Welcome to Your Madison County Library System

History of the Library

The Madison County Library System is a public library system serving the citizens of Madison County, Mississippi. The library system began service in 1848 in Canton. At that time, a $3.00 annual membership fee entitled members the use of the reading room, subscriptions to 25 magazines, and 12 newsletters. The Madison County Library System now has five branches with Administrative offices located in Canton.

The Canton Public Library opened on April 6, 1925, with 949 books that could be "rented" for ten cents each. Canton's present location, built in 1972 only two blocks from Canton's town square, was enlarged and dedicated on April 27, 1997.

The Flora Library began service in 1960 in a rental building on Main Street. In March 2003, a new facility was opened at 144 Clark Street.

The Madison Library first opened in 1963. In 1976, the library moved to the newly constructed City Hall building. In 1992, the Madison City Hall moved to another location and in 1996 ,the former City Hall/Library building was renovated, enlarged, and officially dedicated in April 1997.

The first library in Ridgeland opened as a combination office building and library on February 1962. The ten-year-old library moved into its attractive stone-faced building, which was shared with the Ridgeland Town Hall. In 1988, City Hall moved to a new location and the library expanded into the available space. In 1991, an addition was added that increased the building to its present size of 10,500 sq. feet.

The newest branch, Camden, opened in May of 2004 and serves northern Madison County.

Locations and Hours

Camden Public Library
116 Parkside Ave.
Camden, MS. 39045
Phone / Fax: 662 - 468 - 0309
Mon., Wed., 10 am - 7 pm
Tues., Thurs., 9 am - 6 pm
Fri. 12 Noon - 5 pm
Sat., 9 am - 12 Noon

Canton Public Library
102 Priestley St.
Canton, MS. 39046
Phone: 601- 859 - 3202
Fax: 601- 859 - 2728
Mon., Wed. 9 am - 6 pm
Tues., Thurs., 9 am - 7pm
Fri. and Sat., 9 am - 5 pm

Flora Public Library
144 Clark St.
Flora, MS. 39071
Phone: 601- 879 - 8835
Fax: 601 − 879 - 3934
Mon. - Thurs., 9 am - 6 pm
Fri., 9 am - 5 pm
Sat., 9 am - 1 pm

Madison Public Library
994 Madison Ave.
Madison, MS 39110
Phone: 601 - 856 - 2749
Fax: 601 - 856 - 2681
Mon. - Thur., 9 am - 7 pm
Fri., and Sat., 9 am - 5 pm

Ridgeland Public Library
397 Hwy. 51 North
Ridgeland, MS 39157
Phone: 601 - 856 - 4536
Fax: 601- 856 - 3748
Mon. - Thur., 9 am - 7 pm
Fri. and Sat., 9 am - 5 pm

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Our Mission Statement

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.

MCLS offers these online resources and more: **ROCKET LANGUAGES** — Learn a new language as fast as a rocket; **LEARNING EXPRESS** — Each of our Learning Centers offer practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses and much more. **MAGNOLIA** — A statewide consortium of research databases funded by the MS Legislature; and **HERITAGE QUEST**—Search genealogy census, books, Freedom's Bank, etc.

Computer / Internet Services

All library branches have computers available for the public. Computer usage is free; however, the library does charge 20¢ per page for B&W and 50¢ per page for color print-outs. The Internet is available at all branches, provided that users read and accept the Internet Use Policy. Wireless Internet and wireless printing are also offered at each of our five branches.

Interlibrary Loan

The Madison County Library System will borrow materials not found in the system's collection. Books and photocopies of magazine articles may be requested. Videos /Audios/ DVDs may not be borrowed through interlibrary loan. There is no charge for Interlibrary loans unless patron doesn't pick up requested item.

On-line Catalog

Patrons can access the library's On-line Public Access Catalog (OPAC) through the Madison County Library System's home page. Users may renew items, review their accounts, and place items on hold using the OPAC.

Downloadable eBooks & AudioBooks

The Madison County Library System offers downloadable titles for your enjoyment. With a valid library card, you can sign up for an account through OverDrive to view thousands of titles, and download them to your computer and to your portable devices.

Friends of the Library

Each year, membership fees and book sale proceeds are used to make significant improvements at your branch for both staff and patrons. Also, the Friends of the Library provide monetary support for the children's summer reading program and adult/family programming throughout the year. As a Friend, you are invited to all adult programs, book sale preview parties, and book sales. It's a great way to meet fellow library enthusiasts, purchase great books, and have fun, too! Your support is greatly appreciated.

Youth Services

The Youth Services Department has on-going programs for a variety of ages. Programs include story-time, crafts, summer reading activities, and much more. Call your local library for information or check out our online calendar at www.mclsms.org

Your Madison County Library Card

Library Cards are free to Madison County residents. Residents can obtain a card at any of the five local branches. To apply for a card, an adult must present a valid photo I.D. and proof of a local address such as a utility bill, lease agreement, or a letter mailed to the street address. Parents must sign a library application for children ages 15 or younger.

Loan Period / Overdue Fines

Books - 3 Weeks - $.20 per item per day

Audio - 3 Weeks - $1.00 per item per day

Video/DVDs – 1 Week - $1.00 per item per day

eBooks / eAudio (7) days or (14) days loan period

Items may be renewed twice with the exception of Holds and fees of $3.00 or more.

Holds

Patrons may have a maximum of (5) items on hold owned by the library system. Holds may be placed online via the Online Catalog on the MCLS website or by contacting the library staff.

Lost or Damaged Items

Library users are responsible for all items borrowed. Please report any loss or damage to the library staff. We ask you to support our libraries by paying for these items.