

Salute to the library staff as National Library Week approaches

by Gloria Wright, President, Friends of the Clinton-Quisenberry Library

With the azaleas in bloom, Easter is not far away, and the Friends of the Clinton-Quisenberry Library and staff have been busy filling Easter eggs with candy in preparation for one of the most popular children's events of the year, the annual Easter egg hunt set for April 16.

April 7 through 13 marks the observation of National Library Week, with this year's theme "Libraries = Strong Communities." Activities include a luncheon to honor the staff Tuesday, April 9, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

A three-day book sale is scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 11-13. We encourage everyone to come and avail themselves of the many books offered for sale. Remember - with books, you don't need to worry about carrying a charger when the batteries run down.

The traditional Easter egg hunt will be Tuesday, April 16, from 5 to 6 p.m., with the children to gather for story time in the large meeting room. Parents, bring your cameras to take photos of the boys and girls with the Easter Bunny. The egg hunt will follow, and the grounds will be inspected and treated for ants and other pests. We encourage all parents and guardians to bring their children to the egg hunt, since nothing compares to the bright little faces when they find the eggs.

We in Clinton are fortunate to have a committed and dedicated library staff.

Susan Delmas, Clinton branch manager, started her career in library work at the age of 12, spending her summers in Utica. She developed a love for books and reading during her daily visits at the library. She earned the trust of the librarian to the point of being allowed to open the building, help at the desk and assist with shelving.

Susan obtained her bachelor of science and master's degrees in library science from the University of Southern Mississippi. Her vast



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The Clinton-Quisenberry Library staff includes (l to r), front row: Clinton branch manager Susan Delmas and staff member Tasha Bass; and back row: staff members Jason Sulkers, Nathan Howe and Alston Curtis. Not pictured are Bevelynne Thornton and Leah Sutterfield.

experience includes working in libraries in Jackson, Newton and Vicksburg. She served twenty years as director of libraries in Alabama and three years in Florida.

Susan returned to Jackson to care for her mother and has been with the Quisenberry Library for over a year. She is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the library and supervision of staff. Her main objective, she says, is to provide patrons with a positive experience at the library. Recently, she developed bookmarks listing authors by genre. You'll want to find these bookmarks at the circulation desk. She arranges displays according to subjects. Upcoming displays will be related to growing flowers, vegetable gardens, and new paperback books.

Tasha Bass, a member of the staff, received her bachelor of science degree in English from Alcorn

University. Her dream is to attend graduate school and earn her master's degree in library science. Tasha's main responsibility is the circulation desk, where she helps patrons find what they are looking for. She assists with the use of computers, reserves rooms for individual use, manages the telephones and locates and reserves requested books from other libraries.

Nathan Howe received his master's degree in philosophy from the University of Mississippi and his master's degree in library science from the University of Southern Mississippi. He worked at the Welty Library in the interlibrary loan and cataloging departments and at Hinds Community College in the reference library. He came to the Clinton Library last year. Nathan is responsible for cataloging donated books and also assists patrons at the circulation desk.

Bevelynne Thornton received

her bachelor of science degree in psychology and master's degree in marriage and family counseling from Mississippi College. As a part-time staff member, her responsibilities include shelving, pulling books on reserved lists, covering books for preservation, repairing books and assisting at the circulation desk as needed.

Leah Sutterfield received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education, with a specialization in English, from Texas Women's University. She worked as a special education teacher and in the children's library in Texas prior to coming to Mississippi to be close to family. In Clinton, she taught the fourth grade at Eastside Elementary for four years. She has been working part-time at the library for eleven years. Her main responsibility is shelving returned and new books. She also assists in other areas, as needed.

Alston Curtis, in charge of youth services, received his bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Belhaven University. He worked as a substitute teacher at Rebul Academy and started working at the Clinton Library in 2006. Alston, who is responsible for all children's programs, expresses his appreciation to the community for the enthusiastic support of the children's activities.

Jason Sulkers has an associate of arts degree from Hinds Community College. He has been with the Quisenberry Library fifteen years, working at the circulation desk and helping with computer use. In the afternoons, he works at the children's circulation desk.

We hope to see you at our Clinton-Quisenberry Library during Library Week, at the book sale, the Easter egg hunt and any other day. Library hours are Monday, 9 to 7; Tuesday, 9 to 8; Wednesday, 9 to 7; Thursday, 9 to 8; and Friday and Saturday, 10 to 4.

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