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## **Jackson-George Regional Library System Announces 2026 Summer Library Program: “Unearth a Story”**

Pascagoula, MS — The Jackson-George Regional Library System (JGRLS) is excited to announce its 2026 Summer Library Program, themed “**Unearth a Story.**” This free, family-friendly initiative encourages readers of all ages to explore books, participate in engaging programs, and earn prizes throughout the summer.

**Registration opens May 30, 2026**, with programs officially beginning **June 8, 2026**, across all JGRLS branches.

This year’s theme invites the community to dig into stories, history, science, and creativity through a variety of interactive events and performances. Highlights of the program include:

- **June 8:** Addie May’s Spotlight Elite Dance
- **June 9–11:** White Tiger Lion Dance Team
- **June 15–18:** Storytelling program, “*A Story, A Song*”
- **June 22, 23, 25:** Museum of Natural Science visits
- **June 24:** Walter Anderson Museum of Art
- **June 29–July 2:** Freedom Ranch Wildlife Center

All programs are **completely free**, and participants are encouraged to read books and earn prizes throughout the summer.

Families can find full schedules, program times, and updates by visiting [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org) or following JGRLS on Facebook at [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/JacksonGeorgeLibrary).

## **JGRLS Highlights Libby as a Summer June E-Resource of the Month**

**PASCAGOULA, MS** — As summer begins and families prepare for vacations, road trips, and relaxing days at home, the Jackson-George Regional Library System (JGRLS) is encouraging the community to take the library wherever they go with **Libby**, the library’s free digital reading app.

Libby, powered by OverDrive, gives JGRLS cardholders access to thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines, all available at no cost with a library card. Readers can instantly borrow bestselling novels, children’s books, travel reads, audiobooks for long drives, and more from their smartphone, tablet, or computer.

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“Summer is one of the busiest reading seasons of the year,” says JGRLS marketing team. “Whether someone is traveling across the country or enjoying a staycation at home, Libby makes it easy to keep great books and audiobooks right at their fingertips.”

As part of the June E-Resource Highlight campaign, all JGRLS branches will help promote Libby through in-library displays, circulation desk handouts, and staff outreach. Public Relations will also support the initiative through social media, digital displays, community engagement, and upcoming meetings.

Patrons are encouraged to visit their local JGRLS branch for assistance downloading the Libby app and learning how to access digital materials with their library card.

### About Libby

Libby is a free app that allows library patrons to borrow digital books, audiobooks, and magazines anytime, anywhere. Materials can be streamed or downloaded for offline reading and listening, making it a perfect companion for summer travel and leisure.

For more information, visit your local JGRLS branch or access Libby through the JGRLS website.

### EAST CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

### East Central Public Library Hosts “From the Boneyard” Special Guest Program

PASCAGOULA, MS — East Central Public Library invites the community to explore the fascinating world of animal bone collecting during a special summer program, *From the Boneyard*, featuring guest speaker **Gabrielle Lovelace**, on **June 4, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.**

As part of the library’s *Unearth a Story* Summer Reading Program, guests will get an up-close look at unique animal skulls and bones while learning about personal collecting, preservation, and the stories these fascinating specimens can tell. Gabrielle Lovelace will share insights from her own collection and discuss the intriguing science and curiosity behind bone collecting.

This educational and interactive event is perfect for curious minds of all ages interested in nature, wildlife, and unusual collections.

The program will take place at **East Central Public Library, 21801 Slider Road**. For more information, call **228-588-6263** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### East Central Public Library Invites Families to “Unearth a Story” This Summer

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Hurley, MS — East Central Public Library is excited to announce its 2026 Summer Library Program, “**Unearth a Story,**” a free, fun-filled series of events designed especially for elementary students and families.

**Registration opens May 30**, and programs will begin **June 8**, with weekly events held **Mondays at 2:00 p.m.** for elementary students. In addition, **preschool programs will take place on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.**

This summer’s theme encourages children to dig into books, discover new ideas, and explore the world around them through exciting, hands-on experiences. Featured programs include:

- **June 8:** Addie May’s Spotlight Elite Dance Company – *Dino Dance*
- **June 15:** “*A Story, A Song*” – Interactive Storytelling
- **June 22:** Mississippi Museum of Natural Science with Conservation Educator Meaghan Huseman
- **June 29:** Freedom Ranch Wildlife Center

All programs are **free of charge**, and participants can enjoy reading books and earning prizes throughout the summer.

Families looking to explore dinosaur-themed books and activities will find plenty of materials at their local library to spark curiosity and imagination.

For more information, visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org) or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/JacksonGeorgeLibrary) on Facebook for updates, schedules, and program details.

## **East Central Public Library Announces Teen Summer Programs for “Unearth Your Stories”**

PASCAGOULA, MS — East Central Public Library is inviting teens ages 12–17 to discover creativity, history, science, and hands-on fun this summer with its *Unearth Your Stories* series, held Mondays at 3:00 PM throughout June.

As part of the library’s *Unearth a Story* Summer Reading Program, teens can participate in a variety of engaging activities designed to inspire imagination and self-expression:

- **June 8 – Worry Worms:** Learn beginner crochet techniques while creating adorable stress-relief worms. No experience needed.
- **June 15 – Bioplastic Suncatchers:** Use cornstarch and natural materials to craft colorful whimsical décor.
- **June 22 – Paleography Pals:** Explore writing through history, from ancient cuneiform to creative junk journaling.
- **June 29 – Clear as Mud:** Create colorful mud paint to decorate rocks, clay pots, and more.

These free programs encourage teens to learn new skills, connect with others, and explore creativity in a welcoming environment.

All programs will take place at **East Central Public Library, 21801 Slider Road**. For additional information, call **228-588-6263** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

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### East Central Public Library Invites Families to Solve “Prehistoric Puzzles” This Summer

HURLEY, MS — East Central Public Library is bringing prehistoric fun to the community with *Prehistoric Puzzles: All Bones About It*, an exciting hands-on summer program taking place on **June 10 at 1:30 PM**.

Participants will explore the fascinating world of animal skeletons and discover how dramatically different bones can look from the living animal. Guests will test their detective skills by identifying animals based only on their skeletons, with a prize awarded to the winner!

This engaging educational event is part of the library’s summer programming and is designed for curious minds of all ages.

The program will be held at **East Central Public Library, 21801 Slider Road**. For more information, call **228-588-6263** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### East Central Public Library Hosts “Worry Worms” Crochet Program for Teens

HURLEY, MS — East Central Public Library invites teens to unwind and get creative during its *Worry Worms* program on **June 8, 2026, from 3:00–4:00 PM**.

Designed for ages 12–17, this beginner-friendly workshop will teach participants how to crochet adorable “worry worms” — soft, squirmy stress relievers that are both fun to make and comforting to keep. No crochet experience is necessary, making this the perfect opportunity for teens to try a new creative skill in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Part of the library’s *Unearth a Story* Summer Reading Program, *Worry Worms* combines creativity, crafting, and stress relief into one fun afternoon activity.

The program will take place at **East Central Public Library, 21801 Slider Road**. For more information, call **228-588-6263** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### East Central Public Library Hosts “Bioplastic Sun Catchers” Teen Craft Program

HURLEY, MS — East Central Public Library invites teens to get creative with science and art during the *Bioplastic Sun Catchers* program on **Monday, June 15 at 3:00 PM**.

Designed for ages 12–17, this hands-on activity will teach participants how to use cornstarch and other natural materials to create colorful and whimsical sun catchers. Teens will explore the fun side of bioplastics while designing unique decorative pieces to take home.

Part of the library’s *Unearth a Story* Summer Reading Program, this engaging event combines creativity, science, and sustainability into a memorable summer experience.

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The program will be held at **East Central Public Library, 21801 Slider Road**. For more information, call **228-588-6263** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **East Central Public Library Hosts “Miniature Dino Garden” Craft Program**

PASCAGOULA, MS — East Central Public Library is bringing prehistoric creativity to life with its *Miniature Dino Garden* program on **June 16 at 4:00 PM**.

Participants will have the opportunity to create their own miniature Jurassic-inspired garden using provided materials, including tiny dinosaur figures and decorative greenery. This hands-on craft activity is part of the library’s *Unearth a Story* Summer Reading Program and is perfect for dinosaur fans and creative minds alike.

Supplies are limited, and registration is required. Guests are encouraged to sign up at the circulation desk by **June 12** to reserve their spot.

The program will take place at **East Central Public Library, 21801 Slider Road**. For additional information, call **228-588-6263** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **East Central Public Library Invites Teens to Explore the History of Writing with “Paleography Pals”**

HURLEY, MS — East Central Public Library is taking teens on a journey through the history of writing with its creative summer program, *Paleography Pals*, on **Monday, June 22 at 3:00 PM**.

Designed for ages 12–17, this engaging program will introduce participants to different forms of writing throughout history — from ancient cuneiform tablets to modern junk journaling techniques. Teens will have the opportunity to learn about historical communication styles while exploring creative expression through hands-on activities.

*Paleography Pals* is part of the library’s *Unearth a Story* Summer Reading Program, encouraging young people to discover history, creativity, and storytelling in fun and interactive ways.

The event will be held at **East Central Public Library, 21801 Slider Road**. For more information, call **228-588-6263** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **East Central Public Library Invites Community on a Groovy Nature Odyssey**

HURLEY, MS — East Central Public Library is taking summer reading outdoors with *An “Alright, Alright, Alright” Nature Odyssey* on **June 26, 2026, at 10:00 AM** at Lum Cumbest Park.

Blending humor, literature, and nature, this unique walking adventure invites participants to enjoy a laid-back trek through local trails while embracing vintage “slacker-era” vibes inspired by classic road-trip storytelling and pop culture. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their favorite retro attire and prepare for a fun, easygoing outdoor experience.

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The event is part of the library's *Unearth a Story* Summer Reading Program and offers a creative way for the community to connect with nature, movement, and storytelling.

Participants will meet at **Lum Cumbest Park**. 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 Hosts Creative “Clear as Mud” Teen Program**

HURLEY, MS — Teens are invited to get creative and a little messy at East Central Public Library's *Clear as Mud* program on **Monday, June 29 at 3:00 PM**.

Designed for ages 12–17, this hands-on summer activity will give participants the opportunity to create assorted colors of mud paint to decorate rocks, clay pots, and more. The fun and interactive program encourages creativity while exploring artistic techniques inspired by natural materials.

*Clear as Mud* is part of the library's *Unearth a Story* Summer Reading Program, offering unique and engaging activities for local teens throughout the summer.

The event will be held at **East Central Public Library, 21801 Slider Road**. For additional information, call **228-588-6263** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **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.

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 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.

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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 Monthly Junk Journaling Program

GAUTIER, MS — Gautier Public Library invites creative community members to explore the art of *Junk Journaling* during a new monthly program beginning **Saturday, June 6 at 11:00 AM** in the library’s Meeting Room.

Held on the first Saturday of every month, this creative gathering encourages participants to use recycled materials, paper scraps, vintage-inspired elements, and personal mementos to create unique and artistic journals. Whether participants are experienced crafters or trying junk journaling for the first time, the program offers a fun and welcoming environment for creativity and self-expression.

The program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Gautier Library.

Junk Journaling will take place at **Gautier Public Library, 2100 Library Lane**. For more information, call **228-497-4531** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### Gautier Public Library Invites Families to “Unearth a Story” This Summer

Gautier, MS — Gautier Public Library is excited to announce its 2026 Summer Library Program, “**Unearth a Story**,” a free series of engaging and educational events for children and families.

**Registration opens May 30**, with programs beginning **June 10**. Elementary-aged students are invited to attend weekly programs held **Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.**, while preschool programs will take place **Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.**

This year’s theme encourages young readers to dig into books, explore creativity, and discover new ideas through hands-on experiences and live presentations. Featured programs include:

- **June 10:** White Tiger Lion Dance Team
- **June 17:** “*A Story, A Song*” – Interactive Storytelling
- **June 24:** Walter Anderson Museum of Art – “*Create Your Own Explorer Map*” inspired activity
- **July 1:** Freedom Ranch Wildlife Center

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All programs are **free**, and participants can read books and earn prizes throughout the summer.

Families interested in dinosaur-themed books and activities will find plenty of materials at their local library to spark curiosity and imagination.

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

### **Gautier Public Library Hosts “Night at the Museum” Escape Room for Teens**

GAUTIER, MS — Teens are invited to put their problem-solving skills to the test during a thrilling **Night at the Museum Escape Room** event at the Gautier Public Library.

The program will take place on **Wednesday, June 10 at 4:00 p.m.** and is designed especially for teens looking for an exciting, interactive challenge inspired by museums and prehistoric discoveries.

Participants will work together to solve clues, uncover mysteries, and escape before time runs out in this dinosaur-themed adventure. The event is part of the Jackson-George Regional Library System’s summer programming lineup inspired by the theme **“Unearth a Story.”**

Teens are encouraged to arrive on time and bring their teamwork and detective skills for an unforgettable evening of puzzles and adventure.

For more information about this and other summer library programs, contact the Gautier Public Library or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Gautier Public Library Hosts “Dig Into Collage Poetry” Writing Workshop**

GAUTIER, MS — Gautier Public Library invites teens and adults to explore creativity through words during its *Dig Into Collage Poetry* workshop on **June 11 at 5:00 PM.**

This free generative writing workshop encourages participants to collect and combine lines of poetry to create their own unique poem through the art of collage poetry, also known as cento poetry. Whether you are an experienced writer or simply curious about creative expression, this engaging program offers a fun and welcoming environment to experiment with language and storytelling.

The workshop is open to both teens and adults, and registration is encouraged.

The event will take place at **Gautier Public Library, 2100 Library Lane.** For more information or to register, call **228-497-4531** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Gautier Public Library Hosts “Solo RPG Journal Game” Adventure**

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GAUTIER, MS — Gautier Public Library invites aspiring adventurers and creative storytellers to explore the world of tabletop role-playing games during its *Solo RPG Journal Game* program on **Wednesday, June 17 at 4:00 PM.**

This unique program introduces participants to solo journaling role-playing games, allowing players to create their own dinosaur-themed adventures without needing a group or game party. Attendees will learn how solo tabletop RPGs work while building creativity, storytelling skills, and imagination through guided play.

Perfect for beginners and experienced gamers alike, the event offers a fun and approachable way to discover a new style of gaming and creative writing.

The program will take place at **Gautier Public Library, 2100 Library Lane.** For more information, call **228-497-4531** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Gautier Public Library Hosts “Dinosaur Nest Building Craft” Program**

GAUTIER, MS — Gautier Public Library invites families and dinosaur enthusiasts to get creative during its *Dinosaur Nest Building Craft* program on **June 20 from 1:00–3:00 PM.**

Participants will design and build their own dinosaur nests using craft materials and decorative “dinosaur eggs” in this fun, hands-on activity inspired by prehistoric creatures. This imaginative program encourages creativity while celebrating the excitement of dinosaurs and discovery.

Part of the library’s summer programming, the event offers a fun opportunity for the community to create, learn, and enjoy a prehistoric-themed craft together.

The program will take place at **Gautier Public Library, 2100 Library Lane.** For additional information, call **228-497-4531** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Gautier Public Library to Host Teen Fossil Art Casting Workshop**

GAUTIER, MS — Teens are invited to get creative and explore prehistoric-inspired art during the **Fossil Art Casting Workshop** at the Gautier Public Library.

The workshop will take place on **Wednesday, June 24 at 4:00 p.m.** and is designed especially for teens interested in hands-on art and crafting activities. Participants will learn how to create impression-style “fossils” using air-dry clay and paint to design their own unique prehistoric artwork.

Registration is required, and participants are encouraged to call the library ahead of time to reserve their spot.

The Fossil Art Casting Workshop is part of the Jackson-George Regional Library System’s summer programming series inspired by the theme **“Unearth a Story.”**

For more information or to register, contact the Gautier Public Library or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

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### Gautier Public Library Invites Readers to June “Page Turners” Book Club Meeting

GAUTIER, MS — Gautier Public Library invites book lovers to its monthly *Page Turners* discussion group on **Saturday, June 27 at 10:30 AM.**

This month’s featured selection is *Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel, a thought-provoking novel blending literary fiction, mystery, and speculative storytelling. Participants are encouraged to join fellow readers for lively conversation about the book of the month as well as other recent reads.

The *Page Turners* group welcomes readers looking to connect with others who enjoy discussing books in a relaxed and friendly setting. Refreshments will be generously provided by the Friends of the Gautier Public Library.

The meeting will take place at **Gautier Public Library, 2100 Library Lane.** For more information, call **228-497-4531** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).


### Gautier Public Library Hosts Teen “Dino Craft Night”


GAUTIER, MS — Teens are invited to enjoy a creative evening of dinosaur-themed fun at the Gautier Public Library during the upcoming **Dino Craft Night** program.

The event will take place on **Wednesday, July 1, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the Gautier Public Library. Participants will have the opportunity to create dino-themed crafts, socialize with friends, and enjoy a fun and relaxing atmosphere designed especially for teens.

The program is part of the Jackson-George Regional Library System’s summer programming lineup and encourages creativity, community engagement, and hands-on learning through themed activities.

 **Location:** Gautier Public Library

 **Date:** Wednesday, July 1

 **Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For additional information about this and other summer programs, contact the Gautier Public Library 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**.

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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.

### 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).

### Gautier Public Library Launches “Silent Book Club at the Hammocks”

GAUTIER, MS — Gautier Public Library invites readers to relax and unwind this summer with *Silent Book Club at the Hammocks*, held on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays from 5:00–6:00 PM during June and July**.

This peaceful outdoor reading experience encourages participants to bring a favorite book, chair, or blanket and enjoy an hour of quiet reading near the library’s hammocks. Several hammocks will also be available for attendees to use while supplies last.

Designed for readers who enjoy the company of fellow book lovers without the pressure of assigned reading or discussion, *Silent Book Club at the Hammocks* offers a calm and welcoming atmosphere to simply relax and read outdoors. Participants are encouraged to bring bug spray and dress comfortably for the weather.

The event will take place at **Gautier Public Library, 2100 Library Lane**. For more information, call **228-497-4531** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

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

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

## **LUCEDALE-GEORGE COUNTY LIBRARY**

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

### **Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Free Summer Kite Making Class**

LUCEDALE, MS — Lucedale-George County Public Library, in partnership with the Arts Committee of the George County Chamber of Commerce, invites families to kick off summer with a fun and creative *Summer Kite Making Class* on **Monday, June 1 at 10:00 AM**.

This free children's program encourages young participants to let their creativity soar by designing and building their own kites before heading outdoors to fly them together in the park. The event combines hands-on crafting, outdoor fun, and imaginative play in a welcoming community atmosphere.

Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

The program will take place at **Lucedale-George County Public Library, 507 Oak Street**. For more information, call **601-947-2123** or visit Facebook at [@LucedaleGeorgeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/LucedaleGeorgeLibrary).

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### Lucedale/George County Public Library Announces 2026 Summer Library Program: “Unearth A Story”

**LUCEDALE, MS** — The Lucedale/George County Public Library is inviting children and families to discover a summer full of creativity, storytelling, and adventure during the **2026 Summer Library Program, “Unearth A Story.”**

Beginning **Monday, June 8, 2026**, elementary students can attend exciting weekly programs every **Monday at 10 a.m.** featuring music, storytelling, science, wildlife encounters, and interactive educational fun designed to inspire young readers throughout the summer.

This year’s “Unearth A Story” theme encourages children to explore new worlds through books while earning prizes and participating in engaging library activities.

#### 2026 Program Schedule

- **June 8** – Addie May’s Spotlight Elite Dance Company presents “Dino Dance”
- **June 15** – “A Story, A Song” Storytelling Program
- **June 22** – Mississippi Museum of Natural Science featuring Conservation Educator Meaghan Huseman
- **June 29** – Freedom Ranch Wildlife Center

Registration for the Summer Library Program begins **May 30, 2026**.

The library will also host **Preschool Programs every Tuesday at 10 a.m.**, providing younger children with fun literacy activities and opportunities for early learning.

“All programs are free and open to the public,” library staff shared. “We encourage families to spend the summer reading together, discovering new interests, and enjoying the educational experiences the library provides.”

The Lucedale/George County Public Library is located at **507 Oak Street in Lucedale**. For more information, call **601-947-2123** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

Follow the Jackson-George Regional Library System on Facebook at **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** for updates and additional summer activities.

### Lucedale-George County Public Library Announces, “Unearth a Story” Teen Summer Programs

**LUCEDALE, MS** — Lucedale-George County Public Library invites teens to dig into creativity, science, and discovery this summer with its *CSLP Unearth a Story Teen Program Line-Up*, held Mondays at 2:00 PM throughout June.

These exciting summer programs are designed to engage teens with hands-on activities, educational presentations, and creative projects inspired by this year’s summer reading theme, *Unearth a Story*.

#### Teen Program Schedule:

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## **June 1 — Fossil Models with 3D Pens**

Create fossil-inspired designs using 3D pens provided by MLC.

## **June 8 — Dairy and Dinos**

Presented by Ann Howard from the MSU Extension Office, this fun and educational session combines dinosaurs with dairy science.

## **June 15 — “Amber” Jewelry with UV Resin**

Design prehistoric-inspired jewelry pieces using UV resin techniques.

## **June 22 — All About Reptiles**

Special guest Alyce Cole will introduce participants to the fascinating world of reptiles.

All programs are free and open to teens and will take place at **Lucedale-George County Public Library, 507 Oak Street**. For more information, call **601-947-2123** or visit Facebook at **@LucedaleGeorgeLibrary**.

## **Lucedale-George County Public Library Announces Adult Summer Programs**

LUCEDALE, MS — Lucedale-George County Public Library invites adults to “Unearth a Story” this June with a series of engaging Thursday evening programs designed to inspire creativity, exploration, and local discovery.

Held throughout June at 4:30 PM, the library’s Adult Summer Library Programs offer a variety of hands-on experiences and educational activities for adults of all interests.

### **Program Schedule:**

#### **June 4 — Clay Through Time: Ancient to Modern Pottery**

Learn how pottery was created, decorated, and uncovered through archaeological digs before crafting your own polymer clay creation. No experience necessary, and all supplies are provided.

#### **June 11 — The Painting Pit: Unearth, Discover, Create**

Guest artist Candice Defatta from the George County Chamber of Commerce Art Committee will guide participants step-by-step in painting their own masterpiece. Supplies provided — just bring your imagination!

#### **June 18 — Decode & Dig In: Geocaching Basics**

Discover the modern treasure hunt of geocaching and learn how to search for hidden caches using real-world clues. Perfect for beginners and seasoned explorers alike.

#### **June 25 — Night at the Museum (6:00–7:30 PM)**

Sponsored by the Lucedale-George County Historical Society & Museum, this special adults-only evening offers exclusive access to exhibits and the opportunity to meet exhibit creators. Tickets are free, but pre-registration is required.

Participants are encouraged to call or visit the library to sign up for programs.

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All events will take place at **Lucedale-George County Public Library, 507 Oak Street**. For more information, call **601-947-2123** or visit the library's Facebook page at **@LucedaleGeorgeLibrary**.

### **Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Special Author Reading with Johnny Newell**

LUCEDALE, MS — Lucedale-George County Public Library invites families to a special *Author Book Reading Event* featuring local author **Johnny Newell** on **Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 AM**.

During this special story time event, Johnny Newell will read from his heartwarming children's book, *When Your Heart Is Tired*. Guests will also have the opportunity to meet the beloved character Menhea and enjoy photo opportunities following the reading.

*When Your Heart Is Tired* is described as a tender and hope-filled story for children and the adults who care for them. Through comforting illustrations, gentle words, and grounding practices, the book encourages readers to find calm, reassurance, and peace during difficult moments.

The event is free and open to the public and will take place at **Lucedale-George County Public Library, 507 Oak Street**. For more information, call **601-947-2123** or visit the library's Facebook page at **@LucedaleGeorgeLibrary**.

### **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 Invites Community to Monthly Writers Club**

LUCEDALE, MS — Lucedale-George County Public Library invites aspiring and experienced writers alike to join its monthly *Writers Club*, held on the **last Tuesday of each month at 5:00 PM**.

The Writers Club offers a welcoming and creative space for participants to work on personal writing projects, exchange ideas, receive peer feedback, and find inspiration among fellow writers. Attendees are encouraged to bring notebooks, laptops, or any tools they use to create their stories.

Whether participants write fiction, poetry, memoirs, or simply enjoy creative expression, the club provides focused writing time and opportunities to connect with a supportive local writing community.

The program takes place at **Lucedale-George County Public Library, 507 Oak Street**. For more information, call **601-947-2123** or visit the library's Facebook page at **@LucedaleGeorgeLibrary**.

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### **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: 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.

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### **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Revives the Art of Handwriting with “Modern Cursive”**

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites community members of all ages to rediscover the beauty of handwriting through its *Modern Cursive* program, held every Wednesday from **June 3 through July 3 at 5:15 PM.**

This welcoming program is designed for anyone who wants to improve their cursive handwriting skills or refresh techniques they may not have used in years. Participants will practice modern cursive styles in a relaxed and supportive environment suitable for all skill levels and abilities.

Whether attendees are learning cursive for the first time or simply looking to strengthen their handwriting, *Modern Cursive* offers a fun and creative opportunity to reconnect with this timeless skill.

Classes will take place at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library, 4119 Bellview Avenue.** For more information, call **228-475-7462** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Announces 2026 Summer Library Program: “Unearth A Story”**

MOSS POINT, MS — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library is inviting children and families to dig into discovery, imagination, and adventure this summer with the **2026 Summer Library Program, “Unearth A Story.”**

Beginning **Thursday, June 11, 2026**, elementary students are encouraged to join the library each Thursday at **10 a.m.** for exciting educational programs, storytelling experiences, wildlife encounters, and hands-on learning opportunities designed to keep young minds engaged all summer long.

This year’s theme celebrates curiosity, exploration, and the power of stories to uncover new worlds. Participants can enjoy a variety of free programs while earning prizes through summer reading.

#### **2026 Program Schedule**

- **June 11** – White Tiger Lion Dance Team
- **June 18** – “Story, A Song” Storytelling Program
- **June 25** – Mississippi Museum of Natural Science featuring Conservation Educator Meaghan Huseman
- **July 2** – Freedom Ranch Wildlife Center

In addition to elementary programming, the library will also offer **Preschool Programs every Tuesday at 10 a.m.**

Registration for the Summer Library Program begins **May 30, 2026.**

“All programs are completely free, and we encourage families throughout the community to participate,” said library staff. “Summer reading helps children maintain literacy skills, build confidence, and discover the joy of learning.”

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The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library is located at **4119 Bellview Street in Moss Point**. For more information, call **228-475-7462** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

Follow the Jackson-George Regional Library System on Facebook at [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/JacksonGeorgeLibrary) for updates and additional summer activities.

## **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Launches “How Was I Supposed to Know?” Teen Life Skills Series**

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library is helping teens tackle real-world challenges with its new summer series, *How Was I Supposed to Know?* — a fun and practical “Adulting 101” program designed to build confidence and life skills.

Held as part of the *Unearth a Story* Summer Reading Program, the series will guide teens through creative and practical topics ranging from financial basics to family history research.

### **Program Schedule:**

#### **June 11 — Modern Hieroglyphics**

Teens will create and personalize their signature while learning about identity and self-expression.

#### **June 18 — Money Doesn’t Have to Be Scary**

Participants will explore budgeting basics, spending wisely, and practical money tips for everyday life.

#### **June 25 — Unearthing Your Roots**

Learn how to trace family history, discover genealogy resources, and uncover family stories.

#### **July 2 — Celebrate. Compete. Eat.**

The series wraps up with games, activities, and celebration as participants put their new skills to use.

This engaging teen-focused series encourages learning in a relaxed, welcoming environment while helping participants build practical knowledge for the future.

Programs will take place at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library, 4119 Bellview Avenue**. For more information, call **228-475-7462** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

## **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Announces Adult Summer Library Programs**

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites adults to explore history, culture, creativity, and fun this summer through its *Adult Summer Library Programs* series. Held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00 PM, the lineup offers engaging educational presentations, games, crafts, and interactive experiences inspired by this year’s *Unearth a Story* summer reading theme.

### **Tuesday Programs — *Virtual Voyages: Civilizations of the Past***

Travel through history and discover fascinating cultures from around the world:

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📅 **June 2 — Lotus Light: Thai Inspired Glass Art**

🏠 **June 9 — Voices from the Stone: Chumash and Mesa Verde**

🏛️ **June 16 — Legacy of the Incas: Machu Picchu Revealed**

🏠 **June 23 — The Great Wall of China: A Ribbon Across Time**

🎲 **June 30 — Unearthing Egypt: Learning the Game of the Pharaohs**

🗡️ **July 7 — Nordic Living, Viking Spirit**

## Thursday Programs — *Unearthing a Story*

Enjoy community-centered activities, games, and special presentations:

🎲 **June 4 — Family Game Night (*Begins at 4 PM*)**

🏠 **June 11 — Modern Archaeology with Haley Streuding**

🦖 **June 18 — Living Dinosaurs with the Pascagoula River Audubon Center**

🎲 **June 25 — BINGO at Merchants & Marine Bank**

🎲 **July 2 — Ultimate UNO Game Night**

These free programs are designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and connection throughout the summer season.

Programs will take place at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library, 4119 Bellview Avenue**. For more information, call **228-475-7462** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

## 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.

## Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Launches "We Don't Judge" Book Club for Adult Readers

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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.**

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.

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

### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Launches “Brew Crew” Teen Coffee & Gaming Hangout**

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OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — Teen gamers and coffee lovers are invited to connect, compete, and unwind at **Brew Crew: Coffee & Gaming**, hosted by the Ocean Springs Municipal Library on **Tuesday, June 2 at 2:00 PM** at PJ's Coffee in Ocean Springs.

Designed for teens ages 12–18, this summer library program offers a relaxed social space where participants can meet new friends, discuss the latest trends in gaming, and enjoy playing games together in a fun café atmosphere.

The event will take place at:

 **PJ's Coffee**  
1112 Ames Avenue  
Ocean Springs, MS

Whether attendees are longtime gamers or simply looking for a fun summer hangout, Brew Crew promises an afternoon of entertainment, conversation, and community connection.

For more information, contact the Ocean Springs Municipal Library at **228-875-1193** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Presents “Day of Dragons at the Mary C.”**

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — Families are invited to enjoy a magical day of dragons, crafts, and film fun at the **Mary C. O’Keefe Cultural Center** on **Saturday, June 6** during the Ocean Springs Municipal Library’s **Day of Dragons at the Mary C.** event.

The day begins at **10:00 AM** with dragon-themed arts and crafts activities designed especially for children. At **11:00 AM**, attendees can enjoy a special screening of the family favorite *How to Train Your Dragon* (2010).

Hosted at the **Mary C. O’Keefe Cultural Center**, located at **1600 Government Street**, the event promises a “scaly good time” for all ages. The program is sponsored by **Marco’s Pizza** and the **Friends of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library**. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase during the event.

 **Mary C. O’Keefe Cultural Center**  
1600 Government St.  
Ocean Springs, MS

For more information, contact the Ocean Springs Municipal Library at **228-875-1193** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts “Teen Snack Lab” International Food Tasting Event**

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — Teens are invited to expand their taste buds and explore flavors from around the world at the Ocean Springs Municipal Library’s **Teen Snack Lab** on **Tuesday, June 9 at 2:00 PM**.

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This interactive summer program gives teens the chance to sample and rate a variety of international snacks while learning about foods and cultures from other countries. Participants can expect a fun afternoon filled with adventurous flavors, conversation, and friendly reactions as they discover new favorites.

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525 Dewey Avenue  
Ocean Springs, MS

 **Registration is required** for this event.

For additional information or to register, contact the Ocean Springs Municipal Library at **228-875-1193** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

## **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Announces 2026 Summer Library Program: “Unearth A Story”**

**OCEAN SPRINGS, MS** — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library is inviting children and families to embark on an exciting summer of reading, discovery, and adventure during the **2026 Summer Library Program, “Unearth A Story.”**

Beginning **Tuesday, June 9, 2026**, elementary students can join the library every **Tuesday at 10 a.m.** for free weekly programs featuring storytelling, cultural performances, wildlife encounters, and hands-on educational experiences designed to inspire a lifelong love of reading.

This year’s “Unearth A Story” theme encourages children to dig into books, uncover new adventures, and explore creativity and learning throughout the summer while earning prizes along the way.

### **2026 Program Schedule**

- **June 9** – White Tiger Lion Dance Team
- **June 16** – “A Story, A Song” Storytelling Program
- **June 23** – Mississippi Museum of Natural Science featuring Conservation Educator Meaghan Huseman
- **June 30** – Freedom Ranch Wildlife Center

Registration for the Summer Library Program begins **May 30, 2026**.

The library will also offer **Preschool Programs every Wednesday at 10 a.m.**, providing younger children with engaging literacy activities and early learning fun.

“All programs are free and open to the community,” library staff shared. “We encourage families to make reading part of their summer traditions and discover all the exciting opportunities available through the library.”

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### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts “Grill & Chill Bingo” Community Event**

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites the community to enjoy food, fun, and friendly competition at this year’s **Grill & Chill Bingo with Cakewalk on Saturday, June 13 at 12:00 PM**.

This all-ages summer event will feature bingo games, a cakewalk, grilled lunch, prizes, and desserts in a welcoming community atmosphere. No registration is required, and attendees are encouraged to bring family and friends for an afternoon of entertainment and fellowship.

Lunch will be provided courtesy of event sponsors **Humana** and **Sage Health**, while desserts and additional support are generously provided by the **Friends of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library**.

The event will take place at:

 **Ocean Springs Municipal Library**  
525 Dewey Avenue  
Ocean Springs, MS

Guests will have opportunities to win prizes, enjoy fresh-off-the-grill favorites, and celebrate summer with the library community.

For more information, contact the Ocean Springs Municipal Library at **228-875-1193** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Partners with Walter Anderson Museum of Art for Teen Block Printing Workshop**

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — Teens are invited to explore the art of printmaking during a special **Block Printing** workshop hosted by the Ocean Springs Municipal Library in partnership with the **Walter Anderson Museum of Art** on **Tuesday, June 16 at 2:00 PM**.

Led by presenter **James Karlson** from the Walter Anderson Museum of Art, participants will learn the creative process behind designing and producing original block print artwork. Teens will also have the opportunity to watercolor their finished prints and take their artwork home.

This hands-on summer library program encourages creativity, artistic exploration, and self-expression while introducing participants to a classic artmaking technique.

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The event is part of the 2026 Summer Library Program and is designed specifically for teens interested in art and creative experiences.

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### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Teen Program: “How to Make Money on YouTube”**

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — Teens interested in content creation, online media, and digital entrepreneurship are invited to attend **“How To Make Money on YouTube”** at the Ocean Springs Municipal Library on **Tuesday, June 23 at 2:00 PM.**

Presented by **Xander Thompson**, this engaging teen program will explore the basics of building a YouTube channel, creating content, and understanding how creators can earn income online. Participants will also learn about common mistakes new creators make and how to avoid them.

The program is part of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library’s 2026 Summer Library Program and is designed to encourage creativity, digital literacy, and entrepreneurial thinking among teens.

## Ocean Springs Municipal Library

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Ocean Springs, MS

For more information, contact the library at **228-875-1193** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts “Make & Take Pet Treats: Dinosaur Bones!” Program**

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — Pet lovers are invited to the Ocean Springs Municipal Library for a fun and creative evening of homemade pet snacks during the **Make & Take Pet Treats: Dinosaur Bones!** program on **Thursday, June 25 from 5:30 PM to 6:15 PM.**

Participants will learn how to create healthy, homemade treats for their pets while enjoying a relaxed, hands-on program as part of the 2026 Summer Library Program. Attendees will leave with their own “dinosaur bone” pet treats to take home for their furry companions.

Due to supply preparation, **registration is required** for this event.

The program will be held at:

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### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library**

525 Dewey Avenue  
Ocean Springs, MS

Community members are encouraged to register early and join the library for an evening of pet-friendly fun and creativity.

For more information or to register, contact the Ocean Springs Municipal Library at **228-875-1193** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Invites Adults to a Magical “Folk of the Fae” Summer Event**

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — Step into an enchanted evening of music, games, and fantasy at the Ocean Springs Municipal Library’s *Folk of the Fae* adult summer library program on **Friday, June 26 at 5:00 PM**.

Hosted at **The Traveler** in downtown Ocean Springs, this whimsical gathering will feature Celtic music, snacks, and yard games inspired by the magic and mystery of fae folklore. Adults are invited to relax, socialize, and enjoy a unique fantasy-themed evening as part of the 2026 Summer Library Program.

The event is sponsored by the **Friends of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library** and will take place at:

### **The Traveler**

1007 Joseph Street  
Ocean Springs, MS

Community members are encouraged to embrace the spirit of the evening and join fellow fantasy lovers for an unforgettable night of fun and fellowship.

For more information, contact the Ocean Springs Municipal Library at **228-875-1193** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Presents “Poetry Night Café” at the Mary C.**

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites the community to enjoy an evening of creativity, conversation, and literary expression during **Poetry Night Café** on **Saturday, June 27 at 5:00 PM** at the Mary C. O’Keefe Cultural Arts Center.

This special summer library program will feature poetry, snacks, and a welcoming café-style atmosphere where attendees can gather to celebrate the written word and connect with fellow poetry enthusiasts.

Hosted in partnership with the **Mary C. O’Keefe Cultural Arts Center**, the event offers a relaxed evening perfect for readers, writers, and anyone who appreciates spoken word and artistic expression.

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 **Mary C. O’Keefe Cultural Arts Center**  
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Community members are encouraged to attend and experience a night filled with inspiration, creativity, and community fellowship.

For more information, contact the Ocean Springs Municipal Library at **228-875-1193** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

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

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### **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 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.

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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 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](http://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.**

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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** 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](http://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**.

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

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

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

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

### **Teens & Tweens Drawing Club**

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

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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

## **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**

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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

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"  
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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!

### **Sit, Stay and Read!**

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS \_\_ You are invited to bring your children to the Ocean Springs Municipal Library on the last Saturday of the month to participate in our "Sit, Stay, Read!" program. This program, sponsored by Visiting Pet Teams of South Mississippi, allows children to read to licensed therapy dogs and is designed to boost confidence in early and young readers. The program will run from **10:00 AM to 12:00 PM 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: Cory Joiner, Branch Manager (228) 769-3060

### **Pascagoula Public Library Invites Families to “Unearth A Story” During the 2026 Summer Library Program**

**PASCAGOULA, MS** — The Pascagoula Public Library is preparing for a summer filled with stories, creativity, wildlife, and hands-on learning as it launches the **2026 Summer Library Program: “Unearth A Story.”**

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Beginning **Thursday, June 11, 2026**, elementary students are invited to attend exciting weekly programs every **Thursday at 2 p.m.** designed to encourage reading, spark imagination, and inspire discovery throughout the summer months.

This year's "Unearth A Story" theme invites children and families to explore new adventures through storytelling, science, art, music, and interactive educational experiences — all while earning prizes for reading.

## 2026 Program Schedule

- **June 11** – White Tiger Lion Dance Team
- **June 18** – "Story, A Song" Storytelling Program
- **June 25** – Mississippi Museum of Natural Science featuring Conservation Educator Meaghan Huseman
- **July 2** – Freedom Ranch Wildlife Center

Registration for the Summer Library Program begins **May 30, 2026**.

The library will also offer **Preschool Programs every Wednesday at 10 a.m.**, providing younger children with fun early literacy activities and engaging learning opportunities.

"All summer programs are free and open to the community," library staff shared. "We encourage families to make reading a part of their summer adventures while connecting with the library through these exciting educational programs."

The Pascagoula Public Library is located at **3214 Pascagoula Street in Pascagoula**. For additional information, call **228-769-3060** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

Follow the Jackson-George Regional Library System on Facebook at **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** for updates and additional summer events.

## Pascagoula Public Library Announces 2026 Adult and Family Summer Library Programs

PASCAGOULA, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library is inviting the community to "Unearth a Story" this summer with a variety of exciting and educational programs for teens and adults throughout June as part of the 2026 Summer Library Program.

Programs will explore dinosaurs, archaeology, ancient civilizations, art, and creativity through hands-on activities and interactive experiences. Space is limited for all programs, and participants are encouraged to RSVP by calling or visiting the library.

### Summer Programs Include:

#### **Dinosaur Trivia**

June 4 at 5:00 PM

For ages 18 and up

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## Mummify an Orange

June 6 at 1:30 PM

All ages welcome with an adult

## Hieroglyphics Escape Room

June 12 at 12:00 PM

All ages welcome with an adult

## Steeped in Prehistory

June 18 at 5:00 PM

All ages welcome with an adult

## Dig Into Drawing

June 20 at 11:00 AM

All ages welcome with an adult

## Draw Yourself as a Dinosaur

June 25 at 5:00 PM

For ages 18 and up

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For more information about these programs and other library events, visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org) or call 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.

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## Pascagoula Public Library Launches Silent Circle Book Club

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 McMahan, Branch Manager – 228-392-3250

## St. Martin Public Library Announces 2026 Summer Library Program: “Unearth A Story”

**ST. MARTIN, MS** — The St. Martin Public Library is inviting children and families to embark on a summer filled with imagination, creativity, and discovery during the **2026 Summer Library Program, “Unearth A Story.”**

Beginning **Wednesday, June 10, 2026**, elementary students can participate in exciting weekly programs every **Wednesday at 10 a.m.** featuring storytelling, cultural performances, art activities, and wildlife experiences designed to inspire a love of reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, “Unearth A Story,” encourages readers of all ages to explore new ideas, uncover exciting adventures, and connect through stories while earning prizes through the summer reading program.

### 2026 Program Schedule

- **June 10** – White Tiger Lion Dance Team
- **June 17** – “A Story, A Song” Storytelling Program
- **June 24** – Walter Anderson Museum of Art presents “Create Your Own Explorer Map” inspired by Walter Anderson
- **July 1** – Freedom Ranch Wildlife Center

Registration for the Summer Library Program begins **May 30, 2026**.

The library will also host **Preschool Programs every Thursday at 10 a.m.**, giving younger children opportunities for fun early literacy activities and interactive learning.

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“All programs are free and open to the community,” library staff said. “We encourage families to spend the summer reading together, discovering new interests, and enjoying all the library has to offer.”

The St. Martin Public Library is located at **15004 Lemoyne Boulevard in St. Martin**. For additional information, call **228-392-3250** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

Follow the Jackson-George Regional Library System on Facebook at **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** for updates and additional summer activities.


## St. Martin Public Library Announces 2026 Adult Summer Library Programs

ST. MARTIN, MS — Adults are invited to “Unearth a Story” this summer at the St. Martin Public Library with a series of creative and engaging programs throughout June as part of the 2026 Summer Library Program.

These programs, designed for adults ages 18 and up, feature hands-on art projects, themed trivia, and opportunities for creativity and community connection. All crafting supplies will be provided, but registration is required as space is limited.


### 2026 Adult Summer Library Programs Include:

#### **Diamond Art Coasters**

 Thursday, June 4 at 3:00 p.m.


Create sparkling Egyptian-inspired coasters while exploring the beauty of ancient art and design.

#### **Greece Watercolor Painting**

 Thursday, June 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Learn to paint a serene Mediterranean watercolor scene inspired by the Greek coastline.

#### **Trivia Night at El Rincon**

 Thursday, June 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of dinosaur and archaeology-themed trivia at El Rincon Mexican Restaurant, located at 15701 Lemoyne Blvd., Biloxi. Meals and drinks are not included.

#### **Mask Decorating**

 Thursday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m.

Design and decorate wearable works of art using paints, gems, and embellishments.

#### **St. Martin Public Library**

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To register or learn more, call **228-392-3250** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

## St. Martin Public Library Announces 2026 Youth Summer Library Programs

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ST. MARTIN, MS — Teens ages 12–17 are invited to explore creativity, science, art, and hands-on activities this June during the St. Martin Public Library’s 2026 Youth Summer Library Programs.

Part of the 2026 Summer Library Program theme, **“Unearth a Story,”** these weekly Wednesday programs are designed to encourage learning, imagination, and fun throughout the summer. All crafting supplies will be provided, but registration is required as space is limited.


## Youth Summer Library Programs Include:

### **Henna Tattoos**

 Wednesday, June 3 at 2:00 p.m.


Participants will learn about the origins and cultural importance of henna while enjoying temporary henna tattoos.

### **Volcanoes**

 Wednesday, June 10 at 2:00 p.m.


Teens will create their own volcanoes and receive instructions and ingredients to erupt them at home.

### **Unearth a Painting**

 Wednesday, June 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Participants can choose from four themes to create a painting masterpiece to take home or display at the library.

### **Mask Decorating**

 Wednesday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Inspired by Egyptian history and mythology, teens will decorate cat face masks and celebrate the conclusion of the Summer Library Program with a small party.

### **St. Martin Public Library**

15004 Lemoyne Blvd.  
St. Martin, MS

To register or learn more, call **228-392-3250** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

## St. Martin Public Library to Host “Spotlight: E-Resources” Program

ST. MARTIN, MS — Community members are invited to discover the many digital resources available through the Jackson-George Regional Library System during **“Spotlight: E-Resources”** at the St. Martin Public Library on **Thursday, June 18 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**

This informative session will introduce patrons to several popular online library services, including **Libby**, **Kanopy**, **Universal Class**, and more. Attendees will learn how to access ebooks, audiobooks, streaming entertainment, online courses, and other digital tools available free with a library card.

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Whether participants are new to digital library resources or looking to learn more about what JGRLS offers, this program provides an opportunity to explore services designed for readers, learners, and lifelong library users.

For more information, call **228-392-3250** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

### 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 Announces 2026 Summer Library Program: “Unearth A Story”

**VANCLEAVE, MS** — The Vancleave Public Library is inviting children and families to explore a summer full of imagination, discovery, and adventure during the **2026 Summer Library Program, “Unearth A Story.”**

Beginning **Tuesday, June 9, 2026**, elementary students can join the library every **Tuesday at 2 p.m.** for exciting programs featuring storytelling, wildlife encounters, educational presentations, and interactive fun designed to encourage reading all summer long.

This year’s “Unearth A Story” theme inspires participants to dig into books, uncover new adventures, and connect through creativity and exploration while earning prizes through the summer reading program.

### 2026 Program Schedule

- **June 9** – White Tiger Lion Dance Team
- **June 16** – “A Story, A Song” Storytelling Program
- **June 23** – Mississippi Museum of Natural Science featuring Conservation Educator Meaghan Huseman
- **June 30** – Freedom Ranch Wildlife Center

Registration for the Summer Library Program begins **May 30, 2026**.

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The library will also host **Preschool Programs every Thursday at 10 a.m.**, offering younger children engaging literacy activities and interactive learning experiences.

“All summer programs are free and open to the community,” library staff shared. “We encourage families to make reading part of their summer adventures and discover all the exciting opportunities available at the library.”

The Vancleave Public Library is located at **12604 Highway 57 in Vancleave**. For more information, call **228-826-5857** or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

Follow the Jackson-George Regional Library System on Facebook at [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/JacksonGeorgeLibrary) for updates and additional summer events.

## Vancleave Public Library to Host “Cooking Matters” Adult Cooking Classes

VANCLEAVE, MS — Adults in the community are invited to improve their cooking confidence and nutrition knowledge through **Cooking Matters**, a free six-week hands-on cooking course hosted at the Vancleave Public Library.

The course will be held on **Wednesdays from June 10 through July 14**, from **4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at the Vancleave Public Library.

Led by trained educators through the Mississippi State University Extension Service, Cooking Matters teaches practical skills including food preparation, grocery shopping, meal budgeting, and nutrition education. Participants will also prepare and taste recipes during each class session.

Topics and skills covered include:

- Using kitchen knives safely
- Reading and understanding food labels
- Preparing healthy meals
- Cutting up a whole chicken
- Budget-friendly grocery shopping and meal planning

The program is designed to help families create healthier meals at home while building confidence in the kitchen.

“Cooking Matters teaches families how to prepare healthy meals,” organizers said. “Participants leave with practical skills they can use every day.”



**Location:** Vancleave Public Library



**Dates:** Wednesdays, June 10 – July 14



**Time:** 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

To register or learn more, contact:

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## Vanceleave Public Library Hosts Monthly “VC Book Dragons” Book Club

VANCELEAVE, MS — Book lovers of all kinds are invited to join the **VC Book Dragons** book club at the Vanceleave Public Library.

The VC Book Dragons meet **monthly at 11:00 a.m.** at the Vanceleave Public Library. Participants are encouraged to bring and share their favorite books while connecting with fellow readers in the community.

Whether you enjoy fantasy, mystery, romance, nonfiction, or classic literature, the VC Book Dragons welcomes avid readers looking to discover new titles and engage in lively discussions.

Library staff encourage attendees to check the library’s monthly calendar for upcoming meeting dates and themes.

📍 **Location:** Vanceleave Public Library

📅 **When:** Monthly Meetings

🕒 **Time:** 11:00 a.m.

For more information, contact the Vanceleave Public Library or visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org).

## Open Studio Tuesdays at Vanceleave Public Library

Vanceleave, MS — The **Vanceleave 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.

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

## “Sewing Machine 101” Free Instruction at Vanceleave Public Library

Vanceleave, MS — The **Vanceleave 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.

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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.

### **Vanceleave Quilting Bees Quilting Club**

VANCELEAVE, MS \_\_ Vanceleave Public Library invites you to join the Vanceleave 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 Vanceleave Public Library**

VANCELEAVE, MS \_\_ Vanceleave 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**

VANCELEAVE, MS \_\_ Join us at Vanceleave 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!**

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

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

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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**.

The Vancleave Public Library is located at **12604 Hwy 57**. Visit [www.JGRLS.org](http://www.JGRLS.org) or follow @JacksonGeorgeLibrary on Facebook and Instagram for updates.