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SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE AUGUST 9-15

Friends Only Preview Sale: Sun., Aug. 9 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Public Book Sale: Mon. Aug. 10 - Fri., Aug. 14 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

\$1 Per Foot Sale: Sat., Aug. 15 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Our annual book sale is our biggest fundraiser each year. Another way to support our library is to become a member of the Friends of the Library. Members get first pick of the books at our Friends Only Preview Day. They also receive our quarterly newsletter and one free book at the book sale. In addition, members will be eligible for our semi-annual drawing for a Friends Incentive Basket. It's not too late to join before our next drawing on June 8! We'll also be at the Senior Fair on June 6 if you'd like to stop by. Membership forms can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. Memberships are also available at our book sale. Teens can join for FREE!



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Our annual book sale requires lots of preparation to set it up and then work the actual sale dates. If you'd like to volunteer a few hours, we can use your help. There are many ways to volunteer.



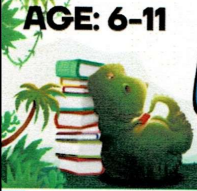
Jul. 31 - Set up table Aug. 1 - Move boxes of books
Aug. 3 - Unbox books Aug. 4 - 7 Organize books
Aug. 9 - Friends' Only Preview Sale Aug. 10 - 14 Help with Sale
Aug. 15 - Help with \$1 per Foot Sale

If you can help or have any questions, please call Jennifer Seal at (601) 798-0689 to get on the worker's schedule. We'll give you a reminder call. Thank you!

LIBRARY HOURS

**Picayune Library Hours: Monday 9-6 / Tuesday 9-6 / Wednesday 9-1
Thursday 9-6 / Friday 9-6 / Saturday CLOSED / Sunday CLOSED**

**Poplarville Library Hours: Monday 9-6 / Tuesday 9-6 / Wednesday 9-1
Thursday 9-5 / Friday 9-5 / Saturday CLOSED / Sunday CLOSED**

AGE: 6-11 Summer Reading Program 2026

UNEARTH A STORY™
 CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Storytime (Ages 0-5)
 Every Friday from 6/5-7/17
 @10am!

JUNE 9 Hattiesburg Zoo Visit
 10:30-11:30a and 2:30-3:30p
Wild fun awaits!

JUNE 16 Mississippi Native Frogs
 10:30-11:30a and 2:30-3:30p
Hop into frog-filled fun!

JUNE 23 Woodside Wildlife Rescue
 10:30-11:30a and 2:30-3:30p
Meet MS's wild neighbors!

JUNE 30 Paleo Palooza
 10:30-11:30a and 2:30-3:30p
Dig into dinosaur discovery!

JULY 7 Singing Weatherman
 10:30-11:30a and 2:30-3:30p
Weather fun!

JULY 14 Science on the Go
 10:30-11:30a and 2:30-3:30p
Science fun in action!

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UNEARTH A STORY™
 TEEN EVENTS **AGE: 12-18**

JUNE 5 Neon Dinosaur Painting
 5-6p
Paint glowing prehistoric art!

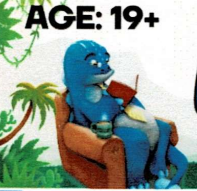
JUNE 12 Game Night
 5-6p
Play, compete, repeat!

JUNE 19 Beaded Lizard Key Chains
 5-6p
Craft a bead buddy!

JUNE 26 4-H Horticulture Part 1
 5-6:30p
Plant the seeds of discovery!

JULY 10 4-H Horticulture Part 2
 5-6p
Watch your work grow!

JULY 17 Creative Workshop
 5-6p
Create at your own pace!

AGE: 19+ Summer Reading Program 2026

UNEARTH A STORY™
 ADULT EVENTS

JUNE 1 Garden Gathering
 5-6p
Dig into fun!

JUNE 15 3D Printing Demo
 5-6p
There's no limit to creating!

JUNE 22 Bracelet Making Class
 5-6p
Design and create!

JULY 6 Trivia Night
 5-6p
Knowledge to the test!

JULY 13 Book Collecting Talk
 5-6p
Collecting knowledge!

JULY 27 Murder Mystery Night
 5-7p
Uncover the clues!

Summer Reading Program Performers

This summer's *Unearth a Story* Summer Reading Program is bringing exciting paid performers to both libraries each week from June through mid-July! Highlights include a live animal presentation from the Hattiesburg Zoo, a program on Mississippi's native frogs, Woodside Wildlife Rescue, Paleo Palooza, the Singing Weatherman, and Science on the Go. Each performer appears at both libraries, with showings at 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM to fit any summer schedule. All events are free and open to the public. Visit the library website for the full schedule!

Introducing Beanstack — Read, Track, and Earn!

This summer, CML is excited to offer Beanstack, a free app and website that makes reading more fun for the whole family. Readers of all ages can log books and minutes, complete activity challenges, and earn digital badges and prizes — all in one place. Whether you are tracking your child's summer reading or building your own reading habit, Beanstack keeps you motivated from your first page to your last.

BE A FRIEND – JOIN TODAY

I would like to help our community by becoming a member of the Friends of the Margaret Reed Crosby Memorial Library.
Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution.

Membership Categories

- FREE Teens age 13-19
- \$ 5.00 Friend
- \$ 10.00 Couples
- \$ 15.00 Families
- \$ 25.00 Close Friend
- \$ 50.00 Sponsor/Business Friend
- \$100.00 Special Friend
- \$ _____ Donation

Tip: The date on your newsletter mailing label shows when your membership needs to be renewed.

Name: _____

Address: _____

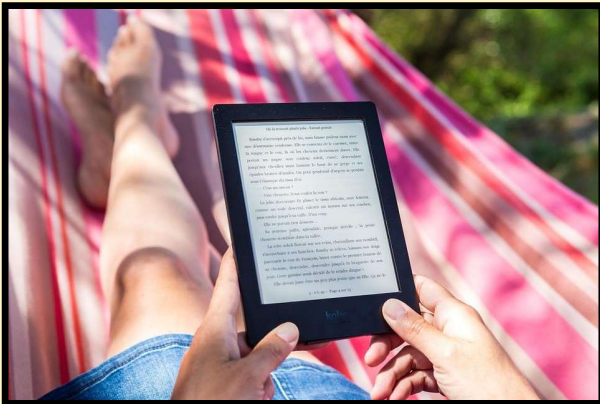
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More to Borrow on Hoopla — Introducing Flex Titles



CML patrons who already enjoy Hoopla now have access to even more. For the first time, PRCLS has added Hoopla Flex titles to our digital collection — bringing popular, high-demand eBooks and audiobooks within reach that were not previously available through Hoopla's standard Instant borrows. Unlike Instant titles, Flex titles operate one borrower at a time, similar to a physical book — if a title is currently checked out, patrons may place a hold and be notified when it becomes available.



Another Reason to Join the Friends!

Twice per year, we draw a name from the list of our current Friends of the Library members. That member will win a lovely gift basket as a thank you just for being a member of our group. Our next drawing, for the basket pictured above, will be held June 8 during our board meeting and the winner will be notified.

The Friends of the Margaret Reed Crosby Memorial Library is a volunteer organization, established in 1963, that has several purposes. Some of those purposes include stimulating awareness of the Library and the services it offers, encouraging public and private support of the Library (with fundraising being an incidental part of other activities), to sponsor and promote cultural and related programs for the community, and to assist in Library-sponsored activities when requested, and more.

Joining is simple. Membership forms can be found at the top of this page. Teens can join for free. Members will receive our newsletter and early admission to our annual used book sale. We welcome new members!



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IN OTHER NEWS...



Here are some other events happening in our library and our Friends of the Library group:

- **A Fresh Look for the Children's Area!**—New furniture is on its way to the Children's area. The Friends' contribution has made this purchase possible, and the updated space will be ready to welcome young readers and their families this July. This is just the latest example of the meaningful difference the Friends make in the life of CML — from programming to resources to the spaces where our community gathers and grows. We are grateful, as always, for their continued investment in the library and the patrons it serves.
- Look for our booth at the upcoming **2026 WRJW Senior Fair on June 6** from 9am-noon held in the PHS gym.
- The winner of the **Mother's Day-themed raffle basket**, drawn on May 4, was Lisa Beck. Congratulations, Lisa! The raffle earned \$190 toward future library needs.
- For current program schedules at the library, check the library website, Facebook or look for flyers at the library. Programs are planned for all ages!

Keep up with Crosby Memorial Library events at:
<https://pearlriver.lib.ms.us/events/category/crosby-memorial-library/>