

Meet Madison County Library System's New Youth Services Director



Tiffany White accepted the position of Youth Services Director this September. Tiffany served as the Interim Youth Services Director from June through September of this year. Tiffany has a bachelor's degree from the University of South Alabama. She is currently working on her Master's in Library and Information Science through the University of Southern Mississippi. Tiffany has two sons who are eight and five. She and her family are actively involved in cub scouts and in school sporting events such as; cross country, flag football, and soccer. When they're not being active, they enjoy playing board games, video games, reading picture books together, and visiting with friends and family. Tiffany enjoys working with children and adults. She is "really excited to get to work with some amazing people to help serve Madison County's children, teens, and families!"

OneClick Replaces Overdrive

Madison County Library System, April 2016:
The Madison County Library System, in partnership with Recorded Books, is pleased to announce the launch of OneClickdigital, an online service that allows patrons to check out eAudiobooks and eBooks, including best-sellers, Recorded Books exclusives, classics, selections for children and young adults, and much more.

Patrons have free access to eAudio and eBooks at home, in the library, or on the go. OneClickdigital is compatible with all popular listening devices. Mobile apps are available for the iPhone®, Android™, and Kindle Fire. OneClickdigital features an easy-to-use interface with streamlined navigation, fast downloads, and automatic software updates. Live toll-free technical support is available at 1-877-77AUDIO.

Details on how to access OneClickdigital may be found at <http://www.mcls.ms>, or see a library staff member at your local Madison County Library System location.



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What's Going on @ the Library?

New Faces, New Places

Madison Welcomes a New Children's Specialist to the Team



Becky Bowen is the new Children's Specialist at the Madison Public Library. She started with MCLS in January of 2016. Becky has an Elementary Education degree from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. She taught in both elementary and junior high classrooms. She also homeschooled her own children. During her time homeschooling, she started successful sports programs and clubs for all ages. She enjoys writing and has published many articles. She also wrote a curriculum for teens that was used locally. Since starting in January, she has implemented a wide variety of children's programs reaching out to all age groups.

Ridgeland Experiences some Interesting Personnel Changes

The Ridgeland branch had many personnel changes over the last year. Rob Fox has returned to a full-time position as Circulation Assistant after a brief period of being a part-time shelver. Steve O'Brien went from part-time shelver to full-time Circulation Assistant / Shelver Supervisor. Marvette Burns accepted a Circulation Assistant position at the Madison branch in September. All of the staff was delighted to welcome Rob Fox back to a full-time position but we hated to see Marvette Burns transfer! The newest member of the Ridgeland staff is part-time shelver, Benjamin Hollingsworth. Benjamin joined the staff on October 3 and we are happy to have him as part of our team.

Community Outreach

Madison's Local Outreach

The Madison Library continues its nursing home outreach to Home Place, thanks to our community volunteer, Mary Jo Hasson. As our primary volunteer, Mary Jo selects the books from our collection to take to the residents of Home Place to pick through and check out. Since some of the residents are unable to come down and make their own selections for various reasons, Mary Jo delivers those books to their rooms. We appreciate the hard work and dedication Mary Jo has shown the residents.

John Shorkey and Ellis Pickett, residents of St. Catherine's Village and long-time library patrons, volunteer their time to pick up and deliver books to the residents of St. Catherine's. Along with the assistance of Grace McMillan, the librarian at St. Catherine's Village Library, residents can enjoy their favorite books even if they are unable to come to the library for themselves. This is such a valuable service and we appreciate all of the time and dedication of these volunteers.

In the coming months, the staff at the Madison Branch will be contacting the Activities Directors of the retirement homes in Madison to set up outreach times to teach residents how to use OneClick Digital and Zinio Digital Magazines. The staff here at Madison is looking forward to bringing this service to the residents of our retirement communities.

Canton Branch Outreach



The Canton Public Library supports many organizations within the community. We host reading events and post informational pamphlets about our services and online resources. It is simply our way of exploring how the library can leave the building and help the community. The Canton library also wants to make sure that the services and programs that we offer are available to everyone. We have many resources available for veterans, Hispanic/Latino families, and members who are homebound due to age or disability.

Branch News

Camden's Branch News

Camden Library welcomes all new staff members to the Madison County Library System. "May we greet each other with a smile, hug and speak kind words". - Laliah Gifty Akita.

Summer Reading was offered during the months of June and July. Our theme for the summer was On Your Mark, Get Set... READ! Prizes were given to students who read the most books. Programs included magicians, animal tales, superhero videos and crazy science experiments. Programs ended with an end-of-summer dance off.

Staff Development was held at the Madison branch in May where a CPR certification class was given to all employees in the system. We are all now CPR certified!

Inventory was done at all of the branches during the month of August so all library materials were inventoried and accounted for. We were treated to a delicious lunch afterwards, thanks to the administration!

We are in the early stages of planning for our annual Halloween program and with help from Youth Services and our Friends, I am sure that the program will be great.

New books and other library materials will be coming soon. Make plans to stop by your favorite branch and check them out. You are always welcome and we do appreciate your patronage.

Lennie D. Beamon, Camden Branch Manager



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Flora's Branch News



The Flora Library has been hopping with activity. Our community has been very involved with our services during the summer. Our intention is to plan exciting activities to keep their interest throughout the rest of the year and into the future.

The Summer Reading Program which continued into July, was terrific as usual, with programs that were joyful and facilitated learning. We had crafts and activities that were unique and inspiring. The "Find the Ninja" activity taught the children to locate fiction, non-fiction, biographies, reference, Early Readers, magazines and board books. We also talked about the Olympics and made

Olympian torches and gold medals. Physical activity and healthy competition were stressed in programs about Karate and the self-defense (only) premise. There was a visit from "Animal Tales" which featured a snake, a rat, a falcon, a bat and a kangaroo! A corresponding book went along with the programs, with flash cards to ensure comprehension. We were so fortunate to have Maxine Owens-Carter to help with programs the past 2 years and the children love her! She was always helpful, happy and willing to do anything to make the programs successful.

In August, the schools rely upon the Flora Library to help with the last minute summer readers' books. We also helped with poster projects and necessary forms to go with each book. The Flora Library also has a display of back to school books just for fun. This new section will have theme based books throughout the year so after "back to school", we will showcase "Fall", "Thanksgiving" and then "Christmas/Winter Holidays." This section helps parents find theme books in record time and get on with their busy schedules.

September brought the new challenge for exciting outreach programs. Melba Johnson, Children's Specialist, currently goes to the First United Methodist Church's Day Care and Head Start programs weekly. When asked, she also gives programs and promotions at East Flora Elementary and Tri County Academy.

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Outreach is so important in our community. Oftentimes, the children bring the parents to the library, not the other way around.

We at the Flora Library have meetings regularly to discuss ways to improve and increase our many services for adults. In August, inventory was completed helping us get everything organized and ready to order new books throughout the rest of the year. Our genealogy room is popular and well-used. Presley Posey is especially helpful and knowledgeable about the history of this area. Our goal is to be an important hub in the community; offering fun and educational services to our neighborhood and all of Madison County. In the near future we would like to

have a scrolling sign, strategically placed, to advertise programs such as in-house story time, basic computer classes, holiday bow tying classes, book club meetings and other gatherings. Our Friends of the Flora Library group would like to organize fundraisers, which are always successful. The last one raised enough money for the huge American flag at our entrance. In October we will host another Plant Swap which is always popular and we plan to have more adult programs in the coming months.

In closing, the Flora Library is a vibrant, changing entity. We are all proud to be a part of it and the community it serves. Many of our visitors come from Madison, Ridgeland, Canton and Camden libraries. When patrons are unable to physically come into the library, we have "curb service" to accommodate them. Our intention is to make all of our county (and visitors from everywhere) welcome and have them coming back again and again.

Head of Circulation, Melba Johnson



Branch News

Madison Branch News

The Madison Library has welcomed a new face at our branch since our last newsletter. We would like to introduce our new children's specialist, Becky Bowen. Becky joined our staff in January of this year and has made a wonderful impression on the children of Madison. We are so happy to have her as part of our staff, and look forward to many wonderful youth programs in the future. We have also welcomed Marvette Burns, who recently transferred to us from the Ridgeland Branch. She has worked for the Madison County Library System for three years and we are so happy to welcome her to Madison. Dee Export, who has worked as a circulation assistant in Madison for almost twelve years, has recently taken our part-time shelving position. We know that Dee is enjoying her extra time with family and friends.

The Madison County Master Gardeners are still hard at work at the library. They have continued the upkeep of the library grounds and have added new plantings. The Master Gardeners, with the help of the Madison Public Works Department, have a big work day planned in November. They will be working together to clean up more of the library grounds that are adjacent to city hall. We really appreciate the hard work of all of the Master Gardeners and the Madison Public Works employees. In addition to the upkeep of the library grounds, the Madison County Master Gardeners have partnered with us and the Friends of the Madison Library for a Plant Swap coming in March. Be sure to keep an eye out for more information!

Since the last newsletter, the Madison Branch has hosted multiple programs for all ages! Many adults have enjoyed the Higbee Hive quilting group, Adult Coloring Time, the Rid-Mad Adult Writer's group, and our Madison Avenue Book Club. During National Library Week in April, our branch hosted a program for first time homebuyers, a Cosplay event for all ages, and a mini boot-camp styled workout with OrangeTheory Fitness. We also had an art exhibit in the meeting room during March and April, showcasing the art of Lynda King, a Madison resident. We offered a calligraphy workshop in May that was so popular, we have had many requests for another workshop session. On September 20th, we offered our first "Tabletop Tuesday: Family Game Night" where a big crowd gathered to play board games and video games while enjoying snacks and spending time together.

Our library patrons continue to enjoy our regularly scheduled adult and family programming at the Madison Branch. The HigBee Hive Quilters meet every first and third Wednesday of the month from 2:00-5:00 p.m. This program is for the newly interested to the very experienced. Our Madison Avenue Book Club continues to meet on the second

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Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. We will continue offering the Rid-Mad Writer's Group, our adult writers group, on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Family Game night will hold its spot on the third Tuesday of each month from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Rebecca Ezell Harrison, owner of Soirée Gifts and Floral in Madison, will be doing a program for us on decorating your home for the holidays on Saturday, October 22nd at 10:30 a.m. If you love crafting, you may also enjoy our program in November on "File Folder Flip Books." Also in November, we will have something special for Harry Potter fans just in time for the Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them movie. We will have "Harry Potter Palooza," which will feature Hogwarts and its houses, food and drink from the books, fun crafts, and much more! Be on the lookout for more information as we draw closer to November! In January, we will be welcoming Elizabeth Turner back to Madison as she does a special program for us on "Cheese Making."

The children had a fun and busy summer here at the Madison Library! From magicians to exotic animals, the meeting room held a large audience of enthusiastic participants! The highlight was seeing a baby kangaroo hop around the room in our Animal Tales program! Children and parents talked about that program (especially the kangaroo) throughout the summer! This fall, we are starting back with a variety of programs aimed at serving all ages. In addition to our regular programs for children, including Storytime Stars (ages 3-5) and Mother Goose on the Loose (ages 0-2), we have Robotics Club, Off Broadway Improv Club, and Cool Creations Lego Club! Our teen program (The Brownie Squad, as they like to be called after enjoying our brownie bar) has a lot to look forward to. They will be painting, reaching out to the local children's hospital by making crafts and cards, making videos with our iPads, and just having some good fun with plenty of food available to snack on!

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Madison News Continued

We have some special programming coming soon as well! For Halloween, we will be having a Halloween carnival with games, prizes, crafts, food, etc. The children are voting on what Halloween costume our children's specialist, Miss Becky, should wear. The Storytime Stars will get a visit from the Madison Fire Department in November, complete with firemen and a fire engine! For our winter holiday program, Santa "Paws" is Coming to Town, Animal Tales will come back and bring some special guests to help us celebrate: a wallaby, toucan, hedgehog, chinchilla and more! Our beloved stuffed library dog, Biscuit, will be at the center of the celebration to receive donations of food and other necessary supplies for his friends at Webster Animal Shelter! Biscuit will even have a few surprises for himself!

The Friends of the Madison Library have had two of their most successful book sales on record this year in February and August. Our Friends members work very hard on these book sales and we really appreciate all of their efforts. The next Friends of the Library book sale will be in February, so be sure to mark your calendars!

-Branch Manager, Tammie Terry

New Volunteer at Flora Branch



The employees of the Flora Library are dedicated and happy to be in such a beautiful building. We have a new volunteer, Sharon Leggett (pictured) who is a wonderful addition to our staff. We are grateful to her for her hard work and sunny disposition. She was previously a school counselor, is now retired, but loves working in our library.

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Ridgeland Branch News

It has been an exciting year for the Ridgeland branch with the addition of several fresh new programs. Last January the Adult Coloring Club was introduced in both Ridgeland and Madison. This fall we are delighted to increase the coloring sessions at Ridgeland to two nights a month. We also enjoyed a Mardi Gras celebration with the "Krewe of Ridgeland." Both the Coloring Club and the Mardi Gras party got off to a rough start due to thunderstorms and persistent flooding of the building, but we managed to take the oars and carry on.

In February, the Friends of the Library sponsored a Christian Fiction author panel. Those in attendance enjoyed interesting and inspirational stories from authors Lorraine Beatty, Virginia Vaughan, and Jacqueline Wheelock. This was just the beginning of a Season of Authors at the Ridgeland branch! In March we were honored to host award-winning children's author Barry Wolverton, the nephew of Ridgeland's very own Mayor Gene McGee. Despite more rain and flooding, Barry was well received by a large congregation who enjoyed the debut of Ridgeland's Hot Cocoa Bar.

The Madison County Mystery readers welcomed a visit from Owen Laukkanen. This event took place during National Library Week on April 12th. Coming to the group via Skype from Vancouver, British Columbia, Mr. Laukkanen fascinated the mystery readers group with the methods of his writing and his life as a writer. To conclude the Season of Authors, the Friends of the Ridgeland Library presented a local author and the assistant director for University Press of Mississippi, Steve Yates. Yates entertained patrons with a book reading and book discussion which evolved to his writing techniques and motivational messages to those inspired to write. In recognition of this year's National Library Week theme, "Libraries Transform," the Friends of the Library sponsored the family event "Transform Yourself @ the Library". The sizeable crowd of all ages was fascinated by the MoodHair Cosplay team who spoke about the art of making costumes and provided an impressive display of handmade costumes and props.

Thanks to the efforts of branch manager Antoinette Giamalva and circulation assistant Ke'Aura Lawson, our branch was proud to host its first Adult Summer Reading Program!

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Ridgeland News Continued

Keeping this year's Summer Reading theme of "Exercise Your Mind: READ", the library hosted three programs and gave away prizes related to health and fitness. Walgreen's held a walk-in body mass index and blood pressure screening; Whole Foods of Jackson and Alzheimer's Mississippi also sponsored programs giving informative lectures on superfoods, juicing, and brain health. The Friends of the Ridgeland Library generously provided the grand prizes of two FitBit watches. The program was quite successful with attendance goals exceeding initial expectations and we look forward to another Adult SR program in 2017!

Looking forward, the Ridgeland library is enthusiastic about the Fall 2016-Winter 2017 season. We have already started a new Fandom support group that meets one Saturday a month to share common interests about graphic novels, movies, gaming, cosplay, and more. October will be the kick-off month for the Madison County Young Professional Social Nights on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings. We will also begin "Spin, Deal, Roll", a weekly entertaining pastime filled with all types of games from Backgammon to Scattergories! Those participating are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

On October 13th, Jane Nickerson, young adult author from Aberdeen, Mississippi, will talk about her newest book, *A Place of Stone and Shadow*. Jane's mysterious historical fictions are popular with young adults as well as adults. And what would the month of October be without a Halloween party? Ridgeland will host "Cos-Ween", an adult Halloween party complete with costumes, games, prizes, and Candy Apple and Hot Cocoa bars on October 25th.



The Ridgeland library will observe the holiday season this year on December 8 with Gingerbread Champions, a gingerbread house contest to include different categories ranging from child, teen, adult, family, and most creative. We plan to start 2017 properly with a repeat of the "Krewe of Ridgeland" Mardi Gras celebration. In March we are excited to offer Monte Carlo Night, an evening filled with casino style games and some surprise visitors. May will be a blast with Murder May-hem, a murder mystery dinner party!

-Branch Manager, Antoinette Giamalva

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Canton Branch News

This summer has been very busy at the Canton library. With Summer Reading behind us, we can now focus on fall programs. Banned Book Week is a pretty big deal here at the Canton branch, celebrated through the week of September 25th and October 1st. The goal of Banned Books Week was to end book banning in schools and libraries across the country and calls on book lovers to speak out against censorship. To do our part, the Canton branch put together a display of books that were previously banned with cards explaining why the book was challenged.

With shoulders bent and minds intent on tutoring, ex-teachers (seen in the pictures below) chatted with each other getting prepared for an upcoming tutoring program. Their roles are creating and implementing innovative ways to bring literacy to everyone who needs it. The upcoming program based around tutoring will not require an appointment and will be on a first come first serve basis. Days and times will vary so be on the lookout for updates to Canton's Google Calendar located on our Branch Page of our website www.mcls.ms. The Manhood Project 805, is a community outreach program that focuses on change within men through local communities. Men of all ages will be empowered through a focus meeting while gaining knowledge and increasing skills to be successful men and fathers. We continue to provide as much information as possible to assist the needs of our community.

Branch Manager, Christine Greenwood



Summer Reading 2016



Systems & Technology

The Madison County Library System's Technology Team has been busy this year implementing updates to our website, public access computers, digital slide presentations, adult programming and more. One Click Digital was launched in April, giving MCLS patrons a simpler solution to downloadable eBooks and audiobooks. As mentioned last year, we have updated all public computers to Microsoft Office 2016 to give patrons the newest features and updates. They now have access to download useful templates for resumé building, word processing, presentation design software, and spreadsheet usage. Patrons are very pleased to have access to these resources as well as: Rocket Language - learn a language for free; EBSCOhost - database searches; Zinio – digital magazine access; and much more.

Future plans include replacing all public access computers with Windows 10 machines so that patrons will gain experience with the newest operating system available. Our website is continuously updated, and we hope you enjoy the new feature of a video displaying closings and special information for our library system. We strive to continue to provide excellent resources for our patrons' technology needs. You can also be involved this holiday season or year round by going through a special Buy It Now option provided by Amazon that helps your library by giving a percentage of your purchase to the library. Check out our website to access this link and start helping Madison County Library System at www.mcls.ms.

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Youth Services

Tiffany White— Youth Services Director

"Ready, Set, Read" was a resounding success this past summer with over 5,669 hours read by children 0-11 years old and 684 books read by our teenage patrons! Over 5,000 people attended the 102 programs offered by Madison County this summer! The children of Madison County received small prizes for every 10 circles they filled in (200 minutes) on their reading logs. Over 1,000 prizes were handed out! Every completed reading log (1,000 minutes) was entered into a drawing for the prize package including books by a Mississippi author, a pop-up tent, and giant bubble wand. The teens of Madison County logged every book they read and each was an entry into the grand prize drawing for a prize pack of gift cards to Malco Theater, Chick-Fil-A, Cups, J.S. Ipes, Barnes and Nobel, and Comic Commander. The summer reading program had some amazing sponsors and some amazing programs that included baby yoga, the Little Gym, visits from the Animal Tales group including a baby kangaroo, magicians Dorian LaChance and Tommy Terrific, and more!

This fall and winter, our Children's Specialists have some of their regular story-time programming and some awesome new offerings for their programs arranged for patrons! Camden and Flora both have exciting Halloween themed events planned! The Canton branch is continuing to offer Wednesday story-times and has Homework Help Center on Thursday afternoons! Canton is also preparing to offer a Teen Advisory Group opportunity to start a new teen program in January 2017! Ridgeland has a spooky Painting Pals family painting event planned for October, a "Howliday" family fun event with a visit from our friends from Gallant Heart Guide Dog Service, and Santa in December. Ridgeland also has a new Teen Time program that has monthly meetings just for teens! Madison has renamed some of their story-times this fall to Storytime Stars and Mother Goose on the Loose. They have a new focused Teen Thursday program that meets monthly, a new 1st-5th grade Off Broadway Improv program, and a new monthly Tabletop Tuesday Family Game Night! Madison also has a spooktacular Halloween Carnival event coming up along with Potter Palooza in November, and a Christmas program with a visit from Animal Tales and Santa in December!

We are excited for the upcoming year with even better program offerings for your children and your families! We welcome suggestions and feedback on our collections and programs at any time. We are always looking to improve the library for you and your families! Planning has already started for the upcoming Summer Reading Program with a wonderful theme of "Build a Better World." We look forward to building a better library and a better world together!

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Our Mission

The mission of the Madison County Library System is to provide library resources and services necessary to meet the evolving informational, recreational, and cultural needs of the public, thus enhancing individual and community life.

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