LETTERS FROM THE LIBRARY

NEWSLETTER OF THE STATE LAW LIBRARY OF MISSISSIPPI *"There shall be ... a library ... known as the state library"* An Act to provide for a State Library – General Laws, 1838

2018: The Year in Headlines

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Analyzing Google Alerts about the Mississippi Supreme Court and Court of Appeals throughout the year, the Word Cloud above reveals the most-used words in news headlines.

Library joins UMMC and MC Law to provide training

The State Law Library, the Rowland Medical Library – University of Mississippi Medical Center, and the Mississippi College Law Library recently joined together to provide a workshop, *Legal & Medical Research: Free Resources for the Public Librarian*.



Held at the Mississippi Library Commission, the workshop was geared towards public librarians who do not have any background or training in legal and/or medical research. Being disciplines that are extremely complex, legal and medical research can oftentimes make librarians nervous. The goal of the workshop was to show librarians competent resources they can use for free when dealing with library patrons.

Presenters included Stephen Parks of the State Law Library, Tamara Nelson of the Rowland Medical Library, and Justin Huckaby of the Mississippi College Law Library.



The Library at the Mississippi Library Association Annual Meeting

Stephen Parks attended the Mississippi Library Association's Annual Meeting in Meridian in mid-October. As the featured speaker for the Special Libraries Session, Parks spoke on the history and resources of the State Law Library. Congressman Gregg Harper was the General Session Keynote Speaker, and Parks was able to speak with him afterwards and thank him for his advocacy on behalf of Mississippi's libraries, particularly Mississippi's federal depository libraries, with the State Law Library being one of eleven dispersed throughout the State. At right, Parks is pictured with local author Anne Webster and Congressman Gregg Harper





At the Awards Breakfast, Parks accepted the Public Relations Award – Best Newsletter. This Award is given to a Library or Library Group to recognize a library's public relations activities. At left, he is pictured with Dr. Teresa Welsh, Director of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Southern Mississippi.



TO RETIRE Julia ----Starnes, who for 28 years has served Mississippi as state librarian, has announced to the Legislature she would retire Aug. 15. Mrs. Starnes received the tribute of a standing moment of silence by the House of Representatives for her service. In her letter of resignation, read to a hushed house, Miss Starnes said, "Many of you may graciously urge me to re-consider, but my mind is fixed, as I feel this course is definitely best for the state and me."

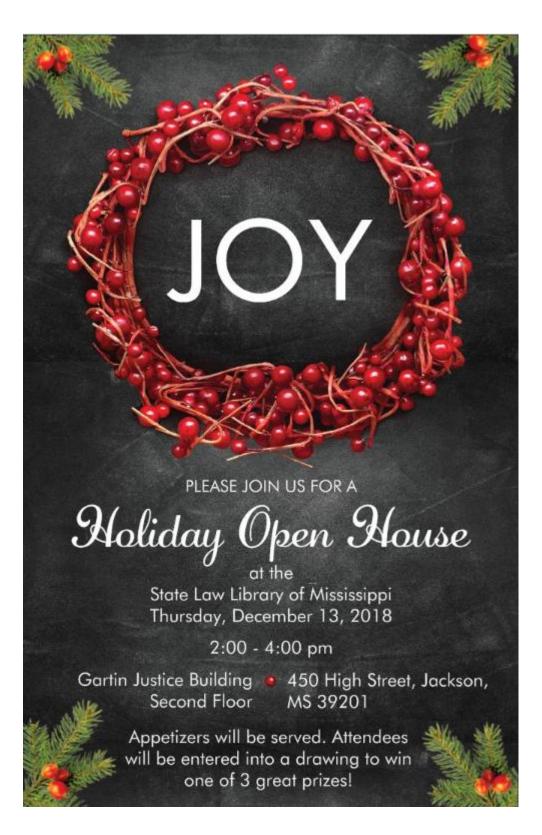
Looking Back: Longtime State Librarian Retired 50 Years ago

The longest serving State Librarian, Julia Starnes, retired fifty years ago in the summer of 1968. Well-respected among members of the Bar, Starnes was made the first woman honorary member of the Bar in 1957. At the left is a write-up from the May 30, 1968 Clarion Ledger.

Upon her retirement, the state Legislature passed a resolution commissioning a portrait of Starnes. It was completed and presented in 1971. The portrait by Jackson artist Karl Wolfe now hangs in the Library.



Please Join Us:



Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from the State Law Library

