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JGRLS Launches MessageBee Patron Communication Platform Effective February 1

Pascagoula, MS. — JGRLS announces the launch of **MessageBee**, a new all-in-one patron communication platform that consolidates library messaging into a single, streamlined system. MessageBee is effective February 1.

The platform allows JGRLS to communicate with patrons through SMS text messages and email notifications, improving clarity, consistency, and accessibility across all channels.

MessageBee supports two categories of communication: **Notices**, including holds, reminders, overdue alerts, and card expiration messages; and **Marketing**, such as newsletters, branch updates, holiday hours, and special announcements.

“By replacing multiple messaging systems with a single interface, MessageBee reduces complexity for staff while enhancing the patron experience through timely, easy-to-understand communications,” said Jeanne Damiano, assistant director of CMS/IT.

Jackson-George Regional Library System Libraries Closed for Mardi Gras

Jackson/George County, MS — All branches of the **Jackson-George Regional Library System (JGRLS)** will be **closed on Tuesday, February 17, 2026**, in observance of **Mardi Gras**.

Libraries will **reopen on Wednesday, February 18, 2026**, and resume **regular operating hours**.

Patrons are encouraged to take advantage of the library’s digital resources, including eBooks, audiobooks, and online databases, which remain available 24/7 through the JGRLS website during the closure.

For more information about library hours, services, or digital resources, visit www.jgrls.org or follow Jackson-George Regional Library System on social media.

EAST CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information, contact:
George Broadus branch manager – 228-588-6263

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East Central Public Library Hosts Creative Valentine Craft Program

East Central, MS —East Central Public Library invites the community to a fun and creative program, **Life Is Like a Box of Chocolates**, on **Tuesday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m.**

Participants of all ages will create **decorative faux chocolate boxes**, perfect for sharing with someone special. While the chocolates won't be edible, creativity is highly encouraged, with plenty of room for unique designs and personal flair.

The program is open to all ages; **children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult**. Participants are asked to sign up in advance at the front desk or by phone to request their preferred box shape (heart, square, or circle) and to help ensure enough supplies for everyone. This program is free and open to the public.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook.

East Central Public Library Hosts Color and Conversation Hour

East Central, MS —East Central Public Library invites adults to unwind and connect during **Color and Conversation Hour** on **Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.**

This stress-free program offers a welcoming space for adult coloring and casual conversation. Participants can bring a friend or meet new ones while enjoying calming music, light refreshments, and a relaxed creative atmosphere.

No registration or artistic experience is required; attendees are encouraged to simply drop in, relax, and enjoy the moment. Color and Conversation Hour is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook.

East Central Public Library Celebrates PokéMon's 30th Anniversary

East Central, MS —East Central Public Library invites the community to catch the fun at **PokéMon Celebration 2026** on **Saturday, February 28 at 12:00 p.m.**

Fans of all ages are welcome to celebrate **30 years of PokéMon** with trivia, games, crafts, and hands-on fun. Attendees are encouraged to bring friends, PokéMon cards, and even their **Nintendo Switch** for a nostalgic and interactive afternoon.

Refreshments will be provided by the **Friends of the East Central Public Library**. This free event is open to the public and designed for PokéMon Trainers of every generation. For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook.



“Teatime with Ms. Tammy” Every Thursday at East Central Public Library

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East Central, MS —The East Central Public Library invites the community to slow down and savor a moment of calm at “Teatime with Ms. Tammy,” held every **Thursday at 1:00 p.m.**

Join us each week for a cozy afternoon of **conversation, camaraderie, and, of course, tea!** This welcoming gathering offers a chance to unwind, share stories, and enjoy good company in a relaxed setting.

Whether you’re a tea enthusiast or simply looking for a peaceful break in your week, *Teatime with Ms. Tammy* is the perfect opportunity to connect with others and enjoy the warmth of community. Remember, there’s always time for tea. For more information, visit the **East Central Public Library** or follow us on social media for updates and upcoming sessions.

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!

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!

Lap Sit Story Time at Gautier Public Library

Gautier, MS — **Gautier Public Library** invites caregivers and their little ones to **Lap Sit Story Time** every **Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.** Designed for **infants ages 0–12 months**, this gentle program features short stories, songs, and rhymes that support early language development and bonding.

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Bring your baby, relax, and enjoy a warm, welcoming space to connect with other caregivers while introducing your child to the joys of reading. For details, call the library or visit our social media pages.

Gautier Public Library Shares Warmth with Little Free Tea Library

Gautier, MS — Gautier Public Library invites the community to enjoy a cozy seasonal treat through its **Little Free Tea Library**, offering **free bags of tea** to help celebrate the cool weather and holiday season.

Visitors are welcome to stop by the library and select a complimentary bag of tea, with a limit of **one per person per day**, while supplies last. The Little Free Tea Library is made possible through generous donations from the **Friends of the Gautier Public Library** and **Good Things by Gidget**.

The Little Free Tea Library is located at **Gautier Public Library, 2100 Library Lane**. For more information, call **228-497-4531** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Gautier Public Library Hosts Home School Meet Up

Gautier, MS — Gautier Public Library invites local homeschool families to connect at its **Home School Meet Up on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.**

This free program offers homeschool families a relaxed opportunity to meet one another, share experiences, and **talk and swap curricula**. The meet up is designed to encourage community building, conversation, and resource sharing in a welcoming library setting.

The Home School Meet Up is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook.

Gautier Public Library Hosts Page Turners Monthly Meeting

Gautier, MS — Gautier Public Library invites readers to its **Page Turners Monthly Meeting on Saturday, February 21 at 10:30 a.m.**

This month's featured title is *Alchemy of Secrets* by **Stephanie Garber**, but attendees are welcome to discuss other books they're currently enjoying as well. Page Turners is a relaxed, welcoming book club designed for readers who love great stories and lively conversation.

Refreshments will be generously provided by the **Friends of the Gautier Public Library**.

The Page Turners Monthly Meeting is free and open to the public. New members are always welcome.

For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook.

Gautier Public Library Hosts Orchids 101 Program

Gautier Public Library invites the community to **Orchids 101 on Saturday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m.**

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Presented by members of the **Gulf Coast Orchid Society**, this informative program will cover the basics of orchid care, introduce different types of orchids, and provide helpful culture sheets for successful growing. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions and may also bring their own orchids for **assessment and consultation**.

Orchids 101 is perfect for beginners and experienced plant enthusiasts alike and is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook.

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!

For more information, call the Gautier Public Library at **228-497-4531** or visit www.jgrls.org.

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.

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

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts “Meet the MAC” Grant Information Session

Lucedale-George County Public Library invites the public to **Meet the MAC on Tuesday, February 3 at 5:15 p.m.**

Representatives from the **Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC)** will lead an informative session on available **grant opportunities** and funding resources. Attendees will learn how to apply for grants, explore funding options for **individuals, organizations, and schools**, and can ask questions directly to MAC representatives.

This session is ideal for artists, educators, nonprofit leaders, and anyone interested in arts funding opportunities across Mississippi. Meet the MAC is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the library or follow [@LucedaleGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Children’s Origami Program

Lucedale-George County Public Library invites families to celebrate **Lunar New Year** with a special **Children’s Origami Program on Tuesday, February 10 at 4:00 p.m.**

This hands-on workshop introduces children to the basics of origami, allowing them to create several traditional paper designs to take home. The program is perfect for beginners and offers a fun, creative way to explore a beautiful art form while celebrating the season. **Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.** This program is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit the library or follow [@LucedaleGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts K-Pop Karaoke Night for Teens

Lucedale-George County Public Library invites tweens and teens to turn up the volume at **K-Pop Karaoke, happening Thursday, February 12 at 4:00 p.m.**

This exciting teen program invites K-Pop fans to sing their favorite hits, enjoy snacks and refreshing drinks, and show off their vocal skills for a chance to win awesome prizes. Whether performing solo or cheering on friends, participants can expect an energetic, music-filled afternoon.

K-Pop Karaoke is open to **tweens and teens in 5th grade and up** and is free to attend.

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Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Wire Wrapping Jewelry Workshop

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Lucedale-George County Public Library invites adults to explore their creative side at a **Wire Wrapping Jewelry Workshop on Thursday, February 19 at 4:00 p.m.**

This beginner-friendly workshop introduces participants to the art of wire wrapping, covering essential tools, techniques, and tips for creating beautiful, handcrafted jewelry. Attendees will learn how to design **pendants, rings, and earrings** while gaining hands-on experience in a relaxed, supportive setting.

All materials will be provided. Space is limited, and advance sign-up is required by calling or visiting the library. This workshop is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, visit the library or follow [@LucedaleGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Brings Library Services to Sunny Day Laundromat

Lucedale-George County Public Library is taking the library into the community with **Library in the Community: Sunny Day Laundromat on Friday, February 20 from 3:00–5:00 p.m.**

Library staff will be on-site at **Sunny Day Laundromat**, located at **11278 Old Highway 63 South in Lucedale (next to Taco Bell)**, offering a book giveaway, take-and-make crafts, and information about library services, programs, and resources.

This outreach event is designed to meet families where they are and share the many ways the library supports learning, creativity, and community connection.

The event is free and open to the public.

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Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts February Cookbook Club: A Chocolate Affair

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Lucedale-George County Public Library invites food lovers to indulge at **Cookbook Club: A Chocolate Affair on Thursday, February 26 at 1:00 p.m.**

This month's Cookbook Club celebrates the rich and decadent world of **chocolate**. Participants are encouraged to bring a chocolate-inspired dish—sweet or savory—to share with fellow attendees. From classic desserts to creative twists, the program offers a delicious opportunity to explore the many ways chocolate can shine.

Attendees will enjoy tasting, swapping recipes, sharing tips, and connecting with other food enthusiasts in a relaxed and friendly setting. Cookbook Club is free and open to the public. New participants are always welcome. For more information, visit the library or follow [@LucedaleGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook.

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.

Monthly Bingo at Lucedale-George County Public Library

Lucedale, MS — Lucedale-George County Public Library invites everyone to join in the fun at **BINGO!**, held on the **second Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m.** Enjoy an afternoon of **prizes, laughter, and community connection** as we gather for a friendly game of Bingo at the library. This event is perfect for all ages and is a great way to relax, meet new people, and share a few laughs.

No registration is required, simply **drop in and play!** Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Come for the Bingo, stay for the community, we can't wait to see you there!

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: 4th Thursday of every month

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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 **4th Thursday 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.

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 Black History Month Art Show

MOSS POINT, MS — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites the community to experience a **Black History Month Art Show** featuring works by local artists, on display **February 2 through February 28**.

This month-long exhibition celebrates Black history, culture, and artistic expression through powerful visual storytelling. Visitors are encouraged to explore the featured works during regular library operating hours.

The exhibit is free and open to the public and takes place at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library**, located at **4119 Bellview Avenue**.

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

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Announces February Storytimes

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites families to enjoy a month full of fun, stories, and creativity with its **February Storytimes** lineup.

Throughout the month, children and families can enjoy a variety of themed story times and special programs, including:

- **February 3 – Zip to the Zoo**
- **February 7 – Family Saturday Storytime: Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale**
- **February 10 – The Art and Stories of Mo Willems: Don't Let the Pigeon Take Over Storytime!** (in celebration of Random Acts of Kindness Week, February 15–20)
- **February 17 – Library Closed for Mardi Gras / Lunar New Year**
- **February 24 – The Art and Stories of Mo Willems: Storytime with Elephant and Piggie**

Storytimes are designed for young children and families and encourage early literacy, creativity, and a love of reading in a welcoming library environment.

For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** on Facebook and Instagram.

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Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts Scented Heart Sachets Workshop

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites adults to enjoy a creative evening at **Scented Heart Sachets**, a DIY craft program taking place on **Monday, February 10 at 5:00 p.m.**

Participants will create their own **handmade scented heart sachets**, perfect for gifting or enjoying at home. This relaxing, hands-on workshop is designed for adults and offers a fun way to celebrate the season while exploring a simple and charming craft.

The program is open to **ages 18 and up**. Space is limited, and advance registration is required. Interested participants may register in person or by calling **228-475-7462**.

For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook and Instagram.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts “Frozen Secrets” Winter Escape Room

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites the community to test their problem-solving skills at **Frozen Secrets: Winter Escape Room** on **Saturday, February 14**, from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Designed for participants **ages 10 through adult**, this immersive escape room experience challenges players to solve frosty puzzles, uncover hidden clues, and race against the clock to break an icy spell that has locked down the library. This interactive program encourages teamwork, critical thinking, and creativity in a fun, winter-themed setting.

Space is limited, and reservations are required. Participants may reserve a spot by calling **228-475-7462** or stopping by the library.

For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook and Instagram.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Invites Sleuths to Crack the Case with New Monthly Mystery Program

MOSS POINT, MS — Mystery lovers are invited to put their detective skills to the test at **The Tuesday Case File: Mystery & Mayhem**, a new recurring program at the **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library**. Beginning this month, the program will be held on the **last Tuesday of each month starting at 4:00 p.m.**

Each session features a brand-new case filled with puzzles, plot twists, red herrings, and surprises as participants race against the clock to uncover the truth. No prior experience is required participants may attend solo or form teams.

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The program takes place at the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library, located at **4119 Bellview Avenue**. Space is limited. To reserve a spot, call **228-475-7462** or stop by the library. More information is available at www.JGRLS.org.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts “Cardboard Chic” DIY Monogram Workshop

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites the community to get creative with **Cardboard Chic: DIY 3D Single Letter Monograms** on **Wednesday, February 26, at 4:00 p.m.**

Participants will design and decorate their own three-dimensional cardboard letter monogram using provided supplies and decorations. This hands-on craft program is perfect for anyone looking to create a unique, personalized piece of décor.

All materials will be supplied. The program will be held at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library**, located at **4119 Bellview Avenue**.

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

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Introduces Monthly “Mindful Motion” Program

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites the community to slow down and reconnect through **Mindful Motion**, a gentle movement program held on the **second Tuesday of each month**, beginning at **4:00 p.m.**

This self-guided session blends **Chair Yoga and Tai Chi**, combining calming movements and supportive stretches to promote relaxation, balance, and mindfulness. Participants will follow video instruction and printed guides, making the program accessible and easy to follow for all experience levels.

No prior experience is required. Attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and move at their own pace. This program is designed to offer a peaceful, welcoming space to breathe deeply and relax.

Mindful Motion takes place at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library**, located at **4119 Bellview Avenue**. For more information, call **228-475-7462** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Please note: This class is facilitated by a non-professional. Participants should consult a healthcare provider before starting any new exercise program.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Launches Monthly Mystery Program “The Tuesday Case File”

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites the community to step into the role of detective with **The Tuesday Case File: Mystery & Mayhem**, a recurring program held on the **last Tuesday of each month**, beginning at **4:00 p.m.**

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Each session presents a brand-new case filled with puzzles, plot twists, and unexpected turns. Participants will work to decode clues, follow red herrings, and race against the clock to solve the mystery before the final reveal. Every month brings a fresh challenge—no two cases are the same.

Attendees may come solo or form a team. No prior detective experience is required—just curiosity, creativity, and a willingness to dive into the unknown. Space is limited, and advance sign-up is encouraged.

The program takes place at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library**, located at **4119 Bellview Avenue**. To add your name to the list or for more information, call **228-475-7462** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Invites Readers to Explore New Genres with Literary Compass Meeting

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites book lovers to chart a new reading course with the **Literary Compass Meeting**; a monthly book club designed for readers who enjoy exploring a variety of genres.

The **Literary Compass Meeting** takes place on the **last Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.** Participants will journey through a wide range of book types, including **mystery, fantasy, history, science fiction, and more**, offering fresh discussions and new perspectives each month.

Readers are encouraged to come for the stories and stay for the conversation. Whether attendees are seasoned book club members or new to literary discussions, all are welcome to join and share in thoughtful, engaging dialogue.

Meetings are held at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library**, located at **4119 Bellview Avenue**. For additional information, call **228-475-7462** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

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.

OCEAN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Grow Your Skills with “Gardening with Wayne” at Ocean Springs Municipal Library

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Ocean Springs, MS – Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites community members to dig into gardening knowledge with **Gardening with Wayne**, a multi-session educational series led by master gardener and retired horticulturist **Dr. Wayne Porter**.

Held on **Saturdays from 10:00–11:30 a.m.**, this program offers expert guidance on a variety of gardening topics designed to help participants grow healthier, more productive plants. Sessions include:

- **January 17** – Basic Vegetable Gardening
- **January 31** – Home Vegetable Garden Maintenance
- **February 7** – Backyard Fruit Production
- **February 21** – Basic Landscape Maintenance

Whether participants are new to gardening or looking to refine their skills, Dr. Porter will share practical methods, insights, and techniques suitable for gardeners of all experience levels.

Registration is available by phone or at the library desk. Programs will take place at **Ocean Springs Municipal Library**, located at **525 Dewey Avenue**. For more information, call **228-875-1193**.

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.

Board Game Exchange at Ocean Springs Municipal Library

Ocean Springs, MS —The **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** invites the community to take part in its ongoing **Board Game Exchange**, a fun and flexible way to refresh your game shelf all year long.

Patrons can **bring in a board game they no longer use and swap it for a new-to-you game** from the library's exchange collection, any time the library is open. Whether you're looking to try a new strategy game, family classic, or party favorite, the Board Game Exchange offers a simple way to explore fresh entertainment without the cost. This free, continuous program encourages community sharing, sustainability, and hours of at-home fun. For more information, visit the **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** or explore www.JGRLS.org.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Launches “Black Hearts Book Club”

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Ocean Springs, MS —The Ocean Springs Municipal Library is excited to announce the launch of the **Black Hearts Book Club**, meeting on the **second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m., starting in January**.

This new club welcomes readers who are drawn to stories with **passion, complexity, and a darker edge**. The Black Hearts Book Club is the perfect space for fans of **dark romance** and **romantasy**, genres that explore raw emotion, powerful world-building, and the fine line between love and danger.

All reading preferences are welcome, if you're ready for open discussion, big feelings, and books that leave a mark. For more information or to join, contact the **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** or visit [**www.JGRLS.org**](http://www.JGRLS.org).

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Teen Science Café: Pizza Making with Lost Pizza Co.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites teens to a deliciously educational experience with **Teen Science Café: Pizza Making with Lost Pizza Co. on Saturday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m.**

This interactive program gives teens a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to own and operate a pizza restaurant. Participants will learn about business operations, food preparation, and how pizza is made using an industrial oven, then take home a tasty creation of their own.

Teen Science Café is designed to connect real-world careers with hands-on learning in a fun, engaging environment.

Space is limited, and registration is required. Teens may register by calling or visiting the Ocean Springs Municipal Library front desk.

For more information, visit [**www.JGRLS.org**](http://www.JGRLS.org) or follow **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** on Facebook and Instagram.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library and Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center Launch Sensory Storytime

Ocean Springs, MS —Ocean Springs Municipal Library, in partnership with the **Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center**, is pleased to announce **Sensory Storytime @ The Mary C**, a biweekly program designed for children ages **1–9**.

Beginning **Monday, February 23 at 11:00 a.m.**, Sensory Storytime will take place **every other Monday** in the **second-floor Sensory Space** at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center, located at **1600 Government Street, Ocean Springs**.

This program offers a welcoming, sensory-friendly environment where children can enjoy stories, movement, and interactive activities tailored to support diverse learning and sensory needs.

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Space is limited, and **registration is required**. Families may call or visit Ocean Springs Municipal Library to sign up. For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook and Instagram.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Monthly Tea Club

Ocean Springs, MS —Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites the community to slow down and sip together at **Tea Club**, held on the **fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.** Sponsored and led by **Spice and Tea Merchants**, this monthly gathering offers participants the chance to sample teas from around the world, learn about tea history and traditions, and connect with fellow tea enthusiasts in a welcoming library setting.

Tea Club is designed for anyone curious about tea, from casual sippers to dedicated connoisseurs, and provides a relaxed opportunity to learn, taste, and socialize. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook and Instagram.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library and Jackson County 4-H Launch Robotics & STEM Club

Ocean Springs Municipal Library, in partnership with **Jackson County 4-H**, is excited to announce the launch of a **Robotics & STEM Club** for children and teens. The club will meet **every other Tuesday**, beginning **March 3**, from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** at the Ocean Springs Municipal Library.

Participants will gain hands-on experience in **science, technology, engineering, and mathematics**, with a special focus on robotics. The program is open to multiple age groups, including **Cloverbuds (ages 5–7)**, **Juniors (ages 8–13)**, and **Seniors (ages 14–18)**. In addition to skill-building activities, the club may participate in competitions with other STEM and robotics clubs at the local, regional, or national level.

The Robotics & STEM Club is **free to join**, but space is limited. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call **228-875-1193** or visit the Ocean Springs Municipal Library. Additional details are available at www.JGRLS.org or by following [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook and Instagram.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Launches Monthly Junk Journaling Meetup

Ocean Springs, MS —Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites the community to get creative at its new **Junk Journaling Meetup**, held on the **second Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

This monthly gathering encourages participants to turn everyday “junk” into meaningful art through collage, journaling, and upcycled scrapbooking. Whether attendees are experienced collage artists or completely new to junk journaling, the meetup offers a relaxed, supportive space to experiment, share techniques, and document life creatively.

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Refreshments will be generously sponsored by the **Friends of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library**.

The Junk Journaling Meetup is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook and Instagram.

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

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.**

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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. 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

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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

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!

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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 Cafe for seniors. The cafe 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 cafe, 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

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.jgrls.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!

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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 the last Saturday of the month**. Remember to sign up at least one day before the program by calling or visiting the library. We look forward to seeing you there!

PASCAGOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information contact: 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. 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 DIY Oil Painting Workshop

Pascagoula Public Library invites adults to explore their artistic side at **DIY Oil Painting on Thursday, February 19 at 5:00 p.m.**

This guided workshop will walk participants through a **step-by-step oil painting process**, making it easy and enjoyable for beginners and experienced artists alike. Attendees will create their own original piece of art in a relaxed, encouraging environment.

All materials will be provided. Space is limited, and advance RSVP is required by calling or visiting the library. This program is supported by the **Friends of the Pascagoula Library** and is free and open to the public. For more information or to reserve a spot, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook.

Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Anti-Valentine's Day "Treat Yourself" Spa Kit Workshop

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PASCAGOULA, MS — Who says Valentine's Day must be about roses and candlelit dinners? Pascagoula Public Library is flipping the script with an **Anti-Valentine's Day Treat Yourself Spa Kit Workshop** on **Thursday, February 12, from 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

These relaxing, feel-good event invites participants to ditch the love songs and focus on self-care. Attendees will create a sweet lip scrub while enjoying a laid-back evening all about pampering yourself—no date required.

The workshop is perfect for anyone looking to unwind, try something creative, and celebrate self-love in a fun, stress-free way.

For more information, contact Pascagoula Public Library at **228-769-3060** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Pascagoula Public Library Hosts LEGO Club for Creative Builders

Pascagoula Public Library invites families to join the fun at **LEGO Club**, taking place on **Thursday, February 26, 2026, and Thursday, March 26, 2026, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

LEGO Club encourages children to explore their imagination and creativity by building unique LEGO creations in a welcoming, hands-on environment. All LEGO bricks are provided by the library—participants just need to bring their ideas and enthusiasm.

This program is designed for children of all ages; **children under 10 must be accompanied by a parent or adult.**

LEGO Club is free and open to the public.

For more information, call **228-769-3060** or visit Pascagoula Public Library at **3214 Pascagoula Street**. Additional details are available at www.JGRLS.org or by following [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook.

Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Midwinter Mindfulness Adult Coloring

Pascagoula Public Library invites adults to relax and recharge at **Midwinter Mindfulness: Adult Coloring** on **Tuesday, February 24, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

This peaceful program offers a welcoming space for adults to unwind, practice mindfulness, and get creative through coloring. Designed to brighten the winter months, the session encourages relaxation and stress relief in a cozy, supportive environment. Midwinter Mindfulness is free and open to adults. Materials will be provided, and no prior experience is necessary.

This program is supported by the **Friends of the Pascagoula Library**. For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](#) on Facebook.

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

The Creative Collective – Teen Art Meet-Up at St. Martin Public Library (New Time)

St. Martin, MS — **St. Martin Public Library** invites teens to join **The Creative Collective**, a welcoming and inspiring space for young artists to create, collaborate, and share their talents! Meetings will be held on **November 10, December 8, and January 12 at 4:30 p.m.** Each session offers a relaxed, judgment-free environment where teens ages **12–17** can explore their creativity across any art form, from drawing, painting, and poetry to music, digital art, and more.

Whether you're an experienced artist or just looking for a place to express yourself, **The Creative Collective** is a space to connect with others who share your passion for creativity and self-expression.

Come share your ideas, experiment with new mediums, and be part of a growing community of young creators!

St. Martin Public Library Launches “Book Talk for Teens”

St. Martin, MS — The **St. Martin Public Library** is excited to announce **Book Talk for Teens**, a new book discussion club designed especially for young readers ages **12 to 17**. Meetings will be held on **December 15, January 27, and February 23 at 4:30 p.m.**

This program offers teens a welcoming space to talk about what they're reading, share recommendations, and discover new titles to add to their **TBR (To Be Read)** list. Each session will also include a fun, **book-related activity** to keep the conversation lively and creative.

Book Talk for Teens is sponsored by the Friends of the St. Martin Public Library. Teens interested in joining are encouraged to **call 228-392-3250 to register.**

St. Martin Public Library Hosts Diamond Art Bookmark Workshop

The **St. Martin Public Library** invites adults to unwind and get creative at its **Diamond Art Bookmarks** program on **Thursday, January 29, at 3:00 p.m.**

Participants will create their own dazzling diamond art bookmark using colorful gems and pre-designed patterns. This relaxing, hands-on craft is a fun way to brighten winter days while making something both beautiful and functional.

All supplies will be provided by the **Friends of the St. Martin Library**. This program is designed for **adults ages 18 and older**, and **space is limited**.

The event will be held at **St. Martin Public Library**, located at **15004 Lemoyne Boulevard**. To register, call **228-392-3250**.

Homeschool Crafternoon

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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!

VANCLEAVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Friends of the Vancleave Public Library Announce Library T-Shirt Art Contest

The Friends of the Vancleave Public Library invite community members to participate in a **Library T-Shirt Art Contest**, giving artists the opportunity to have their original design featured on the official library T-shirt.

Participants are encouraged to create artwork **inspired by their favorite book**. The winning design will be announced during the **Spring Festival on April 4**, where the artist may claim a **free T-shirt** featuring their artwork. Library T-shirts will also go on sale beginning April 4.

Artwork submissions will be accepted **February 1 through March 25** and may be dropped off at the **Vancleave Public Library**, located at **12604 Highway 57**.

For more information, please call **228-826-5857** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Vancleave Public Library Launches Ultimate Reading Contest for All Ages

VANCLEAVE, MS — The Friends of the Vancleave Public Library invite readers of all ages to participate in the **Ultimate Reading Contest**, beginning **February 1**.

Open to children, teens, and adults, the ongoing contest offers a new chance to win prizes every month. Participants can earn entries by completing **10 library check-outs within a calendar month** or by **writing a book review** to be shared online and on the library's bulletin board. Check-outs do not carry over between months.

With multiple ways to enter and monthly prize drawings, the contest encourages reading, creativity, and regular library visits for the whole community.

For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org, follow **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** on Facebook and Instagram, or contact Vancleave Public Library at **826-5857**.

Friends of the Vancleave Public Library Announce \$500 Amazon Gift Card Raffle

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The Friends of the Vancleave Public Library are hosting a raffle for a chance to **win a \$500 Amazon gift card**, with proceeds benefiting library programs and services.

Raffle tickets are **\$10 each** and **limited to 150 tickets**, so participants are encouraged to purchase early. The winning ticket will be announced during the **April 4th Spring Festival**, where the winner can claim their prize.

Tickets are available through the **Vancleave Public Library**, located at **12604 Highway 57**.

For more information, call **228-826-5857** or visit [**www.JGRLS.org**](http://www.JGRLS.org).

Vancleave Public Library Hosts Mardi Gras Mask Decorating for Kids

Vancleave, MS —Vancleave Public Library invites young artists to celebrate Mardi Gras with a **Mask Decorating Workshop on Tuesday, February 3, at 4:00 p.m.**

Designed for children ages **5–12**, this hands-on program encourages creativity as participants design and decorate their own dazzling Mardi Gras masks fit for the parade. All supplies will be provided.

Space is limited, and registration is required. Parents and caregivers may sign up at the front desk or call **228-826-5857**. The event will take place at **Vancleave Public Library**, located at **12604 Highway 57**. For more information, visit [**www.JGRLS.org**](http://www.JGRLS.org).

Vancleave Public Library Hosts Candy Heart

Vancleave, MS —Vancleave Public Library invites homeschool families to a sweet and educational program with its **Candy Heart STEM Challenge on Wednesday, February 4, at 1:00 p.m.**

Designed especially for homeschool students, this hands-on STEM activity encourages participants to **build, balance, and experiment** using classic Valentine's Day candy hearts. The challenge blends creativity and problem-solving while introducing basic science and engineering concepts in a fun, interactive way.

Supplies are limited, and advance sign-up is required. Participants may register at the library's front desk or by calling **228-826-5857**.

The event will take place at **Vancleave Public Library**, located at **12604 Highway 57**. For more information, visit [**www.JGRLS.org**](http://www.JGRLS.org).

Vancleave Public Library Hosts Faux Stained-Glass Art Program for Teens

Vancleave, MS —Vancleave Public Library invites teens to explore creativity and color at its **Faux Stained Glass** art program on **Tuesday, February 10, at 4:00 p.m.**

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Designed for ages **12–17**, this hands-on workshop will guide participants in creating their own faux stained-glass artwork inspired by the timeless beauty of traditional stained-glass designs. No prior art experience is necessary, and all supplies will be provided.

Space is limited, and registration is required. Participants may sign up at the library's front desk or by calling **228-826-5857**.

The program will be held at **Vancleave Public Library**, located at **12604 Highway 57**. For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org.

Vancleave Public Library Celebrates Valentine's Season with Fondue de Chocolate

Vancleave Public Library invites the community to indulge in a sweet Valentine's treat during **Fondue de Chocolate on Thursday, February 12**, from **11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Visitors are welcome to stop by the library anytime during the day to enjoy delicious chocolate fondue with a variety of dippable treats. This drop-in event is open to all ages and offers a fun, festive way to celebrate the season of love.

The event will be held at **Vancleave Public Library**, located at **12604 Highway 57**. For more information, call **228-826-5857** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Vancleave Public Library Hosts Couples' Paint Challenge for Valentine's Day

Vancleave, MS —Vancleave Public Library invites couples to celebrate Valentine's Day with a creative twist at its **Couples' Paint Challenge on Thursday, February 12, at 4:00 p.m.**

During this fun and interactive event, couples will paint portraits of each other, creating one-of-a-kind keepsakes while enjoying a relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere. No prior painting experience is required, and all supplies will be provided.

Space is limited, and registration is required. Couples may register by calling **228-826-5857**.

The program will be held at **Vancleave Public Library**, located at **12604 Highway 57**. For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org.

Open Studio Tuesdays at Vancleave Public Library

Vancleave, MS —The **Vancleave Public Library** invites artists, hobbyists, and anyone looking for a creative outlet to join **Open Studio Tuesdays**, held every Tuesday from **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

This come-and-go art day provides a **relaxed, welcoming space** where participants can create art at their own pace, meet other creative people, and enjoy a supportive atmosphere. Attendees can bring their own supplies or use the **limited materials available at the library**.

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Whether you enjoy working with **colored pencils, graphite, charcoal, watercolor, acrylics**, or simply want a peaceful space to explore your creativity, **Open Studio Tuesdays** offers a flexible, no-pressure environment. There is **no formal class**, just a friendly studio space where you can drop in for a few minutes or stay all day.

Bring your imagination, and the library will save you a spot.

“Sewing Machine 101” Free Instruction at Vancleave Public Library

Vancleave, MS — The Vancleave Public Library is offering **free Sewing Machine 101 instruction**, perfect for anyone who has a sewing machine but isn’t quite sure how to use it.

Participants will receive **one-on-one or small group instruction** covering the basics of sewing machine operation, including threading, setup, and simple functions. Whether you’re new to sewing or need a refresher, this personalized guidance will help you feel confident and ready to create.

Limited time slots are available, and interested participants should call **228-826-5857** to schedule an appointment.

Vancleave Public Library Hosts Weekly American Mahjong Sessions

Vancleave, MS — The Vancleave Public Library invites both beginners and experienced players to enjoy **weekly American Mahjong sessions** every **Wednesdays 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.

Vancleave Public Library Presents: Learn to Play Mahjong

VANCLEAVE, MS — Starting October 1st, join us on the **first Tuesday** of each month at noon to learn the captivating game of Mahjong! Whether you’re a beginner or just looking to refresh your skills, this is the perfect opportunity to dive into this unique and strategic game. Limited spots are available, so call the library at 228-826-5857 to put your name on the list and secure your spot! Don’t miss out on the chance to master Mahjong and enjoy a fun, social afternoon at your library!

Join Us for BUNCO at the Vancleave Public Library!

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

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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.

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

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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.