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Jackson-George Regional Library System Expands Creative Opportunities with New Audio & Video Lab While Libraries Across Jackson and George Counties Offer Something for Everyone

PASCAGOULA, Miss. – From robotics and 3D printing to book clubs, financial literacy, arts, wellness, and early literacy, the Jackson-George Regional Library System (JGRLS) is inviting the community to discover a new generation of library experiences this August.

At the center of these exciting offerings is the **new Audio & Video Lab at the Pascagoula Public Library**, providing residents with access to professional-quality technology for recording podcasts, creating videos, preserving family histories, producing digital content, and developing valuable multimedia skills. The lab reflects JGRLS's commitment to preparing the community for today's digital world while providing equitable access to technology and creative resources.

"The modern library is more than books, it's a place where creativity, technology, education, and community come together," said Stephanie Packer, PR & Marketing Specialist for Jackson-George Regional Library System. "Whether you're interested in producing a podcast, learning robotics, attending a wellness class, joining a book club, or bringing your child to Storytime, there's truly something for everyone at your library."

A Library System Full of Discovery

Throughout August, every JGRLS branch will offer unique programs designed to inspire lifelong learning and community engagement:

- **Pascagoula Public Library** continues to expand family programming while introducing the new **Audio & Video Lab**, alongside LEGO Club, photography programs, board games, storytimes, and community events.
- **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** offers an impressive lineup featuring Robotics & STEM, writers' workshops, Mahjong, cookbook clubs, tea gatherings, true crime discussions, art clubs, and creative meetups for all ages.
- **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library** welcomes visitors with wellness classes, creative crafts, new book clubs, mystery programs, engaging Storytimes, and educational health programming throughout the month.

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- **St. Martin Public Library** combines innovation and practical learning through financial literacy workshops with Keesler Federal Credit Union, 3D printing demonstrations, youth STEM activities, creative arts, and family programming.
- **Vanceleve Public Library** continues to inspire makers and creators with STEM Robotics, Open Studio Tuesdays, sewing instruction, quilting, LEGO Club, book clubs, and artistic workshops.

In addition, the **Kathleen McIlwain Public Library in Gautier**, **East Central Public Library in Hurley**, **Lucedale–George County Public Library**, and the **Singing River Genealogy & Local History Library** continue to provide engaging Storytimes, educational programs, technology assistance, genealogy resources, book clubs, and community events that serve residents across Jackson and George counties.

Spotlight: Create, Record & Share Your Story

The new **Audio & Video Lab** represents the next chapter in library service. Designed for creators of all experience levels, the space provides opportunities to:

- Record podcasts
- Produce videos for school, business, or social media
- Preserve family and local history through oral histories
- Create digital presentations
- Learn media production skills
- Explore creative storytelling

Whether someone dreams of launching a podcast, recording family memories, creating educational content, or producing professional-quality multimedia projects, the Audio & Video Lab provides the tools to make those ideas a reality.

"Everyone has a story to tell," Packer said. "Our Audio & Video Lab gives our community the opportunity to tell those stories with professional tools that many people wouldn't otherwise have access to."

With thousands of free programs offered each year, the Jackson-George Regional Library System continues to evolve as a destination for learning, creativity, technology, and community connection.

Residents are encouraged to visit their local branch or explore the full calendar of events at **www.JGRLS.org**.

About Jackson-George Regional Library System

The Jackson-George Regional Library System serves communities throughout Jackson and George counties with nine library locations offering books, digital resources, technology, educational programming, makerspaces, genealogy resources, and lifelong learning opportunities for all ages.

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