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(228) 863-6411 FAX 868-8413  
Mon-Thu 9:00—8:00  
Fri & 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

**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 M-F 9:00—5:00

**Biloxi Public Library**  
139 Lameuse Street  
Biloxi, MS 39530-4298  
(228) 374-0330 FAX 374-0375  
Mon-Thu 9:00—8:00  
Fri & Sat 9:00—5:00

**Division Street Study Center**  
595 Division Street  
Biloxi, MS 39530-2303  
(228) 435-2435  
Mon-Fri 1:00—5:00

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

**D'Iberville Public Library**  
10391 Auto Mall Parkway  
D'Iberville, MS 39540-3750  
(228) 392-2279 FAX 396-9573  
Mon & Tue 9:00—8:00  
Wed - 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 9:00—6:00  
Fri 9:00—5:00  
Sat 9:00—5:00

**Saucier Children's Library**  
24006 First Street  
Saucier, MS 39574  
(228) 539-4419  
Mon 11:00—6:00  
Tue 1:00—5:00  
Thu 11:00—5:00

Holiday Hours : All Libraries will be closed: Sat, Sept 3rd - Mon, Sept 5th for Labor Day Holidays,  
Thursday, Nov 11th for Veterans Day

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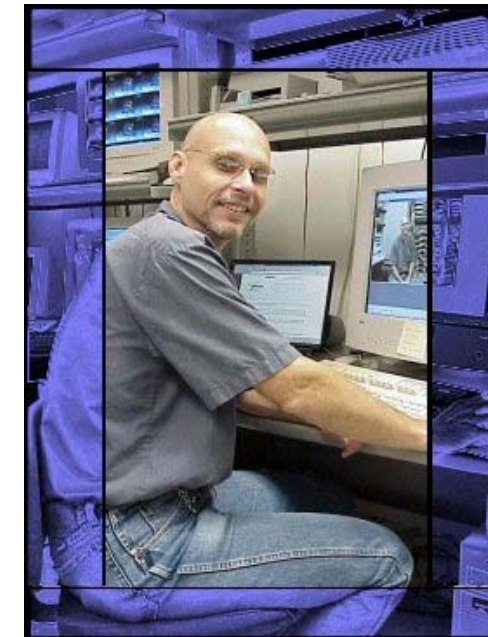
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## In Memoriam

### Larry Stull 1959-2005



On May 28, 2005 the Harrison County Library System lost an important member of our staff. Larry Stull was our Computer Systems Administrator and had been primarily responsible for the design of our computer network.

Larry joined the Harrison County Library System in May of 1996 and quickly became an integral part of our operating team. He was a very creative and productive employee who was always available to help others. Larry's untimely death came as a shock to everyone and he will be greatly missed, not only by the staff of the library system, but also by the many friends he had in the library community throughout the state.

Larry was 45 years old and had lived on the Gulf Coast for 20 years. He is survived by a son, Christopher Stull of Gulfport; a daughter, Larisa Stull of Gulfport; former wife, Kathy Adams; parents, Douglas and Carolyn Stull of Tucumcari, New Mexico; and a brother, Steven Stull of Portales, New Mexico.

## How the Library Computer Network has grown

In May of 1996, Larry Stull joined the Harrison County Library System to bring the System into its next phase of growth. At the time, the card catalog was printed and each city has its own small circulation system.

Larry helped bring the system together for the use of the Dynix Library Automation System, distributed by Ameritech Library Services. This brought each city branch of the system into one computerized card catalog and circulation system, improving our services to the public.

In 1997, public internet access computers were placed in each location for our patrons. This provided software and access to the world wide web.

In 1998, our library system hit the web with our web page. This provided our patrons with

information and access to the card catalog from home.

In 1999, the Gates Library Foundation provided the state of Mississippi with computers and additional software. This provided us the ability to supply a wide variety of software to children and adults.

From 2000 on, the goal has been to not only maintain, but to provide the patrons of Harrison County with up to date information technologies.

For the future, Larry's same goal will be held in place. His assistant of 5 years, Melissa Saucier will be the new Systems Administrator. Melissa and Bill, our current Computer Technician, will continue the growth Larry started. Larry will be missed greatly for his insight and ideas.

### Staff Changes & Additions



Carol Thompson has retired from her position as the Head Librarian at our Pass Christian Branch Library. Taking her place is Daniel Alcazar, who was a reference assistant at the Gulfport Library. Daniel is a recent graduate (he received a Master of Library and Information Science Degree) of the University of Southern Mississippi and has an undergraduate degree in Biology. Daniel is married and has two children.

faux finish wall at the Margaret Sherry Memorial Branch Library. Mrs. Holgate generously donated her time, materials, and artistic skill to the library, and the wall was completed on March 9, 2005.



The wall, which has a faux marble finish, is situated as a backdrop to the circulation desk and is in a highly visible area of the library. Upon closer examination, the wall also features hidden stenciled objects that patrons may wish to find.

The library wishes to sincerely thank Mrs. Holgate for her time and dedication to the project, and her work will certainly serve as a colorful and creative addition to the Margaret Sherry Library for many years to come.

Jamie Bounds, Genealogy, Biloxi Library

### Local History & Genealogy News



In April 2005, the Biloxi Public Library hosted a retirement celebration in honor of Murella Powell, Local History & Genealogy Librarian. (Pictured above with Robert Lipscomb, Director of HCLS and Biloxi Mayor A. J. Holloway) Upon her retirement and after over thirty years of service to the Biloxi Public Library, the Harrison County Library System renamed and rededicated the Local History and Genealogy Department as the Murella H. Powell Local History & Genealogy Collection. Also, the City of Biloxi and Biloxi Mayor A. J. Holloway commemorated the occasion of her retirement by declaring the day of her

retirement "Murella Powell Day" in the City of Biloxi. Murella Powell's valuable work will always be remembered, and it is thanks to her efforts that researchers from all across the United States utilize this collection.

Currently in the department, staff and volunteers are working on several ongoing projects. Included is the continuation of the Daily Herald/Sun Herald indexing project. As a result of this project, we will soon add obituary information from 1940 to our Genealogical Card File. With the generous donations of our patrons and community, many new genealogical and local history titles are coming soon. Our family files are continually expanding thanks to the contributions of our studious patrons.

As always, U.S. Federal Census materials, Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Daily Herald/Sun Herald newspapers on microfilm (1888-2005), city directories, genealogical books from a wide variety of states, family histories, historical vertical files, and many other resources are available for research. The staff is also ready to assist you with our collection of genealogical databases. The department staff will be happy to help with your research requests in person, by phone, or by e-mail. We welcome you to visit the Murella H. Powell Local History and Genealogy Collection and to research in our growing collection.

Jamie Bounds, Genealogy, Biloxi Library

### MetLife Foundation Reading America Program

Last summer the West Biloxi Library, in partnership with the Ohr-O'keefe Museum-Plesant Reed House, were awarded a \$5000 grant for programming from the Libraries for the Future Council. The grant, which was given to only 15 libraries in the United States in 2004-05, came through the MetLife Foundation for the Reading America Program. In addition to funding a programming series, the grant included a training session in New York for the local grant managers. As a result, the 3- D's from Mississippi (West Biloxi's Deborah Lundy & Dede Wallace and Pleasant Reed House Curator, Dora Faison, came to be called) found themselves in New York City.

In addition to several days of exhaustive training, the "D" s did find some time to see the sights and come home ready to plan and prepare their year long programming series for youth.



Using the theme "Art as an Expression of Life," the goal was to explore various forms of art with young people and tie that to reading and books in the Library. Among the list of presenters were: award winning illustrator, Chuck Gale, who shared a few secrets about illustration and the creative process; JoRea Williams of Ramsey Springs who introduced Tissue Paper Art using "magic glue"; and local artist, Tony Pisaturo, who presented a program that focused on acrylic painting and coastal scenes. The program series managed to create a regular series of participants and ended in a well-attended program/celebration this July at the West Biloxi Library.

Deborah Lundy, Branch Manager, West Biloxi

### History Poster Contest at Biloxi Public Library



This picture was taken on March 1 at the City of Biloxi Council Meeting of the Coast History Art Poster Contest Winners. In the picture -left to right - are Mayor Holloway, Travin Payne(1st Grade Winner), Claire Marchese(3rd Grade Winner), Sydney Gonzales(4th Grade Winner, and Charline Longino (Biloxi Librarian).

The Poster Contest which is sponsored by the City of Biloxi, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Genealogical and Historical Society, and the Biloxi Library is in its sixteenth year. It was created to celebrate Coast History Week and is open to 1st through 4th graders in all the Biloxi schools. The winners are honored by the Mayor with a Certificate from the City at the Biloxi Council Meeting. In addition, each received a \$25 prize.

Charline Longino, Head Librarian, Biloxi Library

### Heavenly Hats



The Circulation Department of the Gulfport Public Library recently partnered with the "AmeriCorps Takes ACTION" and the Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast in a "Hat Drive" to benefit Heavenly Hats.

www.heavenlyhats.com

"Heavenly Hats Foundation" was started by fourteen year old Anthony D. Leanna when he was just 10 years old. His program was started to provide brand new hats for cancer patients and other medical patients who lose their hair due to a disease or the treatment of a disease.

The "Heavenly Hats Program" wants to be able to provide hats to individuals and hospitals in order to help patients feel better about themselves and to give them the extra courage and hope to win their fight. Anthony states "that the hat is just a small symbol of hope and love, but his wish is that it will have the power to brighten the patients day so that they can look to the future with a smile".

Since its beginning in 2001, "Heavenly Hats" has distributed more than 40,000 brand-new hats to more than 160 hospitals and clinics around the United States. Thousands more have been shipped directly to individuals. They also send hats to Canada, Europe, Mexico, Pakistan, and many other countries upon request.

The Gulfport Library served as a drop-off location along with other businesses along the coast. Gulfport Head of Circulation,

Marsha Ragins, stated that response from staff and patrons was overwhelming. It was a great opportunity to show our care and concern.

Marsha Ragins, Head of Circulation, Gulfport Library

### Harry Potter Party



The Margaret Sherry Library held a Harry Potter Party on Saturday, July 22nd to celebrate the release of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, the sixth book in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series. Over sixty children attended the program, which included a costume contest, a trivia contest, potion making, and other activities. Kids voted for the best costume, and for their most and least favorite characters from the book. A contest for guessing the number of Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans in a jar was held, with the winner taking home the jar. Kids could also play the games Pin-the-Sock-on-Dobby and Dizzy Gnome Toss, and create bookmarks and stained glass art.

Sharon Davis, Branch Manager Margaret Sherry Library