Join us as we recap the highlights of this summer's events and look forward to upcoming opportunities.



1. Chili Cookoff: The summer kicked off with a sizzling Chili Cookoff, where local chili enthusiasts showcased their culinary skills. Participants and attendees enjoyed a variety of spicy, savory, and unique chili recipes, making it a fun and flavorful event.



2. Snacking Around the World: This program took attendees on a delicious global journey. Each session featured snacks from different countries, providing a taste of diverse cultures and cuisines. Participants not only enjoyed tasting exotic treats but also learned about the origins and traditions behind them.

3. Scenescapes Painting Program: Art enthusiasts gathered for the Scenescapes Painting Program, where they explored their creative side by painting while listening to classical music. Participants painted beautiful landscapes and scenes, bringing their imaginations to life on canvas. This program was perfect for both beginners and experienced painters looking to refine their skills.

4. Murder Mystery Dinner Theater: The summer programs concluded with an exciting Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. Attendees enjoyed a night of intrigue, suspense, and delicious food as they worked together to solve a thrilling whodunit. It was an evening filled with laughter, mystery, and community spirit.



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# Fall Adult & Family Programming

- **Sept. 12th, 4 pm Tie-Dye:** Join us for a fun-filled evening as Matt Gard teaches us tie-dye techniques! Please bring a white or pastel cotton T-shirt.
- **Sept. 18th, 4 pm Financial Planning Program with Navigator Credit Union:** Get expert advice on managing your finances and planning for the future in this informative session.
- **Oct. 12th, 10 am Fall Festival, Craft Show, and Antique Car Show**
- **Each Mon. 12 pm Cards with Friends:** Join fellow card game enthusiasts for a friendly and fun card-playing experience.
- **Each Thurs. 1 pm Dominoes Club:** Test your skills and strategy in our Dominoes Club, perfect for both beginners and seasoned players.
- **Each Mon. 4 pm Quilt Club:** You are welcome to join us as a member or a guest as we explore and share patterns, tips, and techniques! For more information, call Lana Self at 228-218-0655.
- **Each Wed. 10 am Crochet Club:** If you are a beginner or a expert, join us to learn and share techniques and gain inspiration.
- **Each Fri. 10 am Free Yoga with a qualified Yoga instructor.** Relax and stretch your way to better health.

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# A Look Back at the Youth & Teen Summer Library Program

**Escape the Library:** Our youth engaged in an immersive and intellectually stimulating event where they had to work collaboratively to solve a series of puzzles and riddles.

**Scavenger Hunt:** Using teamwork and strategic thinking the youth had to look for clues to find hidden treasures in the library.

**Adventures in Cake Decorating:** Youth were given a specified time to decorate a cake in the given theme of Create Your Own Adventure. The results were astounding.

**Survive the Library:** Our participants had to navigate **MESSY** and often **SMELLY** obstacles and complete tasks to "survive" and exit the game.



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# Youth & Teen Fall Programming



Storytime Every Thursday at 10 am

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**Aug. 13th, 4 pm Bubble Art:** Tailored for elementary-age children, this imaginative workshop will combine the fun of blowing bubbles with the creativity of painting on canvas. It provides a unique opportunity for artistic expression through interactive play.

**Aug. 20th, 4 pm Bug Tasting:** A teen-requested program, where youth will explore entomophagy by sampling various types of edible insects, including worms and crickets. This experience encourages culinary curiosity and discussions about sustainable food sources.

**Sept. 4th, 1 pm Egg Drop Challenge:** Designed for homeschoolers, this STEM-focused activity invites participants to engineer protective structures for eggs, safeguarding them from a high drop. It fosters problem-solving skills and creativity in engineering.

**Sept. 10th, 4 pm DIY Fall Slime:** A delightful and accessible program for elementary children, where participants will create their own fall-themed slime. This hands-on activity promotes sensory exploration and fun.

**Sept. 17th, 4 pm Comic Creating:** A stimulating challenge for ages 12-17, this program will encourage participants to develop their own comic strips. It will focus on enhancing storytelling and artistic skills in a supportive and creative environment.

**Oct. 2nd, 1 pm Homeschool Pumpkin Volcano Library Program:** This innovative educational program will allow homeschool students to explore the intersection of science and creativity through a hands-on activity. Participants will construct their own "volcanoes" using pumpkins and engage in a dynamic chemical reaction demonstration that mimics volcanic eruptions. This program not only fosters a deeper understanding of chemical reactions and scientific principles but also encourages creativity and problem-solving.

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