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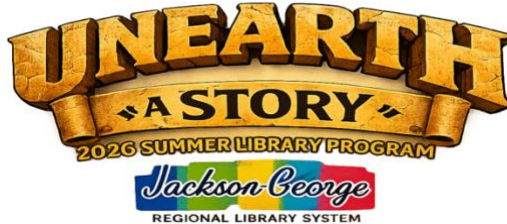
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**PASCAGOULA, MS** – The Jackson-George Regional Library System invites families and community members to kick off the 2026 Summer Library Program with a vibrant community celebration on Friday, May 30th, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Pascagoula Public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

This free, family-friendly event will feature a lively mix of interactive activities, music, refreshments, and community engagement. Guests will also explore two exciting new additions: a colorful, fully reimagined Children’s Library and a state-of-the-art Audio/Video Lab designed for creativity, content creation, and media exploration.

The 2026 Summer Library Program theme, “**Unearth the Story,**” focuses on archaeology, paleontology, and dinosaurs. Running from June 1st through June 30th, the program encourages readers of all ages to “dig into” books and discovery, inspiring curiosity and lifelong learning through engaging, hands-on experiences.

A centerpiece of this year’s kickoff is **STEM at SEA, sponsored by Ingalls**, an interactive, shipbuilding-themed STEM environment within the children’s area. This initiative connects Pascagoula’s shipbuilding heritage with hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math activities that foster critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving. Over the course of the academic year, the program will serve approximately 300–400 local K–6 students through immersive décor, interactive STEM stations, and rotating educational programming.

The kickoff event will also feature a **dinosaur-filled, high-energy family dance party** led by Addie May’s Spotlight Elite Dance Company, bringing prehistoric fun to life through music, movement, and interactive entertainment. In addition, guests can enjoy themed activities, games, and hands-on experiences hosted by local community partners, along with complimentary refreshments and educational booths for children and families.

“We are excited to bring the community together to celebrate the start of our Summer Library Program,” said Cory Joiner, Branch Manager. “This year’s theme invites children and families to explore, discover, and engage with stories in new and exciting ways.”

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## **Vendor & Community Participation**

The Jackson-George Regional Library System welcomes local organizations and community partners to participate in the event. Vendors are encouraged to provide interactive, family-friendly activities, games, or informational booths that highlight their role in the community. There is no cost to participate. Vendors should bring their own setup materials, as limited electrical access will be available.

To apply or learn more, complete the vendor form: <https://forms.office.com/r/eSQLUDuNen> or contact: 228-769-3060 or [info@jgrls.org](mailto:info@jgrls.org).

## **About the Jackson-George Regional Library System**

The Jackson-George Regional Library System serves the communities of Jackson and George counties, providing resources, programs, and services to promote literacy, education, and lifelong learning.

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