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Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts Fall Intersession Events Featuring the Return of PBS Kids Afternoon Block

Moss Point, MS — With the Moss Point School District operating on a **year-round calendar**, the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library is excited to offer a full slate of **Fall Intersession programs** to keep children, teens, and families engaged during the school break. Running **September 29 through October 11**, the library's schedule includes educational, creative, and recreational activities for all ages, highlighted by the **return of the PBS Kids Afternoon Block**.

PBS Kids Afternoon Block:

The PBS Kids Afternoon Block is a **weeklong series of educational and entertaining programs** designed for children and families, running **October 3–10, 1:00–3:00 p.m. daily**. The block combines entertainment with learning, encouraging literacy, creativity, and critical thinking. Children can enjoy classics like *Reading Rainbow*, *The Busy World of Richard Scarry*, and *Carl the Collector*, as well as newer adventures including *Yeti Tales*, *Lyla in the Loop*, *Milo*, and *Cadjet*.

Daily Schedule of PBS Kids Showings:

- **Friday, Oct 3:** *Reading Rainbow*
- **Saturday, Oct 4:** *Carl the Collector*
- **Monday, Oct 6:** *The Busy World of Richard Scarry*
- **Tuesday, Oct 7:** *Yeti Tales*
- **Wednesday, Oct 8:** *Lyla in the Loop*
- **Thursday, Oct 9:** *Milo*
- **Friday, Oct 10:** *Cadjet*

Fall Intersession Highlights:

- **Family PJ Storytime & Ukulele Exploration:** Sept 29 | 3:00 PM & 4:00 PM
- **Island Hopping Storytime & Youth Book Club:** Sept 30 | 10:00 AM & 4:30 PM
- **Community Game Night – Learn to Play Everdell & LEGO Challenge:** Every Wednesday | 4:00–6:00 PM
- **Mad Hatter's Day Tea Party & Family Storytime:** Oct 6 | 3:00 PM
- **Brickstorm – LEGO Brainstorming Challenge:** Oct 8 | 4:00 PM
- **Youth Horror Escape Room & Jitterbug & Jive Storytime:** Oct 7 & 9 | 10:00 AM–5:00 PM (Youth 11–17)

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Library Director Angela Stewart says, “Year-round schooling provides shorter breaks, and our Fall Intersession programming is designed to complement the school schedule while keeping children engaged in fun, educational, and creative activities. The return of PBS Kids Afternoon Block is a highlight, offering children the opportunity to explore stories and characters that support learning, creativity, and social-emotional growth.”

Safety and Accessibility:

Children under age 11 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver aged 16 or older. All events are free and open to the public, making them accessible for families across Moss Point.

For more information or to register for programs, call the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library at **228-475-7462** or visit www.jgrls.org.

Jackson-George Regional Library System Highlights Free Digital Resources for Homeschool and Tutoring Enrichment

Jackson & George Counties, MS— The Jackson-George Regional Library System (JGRLS) is committed to supporting students, parents, and educators with free, high-quality digital tools that serve as valuable aids for homeschoolers, tutoring sessions, and classroom instruction. From early learning to advanced research, these resources are designed to meet Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) requirements while also providing engaging enrichment opportunities.

“Our homeschool workshops have shown us how important it is for families to have access to reliable, easy-to-use resources,” said **Amber Mahon, St. Martin Library Branch Manager**. “Whether a parent is teaching a kindergartener or a high schooler, JGRLS offers tools that make learning accessible for all ages.”

Among the highlighted resources is **Transparent Language Online**, a comprehensive language-learning program that supports Mississippi students in meeting MDE’s foreign language requirements. With lessons in more than 110 languages, learners can practice vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation from home or on the go.

“Foreign language is often one of the biggest challenges for homeschool families,” noted **Jeanne Damiano Assistant Director CMS/IT**. “Transparent Language Online gives students the confidence to succeed with a flexible and interactive format, and parents love that it’s free with a library card.”

Students researching current events, writing essays, or preparing citations can take advantage of **NewsBank**, a trusted database that provides up-to-date news coverage and primary sources. The platform also offers suggested topics, making it easier for students to connect news to curriculum-based assignments.

“NewsBank has been a favorite with our families who need reliable sources for research papers,” said **Jim Thompson, Ocean Springs Library Branch Manager**. “It’s a great way for students to stay informed about the world while developing strong writing and critical-thinking skills.”

For younger learners, **ABCmouse** and **Adventure Academy** are available through JGRLS, offering engaging activities and games that support early childhood education and foundational skills in reading, math, science, and more.

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“These programs make learning fun and interactive for children,” added **Letha Boulton Assistant Director/Branch Services**, “which helps foster a love of learning from the very beginning.”

The Jackson-George Regional Library System invites families, tutors, and educators to explore these free resources today. All that’s needed is a library card, which can be obtained at any JGRLS branch.

Featured E-Resources at a Glance

Families, homeschoolers, and educators can access the following tools free with a JGRLS library card by visiting **www.jgrls.org**:

- **ABCmouse** – Early learning activities for children ages 2–8.
- **Adventure Academy** – Immersive games and lessons for ages 8–13.
- **Transparent Language Online** – Learn over 110 languages; meets MDE foreign language requirements.
- **NewsBank** – Reliable news sources, current events, and research support.
- **Freegal Music** – Stream and download music with your library card.
- **Libby by OverDrive** – Download eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines.
- **Scholastic Teachables** – Printable lessons, worksheets, and activities for teachers and parents.
- **Explora for Students** – Research tool designed for K–12 students.
- **HeritageQuest** – Genealogy records and family history tools.
- **Ancestry Library Edition** – Access genealogical data (in-library use).

EAST CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information, contact:

Lynn Rainey branch manager – 228-588-6263

East Central Public Library Invites Families to Join “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” Challenge

HURLEY, MS – The East Central Public Library is excited to launch the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** program, designed to inspire a lifelong love of reading in young children. This free, year-round challenge encourages families to read together and track their progress—one book at a time.

The program is open to children from birth to age 5. Even repeated books count, and families can earn a small prize for every 100 books read. After reaching the 1,000-book milestone, participants will receive a special prize to celebrate their achievement.

Sign-ups begin this September at East Central Public Library. “Reading with your child every day builds vocabulary, strengthens bonds, and lays the foundation for future learning,” said Lynn Rainey, branch manager.

Read it and reap—1,000 adventures await!

East Central Public Library Presents: “Do You Know the Unknown?”

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Get ready for a spooky, fun challenge at East Central Public Library! **For four weeks in October**, test your cryptid knowledge by guessing the **Cryptid of the Week**.

Participants who guess correctly will receive a **unique info card** with fascinating stats and facts about each mysterious creature. Here's a free hint for all cryptids: **they are American!**

Join us and see if you can uncover the unknown...if you dare!

East Central Public Library Hosts LEGO Car Derby for All Ages!

Get ready, builders and racers! East Central Public Library invites families and LEGO enthusiasts of all ages to a **LEGO Car Derby** on **Monday, October 6 at 2:00 PM**.

Participants will get to **design and build their own LEGO race cars** and collaborate to create a **custom LEGO racetrack** for the ultimate showdown. Test different builds, race against friends, and cheer on your fellow builders as cars zoom (or sometimes fly!) down the track.

All LEGO bricks are provided, just bring your creativity and competitive spirit! This **drop-in event** is perfect for kids, teens, and adults who love hands-on fun.

East Central Public Library Celebrates Library Fun Week!

Get ready for an action-packed week of **games, races, and hands-on fun** at East Central Public Library, **21801 Slider Rd.**, from **October 6–10!**

Library Fun Week Schedule:

- **LEGO Car Derby** – October 6 at 2:00 PM: Build and race your own LEGO cars!
- **Switch Fun Day: Mario Edition** – October 7 at 1:00 PM: Game on with your favorite Nintendo characters!
- **RC Car Races** – October 8 at 2:00 PM: Zoom your remote-controlled cars down our exciting track.
- **Switch Fun Day: Fighter Edition** – October 9 at 1:00 PM: Test your skills in epic gaming battles.
- **Camp-In Adventure** – October 10 from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Cozy up with blanket forts, campfire stories, crafts, and more!

All events are **open to all ages**, offering families and gamers a chance to connect, play, and explore the library in fun new ways.

For more information, call **228-588-6263** or visit www.JGRLS.org. Follow us on Facebook: **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

East Central Public Library Hosts RC Car Races

Start your engines! East Central Public Library invites racing enthusiasts of all ages to **RC Car Races** on **Wednesday, October 8 at 2:00 PM**.

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Participants will **build a custom RC racing track** out of cardboard and then test their cars in high-speed action. From ramps and turns to unique obstacles, all supplies to create the course will be provided, you just bring your **RC car** and competitive spirit.

This hands-on event is perfect for kids, teens, and adults who love **creativity, engineering, and racing fun**. Come race, cheer, and see whose car crosses the finish line first!

East Central Public Library Hosts Switch Fun Day: Fighter Edition

School's out, and the battles are on! Join **East Central Public Library** for **Switch Fun Day: Fighter Edition** on **Thursday, October 9 at 1:00 PM**.

Gamers ages 10 and up are invited to spend the afternoon playing popular Nintendo Switch fighting games, including **Super Smash Bros. Ultimate**, **Nickelodeon All-Star Brawl**, and more. Bring your own controllers if you have them or grab one at the library and jump into the action.

Whether you're smashing, brawling, or teaming up with friends, this drop-in event is the perfect chance to test your reflexes and show off your gaming skills!

East Central Public Library Hosts Spooky Skull Painting Event

Get ready to add a little spooky fun this season at **East Central Public Library**! On **Thursday, October 9, starting at 3:00 PM**, join us for a **creepy skull painting workshop**.

All supplies will be provided thanks to the **Friends of the East Central Public Library**, so just bring your creativity and get ready to craft a uniquely spooky masterpiece. This event is perfect for all ages looking to get into the Halloween spirit!

East Central Public Library Invites Families to Indoor Camp Day

Get ready for a **cozy indoor adventure** at East Central Public Library on **Friday, October 10, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM**! No tents required—just bring your imagination.

Kick off the day with **campfire dogs at noon**, then enjoy a full afternoon of fun:

- **Campfire stories**
- **Campfire songs**
- **Walking s'mores**
- **Campfire crafts**
- **Shadow puppets**
- **Blanket fort building** (bring your favorite stuffed animal and blanket!)

This event is **open to all ages**—perfect for families looking to share a magical camp experience indoors. Come camp in together with us at the library!

East Central Public Library Welcomes Community Heroes!

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HURLEY, MS – East Central Public Library invites families to a **special Storytime** with local heroes! Join **Sheriff Ledbetter, K-9 Officer Lars, and Sergeant Montgomery** for a morning of reading, singing, and learning about safety in a fun and interactive way.

This exciting event will take place **at East Central Public Library on October 23 at 10:00 AM**. Don't miss this chance to **meet your community heroes** and snap a photo with them after storytime! It's the perfect opportunity for kids and families to learn, have fun, and connect with those who keep our community safe.

KATHLEEN MCILWAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY OF GAUTIER

For more information contact: Cory Joiner, Branch Manager – 228-497-4531

Weekly Story Time at Gautier Public Library

Gautier, MS – The **Gautier Public Library** invites families to join us every **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** for **Story Time**, a fun and interactive program designed for children ages **0–5**.

Each week, little ones will enjoy a lively blend of **music, movement, and picture book read-aloud**, all designed to support early literacy and a love for reading. Story Time is a perfect opportunity for parents and caregivers to bond with their children while helping them build important pre-reading skills. No registration required, just drop in and join the fun!

Gautier Public Library Hosts Fall-Themed 3-D Printed Earrings Craft

Gautier, MS — The Gautier Public Library invites the community to get creative this season with **“It’s Fall Y’all! 3-D Printed Earrings,”** happening on **Saturday, October 11 at 12:00 p.m.**

Participants will enjoy a hands-on craft session painting 3-D printed earrings, just in time to celebrate fall in style. All supplies are provided, and space is limited. Guests are encouraged to call the library in advance to reserve a spot.

Celebrate the season, show off your creativity, and take home a one-of-a-kind accessory!

For more information or to register, please contact the Gautier Public Library at (228) 497-4531.

Gautier Public Library Hosts Page Turners Monthly Book Club Featuring Taylor Jenkins Reid

Gautier, MS — The Gautier Public Library invites the community to its next *Page Turners Monthly Meeting* on **Saturday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m.** This month's spotlight is on acclaimed author **Taylor Jenkins Reid**, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling writer of *Daisy Jones & The Six* and *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*.

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The Page Turners Book Club is the perfect place for readers to connect, share insights, and enjoy lively discussion about the book of the month as well as other recent reads. Snacks and refreshments will be generously provided by the **Friends of the Gautier Public Library**.

Come be part of the welcoming atmosphere and discover your next favorite book!

For more information, contact the Gautier Public Library at (228) 497-4531.

Gautier Public Library Hosts 6th Annual Fall-O-Ween Festival

Gautier, MS — The Gautier Public Library is excited to welcome families to its **6th Annual Fall-O-Ween Festival** on **Saturday, October 25, from 12:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

This family-friendly event will feature an afternoon of games, prizes, candy, and seasonal fun for all ages. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

The Fall-O-Ween Festival has become a cherished community tradition, bringing families together to celebrate autumn in a safe and festive environment.

For more information, contact the Gautier Public Library at (228) 497-4531.

Gautier Public Library Hosts Monthly Trivia Night at Antonio's Pizzeria, New Date and Time

Gautier, MS — Think you know it all? Put your knowledge to the test at **Trivia Night with the Gautier Public Library**, held at **Antonio's Pizzeria** on the **last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.**

Enjoy an evening of fun, food, and friendly competition while supporting your local library. Trivia Night is free to play and open to all—bring your friends, form a team, and see if you have what it takes to be the champions!

This event is made possible through the generous sponsorship of **Spanish Trail Lanes Bowling Center**, **Antonio's Pizzeria**, and the **Friends of the Library – Gautier**.

Gautier Public Library Welcomes New and Returning Members to Monthly Friends of the Library Meeting

Gautier, MS — The Gautier Public Library invites community members to join the **Friends of the Library Monthly Membership Meeting**, held every **third Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.** at the library.

These meetings offer an opportunity to support and shape the future of the library through discussions on fundraising, marketing, and event planning. Members also provide valuable feedback and ideas for programs and services that benefit the entire community.

Annual membership is just **\$5 for individuals** or **\$10 for families**, with corporate sponsorships beginning at **\$25**. New members are always welcome!

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LUCEDALE-GEORGE COUNTY LIBRARY

For more information contact: Katy Osborne, branch manager (601) 947-2123

Lucedale-George County Public Library Welcomes Families to Weekly Story Time

LUCEDALE, MS – The Lucedale-George County Public Library invites young children and their caregivers to join **Story Time every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** Each session features delightful stories, songs, and fun activities designed to spark imagination and nurture a love of reading from an early age.

This family-friendly event provides a wonderful opportunity for children to develop early literacy skills in a welcoming environment.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Expands LEGO Club to Twice a Month

Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library is excited to announce that its popular **LEGO Club** will now meet **twice a month!** Children and families are invited to join the club every **1st and 3rd Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.** for an hour of creative building and fun.

The library provides all LEGO bricks, while participants bring the imagination and inspiration. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact the Lucedale-George County Public Library at (601) 947-2123.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Invites Community to Join “Friends of the Library”

Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library is seeking new members to join the **Friends of the Library**, a volunteer group dedicated to supporting and enhancing library services. The Friends meet on the **first Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m.**

The Friends of the Library play a vital role in helping the library grow into an exceptional resource, capable of meeting the informational and educational needs of the community. Members assist with fundraising, special programs, advocacy, and community outreach.

Community members are encouraged to call, stop by the library, or attend the next meeting to learn more about becoming a Friend.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Launches Teen Crochet Club

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LUCEDALE, MS – Teens are invited to unwind and get crafty at the Lucedale-George County Public Library's **Teen Crochet Club**, meeting on the **last Tuesday of every month at 4:00 p.m.** Whether you're just learning or already a crochet pro, this club is the perfect place to chill, chat, and create fun projects.

All crochet supplies are provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own. Snacks will be generously provided by the Friends of the Lucedale-George County Public Library.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Welcomes Local Author C. E. Williamson

Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library invites the community to a special **Author Meet & Greet** with local writer **C. E. Williamson** on **Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 a.m.**

Williamson will share insights from his new book, *The Killing of a Whale and Other Tall Tales*—a collection described as part love letter to the short story form and part exploration of his Southern roots. Blending horror, humor, and heartfelt truths, his stories promise to linger long after the last page is turned.

Attendees will have the chance to hear from the author, ask questions, and enjoy an engaging morning of storytelling and conversation. For more information, contact the library at (601) 947-2123.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Home School Yuck Party

Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library invites home school students and families to a fun and quirky **Home School Yuck Party** on **Monday, October 6 at 1:00 p.m.**

Participants are encouraged to bring a **homemade snack or dessert** that looks suspiciously yucky—but is secretly delicious! In addition to tasty treats, the event will feature **yucky-themed crafts and games** for everyone to enjoy. All home school children and their parents are welcome to join this playful and creative afternoon. For more information, contact the Lucedale-George County Public Library at (601) 947-2123.

Lucedale-George County Public Library to Host Free Medicare Seminar

Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library will host a **Free Medicare Seminar** on **Monday, October 6, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** This educational session is designed to make Medicare easier to understand, offering clear, practical information without jargon or sales pressure.

Topics covered will include:

- What Original Medicare is and why it was created
- Understanding Medicare, Parts A, B, C, & D
- How Medicare relates to Medicaid
- Enrollment periods and how to avoid penalties
- Real-life examples and case studies

The seminar will also include an **open Q&A session** so participants can get their questions answered directly. This is an **informational event only**; no marketing or plan-specific discussions will take place. For more information, contact the Lucedale-George County Public Library at (601) 947-2123.

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Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Teen Leathercraft Workshop

Lucedale, MS — Teens are invited to a **hands-on leathercraft program** at the Lucedale-George County Public Library on **Thursday, October 9 at 4:00 p.m.** Participants will create their own **custom leather belt pouch**, perfect for carrying essentials to the upcoming Forest of Fae Renaissance Faire.

This workshop introduces basic leathercraft techniques, including cutting, punching, and stitching. All materials are provided, and attendees will leave with a one-of-a-kind pouch they crafted themselves.

For more information, contact the Lucedale-George County Public Library at (601) 947-2123.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Pumpkin Decorating Event

Lucedale, MS — Get ready for some spooky fun at the **Lucedale-George County Public Library!** Children are invited to **paint and decorate their very own foam pumpkins** on **Thursday, October 14, at 4 p.m.** This creative activity is perfect for kids looking to get into the Halloween spirit. Foam pumpkins won't rot, so these festive creations can be enjoyed year after year!
For more information, please contact the library.

Lucedale-George County Public Library to Participate in George County Fair

Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library is heading to the **George County Fair** this October! Stop by the library's table in the **Exhibit Hall from October 12–18** to learn more about library services, programs, and resources.

Library staff will be on-site **Tuesday, October 14, and Thursday, October 16**, with fun games, giveaways, and a **free raffle** for all ages to enjoy. Prizes are made possible by the **Friends of the Lucedale-George County Public Library**. Come see us at the fair, we can't wait to meet you! For more information, contact the library at (601) 947-2123.

Lucedale-George County Public Library to Host "Smartphone 101" Class

Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library, in partnership with **C Spire**, will host a free **Smartphone 101** educational session on **Wednesday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m.**

This workshop is designed to help participants become more comfortable using smartphones and other smart devices. Whether you struggle with settings, apps, or just feel like cell phones and technology don't mix—this class will break it down in an easy-to-understand way.

The program is open to customers with **any wireless provider**.

For more information, call the Lucedale-George County Public Library at (601) 947-2123.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Fall Scrabble Tile Craft Program

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Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library invites the community to get creative this fall with a special **Scrabble Tile Crafting Program** on **Thursday, October 16 at 4:00 p.m.** Participants will enjoy making fun, personalized crafts using Scrabble tiles—perfect for gifts or seasonal decorations.

No crafting experience is required, and all supplies will be provided by the library. For more information, call the Lucedale-George County Public Library at (601) 947-2123.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Home School Internet Safety Program

Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library, in partnership with **Singing River Connect**, invites home school students to a special **Internet Safety program** on **Friday, October 17 at 2:00 p.m.**

Elementary-aged children will learn the **SMART way to stay safe online** with the help of **Webby the Cat** in this fun and educational session. The program is open to all home schoolers in the community.

For more information, visit Singing River Connect or contact the library at (601) 947-2123.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Home School Literacy Fair

Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library invites home school students and families to celebrate reading at the **Home School Literacy Fair** on **Thursday, October 23, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Students from Kindergarten through 12th grade are encouraged to present **storyboards about their favorite books**, showcasing creativity and literary enthusiasm. Submissions will be **judged by library staff**, and exciting prizes will be awarded for first place in each age group.

This event is open to all home school students. For more information on entry requirements or participation, please call or stop by the library at (601) 947-2123.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Family Recipe Edition of Cookbook Club

Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library invites the community to the final **Cookbook Club of 2025** on **Thursday, October 30 at 1:00 p.m.**

This month's theme is **"Family Recipe Edition"**, celebrating the flavors of home. Participants are encouraged to bring one of their favorite family recipes to share, swap with another participant, and enjoy during a communal potluck. Guests will also leave with new recipes filled with tradition and cherished memories.

New to Cookbook Club? Stop by the front desk to leave your family recipe and pick up another to try at home. Cookbook Club will resume in **January 2026**, so don't miss this festive finale of the year! **Lucedale-George County Public**

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Trick-or-Treat Week of Spooky Fun

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Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library invites families to celebrate Halloween with **Trick-or-Treat Week**, running **Monday, October 27 through Friday, October 31**.

Each day will feature a **different spooky activity** for children to enjoy. Participants who complete the challenge will receive a **fun prize!** This event is free and open to the public. For more details, call the library at (601) 947-2123.

Library to Host Haunted Story Time on Halloween

Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library invites families to a spooky celebration on **Friday, October 31** with a **Haunted Story Time** featuring the interactive children's classic *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything* by Linda Williams, illustrated by Megan Lloyd.

Story times will be offered at **12:00, 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m.** Space is limited, and families are encouraged to call the library in advance to reserve a time slot.

It's the only day of the year when a little bit of screaming is permitted in the library—so come ready for a spook-tacular time! For more information or to register, please contact the Lucedale-George County Public Library at (601) 947-2123.

INA THOMPSON MOSS POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information, contact: Liz Murphy, branch manager (228) 475-7562 ext. 2303

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts Themed Storytimes in October

Moss Point, MS — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites children and families to enjoy a month of **imaginative and engaging Storytimes** this October. Each program features stories, songs, and fun activities centered around a special theme.

Schedule of October Storytimes:

- **Monday, October 6:** *Mad Hatter's Day Tea Storytime*
- **Tuesday, October 7:** *Jitterbug and Jive*
- **Tuesday, October 14:** *Kiwi, Koalas, and Kangaroos – Animals from Down Under*
- **Saturday, October 18:** *Family Storytime – Monster, Monster Go Away!*
- **Tuesday, October 21:** *Lovely Leaves*
- **Tuesday, October 28:** *Magical Mail*

These programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at (228) 475-7462.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts Braille Enhanced StoryWalk® Featuring *The Scarecrow*

Moss Point, MS – The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites families to experience a Braille Enhanced StoryWalk featuring *The Scarecrow* by Beth Ferry & The Fan Brothers. The StoryWalk is displayed outdoors,

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allowing visitors to follow each page of the story while strolling along the library grounds and enjoying the autumn breeze.

This special StoryWalk combines literacy, outdoor activity, and accessibility, making reading a fun and inclusive experience for children and families of all abilities.

The StoryWalk is free and open during regular library hours at the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library, 4119 Bellview Ave., Moss Point.

For more information, call (228) 475-7462 or visit www.JGRLS.org. Follow the Jackson-George Regional Library System on Facebook and Instagram @JacksonGeorgeLibrary.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Invites Adults to a Whimsical Mad Hatter Tea Party

Moss Point, MS — Step into Wonderland at the **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library** for a topsy-turvy celebration in honor of **Mad Hatter Day!** Adults ages **18 and up** are invited to enjoy an afternoon of tea, treats, and playful nonsense on **Monday, October 6 at 2 PM.**

Guests are encouraged to dress as their favorite Wonderland character—whether it’s the Mad Hatter, Alice, the Queen of Hearts, or simply in your best tea party attire. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

“Mad Hatter Day is all about fun and whimsy,” says Branch Manager Liz Murphy. “We’re excited to give adults a chance to relax, dress up, and enjoy a bit of Wonderland magic here at the library.”

Space is limited—don’t miss your chance to be part of the tea! Reserve your spot today by calling **228-475-7462** or signing up in person.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts Ink & Ashes: Youth Edition Escape Room

Moss Point, MS — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library dares teens ages **11–17** to test their wits in the **Ink & Ashes: Youth Edition Escape Room** on **Thursday, October 9 at 3:00 PM.**

Step into the **Library of Literary Nightmares** and see if you can:

- Break out of **Dracula’s crypt** 🧛‍♂️
- Solve **Frankenstein’s riddle** 🧑‍🔬
- Escape the **Goblin Market** 🧝‍♂️
- Survive the **haunted hotel** 🏠
- Face off with **Poe’s raven** 🦇

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With only **45 minutes on the clock**, will you escape before time runs out? Costumes are welcome, but escape is not guaranteed.

Space is limited—reserve your spot today by calling **228-475-7462** or signing up in person at the library.

This thrilling teen event is proudly sponsored by the **Friends of Moss Point Library**.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Announces Exciting Fall Intersession Events for Families and Youth

Moss Point, MS – The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites children, teens, and families to join a variety of fun, educational, and interactive programs during the upcoming fall intersession. Events run from **September 29 through October 11**, offering something for every age and interest!

Highlighted Events Include:

- **Family PJ Storytime** – Sept 29, 3 PM: Snuggle in your pajamas for stories and songs.
- **Ukulele Exploration** – Sept 29, 4 PM: Discover music and rhythm in a hands-on session.
- **Youth Book Club** – Sept 30, 4:30 PM: Discuss favorite books with peers.
- **Community Game Night & Learn to Play: Everdell** – Every Wednesday: Fun and strategy for all ages.
- **LEGO Challenge: Brickstorm** – Oct 2 & 7, 4–6 PM: Brainstorm and build with LEGO bricks!
- **PBS Kids Afternoon Block** – Oct 3–10, 1–3 PM daily: Enjoy classics and new favorites, including *Reading Rainbow*, *The Busy World of Richard Scarry*, *Carl the Collector*, *Yeti Tales*, *Lyla in the Loop*, *Milo*, and *Inspector Gadget*.
- **Mad Hatter's Day Tea Party** – Oct 6, 3 PM: A whimsical tea-time experience for the whole family.
- **Youth Horror Escape Room** – Oct 7, 10 AM: A spooky adventure for ages 11–17.
- **Family Storytime & Jitterbug & Jive** – Oct 8–9: Stories, music, and movement for children.

For more information about these events or other programs, please call **228-475-7462** or visit www.jgrls.org.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Presents: Ink & Ashes Family Escape Room

Moss Point, MS — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites families, teens, and adults to test their wits in a chilling adventure with the **Ink & Ashes: Family Escape Room** on **Saturday, October 11**, with sessions at **10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, and 2 PM**.

Designed for ages **10 to adult**, this unique escape room challenges participants to solve literary puzzles and escape before time runs out. Children ages 10–15 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to participate.

Step into the **Library of Literary Nightmares**—where the stories read you! Will you...

- Tiptoe past Dracula's crypt without waking him? 🧛‍♂️
- Piece together Frankenstein's scattered parts. 🧑‍🔬
- Haggle your freedom in the Goblin Market? 🧚‍♀️
- Survive a ghostly sleepover at the Overlook Hotel? 👻

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- Outwit Poe's pesky raven, who only says "Nevermore"? ☞

Participants will have **45 minutes** to rebound the book and escape, but beware: every story has a bone to pick. Costumes are encouraged, screams are optional, and survival... uncertain. **Space is limited**, so reserve your spot today by calling **228-475-7462** or signing up in person at the library. This spooky and imaginative program is proudly sponsored by **The Friends of Moss Point Library**.

The Return of PBS Kids Afternoon Block Brings Fun, Learning, and Adventure to Moss Point Families

Moss Point, MS — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library is thrilled to announce the **return of the PBS Kids Afternoon Block**, a weeklong series of educational and entertaining programming designed for children and families. The event will run **October 3–10, from 1:00–3:00 p.m.**, offering a safe, welcoming space for children to enjoy some of their favorite PBS Kids shows.

The PBS Kids Afternoon Block combines entertainment with learning, encouraging creativity, literacy, and critical thinking through beloved programs. Children can look forward to classics such as *Reading Rainbow*, *The Busy World of Richard Scarry*, and *Carl the Collector*, as well as newer adventures like *Yeti Tales*, *Lyla in the Loop*, *Milo*, and *Cadget*.

Daily Schedule of Showings:

- **Friday, Oct 3:** *Reading Rainbow*
- **Saturday, Oct 4:** *Carl the Collector*
- **Monday, Oct 6:** *The Busy World of Richard Scarry*
- **Tuesday, Oct 7:** *Yeti Tales*
- **Wednesday, Oct 8:** *Lyla in the Loop*
- **Thursday, Oct 9:** *Milo*
- **Friday, Oct 10:** *Cadget*

Branch Manager Liz Murphy says, "We are so excited to bring back PBS Kids Afternoon Block! These programs provide children with a chance to engage with stories and characters that promote learning, creativity, and social-emotional growth. We encourage families to join us for this week of fun and educational entertainment."

Safety and Accessibility:

Children under age 11 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver aged 16 or older. The event is free and open to the public, making it accessible for all families in the Moss Point community.

For more information about PBS Kids Afternoon Block or other programs at the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library, please call **228-475-7462** or visit www.jgrrls.org.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Presents: The Vampire – A Thrilling Evening of History and Lore

Moss Point, MS — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites adults to an evening of chills, thrills, and fascinating history with "**The Vampire**" on **Thursday, October 23 at 5:00 PM**.

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Led by **Daphne**, this special program will explore the mysterious origins, folklore, and cultural impact of vampires throughout history. From ancient myths to modern tales, discover how these legendary figures have captivated imaginations for centuries.

This event is open to adults ages **18 and up**. **Space is limited**, so participants are encouraged to secure their spot by calling **228-475-7462** or signing up in person at the library.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Presents: Tales from the Dark – A Screening of *Woodlands Dark and Days Bewitched: A History of Folk Horror*

Moss Point, MS — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites film and horror enthusiasts to an exclusive screening of the acclaimed documentary “**Woodlands Dark and Days Bewitched: A History of Folk Horror**” on **Saturday, October 25 at 10:30 AM**.

This **NR-rated documentary** explores the evolution of folk horror, tracing its roots from the 1970s to its cultural resurgence today. Featuring voices from filmmakers and scholars—including **Dennis Widmyer, Kevin Kölsch, and Piers Haggard**—the film delves into the haunting power of folk traditions, landscapes, and myths that shaped one of the most enduring horror subgenres.

Presented as part of the library’s **Movies & Chill** series, this screening is free and open to the public.

Tales from the Dark promises an eye-opening journey through the eerie, the uncanny, and the culturally specific manifestations of folk horror across the globe.

For more information, please call **228-475-7462** or visit www.jgrls.org.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts “Let’s Talk with Our Hands: Intro to Sign Language”

Moss Point, MS — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library is proud to partner with **De L’Epée Deaf Center, Inc.** and the **Catholic Diocese of Biloxi** to offer a 6-week introductory course in **American Sign Language (ASL)** beginning this fall.

Classes will be held at the library starting at **4:30 PM** on the following dates:

- October 21 & 28
- November 4, 18, & 25
- December 2

“**Let’s Talk with Our Hands: Intro to Sign Language**” is designed for beginners and those at an intermediate level, providing a supportive and interactive environment to learn ASL basics. Participants will explore vocabulary, grammar, and conversational skills to help communicate more effectively with members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

“Whether you want to communicate with a loved one or simply learn a new skill, this program is a meaningful way to connect and broaden understanding,” said Branch Manager Liz Murphy.

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Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Reserve your spot by calling **228-475-7462** or signing up in person at the library. **as space is limited. Reserve your spot by calling 228-475-7462 or signing up in person at the library.**

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Invites You to the Midweek Literary Society

MOSS POINT, MS — Escape the midweek blues and immerse yourself in great stories at the **Midweek Literary Society** at the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library. Meeting **every other Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.**, this welcoming group is the perfect retreat for book lovers of all kinds. Discover new reads, share your thoughts, and enjoy lively conversations in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

No commitment is required, just bring your curiosity and your love of reading. Whether you're exploring fiction, nonfiction, or anything in between, you'll find a community ready to turn the middle of your week into a literary adventure.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Launches Youth Book Club

Moss Point, MS – The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites young readers to join its **Youth Book Club**, meeting every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

The club offers a welcoming space for kids and teens to read, reflect, and relate through stories. Participants can share their thoughts, explore new genres, and build friendships through the love of reading.

For more information, contact the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library.

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For more information, contact: Jim Thompson, Branch Manager (228) 857-1193

Ocean Springs Municipal Library & Walter Anderson Museum of Art Present: Picnic Under the Stars

Ocean Springs, MS — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library and the Walter Anderson Museum of Art invite the community to *Picnic Under the Stars* on **Friday, October 3, from 6:00–10:00 p.m.** at The Traveler, 1007 Joseph St., Ocean Springs, MS.

This free family-friendly event features stargazing and cosmic conversations with **Jon Talbot**, a locally renowned astrophotographer and PixInsight expert. Jon has captured stunning night sky imagery from his backyard observatory on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and shares his passion through workshops and presentations across the Southeast.

Picnic baskets will be available for purchase, and attendees can enjoy yard games, sidewalk chalk, and a night of family fun under the stars. For more information, call the Ocean Springs Municipal Library.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts International Soda Tasting

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Ocean Springs, MS — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites the community to explore the world of fizzy beverages at its *International Soda Tasting* on **Saturday, October 4, from 2:30–3:30 p.m.**

From ginger ales to cherry sodas and plum pops, this fun and educational event takes participants on a flavorful journey through the history and evolution of sodas from around the world. The event is designed for all ages.

Registration is required. To sign up, call the Ocean Springs Municipal Library

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Harvest Baking Challenge

Ocean Springs, MS — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites community bakers to showcase their culinary skills at the *Harvest Baking Challenge* on **Saturday, October 18, from 1:00–2:00 p.m.** Participants are encouraged to bring their best seasonal baked dessert for the chance to win prizes in three categories: *Best Tasting, Best Presentation, and Best Creativity Using Seasonal Ingredients*. Registration is required to compete. Don't miss this fun and flavorful celebration of the fall season! For more information or to register, call the Ocean Springs Municipal Library.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts All Hallows' Eve Party

Ocean Springs, MS — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites the community to its **All Hallows' Eve Party** on **Thursday, October 30th, from 5:00–6:00 PM**. Families, children, adults, and pets are welcome to enjoy music, dancing, treats, and prizes for the best costumes. The event is **sponsored by Friends of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library and Marco's Pizza**. For more information, call **228-875-1193** or visit us on Instagram and Facebook at [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/JacksonGeorgeLibrary).

Ocean Springs Library Offers Homeschool Curriculum Swap

Ocean Springs, MS — The **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** is excited to announce a new resource for homeschooling families: the **Homeschool Curriculum Swap**.

This free program provides families the flexibility to share curriculum materials they no longer need and exchange them for resources that better fit their current learning plans. The swap encourages community support, reduces waste, and helps families discover new tools to enrich their homeschool journey, all at no cost.

Families are welcome to bring in gently used curriculum to contribute and browse what others have shared. Whether you are new to homeschooling or a seasoned educator, this swap is a practical way to connect, share, and save.

Win Big While Supporting the Library: Beau Rivage & Fallen Oak Golf Package Raffle

Ocean Springs, MS – The **Friends of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library** invite you to take part in an exciting raffle for a luxurious getaway—all while supporting a great cause!

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The **Beau Rivage – Fallen Oak Golf Package Raffle** includes:

Two rooms for one night at the **Beau Rivage Resort**

Golf package for four at the exclusive **Fallen Oak Golf Course**

A \$200 **Food & Beverage Credit**

Total package value: \$1,700

Ticket Prices:

\$25 for 1 ticket | \$100 for 5 tickets

Drawing Date: October 31, 2025

Proceeds benefit **Our Library, Our Lifeline**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit supporting programs and resources at the Ocean Springs Municipal Library.

Tickets are available now at the **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** or online by scanning the QR code provided.

Don't miss your chance to experience world-class golf and relaxation—**enter today and support your library!**

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Weekly Lapsit Story Time

Ocean Springs, MS – The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites parents and their little ones to join **Lapsit Story Time with Mrs. Amanda** every **Tuesday at 10 a.m.** This weekly program is designed especially for babies and toddlers, offering a cozy and welcoming space to share stories, songs, and soothing activities. Families can relax together while building early literacy and social skills in a nurturing environment. For more information, call the Ocean Springs Municipal Library

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Weekly Story Time with Mrs. Amanda

Ocean Springs, MS – The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites families to **Weekly Story Time with Mrs. Amanda**, held every **Wednesday at 10 a.m.** This special program is designed for Pre-K children and features stories, songs, and crafts that encourage creativity, learning, and fun. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join as their little ones explore the joy of reading and interactive activities in a warm, welcoming space. For more details, call the Ocean Springs Municipal Library.

All-Abilities Story Time

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ Are you looking for a fun and engaging activity to participate in? Join us at Ocean Springs Municipal Library every third Monday at 10 for All Abilities Story Time! Our story time is designed for adults who are differently abled but is open to all ages. You won't want to miss out on the fun and engaging stories that we have lined up, paired with a sensory-filled craft. Our program is inclusive, so everyone is welcome to join us.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Launches Weekly Mahjong Club

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Ocean Springs, MS — The **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** is excited to announce the start of its new **Mahjong Club**, meeting **every Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Whether you're an experienced player or brand new to the game, everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Mahjong is a classic, tile-based game enjoyed worldwide that combines skill, strategy, and a little bit of luck. Come learn, play, and make new friends in a relaxed and friendly setting. For more information, call **228-875-1193** or visit www.jgrls.org.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Monthly Bingo for Adults

Ocean Springs, MS — **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Monthly Bingo for Adults**

The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites adults to join the fun at its **Monthly Bingo Program**, held every **third Thursday at 2 p.m.** Test your luck, enjoy friendly competition, and win great prizes provided by the **Friends of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library**. This program is free and open to the public. Don't miss out on an afternoon of laughter, prizes, and community fun! For more information, call the library at **228-875-1193**.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Invites You to Join the Monthly Cookbook Club

Ocean Springs, MS — Food lovers are invited to stir up something delicious at the **Ocean Springs Municipal Library's Cookbook Club**, meeting on the **third Saturday of every month from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Each month, participants choose a featured cookbook or culinary theme, select recipes to try at home, and then gather for a fun and flavorful potluck to share dishes, rate recipes, and discuss their cooking adventures. It's the perfect way to explore new cuisines and meet fellow food enthusiasts!

For more information or to sign up, visit the library's front desk or call **228-875-1193**.

Teens & Tweens Drawing Club

Ocean Springs, MS — Calling all young artists ages **10–18!** The **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** invites you to join the **Tween/Teen Drawing Club** held **every other Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Whether you're a beginner or a budding pro, this club is the perfect place to sketch, doodle, or design in a chill, come-and-go environment. Supplies will be available—but you're welcome to bring your own if you prefer! Hop in late or leave early—this flexible club is made just for you.

[31] Upcoming Dates for 2025:

- July 2, 16, 30
- August 13, 27
- September 10, 24
- October 8, 22

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- November 5, 19
 - December 3, 17
- (No meeting December 31)

For details, call **228-875-1193** or visit www.jgrls.org.

Puzzle Competition

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Monthly Puzzle Competition**

The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites puzzle lovers of all ages to join its **monthly Puzzle Competition**, held every **first Saturday at 10 a.m.** Participants may bring their own teammates or join a group on-site to compete in a timed challenge: complete a puzzle before the buzzer! The first team to finish—or come the closest—wins the coveted **“Golden Innie” trophy** and bragging rights until the next competition. Registration is free and available at the Ocean Springs Municipal Library or by calling **228-875-1193**. Don’t miss this chance to test your skills, meet fellow puzzle enthusiasts, and enjoy some friendly competition!

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Teen Book Club at Snow & Boba

Ocean Springs, MS – The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites teens ages 13–18 to join the Teen Book Club, meeting the last Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at Snow & Boba (3100 Bienville Blvd., Ocean Springs). This is a fun, relaxed book club where teens can connect over books of all kinds, dystopian, sci-fi, manga, romance, and more. There’s no pressure to finish a book before coming, and it’s okay to show up late! Teens can grab a shaved snow or bubble tea and enjoy a laid-back space to share their love of reading.

For more information, contact the Ocean Springs Municipal Library.

Join the Ocean Springs Gaming Club!

Monthly Event for Gamers of All Ages

Ocean Springs, MS _The **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** invites all gamers to join us for the **Ocean Springs Gaming Club**, held on the **third Wednesday of every month from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. Whether you're a fan of **Warhammer, Magic: The Gathering, Pokémon, Dungeons and Dragons**, or just looking for some fun **board games** and **video game tournaments**, this event has something for everyone!

Bring your own gear or use our library’s collection and get ready for an exciting gaming experience. **Snacks and drinks** will be provided, courtesy of the **Friends of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library**. It’s a great way to meet new people, have fun, and show off your gaming skills!

Event Details:

- **Date:** Third Wednesday of Every Month
- **Time:** 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Ocean Springs Municipal Library
- **Ages:** All ages welcome

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Explore Flavors & Friendship at the Ocean Springs Cookbook Club

Ocean Springs, MS – The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites food lovers and home cooks to join the **Cookbook Club**, meeting every **third Saturday of the month from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**.

Each month, members select a cookbook theme and bring a dish to share, discuss, and rate in a fun, potluck-style gathering. From timeless classics to global cuisines, there's always something new to taste and talk about! The club meets at the library, located at **525 Dewey Ave**. For more information, call 228-875-1193 or follow us @JacksonGeorgeLibrary on Facebook and Instagram.

Come hungry and leave inspired! 🍴📖

Evening Book Club

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ Ocean Springs Municipal Library is holding an Evening Book Club every 4th Tuesday of the month. You are invited to join us at 5 PM to discuss the selected book of the month and socialize with new friends. This book club is perfect for those who are looking for fresh recommendations, engaging discussions, diverse opinions, and new connections. If you want to know which book has been chosen for the month, you can call 228-875-1193 or inquire at the front desk. Don't miss out on this incredible display of talent and culture!

Adult Water Class

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ Ocean Springs Municipal Library is pleased to announce its upcoming adult program - Watercolor Class. This class will be held every second Monday at 10 AM. Whether you are a beginner or an expert, you are welcome to join us for this monthly art class. Marianne, our experienced instructor, will teach a short lesson each month. In the rest of the class time, you can enjoy soft music, paint, and make new friends. If you are interested in this class, please call 228-875-1193 or visit the library to register. We look forward to seeing you there!

Memory Café for Seniors

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ The Ocean Springs Municipal Library has collaborated with the Ocean Springs Senior Center to organize a monthly Memory Café for seniors. The café will take place on the first Monday of each month at 9:30 AM, and attendees will meet at the Senior Center located at 515 Washington Ave. During the café, participants will discuss various topics, including popular dates, events, and personal memories. To make the event more fun, a trivia round with prizes will be held at the end of each session.

Library Mystery Society

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OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ Ocean Springs Municipal Library is hosting a monthly event called "Library Mystery Society" every second Saturday at Noon. This is an opportunity for you to work with your fellow community members and solve the mystery of the month. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Unwind with Crafting and Tea at Ocean Springs Municipal Library's Monthly "CRAFTernoon" Teatime"

Ocean Springs, MS — The **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** invites adults to enjoy a peaceful and creative break during **"CRAFTernoon" Teatime**, held on the **fourth Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m.**

Relax with a cup of tea while crafting something fun and unique in a friendly, welcoming environment. Each month features a different simple craft project perfect for all skill levels.

Space is limited, so please register in advance by visiting the library's front desk or calling **228-875-1193** to reserve your spot and learn about the upcoming craft. For more information, visit www.igrls.org.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library – Calling All Builders!

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ Get ready to build, create, and have fun at the **LEGO Club at Ocean Springs Municipal Library!** Now meeting **twice, a month** on the **first and third Tuesday** from **3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**, we've got all the LEGO pieces you need to bring your imagination to life! Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Join us for an afternoon of creativity and building excitement! Don't miss out – we can't wait to see what you'll create!

Sit, Stay and Read!

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ You are invited to bring your children to the Ocean Springs Municipal Library on the last Saturday of the month to participate in our "Sit, Stay, Read!" program. This program, sponsored by Visiting Pet Teams of South Mississippi, allows children to read to licensed therapy dogs and is designed to boost confidence in early and young readers. The program will run from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM starting in September. Remember to sign up at least one day before the program by calling or visiting the library. We look forward to seeing you there!

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For more information contact: George Broadus, Branch Manager (228) 769-3060

Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Weekly Preschool Storytime

Pascagoula, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library invites families to join **Preschool Storytime every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.** Children can enjoy a morning filled with stories, songs, and fun activities led by Ms.

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Sara. Storytime is designed especially for preschoolers, but children of all ages are welcome to participate. It's the perfect opportunity to spark a love of reading while making memories together.

Teatime Returns to Pascagoula Public Library

Pascagoula, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library is delighted to announce the return of its beloved *Tuesday Teatime* gatherings after a long remodeling break. Patrons are once again invited to enjoy a relaxing afternoon of warm tea, friendly conversation, and community connection in the library's newly refreshed space.

Teatime will be held **every Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Guests are welcome to bring their favorite mugs and join in the cozy atmosphere as they sip, socialize, and make lasting memories. For more information, call the Pascagoula Public Library at **(228) 769-3060**.

Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Silent Circle Book Club

Pascagoula, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library invites readers to take part in the *Silent Circle Book Club* on **Monday, October 20, 2025, from 5:00–6:00 p.m.** This unique club offers an hour of quiet reading followed by an optional, low-pressure discussion. Participants are encouraged to bring their own book, relax, and enjoy a welcoming space designed just for book lovers. To register or learn more, call the Pascagoula Public Library at **(228) 769-3060**.

Pascagoula Public Library Presents: Explore Cubism Through Art

Pascagoula, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library and the Friends of the Pascagoula Library invite the community to discover the world of *Cubism* on **Monday, October 20, at 5:00 p.m.**

This interactive program will include a brief lecture, a Q&A session, and a step-by-step demonstration to guide participants in creating their own Cubist-inspired artwork. All materials will be provided, making it the perfect opportunity for beginners and art enthusiasts alike to explore this bold and influential style.

For more information, call **(228) 769-3060** or visit the Pascagoula Public Library.

Pascagoula Public Library Invites Adults to a Spooktacular Coloring Night

Pascagoula, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library and the Friends of the Pascagoula Library invite the community to enjoy a relaxing and creative evening at *Adult Coloring Night* on **Thursday, October 23, from 4:00–5:30 p.m.** This special fall program combines cobwebs, crayons, and candy for a fun-filled Halloween-inspired activity. Adults of all skill levels are welcome—no supplies are needed, just bring your creativity and a friend!

Pascagoula Public Library Presents: Local Legends Night

Pascagoula, MS — Every town has its secrets... do you dare to hear ours? The Pascagoula Public Library invites the community to gather for *Local Legends Night* on **Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 5:00–6:00**

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p.m. From alien abductions and close encounters to singing spirits, river myths, and tall tales passed down through generations—this special event celebrates Pascagoula’s mysteries, legends, and local history.

Bring your own story or simply listen as we share the community’s most fascinating lore. All are welcome to join in the fun! For more information, call the Pascagoula Public Library at **(228) 769-3060**.

ST. MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information, contact: Amber Schultze, Branch Manager – (228) 392-3250

St. Martin Public Library Offers “What’s New in Canva – AI” Workshop

St. Martin, MS — The St. Martin Public Library invites the community to explore the latest AI features in **Canva**, the popular online graphic design tool, on **Monday, October 6, from 2:00–3:30 PM**. Learn how to create eye-catching flyers, presentations, spreadsheets, and more, while discovering how AI can simplify tasks and enhance your creative projects.

Canva is free and user-friendly, making it perfect for beginners and experienced users alike. **Call the library to sign up today!**

St. Martin Public Library Hosts Storytime with a Firefighter

St. Martin, MS — In celebration of **Fire Prevention Week**, the St. Martin Public Library invites children and families to **Storytime with a Firefighter** on **October 9th at 10:00 AM**. Jackson County Firefighters will share stories and engage with children while teaching about fire safety.

Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Come show your appreciation for our local heroes!

St. Martin Public Library Presents “Scams 101” Seminar

St. Martin, MS — The St. Martin Public Library will host a **Scams 101** presentation on **Tuesday, October 13 at 4:00 PM**, featuring **Starr Chapman**, Constituent Outreach Officer for Mississippi Attorney General **Lynn Fitch**. Attendees will learn essential information about **romance scams, grandparent scams, ID theft, medical fraud, deepfakes, AI-related scams, veteran scams**, and more. This informative seminar is free, but registration is required. Call **228-392-3250** to reserve your spot.

St. Martin Public Library Hosts Fairytale Pumpkin Painting for Adults

St. Martin, MS — Celebrate the magic of October at the **St. Martin Public Library** with a **Fairytale Pumpkin Painting** event on **Tuesday, October 14 at 3:00 PM**. Participants aged **18 and up** are invited to create their own pumpkin masterpieces in a relaxing, guided session—no experience required.

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All supplies are provided by the **Friends of the St. Martin Public Library**. Space is limited, so **call 228-392-3250 to register today**.

St. Martin Public Library Hosts Family Halloween Bash

St. Martin, MS — The St. Martin Public Library invites families to its **Halloween Bash** on **Monday, October 20, from 4:00–5:30 PM**. Children of all ages are welcome to dress up in costumes and enjoy games, fun activities, and light refreshments. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

This event is sponsored by the **Friends of the St. Martin Public Library**. For more information, call the library.

St. Martin Public Library Launches Book Talk for Teens

St. Martin, MS — The St. Martin Public Library invites teens aged **12–17** to its new **Book Talk for Teens** program on **October 27 and November 24 at 4:30 PM**. Participants can share what they're reading, discover new books, and enjoy fun, book-related activities.

This program is sponsored by the **Friends of the St. Martin Public Library**. Registration is required—call **228-392-3250** to reserve your spot.

St. Martin Public Library Hosts Adult Community Support Presentation

St. Martin, MS — The **St. Martin Public Library** invites adults ages 18 and up to join **Carla White** from the **South Mississippi Mental Health Center** for a presentation on **adult community support and IPS supported employment**.

The program will take place on **Wednesday, October 29, at 10:00 a.m.** This informative session will provide valuable insights into available resources and support systems for adults in the community.

Registration is required. To reserve your spot, please call **228-392-3250**.

LEGO Club Returns to St. Martin Public Library

ST. MARTIN, MS — Calling all young builders! The **St. Martin Public Library** is hosting **LEGO Club** on **Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16 at 3:30 p.m.** Children will explore their creativity by building unique projects based on different themes and challenges each month.

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The club is designed for ages 6 to 12, but all school-aged children are welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. The library provides all the LEGO bricks—participants just need to bring their imagination!

Homeschool Crafternoon

ST. MARTIN, MS __ Join us at the St. Martin Public Library on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month for our exciting Homeschool Crafternoon event! Bring your family and drop in anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to get creative in the Children's Library. After the craft session, feel free to stick around and mingle with other homeschoolers. No need to register, but it's preferable. This program is perfect for elementary-aged children and is made possible by the Friends of the St. Martin Public Library. Remember, children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult. We can't wait to see you there!

VANCELEAVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information, contact: Lauria Barton, Branch manager – 228-826-5857

Vanceleave Public Library Hosts Paper Bridge Challenge for Homeschoolers

Vanceleave, MS — The Vanceleave Public Library invites homeschoolers to put their engineering skills to the test in a **STEM Paper Bridge Challenge** on **Wednesday, October 1 at 1:00 PM**. Participants will design and construct the strongest bridge possible using only paper and their creativity.

This hands-on event encourages problem-solving, teamwork, and innovation. **Supplies are limited, so registration is required.** Sign up at the library's front desk or call **228-826-5857** to reserve your spot.

Vanceleave Public Library Hosts Halloween Treat Bag Crafting

Vanceleave, MS — The Vanceleave Public Library invites children ages **5–12** to get into the Halloween spirit with a **hands-on crafting session** on **Tuesday, October 7 at 4:00 PM**. Kids will design and decorate their very own treat bags—perfect for trick-or-treating in style!

Supplies are limited, so registration is required. Sign up at the front desk or call **228-826-5857** to reserve a spot.

Vanceleave Public Library Hosts “Nevermore” Poetry Reading and Craft

Vanceleave, MS — Step into the haunting world of **Edgar Allan Poe** at the **Vanceleave Public Library** during its **Nevermore Poetry Reading and Craft** on **Thursday, October 9 at 4:00 PM**. Enjoy dramatic readings of Poe's poetry and take part in an eerie craft activity.

Refreshments will be provided by the **Friends of the Vanceleave Public Library**. Supplies are limited, so advance registration is encouraged by calling **228-826-5857**.

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Vanceleave Public Library Hosts 4th Annual Fall Festival Featuring Cake Walks

Vanceleave, MS — The **Friends of the Vanceleave Public Library** invite the community to celebrate the season at the **4th Annual Fall Festival** on **Saturday, October 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

This family-friendly event will feature **fun games, delicious food trucks, local vendors, a bouncy house, and much more.** Guests can also take part in **cake walks held throughout the day** for a chance to win a tasty dessert.

The Fall Festival is the perfect way to enjoy an autumn afternoon while supporting the library. For more information, please call **228-826-5857**.

Vanceleave Public Library Hosts Foam Party at Fall Festival

Vanceleave, MS – Get ready for bubbles and fun! The Vanceleave Public Library will host a **Foam Party** during the Fall Festival on **Saturday, October 18, from 12–2 p.m.** on the library's back lawn.

Families are invited to jump into the foam pit and enjoy an afternoon of laughter and excitement. Don't forget to bring a towel, swimsuit or clothes that can get wet, and sunscreen.

For more information, contact the Vanceleave Public Library

Vanceleave Public Library Hosts Weekly American Mahjong Sessions

Vanceleave, MS — The **Vanceleave Public Library** invites both beginners and experienced players to enjoy weekly **American Mahjong** sessions every **Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.**

New to the game? Beginners are encouraged to attend the **first Tuesday of each month** for an introductory session. Players with prior experience are welcome to join on **all other Tuesdays** for casual, friendly games and strategy-sharing.

American Mahjong is a fun and engaging tile game that combines skill and luck—perfect for meeting new friends and enjoying a relaxing afternoon. For more information, call **228-826-5857** or visit www.jgrls.org.

Cards with Friends

VANCELEAVE, MS __ Vanceleave Public Library is hosting "Cards with Friends" every Monday at 12:30 pm. The Dominoes club members enjoyed their Thursday gatherings so much that they extended their time together. Participants can join on Monday afternoons for card games and lots of laughs. For more information, check at the front desk or call 228-826-5857.

Join Us for BUNCO at the Vanceleave Public Library!

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VANCLEAVE, MS __ Looking for a fun way to spend your afternoon? Please bring your friends and join us for BUNCO! The Friends of the Vancleave Public Library invite you to play every 4th Monday of the month at 12:30 PM. Meet us in the library meeting room for a lively time of free play and friendly competition! This event is intended for adults ages 17 and up, and seating is limited, so be sure to arrive early! For more information, call the library at 228-826-5857. We can't wait to see you there!

Kids Coding Club

VANCLEAVE, MS __ Vancleave Public Library invites kids to join the Kids Coding Club on the last Monday of every month at 4 PM. If you're interested in learning to code, this is a great opportunity to build your computer skills. A valid email address is required, and bringing your own laptop is optional. Please note that library computer space is limited. For more information, please call 228-826-5857.

Vancleave Quilting Bees Quilting Club

VANCLEAVE, MS __ Vancleave Public Library invites you to join the Vancleave Quilting Bees Quilting Club, meeting every Monday from 4 to 6 pm. This club is a place for fellowship and fun, united by a love for quilting. Whether you're a member or a guest, you're welcome to explore and share patterns, tips, and techniques. For more information, call Lana Self at 228-218-0655.

Storytime at Vancleave Public Library

VANCLEAVE, MS __ Vancleave Public Library invites you to Story Time every Thursday at 10:00 AM. Bring your little ones for a morning filled with reading, crafts, games, and fun!

Wednesday Crochet Club

VANCLEAVE, MS __ Join us at Vancleave Public Library on Wednesdays at 10 for Beginning Crochet. Let's learn a new skill together with an introductory lesson on the art of crochet. We kindly ask that you bring your own crochet hook and preferred color of yarn for this class, preferably a light color. This program is open to homeschoolers of all ages. To reserve your spot, please call 228-826-5857.

Thursday Dominoes Club

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VANCLEAVE, MS __ Vancleave Public Library hosts the Thursday Dominoes Club every Thursday at 1 pm. Participants can enjoy a variety of table games, including dominoes, Spades, or Scrabble. For more information, call the library at 228-826-5857.

Book Talk & Potluck: Food for Thought!

VANCLEAVE, MS __ The Vancleave Public Library invites you to the newly scheduled **Book Talk & Potluck: Good Reads and Great Eats!** Starting this month, we'll gather on the **first Wednesday of each month at 1 PM** to share our favorite stories and dishes. Bring a potluck item to share and join fellow book enthusiasts for a fun and flavorful discussion. Whether you're a foodie, a bookworm, or both, this event promises to satisfy your appetite for good reads and great company. See you at the library—don't forget your dish and your latest literary love!

“Library & Friendship—Words That Just Go Together!”

VANCLEAVE, MS – The Vancleave Public Library invites community members to connect, collaborate, and champion their local library by joining the **Friends of the Vancleave Library**. The Friends group meets on the **third Thursday of each month at 11 AM** to discuss upcoming programs, fundraising ideas, volunteer opportunities, and ways to enhance library services.

Whether you're a long-time patron or a brand-new resident, becoming a Friend is an easy—and meaningful—way to support literacy, lifelong learning, and community engagement right here in Vancleave. Annual dues are modest, meetings are informal, and fresh ideas are always welcome.

Why join?

- Shape future library events and services
- Help raise funds for projects and materials
- Build friendships with neighbors who share a love of reading and community

No RSVP needed for your first visit. Just stop by, say hello, and discover how “library” and “friendship” truly do go together! For more information, call **228-826-5857** or ask a staff member at the front desk.

Vancleave Food Truck Friday

VANCLEAVE, MS __ Vancleave Public Library invites you to join them on the fourth Friday of the month for a variety of food trucks from 11 am to 7 pm. For more information, please call 228-334-1296. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Vancleave Library.

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