



Community Library  
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## Community Library Mississippi Goes Virtual

The Community Library Initiative was formed by a small group of citizens in the fall of 2016 seeking to develop community led library programming designed to increase literacy, early learning, the love for reading, and provide spaces for intellectual exchanges and contests.

Community Library Initiative was renamed **Community Library Mississippi**. The organization incorporated March 21, 2019 as a non-profit corporation in Mississippi. The organization obtained its nonprofit status in July of 2019.

**Mission Statement:** *To inspire intellectual growth through intellectual and cultural learning.*

**Purpose:** Community Library Mississippi is a charitable organization formed to create community library spaces in neighborhoods across Mississippi and to promote literary and intellectual programs.

### Affiliate Groups/Programs

1. Learning Tree Book Club
2. Book Toasters
3. Jackson Book Festival
4. My First Book Series
5. Reading Fairs
6. Book give-a-ways (Pre K-1)
7. Community Speaking Series
8. Book Toaster's Speaking Series
9. Local History Speaker's Series
10. History Speaking Series

***My First Book Series***, 6 vols under 1 cover activities & coloring books, 208 pages)

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***My A to G Activity Book*** Vol. 2, 21 pages

***My H to P Activity Book*** Vol. 3, 49 pages

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***My 2 to 24 Activity Book*** Vol. 5, 36 pages

***My Q to Z Activity Book*** Vol. 6, 56 pages

***My First Book Series*** 6 volumes

Single print books .....\$5.38

***My Picture Dictionary***, July 2019 (PreK-1)

200 (3 & 4 letter word) images and definitions; back matter includes USA & world maps; lists fruits, vegetables, presidents, pronouns, seasons, vowels... Telling time chart... much more

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### Community libraries & literacy

Library literacy efforts provide public spaces where families can spend time reading and learning together.

Children gain fluent literacy skills from school and from reading for pleasure. Research shows that student academic performance is higher among those whose parents read to them in their early school years (4 to 8).

## Modern libraries

Modern libraries have beanbag chairs, short shelves with book covers facing outward, prompting discovery, are family friendly, and are connected to parks, walking trails, retail space, outdoor decks, and other amenities.

## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (literacy resource)

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is an important book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until they begin school, no matter their family's income.

### FACTS:

Local teachers are overburdened with students, subjects, and testing; they cannot lead literacy challenges on the local level by themselves.

Our national literacy crisis demands all hands-on-deck.

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The beginning - First formal activity

## Spring Break Reading Fair

MARCH 12-17, 2018, 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.  
Pearl St. A.M.E. Church, Robinson Rd.

Pizza & Award Party: Fri. 2–4 P.M.

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### FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/myfirstbookseries/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/community.library.ms/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/My-Picture-Dictionary-1144570515727430/>

### WEB/BLOG PAGES

<https://shopheirs.com/community-library-ms/>  
<https://meredithetc.com/community-library-ms/>  
<https://meredithetc.com/learning-tree-book-club/>  
<https://meredithetc.com/jackson-book-festival/>  
<https://meredithetc.com/book-toasters/>

### Community Library Mississippi Goes Virtual

ZOOM online – Register on Eventbrite.com

Support from the Mississippi Humanities Council

### Learning Tree Book Club Meetings:

1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays 2 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. (Ages 6 to 60+)

•June 5, 2021 •7-3 cancelled •Aug. 7, 2021  
•Oct. 2, 2021 •Nov. 6, 2021 •Dec 4, 2021

### Stand Up, Speak Up: Rally 4 Peace

Community Library MS unified against gun violence in the Capital City and co-hosts citywide public rallies.

TH. 05.06.2021 Parham Bridges Park, 5:30 -7pm

SAT. 55/22/2021 Grove Park, 5:30 -7pm

SAT. 06/12/2021 Flowers Park, 5:30 -7pm

*Black genocide is a present reality in the USA.*

**Genocide** - the deliberate and systematic destruction of a racial, political, or cultural group.