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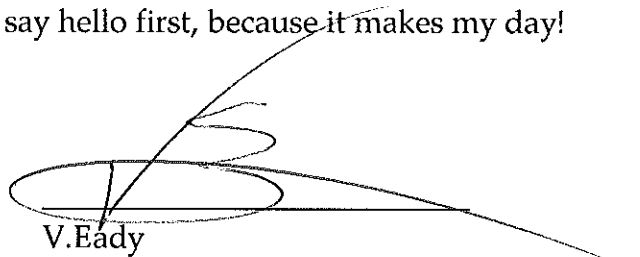
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My favorite story at the Ridgeland, MS library is a funny one. But, before I can get into the details, I must start from the beginning.

I move to Mississippi three years ago, back in 2016 and of course I didn't know anyone; therefore, I asked someone at my new job what were the fun things to do in this state. Funny thing about it, she knew I was from the New York area and whatever advice that she gave would have to be exciting. However, she knew Mississippi would be no match for New York City, so she decided to play it safe and said Mississippi has great public libraries and you would enjoy yourself. I asked how? Well, she said, you can check out great books, music cd's and movies. I asked for the cost? The cd's, of course. She said ALL are free! I said really? She said yes! The very next day, I was at the library.

Well, she was right! It was a great idea and I checked out movies, books, music cd's and used their computers, as well. What a big help that was. Now here's the funny part, because I watched so many movies, each time I returned them, I would notice someone from the library staff bearing a close resemblance to some of the celebrities in the movies I rented! How strange, I thought! When I mentioned this to some of the staff, they even said, "Oh yea your right, funny I never noticed that before!" And we laughed and laughed. That day I made new friends.

Now when I arrive at the library and before I go searching for my next adventure, I **always** stop at the front desk to say hello first, because it makes my day!



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