



Knowledge • Community • Imagination

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Board of Supervisors:

Your continued support has made for an exciting and progressive year for the Madison County Library System. MCLS has positioned itself as a 21st Century library and is busier and more relevant than ever. I look forward to continuing our upward trend with your support and have enclosed the MCLS Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget request.

Traditional library services remain a mainstay of what we do with over 323,075 items circulating last year. Yet our patrons know the library is so much more. Public computers with internet access, free WiFi, digital content such as ebooks and e-audio books, digital magazines and electronic resources such as online databases for research and education are vital services provided to our patrons. Well over half of our library computer users report no home internet access.

Our digital innovation lab is meeting the changing needs of our patrons; from students working on projects to young entrepreneurs engaged in innovation to job applicants seeking specific job skills or training. The lab is designed to encourage collaboration, innovation and learning. In addition to a 3D printer and a MAC lab with graphic and editing software, we received two LSTA grants to add a sound booth with recording equipment as well as additional laptops to create a mobile classroom. As part of our Finding Your Voice program, two of our young adult patrons worked with an award winning documentary filmmaker to create and submit an original local history documentary film, *Heart of the Hollow*, which won third place at Mississippi History Day hosted by the Mississippi Department of Archives and the University of Southern Mississippi. It was the only film entered sponsored by a public library. We continue to partner with Canton Tourism to host the Young Filmmakers Workshop and have applied for a \$50,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for a local history and veterans project. The digital lab has added a new level of service for our patrons.

We are proud to have raised over \$100,000 through community support to bring back the much-loved bookmobile, our first in over 30 years. Serving as a mobile library, the bookmobile offers books, computer stations, free Wi-Fi and more. The bookmobile enables us to meet our patrons where they are and bring the library into the community, reaching underserved areas and community members, including rural communities, the elderly, the disabled and the homebound. Over 700 people have visited the bookmobile just in its first month of service. In that same time, it has circulated 278 items and registered 51 new users. This fall we will work directly with schools in this area to provide students and teachers with access to the public library collection, delivered directly to the schools as well as our technology oriented after-school programs such as coding and STEM activities.

We see ourselves as the community living room where everyone is welcome to come learn, work and create in a safe place. Summer reading and children's programs offered that safe place to over 19,000 area children last year and we have expanded the summer reading program with a partnership with the

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Canton Public Schools to include free lunches. Our Ridgeland branch provides a much-needed sense of community for young professionals and families who participate in a variety of programs from Wellness Wednesdays to Game Nights and more. In Madison and Canton, our Autism and Sensory Programming has expanded to include a parent support group, after-hours checkout and an internship program in partnership with the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation. Flora's community garden continues to flourish and provide fresh vegetables and plants to share with the community, while our Camden branch is working with the local school to develop a 4H program. All told, last year MCLS offered 1,676 library programs attended by over 36,000 people. With programs ranging from early literacy to retirement and everything in between, the library has something for everyone, and, yet, these programs represent only a portion of the ways in which we serve our communities.

We continue to face growing communities and strive to reflect those communities through programming and services. In response to the expanded programming and to meet the growing technology and outreach needs of our communities, we have added two staff members.

To ensure the sustainability of these projects and to continue to bring innovative services to our patrons, we respectfully ask you to allocate total funding in millage and/or additional dedicated funds at the level requested in the attached budget.

Thank you for your consideration. I am always available to answer any questions you may have about the Madison County Library System.

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Madison County Library System
2019-2020 Budget Request

SALARIES	\$1,280,000.00
SOC. SEC. & RET.	\$335,000.00
AUDIT	\$9,000.00
AUTOMATION EXPENSE	\$14,500.00
AUTOMOBILE EXPENSE	\$10,000.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$20,000.00
DUES - PROFESSIONAL	\$2,500.00
FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT	\$20,000.00
INSURANCE	\$37,000.00
LIBRARY PROGRAMS/ADULT	\$5,000.00
LIBRARY PROGRAMS/SR&YOUTH	\$20,000.00
LIBRARY PROGRAMS/SP. NEEDS/OUTREACH	\$2,000.00
MATERIALS (BOOKS, DVDS, ETC.)	\$295,000.00
OFFICE EQUIP. UPKEEP	\$2,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$25,000.00
OTHER OFFICE EXPENSES	\$6,700.00
OUTSIDE SERVICES & FEES	\$8,000.00
POSTAGE	\$5,000.00
PR/Promotional Items	\$1,500.00
SIRSI MAINTENANCE	\$31,000.00
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$2,500.00
SUPPLIES - JANITORIAL	\$5,000.00
SUPPLIES - TECH SERVICES	\$5,000.00
TELECOMMUNICATION - DATA	\$150,000.00
TELEPHONE	\$10,000.00
TRAVEL & STAFF TRAINING	\$7,000.00
UTILITIES / CAMDEN	\$11,000.00
UTILITIES / CANTON	\$65,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,384,700.00

OPERATING BUDGET

AUDITORIUM USE FEES	\$1,000.00
CITY OF CANTON	\$101,000.00
CITY OF MADISON	\$110,000.00
CITY OF RIDGELAND	\$115,000.00
TOWN OF FLORA	\$1,200.00
FINES & FEES	\$20,000.00
COPY AND FAX REVENUE	\$55,000.00
MADISON COUNTY	\$1,735,000.00
PERSONNEL GRANT	\$111,500.00
ERATE	\$135,000.00
TOTAL	\$2,384,700.00

\$0.00

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Madison County Budget Request FY2020

The staff of the Madison County Library System works hard to fulfill our mission of being gathering places that support education, encourage lifelong learning and inspire collaboration. The libraries provide materials for circulation, access to internet resources and a full schedule of programs for all ages.

This year, MCLS is asking Madison County for **\$1,735,000** to help maintain these services for the people of Madison County.

Public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without internet connections at home.

51% of our computer users report no home internet access.

Based on the value of its services, the library is one of the most effective public services and a wise use of tax dollars, representing valuable savings.

For example:

Average retail value of books & audio - visual materials:

\$23

Value of services provided by MCLS based on items circulated:

\$7,430,725



Children's and Summer Reading events keep children reading all year long and we continue to partner with Canton Public Schools to provide free summer lunch as well. Last year, 19,513 children of all ages enjoyed 907 programs.

Key to the success of MCLS is the dedicated, hard-working staff.

This past year MCLS staff:

Answered **55,352** reference questions

Helped **56,349** computer users conduct job searches, complete online job applications, attend online classes and more

Circulated **323,075** items

Held **1,676** programs, which **36,528** people attended

Saw an average of **6,018** people visit the libraries each week