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Summer reading programs begin June 15 at public libraries

Press Release

The Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System is resuming partial services for all branch locations on June 8 in accordance with the library's phased reopening plan. Patrons will be permitted inside library buildings to browse collections of "grab & go" books and movies plus request other items, schedule 30-minute public access computer sessions, and request copy/fax/print/scanning document services.

To help ensure the safety of library guests and staff, patrons will be required to wear a mask to enter library buildings, strict building capacity limits will be observed at each location, and hand sanitizing stations will be available at building entrances.

Bookdrops are also open at all locations to return checked out library materials, though all items with a due date of March 9 and after have automatically been extended to June 15. Patrons will be able to continue requesting curbside service at the system's Attala County Library, Carthage-Leake County Library, Winona-Montgomery County Library and Winston County Library locations.

The library system will

also be moving forward with a revised version of its popular Summer Reading Program. Registration will begin on June 8 for the new program, and there are a few different ways for patrons to register.

MMRLS is offering a new online tool called Beanstack (app available for download from the Apple or Google App Stores) which will enable patrons to easily log and track their reading, while earning fun badges and prizes. Patrons can also register with a paper form at their local library.

This year's Summer Reading Program will take place from June 15 through July 19, and there will be different reading challenges for children, teens, and adults.

Each MMRLS branch location will have weekly activity packets for children available throughout the program, which will include registration information, activities, and craft ideas for families to complete. Virtual programming will also be featured on library social media accounts throughout

the program.

"Though we are once again reopening our doors to offer essential services, the library is going to look a lot different to our patrons," said Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System Executive Director, Josh Haidet. "We will be taking every precaution to protect our customers and staff by following Governor Tate Reeves' recommendations for reopening public libraries, as well as by utilizing other established best practices and protocol. We are working hard to provide the programming and services our guests have come to rely on from their public library in the safest way possible during this challenging time."

For more information or questions about library services, reopening plans, and the 2020 Summer Library Program, visit: www.mmrls.lib.ms.us, or call 662-289-5151. The Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System's thirteen branch locations serve Attala, Holmes, Leake, Montgomery, and Winston Counties.

County voters to pick 2nd Congressional District Rep.

Staff Report

Voters in Holmes County will vote for one Republican office on Tuesday, June 23.

A run-off from the Presidential Primary will be for U.S. House of Representatives 2nd Congressional District, Thomas L. Carey and Brian Flowers.

FCC grant gives boost to Center for Telehealth's COVID-19 care

UMMC

The Center for Telehealth at the University of Mississippi Medical Center is using a \$1 million federal grant to speed expansion of services to meet the changing needs of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funding comes from the Federal Communications Commission's COVID-19

Telehealth Program, which nationwide is awarding a total \$200 million as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, also called the CARES Act. The money helps nonprofit and public-eligible health care providers deliver telehealth services to patients at home or in mobile locations by funding their telecommuni-

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The Holmes 4-H FCS Club is collecting gently used khakis to distribute to those in need in the Holmes county area. The organization is accepting donations from June through July. Distribution will be available first week of August. Lexington's drop-off location is at the Holmes County Extension Office. For pick-up or other drop-off locations, call the extension office at 662-834-2795 or email khakis4kids@gmail.com.

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cations services, information services and devices necessary to provide telehealth.

Concerns for the safety of both patients and providers continue to play a significant role in the Center's work, with providers ramping up televisits so swiftly that networks initially struggled to keep up, said Dr. Tearsanee Carlisle Davis, the Center's director of clinical and advanced practice operations.

"We had to put a mecha-

nism into place to make sure people continued to get the care they need," Davis said of the first weeks of March, when the virus began to sweep through the state. "We had to stand those operations up pretty quickly, especially in primary care and family medicine and in pediatrics, and also in our specialty care areas."

Before the pandemic, an average 73 telehealth (Continued on page 4.)



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