

Learning possibilities abundant at library

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Learning occurs anywhere at any time, and nowhere is this more evident than at the Clinton-Quisenberry Library. Any time the library is open, we find people of all ages bent over books, looking at computer screens, or roaming aisles. They may be reading a book, finding information, or trying to find a special source for a project. Many patrons are looking for a quiet place to accomplish their goal.

Libba Dudley, a student at Mississippi College, comes to the library to study, away from the distractions of the college campus, to focus and prepare for a test. She likes the "serene and natural setting" of the library. From Scooba, she came to MC with a plan to explore life outside Mississippi, but she was accepted at MC. After the first night of orientation, she knew this was where she was meant to be. She is very active in student recruitment and MCBSU. She loves all brick street events because they remind her of home.

Rachell Martin brings her son, a thirteen-year-old Clinton Junior High student, to do his homework. She adds to his studies by emphasizing spelling, reading and math. She uses one of the study rooms because it affords more privacy, and he is able to focus. Mrs. Martin also comes to the library to study; she is a member of a financial services marketing company and takes periodic exams to maintain her certifications.

Jasmine Rosemon is an Algebra 1 teacher at Clinton High School. Originally from Rosedale, she received her Bachelor of Science from Delta State University and a master's degree from Ole Miss. She came to the school system from Oxford. She uses the library to tutor students in math. She likes the study rooms because they facilitate learning, and resources are readily available.

Kristen Battee Lott is a Northside Elementary School intervention teacher. A graduate of Jackson State University, she taught kindergarten for five years prior to her present position. She utilizes the library to provide students with reading and math remediation, and she takes her students to the children's department because it allows them space to do their own thing.

Ladreane Goings teaches reading at Northside Elementary School. She brings her student to the library because it is a public place that provides security for her students and herself. Presently, she is assisting her students with their homework. Their parents do not speak English and are not able to assure completion and accuracy of their work.

Christy Oswalt, a Clinton Junior High School advanced math teacher, tutors students in math. She likes the library because it provides a quiet place to teach and offers wifi when needed.

Taylor Sarris and Jimmy Tolbird are students at Mississippi College. Both are pursuing elementary education degrees and come to the library to work on assignments because of the quiet environment. Tolbird says that being accepted at MC was a surprise to him, since he had not applied, but his mother had applied for him. He said that after orientation he loved it, with teachers very involved and interested in the success of students. Sarris, a Clinton resident, chose to live on campus. She loves the library and has been a frequent patron since she was very young.

Study rooms are available on a first-come first-serve basis. You must be thirteen years old or older with a picture ID needed. Rooms are available for a two-hour span.

When you come to the library, take a minute to meet some of the people around you. No telling what you will learn.

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