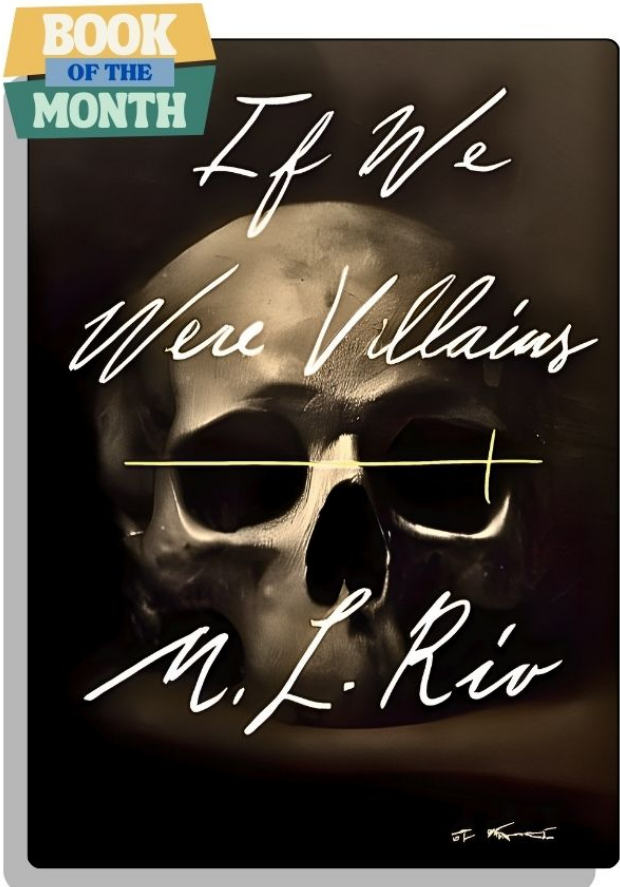


BOOK CLUB READS



IF WE WERE VILLAINS by M.L. RIO

OLIVER MARKS HAS JUST SERVED TEN YEARS IN JAIL – FOR A MURDER HE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE COMMITTED. ON THE DAY HE’S RELEASED, HE’S GREETED BY THE MAN WHO PUT HIM IN PRISON.

Detective Colborne is retiring, but before he does, he wants to know what really happened a decade ago.

As one of seven young actors studying Shakespeare at an elite arts college, Oliver and his friends play the same roles onstage and off: hero, villain, tyrant, temptress, ingenue, extra. But when the casting changes, and the secondary characters usurp the stars, the plays spill dangerously over into life, and one of them is found dead. The rest face their greatest acting challenge yet: convincing the police, and themselves, that they are blameless.

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OUR NEXT BOOK:
The Tattooist of Auschwitz
by Heather Morris

Upcoming Book Club Dates
April 22nd, 2025
May 27th, 2025



Just a few of our members!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

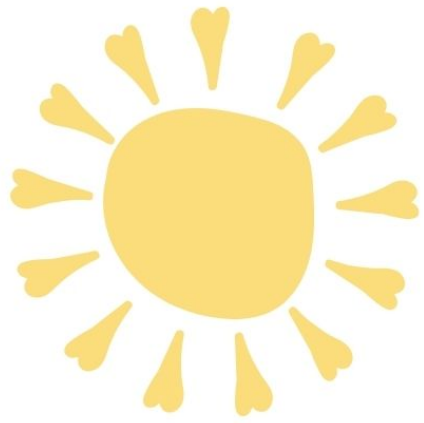


Call today to sign up your child for our monthly Sit! Stay! Read! program. Bring your own book or select one of ours and read to our furry friends here at the library.

Next event :
April 26th 10-12pm



The **Bienville Animal Medical Center** partnered with the OS Library for a **Stuffed Animal Clinic**. It was so much fun! We will definitely be having this family event again in the future.



Third Wed.
Every Month!
5-6pm

LEGO CLUB
NOW TWICE A MONTH!



April 1st and 15th
3:30-5:00PM



Join us every
Wednesday at 10am
for Pre-K Storytime.

This story time is for all ages from babies to elementary school aged children. We have stories, songs, flannel boards, and crafts. We look forward to seeing you there!



Lap-sit Storytime
This story time is babies up to toddlers. Join us on **Tuesdays at 11am** for songs, finger play and board books.



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

THE OCEAN SPRINGS MUNICIPAL LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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HAPPY SPRING FROM THE OS LIBRARY!

April is here, and with it, Spring, warm weather, rain, and a whole lot of going-ons here at your local library! Here's a look at what's happening this month:

- On **Saturday, April 5th** from **1pm to 2pm** Join instructor Erica Ables of the de l'Epee Deaf Center as she teaches participants the basics of sign language. **Registration is required** and can be made by calling the library at **228-875-1193** or approaching the library circulation desk.
- On **Saturday, April 12th** from **12pm to 2pm** the library will host Urban Foraging 101 with Mark W. LaSalle, naturalist and wetland ecologist. Participants will also be invited afterward to the children's park to spot wild-growing edible plants.
- On **Saturday, April 19th** from **9am to 3pm** The Mississippi Early Childhood Inclusion Center from USM will be offering free developmental screenings for children age birth to 5 years old. **Registration is required and must be made** by emailing chandra.harper@usm.edu or calling **601-266-4745**.
- On **Saturday, April 26th** from **2:30-3:30pm**, join author **Juanita Green Hollinghead** as she leads a presentation on her new Mississippi True Crime Novel, ***Beyond the Green Widow: Consequences of the Piney Woods Creek Murders of 1921***.
- **April 7th-30th** the OS Library will be host to **Through the Lens: Copiah County Truck Farming Exhibit** sponsored by the Mississippi Dept. of Archives and History, and the Friends of the Ocean Springs Library.



COMING SOON

Join us **Saturday May 31st** from **10AM to 2 PM** at the Ocean Springs Civic Center, 3730 Bienville Blvd. in Ocean Springs for our JGRLS **Summer Library Program Kick-off party**. There will be live music, food trucks, foam fun, and games and prizes.

Scan this code for
vendor application



MONTHLY EVENTS FOR ADULTS

- **Watercolor Class**- Second Mondays at 10am
- **All Abilities Story Time**- Third Mondays at 10am
- **Teatime Crafternoon**- Fourth Tuesdays at 2pm
- **Evening Book Club**- Fourth Tuesdays at 5pm
- **Gaming Club (All Ages)**- Third Wednesdays at 5pm
- **Bingo**- Third Thursdays at 2pm
- **Puzzle Competition**- First Saturdays at 10am
- **Library Mystery Society**- Second Saturdays at 12pm



Community Outreach

March 3rd - Senior Memory Cafe

MARDI GRAS EDITION was held at the **OS Senior Citizen Center**. We **CROWNED ROYALTY** with **2025 KING Bill Mullen** (2nd picture) & **2025 QUEEN Colleen Butler** (3rd picture.) We were especially lucky to have **2025 HONORARY QUEEN Lolly Cauthen** (4th picture).

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler as the King & Queen led a parade down the aisle and threw beads for all to catch! There was also a moment where the Mardi Gras King toasted his Mardi Gras Queen, and they *both* were gracious enough to toast the whole court!

March 29 - Ocean Springs Fresh Market

The Ocean Springs Fresh Market is open every Saturday, rain or shine. All vendors are local. It is located in **Downtown Ocean Springs, near the old Train Station**. Come out & visit with us as we catch some great deals on produce and other items!

IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

April 10th @11:30am - Friends of the Library Meeting - Will be held in the Meeting room at the **OS Library**. Upcoming Meeting Dates: **May 8th, June 12th, and July 10th**. Would you like to become a Friend of OS Library? Ask for more details at the front desk.

April 7th @9:30am - Senior Memory Cafe - The **April 7th Easter** Edition will be held at the **Ocean Springs Senior Center**. Visit us as we bring in Springtime with good memory to grow upon. Also look out for **May 5th Cinco de Mayo** Edition. Be prepared, for as they say, Summer in the South is *'caliente'*.

April 17th @10am - Health Fair and Fruit Market - Will be held at the **Ocean Springs Senior Center**. We will be handing out resource information at our table as well as items to Seniors. Come out to chat with us about all things Library!

April 19, 2025 @10am - Earth Day - Will be held at the **Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center** (1600 Gov. St.). Join the O.S. Environmental Alliance for a day of family fun! Enjoy the live music as well as informational booths & more!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Summer is almost here, so that means the **Summer Library Reading Program** is right around the corner! Would you or someone you know like to Volunteer for our Summer events? Our **Summer Kick-off Party** will be held on **May 31st** at the **Ocean Springs Civic Center**. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please call the front desk at the OS Library, or email our Manager, J. Thompson at **osmgr@jgrls.org**.



A BIT OF FUN

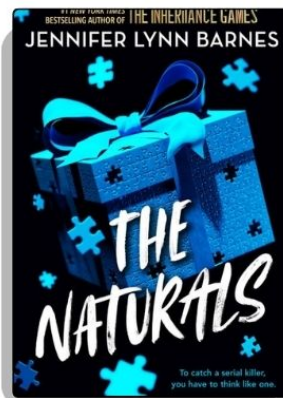
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FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Teen Book Club!

Join us for Teen Book Club at Snow & Boba on **Thursday, April 24th @ 5:30pm**. It is located at the Parkside Square Plaza across from the Ocean Springs Hospital.

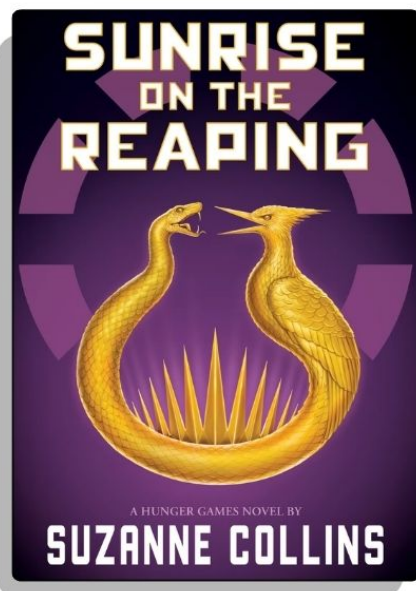


This past month's book was ***The Naturals*** by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

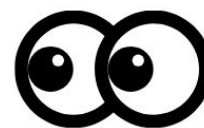


Tween/Teen Drawing

 Arcade Games
  Snacks
 Drawing
  Music
1st and 3rd Wed.
4:00-6:00 PM
Ages 10-18



New Book Look!



SUNRISE ON THE REAPING

A *Hunger Games* novel by Suzanne Collins

When you've been set up to lose everything you love, what is there left to fight for?

Return to the deadly dystopian world of **The Hunger Games** in this prequel starring Haymitch, Katniss Everdeen's wisecracking mentor as he faces his own run in the games 25 years before the original trilogy... and the events that turned him into the cynical man we were first introduced to back in 2008.

#dystopia #science-fiction #fantasy

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For You!

Volunteer - Need service hours for school? Want to do something at the library? Ask us about volunteering!

Drawing Club - April 9th & 23rd - Bring your favorite drawing supplies and enjoy an evening with friends!

Teen Book Club - April 24th at Snow & Boba in Parkside Square Plaza (Same shopping center as Rouses).