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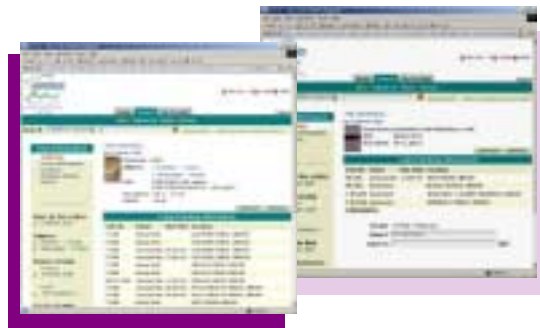
Harrison County Library System is proud to announce the new iPac, web based access to our online catalog. iPac has the look and feel of amazon.com and offers many new features. Now patrons will be able to place holds, renew their checked out items, along with many other new features.

Some of these new features include:

- Book cover images
- Book reviews
- Author Notes
- Summaries and annotations
- Excerpts and first chapters on select books
- Fiction and biography descriptions
- Tables of contents

Patrons (with their library card number and PIN) can now "login" to their account and:

- View items checked out
- Renew items (as long as they are not overdue or held for another patron)
- View hold requests
- View request history
- View blocks and fines



- Create "My List" of their favorite titles
- Email search results, holdings information, my list, etc. to themselves or to anyone.

This is just a sample of the many things that can now be done with iPac. The new iPac is now available and can be accessed from any computer with Internet access at:

www.hcpipac.harrison.lib.ms.us

If you don't have, or don't remember your PIN, please call or visit any of our libraries, and our staff will be more than glad to assist you.

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Summer Reading Program

The Harrison County Library System's annual Summer Reading Program is now underway. All eight libraries in the system will be participating and will provide a terrific variety of programs during the months of June and July. The theme chosen by the Mississippi Library Commission



this year is "Reading is a Picnic" and, as in year's past, the main purpose of this program is to promote the habit of reading to the children of Harrison County. Among the programs offered this

year will be such attractions as "Terry Vandevender's Living Reptile Museum" and "Irwin Royes, the World's Smallest Magician."

All summer reading events are free and specific information about registration, weekly programs, and time schedules for individual libraries can be found on the Harrison County Library System's Web site at: www.harrison.lib.ms.us or by calling any branch library in the system.

Robert Lipscomb
Library Director

National Library Week



Pictured to the left is the Honorable Ken Combs, Mayor of Gulfport, presenting the Harrison County Library System Director Robert Lipscomb with a proclamation officially declaring the week of April 14-20 as National Library

Week. The theme of this year’s celebration was “Rediscover America at Your Library” and hopefully people will follow that advice.

National Library Week has been around since 1953 and was originally created and promoted by the American Library Association to raise the public’s awareness of just how important libraries are to civilization and the American way of life. During the week there were teas and receptions at most of the our branch libraries and they were well attended.

*Robert Lipscomb
Library Director*



On April 15, the Friends of the Gulfport Library hosted a special tea in honor of the charter members of their organization. Pictured above are (from left to right) Shirley Pate, Nellie Rhodes, Bill Hainey,

Mary Frances Martin, Celia Barrett (the Gulfport Library manager), Norman Graham, Bob Daniels, Joanne Palmer and George Thatcher. All original members of Gulfport Friends.

*Robert Lipscomb,
Library Director*

And the winners of the Teen Web Page Contest are:

Kenny Alstyne

Lizzie Maloy

Christopher Stull

Swathi Bhargan

Kristina West

Rob Hayden

Alison Saucier

Authors in the HCLS Family

It’s almost an occupational habit; librarians love to read, we love books, we love the printed word. However, few of us cross that great divide between those who create and those who enjoy the results of that creation. The HCLS is lucky enough to have a few of those creative people on our staff, Murella Powell and Mary Louise Adkinson.

Murella Powell, “Flashback” columnist for the *Sun Herald* and regular contributor to the *Mississippi Gulf Coast Historical & Genealogical Society Journal* has produced a number of works including Mississippi Gulf Coast: Portrait of a People and Skeet: the Public Life of Walter Henry Hunt... American. She has also contributed several historical essays on Biloxi, Mardi Gras, George Ohr, and the Isle of Caprice for the 2 volume, Marine Resources and History of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Currently she is working on A History of the Land and its environs at Kuhn Street and Highway 90, which was commissioned by the Ohr-O’Keefe Museum of Art. Murella notes that:

“Writing is a love/hate relationship. I love it while I am doing it, but I hate meeting the deadlines. I hate to discipline myself to actually sit down and do it while everyone I know is having a good time, and the blue sky is calling me out to the hiking trails. Then too, there is nothing more terrifying than the stark, blank computer screen staring back at me, and knowing that I have to fill it up with words that make good sense.

I was first encouraged to write by an English teacher in high school, Sister Mary Annunciata, who complimented me by telling the class ‘Murella has a flair for writing.’ Unfortunately for me, she must have believed it for on many occasions she made me stand (red-faced and self-conscious) before the class and read my compositions aloud.”

Mary Louise Adkinson, who is also a regular contributor and one of the editors of the *MGCH & GS Journal*, collected information for many years before

producing the Bouzage Bosarge Family which is now in its 3d edition as published by the Society. Teased that she was probably related to everyone on the Coast, Mary laughed and said, “I have always loved old things”. Mary grew up with a grandfather who told family stories and a mother who also collected family history. She is particularly fond of telling stories about her “rascal”, a Graveline ancestor who actually got drawn and quartered for a mutiny on Cat Island. Writing about her book Mary says:

“This is a family history, not the typical genealogy book. Together with facts about the Bouzage ancestors a human image is depicted...My desire was to show them as persons who lived and felt the same emotions as everyone does... They laughed and danced at their get-togethers; cried when a loved one died; worried about their children. They loved.”

*Charline Longino, Head Librarian
Biloxi Library*

Margaret Sherry Library Patron's Do It Again!

Coffee may not be the way you start the morning, but for the fab four at Margaret Sherry it is their way of enjoying a few moments in the morning with each other, in more than just a work environment.

April 9th, was a sad day...Carrie and I came to work and drats, the coffeepot wouldn't work! We pass the bad news to Kathy and Jon when they came in at noon and Kathy started the process to get a new one. Unknown to us, a week and a half later we still would be coffeeless!

April 17th, 4:30 PM, one of our favorite patrons, (We have so many!) Ms. Miller came in. Little did we know that with one small statement from a staff member, the ball would start rolling. Ms. Miller called another one of our favorite patrons and low and behold the next morning they delivered us a beautiful new coffeepot. It was a moment that literally brought tears to the staff. Mrs. Light said, "They (Mr. & Mrs. Light) and Mr. & Ms. Miller have wanted to do something special for us (the staff), but just didn't know what to do." Who would have thought, a broken coffeepot could have brought such joy to the givers and the receivers.

Special thanks to the Lights and to the Millers and to all the patrons that use the Margaret Sherry Library.

*Felica Watkins,
Margaret Sherry Library*

Story Time at Margaret Sherry



On Thursday May 23, 2002, the pre-school story-hour children at Margaret Sherry Library had a lighthouse story-hour. We read stories about lighthouses and tugboats, and learned what both do. This story-hour was dedicated to Jason Powell who has been a story-hour participant for several years now, and who will be leaving our group to go off to school in the Fall. Jason loves lighthouses and tugboats. The children each made a lighthouse for their craft. This picture shows the children with their lighthouses. The

lighthouses turned out great and the children enjoyed making them.



staff at Margaret Sherry decided that it would be fun to have them plant a garden. Each child brought either plants or packets of seeds, and Ms. Kathy also had plants and seeds for them. After a session of great books on gardening, and a little instruction: the children were ready to plant, and plant they did! They had a wonderful time. The garden is up and growing beautifully now and things are blooming all over. The children water each week when they come to story-time and Ms. Kathy and staff take care of it in between. The children are so excited about watching the plants grow. It has been a good experience for all.

*Kathy Sparkman,
Margaret S. Sherry Library*

Congratulations



Loretta Robinson & Ginger Lewis
Reference, Gulfport Library

Pictured above is Ginger Lewis who is a Reference Assistant in the Gulfport Library. She and her husband Jay graduated from the University of Mobile May 11, both receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Management.

We also want to send kudos to Ms. Loretta Robinson (also a Reference Assistant at the Gulfport Library pictured above) who will be graduating from William Carey College with a Master's Degree this coming August.

The administration of the library system is very proud of both of these employees and plans to continue to encourage all of our staff members to continue their education whenever possible.

*Robert Lipscomb,
Library Director*

We would also like to congratulate the following:

Cynthia Flanagan - daughter of our director Robert Lipscomb, will graduate from the University of Florida in August with a degree in Business Administration/Media.

Alison Saucier - Shelver at Gulfport Library, graduated Harrison Central High School on May 20th.

Janessa Marie Ullendorf - granddaughter of Marie Deere (D'Iberville Library), graduated Biloxi High School on June 2nd with honors.

Christopher L. Stull - son of Larry Stull (Systems Administrator), graduated Harrison Central High School on May 20th.

Hadley Breckenridge - godchild of Frank Murphy (Gulfport Library), graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi on May 10th.

Ben Barham - son of Sheila Peters (Biloxi Library), graduated this May from the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Kelly McGovern - daughter of Kathy McGovern (Gulfport Library), graduated magna cum laude from St. John High School on May 22nd.

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(228) 374-0330 FAX 374-0375
Mon-Thu 9:00—8:00
Fri & Sat 9:00—5:00

D'Iberville Public Library
10391 Auto Mall Parkway
D'Iberville, MS 39532-3750
(228) 392-2279 FAX 396-9573
Mon & Tue 9:00—8:00
Wed - Sat 9:00—5:00

Division Street Study Center
595 Division Street
Biloxi, MS 39530-2303
(228) 435-2435
Mon-Fri 3:30—7:30
Sat 1:00—5:00
Summer Hours: 1:00—5:00

Gulfport Public Library
1300 21st Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39501-2081
(228) 863-6411 FAX 868-8413
Mon-Thu 9:00—8:00
Fri & Sat 9:00—5:00

Isiah Fredericks Study Center
3312 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Gulfport, MS 39501
(228) 868-7149
Mon - Thu 2:30—7:00
Fri 2:30—5:30
Summer Hours
Mon - Fri 9:00—5:00

**Margaret S. Sherry
Memorial Library**
2141 Popp's Ferry Road
Biloxi, MS 39532-4251
(228) 388-1633 FAX 388-0920
Mon & Tue 9:00—8:00
Wed - Sat 9:00—5:00

Orange Grove Public Library
12031 Mobile Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39503-3175
(228) 832-6924 FAX 832-6926
Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00—5:00
Tue, Thu 9:00—8:00
Sat 9:00—5:00

Pass Christian Public Library
111 Hiern Avenue
Pass Christian, MS 39571-4311
(228) 452-4596 FAX 452-3247
Mon-Thu 8:00—6:00
Fri 8:00—5:00
Sat 9:00—5:00

West Biloxi Public Library
2047 Pass Road
Biloxi, MS 39531-3125
(228) 388-5696 FAX 388-5652
Mon-Wed 9:00—8:00
Thu - Sat 9:00—5:00

Holiday Hours : All Libraries will be closed: Thursday, July 4th for Independence Day;
Saturday, August 31st and Monday, September 2nd for Labor Day.