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All JGRLS Libraries to Close for Independence Day Holiday

Pascagoula, MS – The Jackson-George Regional Library System announces that all library branches will be closed Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

All branches will resume regular operating hours on Monday, July 6. Patrons are encouraged to visit their local branch before the holiday weekend to check out books, movies, and other materials.

While library buildings will be closed, book drops at each location will remain open for the return of materials. Library cardholders are also encouraged to take advantage of the library's wide range of online services, including e-books, audiobooks, streaming content, databases, renewals, and holds, all available 24/7 at www.jgrls.org.

For more information on library services, events, and resources, visit the website or follow the library system on Facebook at [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/JacksonGeorgeLibrary).

JGRLS Highlights ABCmouse and Adventure Academy as July E-Resources of the Month

PASCAGOULA, MS — As summer continues and families begin preparing for a new school year, the Jackson-George Regional Library System (JGRLS) is encouraging parents, caregivers, and homeschool families to take advantage of two powerful educational resources available free with a library card: ABCmouse and Adventure Academy.

Whether children are enjoying the final weeks of summer break, preparing for their first day of school, or getting ready for a homeschool curriculum, these online learning platforms provide engaging educational experiences that help students build confidence and strengthen essential academic skills.

ABCMouse is designed for children ages 2–8+ and offers more than 8,500 learning activities covering reading, math, science, social studies, art, and music. The program uses games, books, songs, videos, and puzzles to make learning fun while helping young learners develop a strong educational foundation.

For older students, Adventure Academy provides an immersive educational world designed for children ages 8–13. Combining curriculum-based learning with adventure, exploration, and social interaction, Adventure

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Academy helps students practice reading, math, science, and language arts skills while participating in quests and activities that make learning exciting.

"July is a transition month for many families," said the JGRLS Marketing Team. "Some are enjoying the last weeks of summer vacation, while others are beginning to plan for the upcoming school year or homeschool programs. ABCmouse and Adventure Academy offer engaging ways for children to continue learning, prevent summer learning loss, and start the new school year with confidence."

Research has shown that students who regularly use educational programs during the summer can maintain and even improve their academic skills. ABCmouse has been recognized as an effective tool for helping children avoid the "summer slide" and continue developing literacy and math skills during school breaks.

As part of the July E-Resource Highlight campaign, JGRLS branches will promote ABCmouse and Adventure Academy through library displays, staff recommendations, social media outreach, and community engagement efforts. Library staff are available to help patrons learn more about accessing these resources and finding educational tools that best fit their family's needs.

Both ABCmouse and Adventure Academy are available at no cost to eligible patrons through the Jackson-George Regional Library System.

For more information about these resources and other digital learning opportunities available through JGRLS, visit www.JGRLS.org or contact your local library branch.

About ABCmouse

ABCMouse is an award-winning early learning program for children ages 2–8+ featuring thousands of educational activities in reading, math, science, social studies, art, and music. The program helps children build foundational academic skills through interactive and engaging learning experiences.

About Adventure Academy

Adventure Academy is an educational online learning platform created by Age of Learning, the makers of ABCmouse. Designed for children ages 8–13, it combines curriculum-based learning with adventure, exploration, and interactive gameplay to create a motivating educational experience.

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

East Central Public Library Launches Steampunk Toys Crafting Series with Miniature Automata Workshop

HURLEY, MS — East Central Public Library invites community members to unleash their creativity during the first installment of its new **Steampunk Toys Crafting Series** on Saturday, July 11, at 2:00 p.m.

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Participants will learn how to create miniature automata toys using common household materials under the guidance of Ms. Rebecca. This hands-on program combines art, imagination, and simple mechanics in a fun and engaging environment.

Seating and materials are limited, and advance registration is encouraged. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the East Central Public Library.

The program will be held at East Central Public Library, 21801 Slider Road. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 228-588-6263 or visit www.jgrls.org.

East Central Public Library Continues Steampunk Toys Crafting Series with Zoetrope Workshop

MOSS POINT, Miss. — East Central Public Library invites community members to continue their journey into the imaginative world of steampunk during the second session of its **Steampunk Toys Crafting Series** on **Friday, July 17, at 2:00 p.m.**

Led by Ms. Rebecca, participants will create their own **Zoetrope**, an early animation device that produces the illusion of motion through a sequence of images. In addition to building the craft, attendees will learn how the Zoetrope works and its role in the history of animation and visual storytelling.

The hands-on workshop is designed to inspire creativity while exploring the science and mechanics behind one of the earliest forms of moving images. Seating and materials are limited, and advance registration is encouraged.

Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the East Central Public Library.

The program will be held at East Central Public Library, located at 21801 Slider Road in Moss Point. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 228-588-6263 or visit www.jgrls.org.

East Central Public Library Invites Community to Celebrate Chess Day 2026

MOSS POINT, Miss. — East Central Public Library will host **Chess Day 2026** on **Monday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m.**, inviting players of all ages and skill levels to explore the world's most popular strategy game.

Whether participants are experienced players or complete beginners, the event offers something for everyone. Library staff and volunteers will provide instruction for those who have never played chess and will pair new players with opponents for friendly matches.

In addition to traditional chess games, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about and watch demonstrations of chess variants from around the world, highlighting the rich history and cultural diversity of strategy games.

Participants are also encouraged to take part in a special **Design Your Own Chess Piece Challenge**, with submissions accepted on the day of the program.

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Chess Day 2026 is designed to promote critical thinking, creativity, and community engagement in a fun and welcoming environment. The event is free and open to the public.

The program will be held at East Central Public Library, located at 21801 Slider Road in Moss Point. For more information, call 228-588-6263 or visit www.jgrls.org.

East Central Public Library Offers Agate Coaster Painting Workshop for Adults

MOSS POINT, Miss. — East Central Public Library invites community members to enjoy a relaxing and creative afternoon during its **Agate Coasters** crafting program on **Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**

Participants will create their own agate-style coasters inspired by the beauty of natural geodes and gemstones. This hands-on art program demonstrates how simple materials can be transformed into elegant decorative pieces through color, creativity, and technique.

The workshop is designed for all skill levels, and no prior artistic experience is necessary. Attendees will be guided through the process of creating unique coaster designs while enjoying a fun and welcoming atmosphere.

Due to limited supplies, registration is required. Interested participants are encouraged to call the library or sign up in person to reserve a spot.

The program will be held at East Central Public Library, located at 21801 Slider Road in Moss Point. For more information or to register, call 228-588-6263 or visit www.jgrls.org.

East Central Public Library Hosts Family Game Day for All Ages

MOSS POINT, Miss. — East Central Public Library invites families, friends, and game enthusiasts of all ages to enjoy an afternoon of fun during **Family Game Day at the Library on Wednesday, July 22, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Participants are encouraged to explore a variety of board games, card games, and tabletop favorites from the library's collection or bring their own games to share with others. The event offers an opportunity for community members to connect, learn new games, and enjoy friendly competition in a welcoming environment.

Designed for all ages, Family Game Day promotes family engagement, strategic thinking, and social interaction while providing a fun summer activity for the community.

Whether you're a seasoned gamer or trying a new game for the first time, everyone is welcome to join the fun.

The event will be held at East Central Public Library, located at 21801 Slider Road in Moss Point. For more information, call 228-588-6263 or visit www.jgrls.org.

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East Central Public Library Explores Storytelling Through Crankie Theater in Steampunk Toys Crafting Series

MOSS POINT, Miss. — East Central Public Library invites community members to discover the art of visual storytelling during the third installment of its **Steampunk Toys Crafting Series** on **Saturday, July 25, at 2:00 p.m.**

During this hands-on workshop, Ms. Rebecca will guide participants in creating their own miniature **Crankie Theater**, a traditional storytelling device that uses a scrolling illustrated scene to bring stories to life. Participants will also learn about the history and cultural significance of crankie theaters as a unique form of folk art and entertainment.

The program combines creativity, craftsmanship, and storytelling, offering participants an opportunity to explore a fascinating piece of artistic history while creating a project of their own.

Seating and materials are limited, and advance registration is encouraged. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the East Central Public Library.

The workshop will be held at East Central Public Library, located at 21801 Slider Road in Moss Point. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 228-588-6263 or visit www.jgrls.org.

East Central Public Library Hosts Paper Tales & Wreaths Craft Workshop for Adults

MOSS POINT, Miss. — East Central Public Library invites adults to discover the art of upcycling during **Paper Tales & Wreaths**, a creative crafting workshop on **Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**

Participants will learn how to transform old book pages into beautiful decorative wreaths through folding, shaping, and assembling techniques. This hands-on workshop offers a unique opportunity to give discarded pages new life while creating a charming book-inspired piece of home décor.

The program is designed for adults of all crafting skill levels and provides a relaxing environment to explore creativity, learn new techniques, and connect with fellow crafters.

Space is limited, and registration is required. Interested participants should call the library or sign up in person to reserve a spot.

The workshop will be held at East Central Public Library, located at 21801 Slider Road in Moss Point. For more information or to register, call 228-588-6263 or visit www.jgrls.org.

East Central Public Library Concludes Steampunk Toys Crafting Series with Stereoscope Workshop

MOSS POINT, Miss. — East Central Public Library will conclude its popular **Steampunk Toys Crafting Series** with a hands-on **Stereoscope Workshop** on **Friday, July 31, at 2:00 p.m.**

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In this final session, Ms. Rebecca will guide participants in creating their own stereoscope, a fascinating optical device that produces the illusion of three-dimensional images. Attendees will also learn how the stereoscope's innovative design influenced modern virtual reality technology and today's VR headsets.

The workshop combines creativity, science, and history, giving participants an opportunity to explore one of the inventions that helped shape modern immersive experiences. The program is part of the library's ongoing effort to provide engaging educational activities that inspire imagination and learning.

Seating and materials are limited, and advance registration is encouraged. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the East Central Public Library.

The workshop will be held at East Central Public Library, located at 21801 Slider Road in Moss Point. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 228-588-6263 or visit 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.

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

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

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

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

Read it and reap—1,000 adventures await!

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Gautier Public Library Hosts Fourth of July Recipe Swap and Potluck Gathering

GAUTIER, Miss. — Gautier Public Library invites community members to share their favorite holiday recipes during a **Fourth of July Recipe Swap** on **Thursday, July 2, at 5:30 p.m.**

Whether it's a signature potato salad, a family barbecue favorite, a patriotic dessert, or a treasured side dish, participants are encouraged to bring a prepared dish along with copies of the recipe to exchange with fellow attendees.

The event offers a fun opportunity to celebrate Independence Day traditions, discover new recipes, and connect with neighbors while enjoying a variety of homemade dishes. Participants can compare cooking styles, swap culinary tips, and leave with a collection of recipes perfect for future gatherings.

The Fourth of July Recipe Swap is sponsored by the Friends of the Gautier Library and is open to the community.

The event will be held in the meeting room at Gautier Public Library, located at 2100 Library Lane in Gautier. For more information, call 228-497-4531 or visit www.jgrls.org.

Santa Makes a Summer Stop at Gautier Public Library for Christmas in July Storytime

GAUTIER, Miss. — Families are invited to celebrate a little holiday magic in the middle of summer during **Christmas in July Storytime** at Gautier Public Library on **Thursday, July 9, at 10:00 a.m.**

Children and their families will have the opportunity to listen as Santa shares festive stories during a special summer-themed storytime event. Combining the joy of Christmas with the fun of summertime, this unique program offers a memorable experience for young readers and holiday enthusiasts alike.

The event is designed to encourage early literacy while providing a fun and engaging opportunity for families to enjoy stories, laughter, and a special visit from Santa Claus.

Christmas in July Storytime is free and open to the public.

The program will be held at Gautier Public Library, located at 2100 Library Lane in Gautier. For more information, call 228-497-4531 or visit www.jgrls.org.

Gautier Public Library Hosts Tie-Dye Canvas Bag Workshop for Back-to-School Season

GAUTIER, Miss. — Gautier Public Library invites community members to get creative and prepare for the upcoming school year during a **Tie-Dye Canvas Bag Workshop** on **Wednesday, July 15, at 3:00 p.m.**

Participants will have the opportunity to design and create their own colorful tie-dye canvas bag, perfect for carrying books, school supplies, or everyday essentials. The hands-on program encourages creativity while teaching a fun and timeless art technique.

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Whether attending for practical back-to-school preparation or simply to enjoy an afternoon of crafting, participants will leave with a unique, personalized tote bag designed by their own hands.

Space and materials are limited. Participants are encouraged to contact the library for additional information and availability.

The program will be held at Gautier Public Library, located at 2100 Library Lane in Gautier. For more information, call 228-497-4531 or visit www.jgrls.org.

Gautier Public Library Celebrates Shark Awareness Day with Live Shark Encounter

GAUTIER, Miss. — Gautier Public Library invites families and ocean enthusiasts to celebrate **Shark Awareness Day** with a special **Live Shark Encounter** on **Saturday, July 18**, featuring educators from the Mississippi Aquarium.

Participants will have the unique opportunity to learn about sharks, their role in marine ecosystems, and the importance of shark conservation while seeing a live shark up close. The educational program is designed to inspire curiosity about marine life and provide an engaging, hands-on learning experience for attendees of all ages.

Due to anticipated interest, two sessions will be offered at **11:00 a.m.** and **12:30 p.m.** Space is limited, and advance registration is required.

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

Registration may be completed at the circulation desk or by calling **228-497-4531**.

The event will be held at Gautier Public Library, located at 2100 Library Lane in Gautier. For additional information, visit www.jgrls.org.

Gautier Public Library Page Turners Book Club Discusses *A Guardian and a Thief*

GAUTIER, Miss. — Readers are invited to join the **Page Turners Book Club** at Gautier Public Library on **Saturday, July 25, at 10:30 a.m.** for a discussion of *A Guardian and a Thief* by acclaimed author **Megha Majumdar**.

The monthly gathering provides an opportunity for book lovers to connect, share perspectives, and engage in thoughtful conversations about the featured selection as well as other books they are currently enjoying. Whether participants have finished the book cover-to-cover or are simply interested in joining the discussion, all are welcome.

The Page Turners Book Club fosters a welcoming environment for readers to discover new authors, explore diverse viewpoints, and build connections with fellow members of the community.

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Snacks and refreshments will be generously provided by the Friends of the Gautier Public Library.

The meeting will be held at Gautier Public Library, located at 2100 Library Lane in Gautier. For more information about the Page Turners Book Club or other library programs, call 228-497-4531 or visit www.jgrls.org.

Gautier Public Library Launches “I Spy a Dinosaur!” Summer Activity for Children

GAUTIER, MS — Families are invited to join the fun this summer at the Gautier Public Library with the launch of “*I Spy a Dinosaur!*” — an interactive children’s activity featured as part of the library’s Summer Library Program.

Children can explore the library’s children’s section while participating in a dinosaur-themed “I Spy” game designed to encourage reading, observation, and imagination. The activity offers a fun and engaging way for young visitors to enjoy the library during the summer months.

The Gautier Public Library is located at 2100 Library Lane in Gautier. For more information about summer programs and events, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow the library on Facebook at @JacksonGeorgeLibrary.

Gautier Public Library Invites Community to Monthly Bingo Night at Antonio's Pizzeria

GAUTIER, Miss. — Gautier Public Library and the Friends of the Gautier Library invite community members to enjoy an evening of fun, food, and friendly competition at **Bingo Night**, held on the **first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** at Antonio's Pizzeria in Gautier.

This ongoing community event brings together bingo enthusiasts, families, and friends for an exciting night of games and prizes while supporting library programs and services. Participants can enjoy great food, connect with neighbors, and compete for a variety of prizes donated by local sponsors.

Bingo Night is made possible through the generous support of community partners, including Antonio's Pizzeria, Killer Crab & Seafood Co., Nardi's, Delo's Heavenly House of Coffee, and the Friends of the Gautier Library.

The event takes place at Antonio's Pizzeria, located at **3316 Ladnier Road, Gautier, MS 39553**. Community members of all experience levels are welcome to attend.

For more information about Bingo Night or other library programs, contact Gautier Public Library at 228-497-4531 or visit www.jgrls.org.

Gautier Public Library Invites Creative Minds to Monthly Junk Journaling Group

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GAUTIER, Miss. — Gautier Public Library invites adults and teens interested in creative journaling, paper crafting, and mixed-media art to join its **Junk Journaling Group**, which meets on the **first Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m.** in the library's meeting room.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Gautier Library, the ongoing program provides participants with an opportunity to explore the art of junk journaling—a creative hobby that transforms everyday materials such as paper scraps, book pages, photographs, ephemera, and keepsakes into personalized journals and memory books.

Whether attendees are experienced journal makers or new to the craft, the group offers a welcoming environment to share ideas, learn techniques, and connect with fellow creatives. Participants are encouraged to bring their own materials and projects or simply come to learn more about this growing artistic pastime.

The monthly gathering promotes creativity, storytelling, and self-expression while fostering community among local crafters and artists.

Meetings are held at Gautier Public Library, located at 2100 Library Lane in Gautier. For more information, call 228-497-4531 or visit www.jgrls.org.

Weekly Story Time at Gautier Public Library

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

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

Lap Sit Story Time at Gautier Public Library

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

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

Gautier Public Library Launches Free Community Seed Library

GAUTIER, MS — The Gautier Public Library is helping the community grow this season with the launch of the new *Gautier Seed Library*, offering free seed packets to library visitors.

Community members can choose from a variety of flower and vegetable seeds while supplies last. The program encourages gardening, sustainability, and hands-on learning for families and individuals of all ages.

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The Seed Library is made possible through the generous support of Burpee and the Friends of the Gautier Library.

Residents are invited to stop by the Gautier Public Library at 2100 Library Lane to explore the selection and learn more about library programs and services.

For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow the library on Facebook at @JacksonGeorgeLibrary.

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.

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

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

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

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

Gautier Public Library Welcomes New and Returning Members to 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.

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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.

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

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Summer Hair Wrap Program for Teens

LUCEDALE, Miss. — The Lucedale-George County Public Library invites local tweens and teens to get creative this summer during a special **Summer Hair Wrap** program on **Thursday, July 9, at 4:00 p.m.**

Designed for students in **6th grade and up**, this hands-on program will teach participants how to create colorful, removable summer hair wraps. Attendees will learn how to design and personalize their own wearable accessories while expressing their creativity and individual style.

No prior experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided. Participants simply need to bring their imagination and enthusiasm for a fun afternoon of crafting and socializing.

The Summer Hair Wrap program offers a great opportunity for tweens and teens to connect with friends, learn a new skill, and create a fashionable accessory they can enjoy throughout the summer.

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.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Backyard Chickens Program for Children

LUCEDALE, Miss. — Young animal lovers and curious learners are invited to attend **Backyard Chickens**, a special educational program for children at the Lucedale-George County Public Library on **Tuesday, July 14, at 4:00 p.m.**

The library will welcome special guest **Ann Howard from the Mississippi State University George County Extension Office**, who will introduce children to the fascinating world of backyard chickens. Participants will

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learn how to care for chickens, what they eat, and why they have become popular backyard pets for families across the country.

The interactive program is designed to encourage curiosity about animals, agriculture, and responsible pet care while providing children with an opportunity to ask questions and learn from a local expert.

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

The event will be held at the Lucedale-George County Public Library, located at 507 Oak Street in Lucedale. For more information, call 601-947-2123 or visit www.jgrls.org

Lucedale-George County Public Library Offers Mahjong Guided Play Sessions for New Players

LUCEDALE, Miss. — The Lucedale-George County Public Library invites community members who have recently completed a beginner Mahjong class to continue building their skills through two upcoming **Mahjong Guided Play** sessions.

The guided play sessions will be held on:

- **Wednesday, July 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
- **Thursday, July 30, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Designed for newer players, these sessions provide a relaxed environment where participants can practice at a slower pace while receiving guidance from more experienced Mahjong players. The program offers an excellent opportunity to reinforce skills, ask questions, and gain confidence in gameplay.

Participation is limited to **16 players per session**, and advance registration is required. Interested individuals are encouraged to call or visit the library to reserve their spot.

The Lucedale-George County Public Library is located at **507 Oak Street in Lucedale**. For more information or to register, call **601-947-2123** or visit www.jgrls.org.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Invites Community to Create Patriotic Mini Pallet Flags

LUCEDALE, Miss. — The Lucedale-George County Public Library is inviting community members to celebrate summer and show their patriotic spirit with a special **Patriotic Craft** program on **Thursday, July 16, at 4:00 p.m.**

Participants will create their own decorative **mini pallet flag**, perfect for displaying at home during patriotic holidays and throughout the year. All supplies and materials will be provided, making this a fun and easy craft opportunity for beginners and experienced crafters alike.

The program is open to community members who enjoy hands-on creativity and seasonal decorating. Because materials are limited, advance registration is required.

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Those interested in attending are encouraged to call or visit the library to reserve a spot.

The Lucedale-George County Public Library is located at **507 Oak Street in Lucedale**. For additional information or to register, call **601-947-2123** or visit www.jgrls.org.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Special Story Time with Children's Author Jordi Lou

LUCEDALE, Miss. — Families are invited to a special Story Time featuring local children's author **Jordi Lou** on **Friday, July 17, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Lucedale-George County Public Library.

Jordi Lou, author of *I Hear Whispers Under My Bed: A Story About Bravery*, will lead an engaging and interactive story time designed to inspire young readers and spark their imaginations. Children will enjoy a live reading, participate in a fun craft activity, and have the opportunity to learn more about the creative process behind children's books.

The event encourages literacy, creativity, and a love of reading while giving families the chance to meet a local author and hear her story firsthand.

In addition to the special program, attendees are encouraged to explore the library's collection and check out books to continue the adventure at home.

The event will be held at the Lucedale-George County Public Library, located at 507 Oak Street in Lucedale. For more information, call 601-947-2123 or visit www.jgrls.org.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Welcomes Local Author Jamie Boone for Special Author Event

LUCEDALE, Miss. — The Lucedale-George County Public Library invites the community to meet local author **Jamie Boone** during a special author event on **Saturday, July 25, at 10:00 a.m.**

Boone will share the inspiration and personal journey behind her book, *Are You Sitting Down? His Voice. My Brush. One Calling.*, a heartfelt work that explores her husband's life, the art it inspired, and the callings that shape our lives.

During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to hear Boone discuss her writing process, the story behind the book, and the experiences that influenced its creation. The program offers readers a chance to connect with a local author and gain insight into the creative and personal journey behind a published work.

Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Lucedale-George County Public Library.

The event will be held at the Lucedale-George County Public Library, located at 507 Oak Street in Lucedale. Community members are encouraged to attend and learn more about Boone's inspiring story and literary work.

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Lucedale-George County Public Library Partners with Mississippi State Extension for Cooking Matters Program

LUCEDALE, Miss. — Lucedale-George County Public Library is partnering with Mississippi State University Extension to offer **Cooking Matters**, a free six-week hands-on cooking course designed to help adults build confidence in the kitchen while learning practical nutrition and budgeting skills.

The course will meet on **Wednesdays from July 29 through September 2**, from **4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**, at the Lucedale-George County Public Library.

Led by trained educators, participants will learn valuable skills including food preparation, grocery shopping, meal planning, food budgeting, reading nutrition labels, knife skills, and preparing healthy meals. Attendees will also have the opportunity to practice cooking and sample recipes during each class session.

Space is limited to **10 participants**, and advance registration is required.

Cooking Matters is designed to help individuals and families make healthy, affordable food choices while gaining confidence in the kitchen. The program is offered through Mississippi State University Extension's Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program.

To register, contact **Shelby E. Naron, MS, RD, LD, CHES**, Nutrition Educator with Mississippi State University Extension, at **228-769-3213** or sen174@msstate.edu.

The Lucedale-George County Public Library is located at 507 Oak Street in Lucedale. For additional information, call the library at **601-947-2123** or visit www.jgrls.org.

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 Hosts Foster Parent Forum with Mississippi Department of Human Services

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LUCEDALE, Miss. — Individuals and families interested in learning more about foster care are invited to attend a **Foster Parent Forum** at the Lucedale-George County Public Library on **Friday, July 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Representatives from the Mississippi Department of Human Services will be on hand to provide information about the foster care system, explain the process of becoming a foster parent, and answer questions from attendees.

The forum is designed for anyone interested in making a difference in the life of a child, whether they are simply exploring the idea of fostering or are ready to begin the certification process. Participants will learn about the qualifications, responsibilities, and support resources available to foster families in Mississippi.

The event offers a valuable opportunity to connect directly with child welfare professionals and gain a better understanding of how foster parents play a critical role in supporting children and families in need.

The Foster Parent Forum will be held at the Lucedale-George County Public Library, located at 507 Oak Street in Lucedale. For more information, call 601-947-2123 or visit www.jgrls.org.

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**.

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.

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Monthly Bingo at Lucedale–George County Public Library

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lucedale-George County Public Library Launches Teen Crochet Club: 4th Thursday of every month

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

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

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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.**

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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.

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

- **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.”

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.

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

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

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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:

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.

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:

July 7 — Nordic Living, Viking Spirit

Thursday Programs — *Unearthing a Story*

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

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.

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**.

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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 Invites Adults to “Fan-tastic Creations” Craft Program

MOSS POINT, Miss. — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library is helping adults stay cool and creative this summer with **Fan-tastic Creations**, a hands-on craft program scheduled for **Thursday, July 9, at 5:00 p.m.**

Participants will have the opportunity to design and decorate their own hand fan, creating a unique and functional piece perfect for the summer season. All materials will be provided, making it easy for attendees to enjoy an evening of creativity and fun.

The program is open to adults ages 18 and older. Supplies are limited, and advance registration is encouraged.

To reserve a spot, call **228-475-7462** or visit the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library at **4119 Bellview Avenue**.

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

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library and MGCCC Partner for FAFSA Night

MOSS POINT, Miss. — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library, in partnership with **Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC)**, will host **FAFSA Night** on **July 13 from 4:00–6:00 p.m.** to help students and families navigate the financial aid application process.

During this free event, MGCCC financial aid specialists will be available to provide one-on-one assistance with completing the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Participants can receive guidance on submitting their application accurately, understanding financial aid opportunities, and getting answers to questions about funding their education.

Whether preparing for college for the first time or returning to school, attendees will have access to personalized support designed to help maximize available financial aid options.

Registration is required and can be completed in person at the library or by calling **228-475-7462**.

The event will take place at the **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library**, located at **4119 Bellview Avenue in Moss Point**.

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Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts Citrus Stamping Craft Program for Adults

MOSS POINT, Miss. — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites adults to add a splash of creativity to their summer during a special **Citrus Stamping** craft program on **Tuesday, July 21, from 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

Participants will use oranges, lemons, and limes to create colorful, one-of-a-kind art prints on hand towels that can be enjoyed and used for years to come. This hands-on workshop offers a fun and relaxing opportunity to explore creativity while learning a unique printing technique.

The program is open to adults ages 18 and older. Registration is required and can be completed in person at the library or by calling **228-475-7462**.

The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library is located at **4119 Bellview Avenue, Moss Point, MS**.

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Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts Rose Bracelet Craft Program

MOSS POINT, Miss. — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites community members to get creative with **Loop, Knot, Bloom! Rose Bracelet Craft** on **Thursday, July 23, at 5:00 p.m.**

Participants will learn how to craft a colorful, knotted rose bracelet using provided materials and simple techniques. This fun, hands-on program offers a chance to create a unique accessory while enjoying an evening of creativity and community.

All supplies will be provided, but space is limited. Interested participants are encouraged to reserve their spot by calling **228-475-7462** or visiting the library.

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Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts “Craft Buffet Night” for Creative Adults

MOSS POINT, Miss. — Creativity takes center stage at the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library with **Craft Buffet Night: Choose Your Chaos** on **Tuesday, July 28, at 5:00 p.m.**

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This unique crafting event invites participants to select from a variety of craft kits and materials, then mix, match, and create something entirely their own. Whether attendees prefer a structured project or enjoy experimenting with different supplies, Craft Buffet Night encourages imagination, self-expression, and fun.

With no rules and endless possibilities, participants can explore new ideas, try different techniques, and leave with a one-of-a-kind creation.

All materials will be provided. Space is limited, so advance registration is encouraged.

To reserve a spot, call **228-475-7462** or visit the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library at **4119 Bellview Avenue in Moss Point**.

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Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Launches the Book Nook Tea Club

MOSS POINT, Miss. — Book lovers and tea enthusiasts are invited to gather at the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library for **The Book Nook Tea Club**, a monthly book discussion group designed to bring readers together over great books, warm tea, and engaging conversation.

The club meets on the **last Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.** Participants will enjoy a welcoming atmosphere while discussing their latest read, sharing perspectives, and connecting with fellow readers in the community.

Whether you're a longtime book lover or simply looking for a cozy way to meet new people and discover great books, The Book Nook Tea Club offers the perfect opportunity to relax, connect, and explore the joy of reading.

The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library is located at **4119 Bellview Avenue, Moss Point, MS**.

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

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

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

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

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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 Launches Interactive Mystery Series: "The Tuesday Casefiles: Mystery & Mayhem"

MOSS POINT, Miss. — Mystery lovers are invited to put their detective skills to the test at the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library's new interactive program series, **The Tuesday Casefiles: Mystery & Mayhem**.

Held on the **third Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.**, this immersive series challenges participants to solve intriguing mysteries, uncover clues, and work together to crack each case before time runs out.

Upcoming cases include:

-  **July 21** – *The Sleep Experiment*
-  **August 18** – *Carnival Chaos*
-  **September 15** – *Mystery at the Fairytale Ball*
-  **October 20** – *Murder at the Costume Party*
-  **November 17** – *The Sherlock Conundrum*

Each session offers a unique storyline, puzzles, and surprises designed to engage participants and encourage teamwork and critical thinking.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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Ocean Springs Municipal Library Launches "Passport to Adventure" This July

Ocean Springs, MS – The Ocean Springs Municipal Library is inviting the community to explore the city in a whole new way with **Passport to Adventure**, a month-long program taking place throughout **July 2026** in partnership with the **Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area**.

Beginning July 1, visitors can pick up a free Passport to Adventure at the Ocean Springs Municipal Library and embark on a journey to discover local attractions and participating locations throughout Ocean Springs. Participants who collect passport stamps during the month will be entered for a chance to win exciting prizes.

The adventure concludes with a **Passport Party** at the Ocean Springs Municipal Library on **Friday, July 31, at 11:00 a.m.**, where prize winners will be announced.

Passport to Adventure encourages residents and visitors alike to experience the rich history, culture, and unique charm that make Ocean Springs a treasured Mississippi Gulf Coast destination.

For more information, visit the Ocean Springs Municipal Library at **525 Dewey Avenue**, call **228-875-1193**, or follow the Jackson-George Regional Library System on Facebook and Instagram.

Ocean Springs Community Invited to Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary at Block Party

OCEAN SPRINGS, Miss. — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library is partnering with the Walter Anderson Museum of Art, The Traveler, and The Springs Hotel to host a community-wide **250 Block Party** celebrating America's 250th anniversary on **Thursday, July 2, from 6:00–8:00 p.m.**

This free family-friendly event will feature live music, arts and crafts activities, and complimentary hamburgers and hot dogs fresh off the grill. Community members of all ages are invited to gather for an evening of celebration, connection, and patriotic spirit.

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A special highlight of the event will be a ceremonial **time capsule burial** by **Boy Scout Troop 249** in the Ocean Springs Municipal Library's community garden, preserving local memories and stories for future generations.

The event celebrates the nation's rich history, diverse culture, and bright future while bringing together local organizations and residents for an unforgettable evening.

The Ocean Springs Municipal Library is located at **525 Dewey Avenue, Ocean Springs, MS.**

For more information, call **228-875-1193**, visit www.JGRLS.org, or follow **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** on Facebook and Instagram.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Invites Community to "Passport to Adventure" This July

OCEAN SPRINGS, Miss. — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library is partnering with the **Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area** to present **Passport to Adventure 2026**, a month-long community exploration program designed to encourage residents and visitors to discover local attractions throughout Ocean Springs.

Beginning in July, participants can pick up a **Passport to Adventure** at the Ocean Springs Municipal Library and visit participating locations across the city to collect stamps. Each stamp brings participants closer to earning entries for prize drawings.

The adventure concludes with a special **Passport Party** at the library on **Friday, July 31, at 11:00 a.m.**, where prize winners will be announced and participants can celebrate their journeys through the community.

The program offers a fun and engaging way for families, residents, and visitors to learn more about Ocean Springs while exploring local landmarks, businesses, and cultural destinations.

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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.

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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.

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.

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This free, continuous program encourages community sharing, sustainability, and hours of at-home fun.

For more information, visit the **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** or explore www.JGRLS.org.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Monthly Tea Club

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Launches Monthly Junk Journaling Meetup

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

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

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

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

All-Abilities Story Time

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

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Launches Weekly Mahjong Club

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

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Monthly Bingo for Adults

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

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

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

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

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Ocean Springs, MS — Calling all young artists ages **10–18!** The **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** invites you to join the **Tween/Teen Drawing Club** held **every other Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Whether you're a beginner or a budding pro, this club is the perfect place to sketch, doodle, or design in a chill, come-and-go environment. Supplies will be available—but you're welcome to bring your own if you prefer! Hop in late or leave early—this flexible club is made just for you. For details, call **228-875-1193** or visit www.jgrls.org.

Puzzle Competition

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

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

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

Ocean Springs, MS – The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites teens ages 13–18 to join the Teen Book Club, meeting the **last Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m.** at Snow & Boba (3100 Bienville Blvd., Ocean Springs).

This is a fun, relaxed book club where teens can connect over books of all kinds—dystopian, sci-fi, manga, romance, and more. There's no pressure to finish a book before coming, and it's okay to show up late! Teens can grab a shaved snow or bubble tea and enjoy a laid-back space to share their love of reading.

For more information, contact the Ocean Springs Municipal Library.

Join the Ocean Springs Gaming Club!

Monthly Event for Gamers of All Ages

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

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- **Time:** 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Ocean Springs Municipal Library
- **Ages:** All ages welcome

Explore Flavors & Friendship at the Ocean Springs Cookbook Club

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

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

Come hungry and leave inspired! 🍴📖

Evening Book Club

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

Adult Water Class

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

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.

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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, or follow **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** on Facebook and Instagram.

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

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

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

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

For more information, visit www.jgrls.org.

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

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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.”** 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

- **July 2 – Freedom Ranch Wildlife Center**

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

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Pascagoula Public Library Invites Adults to Relax and Create at Monthly Coloring Session

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — The Pascagoula Public Library invites adults to take a break from the summer heat and enjoy an evening of creativity during its **Adult Coloring Session** on **Tuesday, July 7, from 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

This relaxing program provides a welcoming space for adults to unwind, socialize, and express their creativity through coloring. Whether participants are experienced artists or simply looking for a peaceful way to spend an hour, the session offers a fun and stress-free opportunity to recharge.

Guests can enjoy a cozy atmosphere while exploring colorful designs and connecting with fellow community members. Advance RSVP is encouraged.

The Pascagoula Public Library is located at **3214 Pascagoula Street, Pascagoula, MS.**

For more information or to RSVP, call **228-769-3060**, visit www.JGRLS.org, or follow **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** on Facebook.

Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Oil Painting Workshop for Adults

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — The Pascagoula Public Library invites adults to explore their artistic side during an **Oil Painting Workshop** on **July 9 at 5:00 p.m.**

Participants will create their own canvas artwork while learning the basics of painting with oils in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Whether you're an experienced artist or picking up a paintbrush for the first time, this hands-on program offers a fun opportunity to express creativity and take home a finished masterpiece.

All materials will be provided. Due to limited supplies, advance registration is encouraged. The workshop is open to adults ages 18 and older and is sponsored by the **Friends of the Pascagoula Library.**

To reserve a spot, call **228-769-3060** or visit the Pascagoula Public Library at **3214 Pascagoula Street.**

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

Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Community Bingo Night

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — The Pascagoula Public Library invites community members to test their luck and enjoy an evening of friendly competition during **Bingo Night** on **Thursday, July 14, at 5:00 p.m.**

Participants will have the opportunity to play multiple rounds of bingo, socialize with friends and neighbors, and compete for exciting prizes. The event is sponsored by the **Friends of the Pascagoula Library**, whose continued support helps bring engaging programs and activities to the community.

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Whether you're a seasoned bingo enthusiast or trying your luck for the first time, Bingo Night promises an entertaining evening filled with fun, laughter, and community spirit.

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Pascagoula Public Library Challenges Adults to Create Their Worst Masterpiece at Bad Art Night

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — The Pascagoula Public Library is inviting adults to embrace creativity, laughter, and artistic chaos during **Bad Art Night on Thursday, July 16, at 5:00 p.m.**

Participants will be challenged to create the most gloriously “bad” work of art they can imagine. The goal isn't perfection—it's having fun, thinking outside the box, and celebrating creativity in all its wonderfully imperfect forms.

At the end of the evening, participants will vote on the most spectacular artistic disaster, and the creator of the winning piece will take home a small prize.

No artistic experience is required, and all supplies will be provided. Attendees simply need to bring their imagination and a sense of humor.

The Pascagoula Public Library is located at **3214 Pascagoula Street in Pascagoula.**

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Pascagoula Public Library Invites Community to “Show & Tell for Adults”

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — The Pascagoula Public Library is bringing back a childhood favorite with a grown-up twist during **Show & Tell for Adults on July 18 at 1:00 p.m.**

Adults are invited to bring a meaningful item and share the story behind it with fellow participants. Whether it's a handmade pottery piece, a family heirloom, a unique collectible, a travel souvenir, or an unusual find, attendees will have the opportunity to showcase their treasures and connect through storytelling.

The event encourages conversation, community engagement, and the sharing of personal experiences in a fun and relaxed setting. A special **RSVP prize drawing** will add an extra layer of excitement for participants.

For safety and compliance reasons, attendees are asked not to bring items that are illegal, dangerous, or prohibited in government buildings.

The program is sponsored by the **Friends of the Pascagoula Library** and will be held at the Pascagoula Public Library, located at **3214 Pascagoula Street.**

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Pascagoula Public Library Presents Free Movie Night Featuring “Weird: The Al Yankovic Story”

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — The Pascagoula Public Library invites the community to enjoy a free screening of **“Weird: The Al Yankovic Story”** on **Tuesday, July 21, at 4:00 p.m.**

This comedic biographical film follows the wildly imaginative and humorous rise of music parody legend "Weird Al" Yankovic. Starring **Daniel Radcliffe** as Yankovic, the film offers a playful and exaggerated take on the entertainer's life and career.

The movie is provided through **Kanopy**, and attendees can enjoy complimentary popcorn and drinks courtesy of the **Friends of the Pascagoula Library**.

The film is rated **TV-14** for mild violence, profanity, and adult themes.

The Pascagoula Public Library is located at **3214 Pascagoula Street in Pascagoula**.

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Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Weekly Preschool Storytime

Pascagoula, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library invites families to join **Preschool Storytime every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.** Children can enjoy a morning filled with stories, songs, and fun activities led by Ms. Sara. Storytime is designed especially for preschoolers, but children of all ages are welcome to participate. It's the perfect opportunity to spark a love of reading while making memories together.

Teatime Returns to Pascagoula Public Library

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

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

Pascagoula Public Library Launches Silent Circle Book Club

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.**

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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” (July)

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.”**

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 July Program Schedule

- **July 1** – Freedom Ranch Wildlife Center

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.

“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.

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

St. Martin Public Library Celebrates America's 250th with Family Patriotic Rock Painting

ST. MARTIN, Miss. — Families are invited to celebrate America's 250th anniversary at the **St. Martin Public Library** during a special **Family Patriotic Rock Painting** program on **Thursday, July 9, at 3:00 p.m.**

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The event will feature a presentation by **Ms. Corinne of the Friendship Oak Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution**, who will share the story of the Declaration of Independence and how the signers came together to create one of the nation's most important historical documents.

Following the presentation, families will have the opportunity to paint patriotic-themed rocks together as they commemorate this milestone anniversary in American history.

This family-friendly program is open to all ages. Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is required. To reserve a spot, call **228-392-3250**. The St. Martin Public Library is located at **15004 Lemoyne Boulevard in Biloxi**. For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** on Facebook.

St. Martin Public Library Hosts Patriotic Flag Painting Workshop for Adults

ST. MARTIN, Miss. — The St. Martin Public Library invites adults to celebrate America's 250th anniversary with a creative afternoon of **Patriotic Flag Painting on Thursday, July 16, at 3:00 p.m.**

Participants will create a unique patriotic flag-themed artwork while enjoying a fun and relaxing painting experience. This special program offers an opportunity to commemorate the nation's milestone anniversary through creativity and community engagement.

The workshop is designed for adults ages 18 and older. Space is limited, and advance registration is required.

Those interested in attending may register by calling **228-392-3250**.

The St. Martin Public Library is located at **15004 Lemoyne Boulevard in Biloxi**.

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

St. Martin Public Library Hosts Heron Painting Workshop for Adults

ST. MARTIN, Miss. — The St. Martin Public Library invites adults to unleash their creativity during a **Heron Painting Workshop on Tuesday, July 21, at 3:00 p.m.**

Participants will create their own colorful heron masterpiece during this guided acrylic painting class inspired by the beauty of Mississippi's coastal wildlife. Step-by-step instruction will help attendees capture the elegance of a heron using vibrant colors and expressive brushwork, making the program suitable for both beginners and experienced painters.

All supplies will be provided through the generous support of the **Friends of the St. Martin Public Library**. Space is limited, and advance registration is required.

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This program is intended for adults ages 18 and older. To register, call **228-392-3250**. The St. Martin Public Library is located at **15004 Lemoyne Boulevard in Biloxi**. For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** on Facebook.

St. Martin Public Library Launches “The Creative Collective” for Teens

St. Martin, MS – Young artists are invited to connect, create, and collaborate at **The Creative Collective**, a new teen art program at St. Martin Public Library on **2nd Monday at 4:30 pm**.

Designed for ages **12–17**, this program offers a fun, safe space where teens can share artistic ideas, develop their talents, and explore creativity alongside peers. Participants are encouraged to bring their own projects, experiment with new techniques, and express themselves freely. All art styles and mediums are welcome—from drawing and painting to digital art and mixed media.

The Creative Collective aims to build community while nurturing self-expression and confidence through the arts.

Teens interested in attending should register in advance by calling **228-392-3250**. St. Martin Public Library is located at **15004 Lemoyne Blvd**.

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!

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

Vancleave Public Library Offers Virtual “Make Your Own Sausage” Program

VANCLEAVE, Miss. — The Vancleave Public Library invites food enthusiasts and home cooks to participate in a special virtual program, **Make Your Own Sausage**, on **July 1**.

This online workshop will guide participants through the process of making homemade sausage patties using pork shoulder, just in time for Fourth of July gatherings and summer breakfasts. The program offers practical tips and techniques for creating flavorful sausage at home while making the most of seasonal grocery specials.

Participants can join virtually from the comfort of their own kitchens and learn a useful culinary skill that can be enjoyed throughout the year.

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For more information about accessing the virtual program, contact the Vancleave Public Library at **228-826-5857**.

The Vancleave Public Library is located at **12604 Highway 57 in Vancleave**.

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

Vancleave Public Library Brings Science and Creativity Together with DIY Lava Lamps

VANCLEAVE, Miss. — The Vancleave Public Library invites children and families to explore the wonders of science during **Bubbling Colors: DIY Lava Lamps on Wednesday, July 8, at 1:00 p.m.**

This hands-on program combines creativity and learning as participants create their own colorful lava lamps while discovering the science behind the bubbling reactions. Designed as a fun and educational activity, the program is especially well-suited for homeschool families and curious young learners.

Attendees will leave with a better understanding of basic scientific concepts and a colorful creation of their own.

Supplies are limited, and advance registration is required.

To reserve a spot, visit the front desk or call **228-826-5857**.

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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.

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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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Vancleave Public Library Lights Up Creativity with Glow in the Dark Painting

VANCLEAVE, Miss. — The Vancleave Public Library invites creative minds of all ages to experience art in a whole new light during **Glow in the Dark Painting on Tuesday, July 14, at 5:00 p.m.**

Participants will enjoy a unique painting experience featuring bright neon colors and glowing designs that come alive in the dark. This exciting hands-on program encourages creativity, self-expression, and artistic exploration in a fun and immersive environment.

Whether you're an experienced artist or simply looking for a memorable activity, Glow in the Dark Painting offers a chance to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece while enjoying an evening of colorful fun.

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Vancleave Public Library Hosts Monthly “VC Book Dragons” Book Club

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


The VC Book Dragons meet **monthly at 11:00 a.m.** at the Vancleave 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:** Vancleave Public Library

 **When:** Monthly Meetings

 **Time:** 11:00 a.m.

For more information, contact the Vancleave Public Library or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Open Studio Tuesdays at Vancleave Public Library

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

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

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

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

“Sewing Machine 101” Free Instruction at Vancleave Public Library

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

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

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

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Vancleave Quilting Bees Quilting Club

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

Storytime at Vancleave Public Library

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

Wednesday Crochet Club

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

Vancleave Public Library Invites Young Builders to LEGO Club

VANCLEAVE, Miss. — The Vancleave Public Library is inviting creative minds of all ages to join its **LEGO Club: Building Friendships**, held on the **first Monday of every month at 5 p.m.**

Participants will have the opportunity to explore their imagination, build unique creations, and connect with fellow LEGO enthusiasts in a fun and welcoming environment. The library provides the LEGO bricks—attendees simply bring their creativity and enthusiasm.

LEGO Club encourages problem-solving, teamwork, and creative expression while offering a chance for community members to make new friends and share ideas.

The program is free to attend and takes place at the Vancleave Public Library, located at **12604 Highway 57 in Vancleave.**

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Book Talk & Potluck: Food for Thought!

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

First Friday Food Trucks Return to Vancleave Public Library

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

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

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

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

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