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## **Jackson-George Regional Library System Launches 2026 Summer Library Program**

**PASCAGOULA, MS** – The Jackson-George Regional Library System will kick off its 2026 Summer Library Program with a free community celebration on Friday, May 30, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Pascagoula Public Library.

The family-friendly event will feature interactive activities, music, refreshments, and community engagement. Attendees can also explore the newly renovated Children’s Library and a modern Audio/Video Lab designed for creative media projects.

This year’s theme, “**Unearth the Story,**” runs June 1–30 and highlights archaeology, paleontology, and dinosaurs, encouraging readers of all ages to discover and engage with books through hands-on learning.

A key feature is **STEM at SEA**, sponsored by Ingalls, offering shipbuilding-themed STEM activities that connect local heritage with science and technology learning. The program is expected to serve 300–400 K–6 students throughout the year.

The kickoff will also include a dinosaur-themed dance party by Addie Mae’s Spotlight Elite Dance Company, along with games, activities, and booths hosted by community partners.

“We are excited to bring the community together to celebrate the start of our Summer Library Program,” said Branch Manager Cory Joiner.

Local organizations are invited to participate as vendors at no cost. For more information or to apply, visit: <https://forms.office.com/r/eSQLUDuNen> or contact 228-769-3060.

## **Jackson-George Regional Library System Highlights “Transparent Language Online” as May Featured E-Resource**

Pascagoula, MS — The Jackson-George Regional Library System (JGRLS) is spotlighting Transparent Language Online as its May E-Resource Monthly Highlight, offering patrons free access to an engaging and comprehensive language-learning platform—perfect for those preparing for summer travel or looking to learn something new.

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Transparent Language Online provides access to more than 100 languages, including English for speakers of other languages (ESL). The platform features interactive lessons, vocabulary-building tools, pronunciation practice, and cultural insights designed to support learners at all levels. It is an ideal resource for students, educators, travelers, and lifelong learners ready to explore new languages and cultures.

“As summer approaches and travel plans begin, Transparent Language Online is a great way for our patrons to prepare for their journeys or simply challenge themselves to learn something new,” said Jeanne Damiano, Assistant Director CMS/TS. “It’s an accessible and powerful resource for personal growth, education, and global connection.”

Key features of Transparent Language Online include:

- Access to over 100 languages, including ESL
- Interactive lessons and pronunciation practice
- Mobile-friendly platform for learning on the go
- KidSpeak courses designed specifically for young learners
- Cultural insights to enhance language understanding

Best of all, this resource is available free of charge to all JGRLS library cardholders.

Patrons can access Transparent Language Online by scanning the QR code featured in JGRLS promotional materials or by visiting the library’s website.

For more information, visit [www.jgrls.org](http://www.jgrls.org) or contact your local JGRLS branch.

Stay informed. Stay curious. For more information about programs and services, visit [www.jgrls.org](http://www.jgrls.org) or follow @JacksonGeorgeLibrary on social media.

## **Regional Libraries Closed for Memorial Day**

**Pascagoula, MS** \_ All branch libraries of the Jackson-George Regional Library System will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day.

Library book drops will remain open for the return of materials. Patrons may also access online services at [www.jgrls.org](http://www.jgrls.org) to renew items, place holds, and use digital resources.

All branches will resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

## **EAST CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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

**East Central Public Library in Hurley to Host Cinco de Mayo Fiesta for All Ages**

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*Hurley, MS* — The East Central Public Library in Hurley invites the community to celebrate culture, connection, and fun at its upcoming **Cinco de Mayo Fiesta** on **May 5th at 3:30 PM**. This all-ages event is free and open to the public.

Guests can enjoy an afternoon filled with **music, trivia, and complimentary chips and salsa**, creating a festive and welcoming atmosphere for families, friends, and community members alike.

This celebration offers a fun opportunity to experience the spirit of Cinco de Mayo while connecting with others in the community. No registration is required, just bring your festive spirit and join the celebration!

For more information, contact East Central Public Library at **228-588-6263** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **East Central Public Library in Hurley to Host “Twist & Sprout” Craft Program**

*Hurley, MS* — The East Central Public Library invites the community to get creative at its upcoming **“Twist & Sprout”** craft program on **May 11, 2026, at 1:00 PM**. This relaxing, hands-on event will focus on making colorful **pipe cleaner flowers**.

Participants will learn how to twist, bend, and shape pipe cleaners into cheerful, decorative blooms in a fun and welcoming environment. The program is designed to be easy to follow and enjoyable for a wide range of ages and skill levels.

“Twist & Sprout” offers a perfect opportunity for attendees to unwind, explore their creativity, and take home a handmade craft.

The event is free and open to the public. Supplies will be provided while they last.

For more information, contact East Central Public Library at **228-588-6263** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **East Central Public Library in Hurley to Celebrate “May the Fourth” with Trivia and Photo Fun**

*Hurley, MS* — The East Central Public Library invites the community to a galaxy-themed celebration, **“May the Fourth Be with You,”** on **May 4th at 1:00 PM**. This all-ages event promises an afternoon of fun, fandom, and friendly competition.

Attendees can test their knowledge during an exciting **trivia game** and snap photos with some **beloved sci-fi characters**, making it a perfect outing for fans of all ages.

This special event offers a creative and interactive way for the community to come together and celebrate one of pop culture’s most iconic days. The program is free and open to the public, and no registration is required.

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### **East Central Public Library in Hurley to Host Creative Writing Event “Once Upon a Rewrite”**

*Hurley, MS* — The East Central Public Library invites aspiring writers and creative minds to explore storytelling in a whole new way at **“Once Upon a Rewrite”** on **May 27, 2026, at 1:00 PM.**

This imaginative program encourages participants to rethink classic stories and beloved characters by asking: *What if the story didn’t end the way it did?* Attendees will have the opportunity to rewrite endings, reimagine worlds, or create entirely new tales in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

No prior writing experience is necessary, just bring your creativity and curiosity. The session is designed to inspire self-expression and provide a fun, supportive space for storytelling. “Once Upon a Rewrite” is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact East Central Public Library at **228-588-6263**

### **East Central Public Library in Hurley to Host Teacup Bookmark Craft Workshop**

*Hurley, MS* — The East Central Public Library invites the community to get creative at a charming craft workshop, **“Teacup Bookmark,”** on **May 19th at 4:00 PM.**

Led by Ms. Rebecca, participants will learn how to create adorable tea cup–themed bookmarks—perfect for keeping or sharing with fellow book lovers. This hands-on program offers a fun and relaxing opportunity to enjoy crafting while celebrating a love of reading.

Due to limited supplies, **advance registration is required.** Participants are asked to sign up by **May 15th** by calling or visiting the library.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, contact East Central Public Library at **228-588-6263**

### **East Central Public Library in Hurley Hosts Weekly “Teatime Thursday” Gathering**

*Hurley, MS* — The East Central Public Library invites the community to slow down and connect at its weekly **“Teatime Thursday”** gathering, held every **Thursday at 1:00 PM.**

Hosted by Ms. Tammy, this relaxing program offers a welcoming space for conversation, camaraderie, and a shared appreciation of tea. Attendees are encouraged to sit a spell, enjoy good company, and take a moment to unwind in a friendly, low-key setting.

“Teatime Thursday” provides an opportunity for community members to connect, share stories, and enjoy a peaceful break in their day. The program is free and open to the public, and no registration is required.

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### **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:

Michelle McCartney, Branch Manager – 228-497-4531

### **Gautier Public Library Launches Ongoing Community Puzzle Swap**

*Gautier, MS* — The Gautier Public Library is inviting the community to take part in a new **ongoing Puzzle Swap** beginning **May 1st**.

This simple and engaging program encourages participants to bring in gently used puzzles and exchange them for new-to-you ones. The swap is designed to promote sharing, sustainability, and a love for puzzles among community members of all ages.

Whether you’re looking to pass along a completed puzzle or discover a new challenge, the Puzzle Swap offers a fun and easy way to keep the pieces moving.

The program is free and open to the public, and no registration is required.

For more information, contact Gautier Public Library at **228-497-4531** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Gautier Public Library Hosts Page Turners Monthly Book Club Meeting**

*Gautier, MS* — Book lovers are invited to gather for the **Page Turners Monthly Meeting** at the Gautier Public Library on **Saturday, May 16 at 10:30 AM**.

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This welcoming book club offers readers the opportunity to connect, share thoughts, and discuss the **book of the month**, *My Friends* by **Fredrik Backman**, along with other titles they're currently enjoying.

Whether you're a longtime member or new to the group, Page Turners provides a relaxed and engaging space for conversation and community among fellow readers.

Refreshments will be provided, courtesy of the Friends of the Gautier Public Library.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Gautier Public Library at **228-497-4531**.

### **Gautier Public Library to Host "DIY Mermaid Potion" Craft Event**

*Gautier, MS*— The Gautier Public Library invites the community to dive into creativity with its upcoming **"DIY Mermaid Potion"** craft program on **May 23 at 2:00 PM**.

In celebration of "MerMay," participants will create their own glittery mermaid potion using provided supplies. This hands-on activity offers a fun and imaginative experience perfect for those who enjoy crafts and a touch of magic.

Attendees are encouraged to reserve their spot in advance by calling or visiting the library, as space is limited.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, contact Gautier Public Library at **228-497-4531** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **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.

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.

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### **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](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Mississippi Poetry Society – South Branch Welcomes Community to Monthly Meetings**

**Gautier, MS** – Poetry lovers, writers, and creative minds are invited to attend the **Mississippi Poetry Society – South Branch** monthly meetings at **Gautier Public Library**.

Meetings are held at **2:00 p.m.** and are open to everyone, whether you write poetry, enjoy reading it, or simply appreciate the art of words.

Upcoming meeting dates include:

~~February 14~~

~~March 14~~

April 11

May 16

These gatherings offer a welcoming space to share original work, discuss poetry, and connect with fellow creatives in the community.

Come share your voice, find inspiration, and celebrate the power of poetry.

### **Gautier Public Library Hosts Monthly Trivia Night at Antonio's Pizzeria**

**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**

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### 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](http://www.jgrls.org).

### LUCEDALE-GEORGE COUNTY LIBRARY

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

#### Friends of the Lucedale–George County Public Library Launch Dinosaur Quilt Raffle

*Lucedale, MS* — The Friends of the Lucedale–George County Public Library are excited to announce a **Dinosaur Quilt Raffle**, offering the community a chance to win a beautifully crafted, dinosaur-themed quilt while supporting the local library.

Raffle tickets will be available **throughout the month of May**, with prices set at **\$2 each or 3 for \$5**. The winning ticket will be drawn on **June 1st**.

The quilt is currently on display at the Lucedale–George County Public Library, where visitors can view it in person and purchase tickets.

All proceeds from the raffle will go toward supporting library programs, services, and community initiatives.

For more information, visit the Lucedale–George County Public Library at **507 Oak Street** or call **601-947-2123**.

#### Lucedale–George County Public Library Hosts “Fur-st Friday” Adoption Event & Read to a Pet Day

*Lucedale, MS* — The Lucedale–George County Public Library invites the community to a heartwarming and family-friendly event, **“Fur-st Friday” Adoption Event: Read to a Pet Day**, on **Friday, May 1 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**.

In partnership with **Rise & Shine Rescue**, the library will welcome adorable adoptable pets looking for their forever homes. Families and children will also have the unique opportunity to participate in a **Read to a Pet** activity, where kids can share stories with friendly shelter animals.

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This special event celebrates literacy, compassion, and community connection, offering a fun and meaningful experience for all ages.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Lucedale–George County Public Library at **601-947-2123**.

### **Lucedale–George County Public Library to Host Children’s Mother’s Day Craft Program**

*Lucedale, MS* — The Lucedale–George County Public Library invites children and families to celebrate Mother’s Day with a special **Children’s Program: Mother’s Day Craft** on **Tuesday, May 12 at 4:00 PM**.

Young participants will have the opportunity to create a sweet, one-of-a-kind handmade gift for Mom or another special loved one. This fun and creative program encourages kids to express their appreciation through art in a welcoming, family-friendly environment.

All supplies will be provided. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Lucedale–George County Public Library at **601-947-2123**.

### **Lucedale–George County Public Library Hosts Teen Volunteer Workshop**

*Lucedale, MS* — Teens interested in giving back and gaining valuable experience are invited to attend a **Teen Volunteer Workshop** at the Lucedale–George County Public Library on **Thursday, May 14 at 4:00 PM**.

This informative session will introduce participants to volunteer opportunities at the library, including helping with the **Summer Library Program** and everyday library tasks. Attendees will learn about responsibilities, expectations, and tips for success.

In addition to community service, teens will gain important life skills such as **teamwork, communication, and time management**—all while making a positive impact.

Participants must be **13 years or older** to volunteer. The workshop is free and open to the public.

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

### **Friends of the Lucedale–George County Public Library Host Annual Rummage Sale Fundraiser**

*Lucedale, MS* — The Friends of the Lucedale–George County Public Library invite the community to shop, save, and support a great cause at their upcoming **Rummage Sale Fundraiser** on **Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**.

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Shoppers can browse a wide variety of items while supporting the library. **Friday will feature full-price items**, while **Saturday offers half-price deals on all remaining items**, making it the perfect opportunity to find bargains.

All proceeds from the sale will directly benefit the Lucedale–George County Public Library, helping fund programs, services, and resources for the community.

The event is open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to stop by and take part.

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

### **Lucedale–George County Public Library to Host Sun Catcher Wind Chime Craft**

*Lucedale, MS* — The Lucedale–George County Public Library invites the community to relax and get creative at its **Sun Catcher Wind Chime Craft** on **Thursday, May 21 at 4:00 PM**.

This hands-on program offers a fun and calming opportunity for **adults and families** to create their own decorative wind chimes. All materials will be provided participants simply need to bring their imagination.

Snacks will be provided, courtesy of the Friends of the Lucedale–George County Public Library, adding to the welcoming and enjoyable atmosphere.

Due to limited space, participants are encouraged to **sign up in advance** by calling or visiting the library.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, contact the Lucedale–George County Public Library at **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.

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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: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month

LUCEDALE, MS – Teens are invited to unwind and get crafty at the Lucedale-George County Public Library's **Teen Crochet Club**, meeting on the **4<sup>th</sup> 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 “Draw Your Destiny” Star Wars–Inspired Art Program

*Moss Point, MS* — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites teens and adults to celebrate May the 4<sup>th</sup> with a creative twist at **“Draw Your Destiny,”** a Star Wars–inspired art program on **Monday, May 4 at 5:00 PM.**

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Designed for ages **16 and up**, this beginner-friendly workshop encourages participants to explore their imagination and artistic expression. Attendees will create their own galactic designs—whether it’s a symbolic emblem, a Force-inspired artifact, or a custom lightsaber—while discovering the story behind their creations.

With the theme “Your path begins with a single line,” the program blends creativity with storytelling in a fun, relaxed environment.

Supplies are limited, and participants are encouraged to reserve their spot by calling or visiting the library.

For more information or to register, contact the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library at **228-475-7462**.

### **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts “Path of the Sith” Lightsaber Forging Program**

*Moss Point, MS* — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites teens and adults to embrace the dark side of creativity at **“Path of the Sith: Lightsaber Forging Program”** on **Tuesday, May 5 at 5:00 PM**.

Open to ages **16 and up**, this hands-on, Star Wars–inspired workshop gives participants the opportunity to design and build their own custom lightsaber hilt. Blending creativity and storytelling, the program encourages attendees to explore themes of choice, power, and identity through their unique designs.

With the guiding message, “Power is not given. It is forged,” this immersive experience is perfect for fans of all skill levels.

All materials will be provided, but space is limited. Participants are encouraged to reserve their spot in advance by calling or visiting the library.

For more information or to register, contact the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library at **228-475-7462**

### **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Announces May Storytime Schedule**

*Moss Point, MS* — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites families to join in a month full of fun, learning, and creativity with its **May Storytimes**, held each week at **10:00 AM**.

This month’s themed programs include:

- **May 5** – National Children’s Book Week
- **May 12** – Limerick Day
- **May 16** – Family Saturday Storytime: International Family Day
- **May 19** – Community Helpers
- **May 26** – Special Guest

Each Storytime offers engaging stories, activities, and opportunities for children and families to connect, learn, and enjoy time together at the library.

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All programs are free and open to the public.

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### **Library Hosts Monthly Afternoon All-Ages Storytime and Book Talk**

The library invites readers of all ages to gather for its **Afternoon All-Ages Storytime and Book Talk**, held **one Thursday each month at 3:30 PM**.

This welcoming program features a relaxed story time followed by an optional book discussion, where attendees can share what they're reading, discover new titles, or simply enjoy listening and connecting with others.

Upcoming dates include **April 2, May 7, June 4, and July 2**. The program is designed to encourage a love of reading while building community through conversation and shared stories.

Groups are welcome; however, organizers ask that larger groups coordinate in advance for capacity planning.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information or to schedule a group visit, please contact the library.

### **Grow Your Garden with “Summer Seeds” Program at Moss Point Library**

*Moss Point, MS* — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library is helping the community get ready for a thriving growing season with its upcoming **“Summer Seeds”** program on **Tuesday, May 12 at 5:00 PM**.

In partnership with the **Mississippi State University Extension Service**, this informative session will feature Shelby L. Hudson sharing expert advice on what to plant, when to plant, and how to successfully grow a summer garden.

Whether you're an experienced gardener or just getting started, attendees will gain practical tips and inspiration to help their gardens flourish throughout the season.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library at **228-475-7462**.

### **Teens Invited to Get Creative at Book/Journal Diamond Painting Program**

*Moss Point, MS* — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library is inviting local teens to add some sparkle to their creativity with a **Book (or Journal) Diamond Painting** program beginning **May 14 at 4:00 PM**.

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Designed for youth ages **11–17**, this hands-on program allows participants to decorate a book or journal using colorful diamond painting techniques. Attendees can bring their own book or journal—or use one provided—and create unique designs, from simple accents to full-cover masterpieces.

Participants are encouraged to work at their own pace and complete as much of their project as they can during the session, making each creation truly one-of-a-kind.

All additional materials will be provided. Space may be limited, so early participation is encouraged.

For more information, contact the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library at **228-475-7462**.

### **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts “Marley: The Zen Warrior Pup” Author Event**

*Moss Point, MS* — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites the community to a unique and uplifting experience with **“Marley: The Zen Warrior Pup”** on **Saturday, May 16 from 2:00–3:00 PM**.

Join author **Brandy Goytowski** and photographer **Timothy Goytowski** for a special **book reading and interactive yoga session**, inspired by Marley’s journey of mindfulness, courage, and calm.

This engaging program blends storytelling with movement, encouraging participants of all ages to explore themes of positivity and inner peace in a fun and meaningful way. Attendees will also have the opportunity to **meet the author—and Marley himself**.

Participants are encouraged to bring a yoga mat, though a limited number will be available to borrow.

The event is free and open to the public, but space is limited. Please call **228-475-7462** to reserve your spot.

### **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts “A Card That Pops!” Adult Craft Workshop**

*Moss Point, MS* — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites adults to get creative at its upcoming **“A Card That Pops!”** workshop on **May 28 at 5:00 PM**.

Participants will learn how to design and create **handmade pop-up cards** perfect for birthdays, holidays, and special occasions. This hands-on class offers a fun and relaxing way to explore creativity while making something meaningful to share with others.

All materials will be provided, and no prior crafting experience is necessary.

This program is open to **ages 18 and up**, and space is limited. Participants are encouraged to reserve their spot by calling or visiting the library.

For more information or to register, contact the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library at **228-475-7462**.

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### **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Launches “We Don’t Judge” Book Club for Adult Readers**

MOSS POINT, MS — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites adult readers to join its new **“We Don’t Judge” Book Club**, a welcoming and lively space for open discussion and shared love of reading.

The group meets on the **second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.** and is designed for readers who enjoy exploring bold, engaging, and “spicy” titles in a relaxed, judgment-free environment.

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss popular tropes, share recommendations, and discover their next favorite series while connecting with fellow book lovers in the community.

This program is intended for **ages 18 and up**. The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library is located at **4119 Bellview Avenue**. For more information, call **228-475-7462**.

The program is part of the Jackson-George Regional Library System’s commitment to inspiring ideas, enriching lives, and building communities.

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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**Kids Invited to “Stuffed Animal Hospital” at Ocean Springs Library**

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*Ocean Springs, MS* — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library is partnering with the Bienville Animal Medical Center to host a fun and educational **Kids' Stuffed Animal Hospital** on **Saturday, May 16 at 11:00 AM**.

Children are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animals for a special “checkup” by a real veterinarian. This interactive program is designed to help kids learn about animal care in a friendly, hands-on environment while easing any fears about doctor visits.

Young participants will enjoy a playful and engaging experience as they watch their plush companions receive gentle “treatment” and learn how veterinarians help keep pets healthy.

**Registration is required** to attend. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact the Ocean Springs Municipal Library at **228-875-1193**.

### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts “Shut Up & Write!” Sessions for Local Writers**

*OCEAN SPRINGS, MS* — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites writers of all experience levels to participate in its ongoing “**Shut Up & Write!**” sessions, a dedicated time for focused writing and creative connection.

Held **every other Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**, these sessions provide a supportive, distraction-free environment where participants can work on their writing projects while connecting with fellow writers in the community.

Whether you’re working on a novel, journaling, or just getting started, all writers are welcome. The program emphasizes productivity, creativity, and building a local network of writers.

The Ocean Springs Municipal Library is located at **525 Dewey Avenue**. For more information, call **228-875-1193**.

This program is part of the Jackson-George Regional Library System’s mission of inspiring ideas, enriching lives, and building communities.

### **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** 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**

**Ocean Springs, MS** – The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites families to **Weekly Story Time**, 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

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ones explore the joy of reading and interactive activities in a warm, welcoming space. For more details, call the Ocean Springs Municipal Library.

### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Launches Kids Drawing Club**

Ocean Springs, MS – Young artists are invited to bring their imagination to life at the Ocean Springs Municipal Library’s new **Kids Drawing Club**, meeting **every other Wednesday starting March 4th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

This creative club offers children a fun and welcoming space to explore drawing, experiment with color, and build artistic confidence. Whether they love doodling, sketching characters, or creating their own masterpieces, kids will have the chance to learn new techniques and share their creativity with friends.

The Kids Drawing Club is free and open to young artists ready to express themselves through art.

Let creativity shine, one crayon at a time!

### **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](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Launches “Black Hearts Book Club”**

**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).

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### 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](http://www.JGRLS.org) or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/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** 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](http://www.JGRLS.org) or by following [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/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.

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](http://www.JGRLS.org) or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/JacksonGeorgeLibrary) on Facebook and Instagram.

### All-Abilities Story Time

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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.jgrrls.org](http://www.jgrrls.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!

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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](http://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 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

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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.

### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Monthly Tea Club**

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites the community to slow down and sip something new at its **monthly Tea Club**, held on the **fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.**

Sponsored and led by **Spice and Tea Merchants**, Tea Club offers participants the opportunity to sample teas from around the world while learning about tea history, traditions, and brewing methods. The program also provides a relaxed setting to meet new people and enjoy conversation in a welcoming library space.

Tea Club is open to all adults interested in tea, culture, and community. No registration is required.

For more information, contact Ocean Springs Municipal Library at **228-875-1193**, visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org), or follow **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** on Facebook and Instagram.

### **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](http://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!

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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!

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For more information contact: Cory Joiner, Branch Manager (228) 769-3060

#### **Pascagoula Public Library Celebrates National Walking Month with “Walk the Talk” Event**

*Pascagoula, MS* — In celebration of National Walking Month, the Pascagoula Public Library invites the community to lace up their sneakers and join the **“Walk the Talk”** event on **Friday, May 1 at 10:30 AM**.

This fun and social walking event encourages participants to get active, enjoy the outdoors, and connect with others while taking a stroll through downtown Pascagoula. Open to all ages, the program promotes wellness, community engagement, and a healthy lifestyle.

Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable activewear and sneakers. Complimentary cold water will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Whether you’re looking to meet new people or simply enjoy a refreshing walk, “Walk the Talk” offers a great way to stay active and celebrate the spirit of community.

For more information, contact the Pascagoula Public Library at **228-769-3060**.

#### **Pascagoula Public Library to Host “Cooking Matters” Hands-On Cooking Course for Adults**

PASCAGOULA, MS — Pascagoula Public Library is partnering with Mississippi State University Extension to offer **Cooking Matters®**, a **free six-week hands-on cooking course for adults**, beginning **Tuesday, March 31**.

The course will meet weekly on Tuesdays from **4:00–6:00 p.m.** through **May 5** at Pascagoula Public Library.

Led by trained educators, Cooking Matters teaches participants practical skills including food preparation, grocery shopping, meal planning, food budgeting, and nutrition. Participants will practice preparing and tasting recipes during class while learning how to make healthy, affordable meals at home.

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The program is taught by **Shelby E. Naron, MS, RD, LD, CHES, Nutrition Educator with Mississippi State University Extension.**

To register, contact **228-769-3213** or email [sen174@msstate.edu](mailto:sen174@msstate.edu).

For additional information about library programs, contact Pascagoula Public Library at **228-769-3060** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Pascagoula Public Library Hosts FAFSA Day to Help Students Access Financial Aid**

*Pascagoula, MS* — The Pascagoula Public Library is partnering with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College to host **FAFSA Day** on **May 6 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM**, offering free, in-person assistance with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

During this event, financial aid specialists from MGCCC will be on-site to guide students and families through the FAFSA process, answer questions, and help ensure applications are completed accurately and efficiently.

Whether attending college for the first time or returning to school, participants will receive personalized support to maximize their financial aid opportunities and take the next step toward funding their education.

The event is free, but **space is limited**, and attendees are encouraged to reserve their spot in advance.

For more information or to register, contact the Pascagoula Public Library at **228-769-3060**.

### **Pascagoula Public Library Hosts “Literary Blooms” Craft Workshop**

*Pascagoula, MS* — The Pascagoula Public Library invites the community to get creative at its upcoming **“Literary Blooms”** crafting session on **Saturday, May 9 from 1:00–3:00 PM**.

This unique workshop gives new life to old book pages by transforming them into beautiful handmade paper flowers. Participants will learn how to create up to three different styles of blooms while enjoying a relaxed and welcoming environment.

All materials will be provided, making this an easy and accessible activity for anyone interested in crafting, upcycling, or trying something new. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or a beginner, “Literary Blooms” offers a fun way to explore creativity and take home a personalized piece of art.

Space may be limited, so attendees are encouraged to RSVP by calling or visiting the Pascagoula Public Library at **228-769-3060**.

### **Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Enchanting “DIY Fairy Houses” Craft Program**

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*Pascagoula, MS* — Let your imagination take flight at the Pascagoula Public Library's upcoming **DIY Fairy Houses** program on **Thursday, May 21 at 5:00 PM**.

Participants will transform simple terra cotta pots into charming fairy homes using paint, rocks, and natural-inspired details. This creative, hands-on program invites attendees to design their own one-of-a-kind magical masterpiece—perfect for adding a whimsical touch to any space.

Ideal for crafters and dreamers alike, the event encourages creativity and artistic expression in a fun, relaxed setting. All materials will be provided while supplies last.

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact the Pascagoula Public Library at **228-769-3060**.

### **Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Community Poetry Reading Night**

*Pascagoula, MS* — The Pascagoula Public Library invites poetry lovers and curious minds alike to an evening of creativity and conversation at its upcoming **Poetry Reading** on **May 14, 2026, at 5:00 PM**.

This engaging event will feature readings and discussions of several well-known poems, offering attendees the opportunity to explore meaning, style, and interpretation in a welcoming group setting. Participants are also encouraged to bring a favorite poem and share it with others, making the evening both interactive and personal.

Whether you're a seasoned poetry enthusiast or simply looking for a relaxing cultural experience, this event offers a chance to connect through the power of words.

For more information, contact the Pascagoula Public Library at **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 Launches Silent Circle Book Club**

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Pascagoula, MS – The Pascagoula Public Library invites book lovers to unwind and reconnect with reading at its **Silent Circle Book Club**, held every **third Tuesday from 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

This unique, low-pressure gathering offers an hour of quiet reading time followed by an optional, relaxed discussion. There's no assigned book, participants simply bring whatever they're currently reading and enjoy a peaceful space surrounded by fellow readers.

Designed for those who love books but prefer a flexible, stress-free format, Silent Circle Book Club creates a welcoming atmosphere where community and literature come together.

For more information or to sign up, call the library today.

### ST. MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information contact:

Amber McMahon, Branch Manager – 228-392-3250

### St. Martin Public Library Seeks Teen Volunteers for Summer Program

*St. Martin, MS* — The St. Martin Public Library is inviting teens to get involved this summer by attending upcoming **Youth Summer Library Program Volunteer Interest Meetings**.

Two sessions will be offered for convenience:

- **Saturday, May 2 at 1:30 PM**
- **Tuesday, May 5 at 4:30 PM**

The library is seeking volunteers ages **12–17** to assist with summer programs designed for elementary and preschool-aged children. Volunteers will play an important role in supporting activities, engaging with young readers, and helping create a fun and welcoming environment throughout the Summer Library Program.

Attendees will learn about volunteer responsibilities, expectations, and opportunities, and will have the chance to ask questions and sign up.

Teens interested in giving back to their community, gaining experience, and being part of a fun summer initiative are encouraged to attend one of the sessions.

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

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*St. Martin, MS* — The St. Martin Public Library invites community members to discover the latest in digital creativity at its upcoming workshop, **“What’s New in Canva – AI Apps,”** on **Monday, May 18 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM.**

This hands-on session will explore how Canva’s newest AI-powered tools can help users easily create eye-catching flyers, presentations, and more. Participants will learn how these features can simplify design tasks and enhance creativity, making professional-quality content accessible to everyone.

Perfect for beginners and experienced users alike, the workshop offers a welcoming environment to build new skills and explore the possibilities of AI in design.

Canva is free to use, and attendees will leave with practical knowledge they can apply right away.

To reserve a spot, please contact the St. Martin Public Library at **228-392-3250.**

### **St. Martin Public Library Invites Community to “Bad Art Night”**

*St. Martin, MS* — Embrace creativity, laughter, and a little bit of chaos at the St. Martin Public Library’s upcoming **“Bad Art Night”** on **Thursday, May 21 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.**

This fun and lighthearted program encourages participants to let go of perfection and enjoy the process of making delightfully “bad” art. Whether you’re a seasoned artist or someone who hasn’t picked up a paintbrush in years, this event is all about creativity, humor, and self-expression.

Designed for adults ages 18 and up, Bad Art Night offers a relaxed, judgment-free space to experiment and have fun. All supplies will be provided, thanks to the Friends of the St. Martin Library.

Space is limited, and advance registration is required. To reserve your spot, please call **228-392-3250.**

### **St. Martin Public Library Hosts “Family Fun Dioramas” Event to Kick Off Summer Reading**

*St. Martin, MS* — Families are invited to get creative together at the St. Martin Public Library’s upcoming **“Family Fun Dioramas”** event on **Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

This hands-on program will help launch the library’s Summer Library Program, encouraging families to work together to design and build their own imaginative dioramas. Completed creations will be proudly displayed throughout the library for the duration of the summer, showcasing the community’s creativity.

The event is open to families of all ages, with children 10 and under required to be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, and registration is required by calling **228-392-3250.**

### **St. Martin Public Library to Host American Red Cross Blood Drive**

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*St. Martin, MS* — The St. Martin Public Library is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a community **Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 26 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.**

Community members are encouraged to roll up their sleeves and help save lives. Blood donations play a vital role in supporting patients of all ages, including accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those undergoing cancer treatment.

Appointments are recommended and can be scheduled online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) by selecting a preferred time slot.

Every donation makes a difference, and the library invites the community to come together for this meaningful cause.

### 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!

### VANCLEAVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

### Vancleave Public Library Invites Families to Create “Sensory Bottles”

*Vancleave, MS* — The Vancleave Public Library is hosting a fun and engaging “**Sensory Bottles**” program for children and families on **Tuesday, May 5 at 4:00 PM.**

This hands-on activity encourages creativity and sensory exploration as kids design their own mesmerizing bottles using glitter, colors, and tiny treasures. The program is perfect for young learners and provides a calming, imaginative experience that families can enjoy together.

All materials will be provided, though supplies are limited. Participants are encouraged to reserve their spot in advance by visiting the front desk or calling **228-826-5857.**

### Vancleave Public Library Brings Hands-On Creativity with “Pendulum Painting” Program

*Vancleave, MS* — The Vancleave Public Library invites families and homeschool groups to explore art in motion at its upcoming “**Pendulum Painting**” program on **Wednesday, May 6 at 1:00 PM.**

This interactive, hands-on activity combines creativity and science, allowing children to experiment with movement, color, and design to create unique works of art. Perfect for homeschool enrichment or a fun

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afternoon outing, Pendulum Painting offers a memorable experience that encourages curiosity and artistic expression.

Supplies are limited, and advance registration is recommended. Participants can sign up at the front desk or by calling **228-826-5857**.

### **Vancleave Public Library Hosts Relaxing “Paint & Sip Tea Party” Event**

*Vancleave, MS* — The Vancleave Public Library invites the community to unwind and get creative at its upcoming **“Paint & Sip Tea Party”** on **Thursday, May 7 at 4:00 PM**.

This calming, creative program offers participants the chance to paint in a relaxed setting while enjoying soothing music and light refreshments. Whether you're an experienced artist or just looking for a fun way to de-stress, this event provides a welcoming space to explore your creativity.

All supplies will be provided, but space is limited. Participants are encouraged to register in advance by calling **228-826-5857**.

### **Vancleave Public Library Lights Up Creativity with “Camping Lanterns” Craft Event**

*Vancleave, MS* — The Vancleave Public Library invites the community to a cozy and creative afternoon at its upcoming **“Camping Lanterns”** craft program on **Tuesday, May 12 at 4:00 PM**.

Perfect for kids, families, and anyone who enjoys hands-on creativity, this program will guide participants in designing their own DIY lanterns using paper, jars, and recycled materials. These glowing creations are ideal for adding a warm, personal touch to classrooms, outdoor adventures, or relaxing evenings at home.

All supplies are provided, though quantities are limited. Participants are encouraged to sign up in advance at the front desk or by calling **228-826-5857** to reserve their spot.

### **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**.

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.

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### **“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 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

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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!

### **First Friday Food Trucks Return to Vancleave Public Library**

Vancleave, MS – The Friends of the Vancleave Public Library invite the community to enjoy great food and local flavor at **First Friday Food Trucks**, held at the Vancleave Public Library.

Food trucks will be serving from **11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or until sold out**, offering a variety of delicious options for lunch, dinner, or an afternoon treat.

This monthly event is sponsored by the **Friends of the Vancleave Library** and provides a fun opportunity for the community to gather, support local vendors, and enjoy time together.

For more information, please call **228-238-9188**.

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