



Madison County
LIBRARY SYSTEM
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June 30, 2026

Board of Supervisors:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support of the Madison County Library Systems libraries and patrons. MCLS is faithfully committed to our mission to serve our communities. Our libraries continue to strive to provide outstanding services to meet the needs of our patrons and improve the lives of the community.

We are currently in the middle of our Summer Reading Program for the youth and adults of our county. This year we are celebrating "Unearth A Story"! Our Youth Services Department has been busy for months planning fun and educational programs for youth of all ages. Our goal is to keep youth involved with reading during the summer months. We do this by making it a fun and enjoyable family activity for all.

With your continued support, we look forward to continuing our mission to serve our communities and to reflect those communities through our programming and services. We are seeking the same level of funding as last year for our operations budget. Your support will ensure the sustainability of our projects, to continue bringing innovative services to our patrons, and to meet staffing needs.

This year we celebrated two anniversaries: the 50th anniversary since the opening of the Madison Public Library and the 55th anniversary of the Ridgeland Public Library. With these monumental anniversaries, we are reminded of our aging facilities. We would like to request the county's assistance in helping us update needed items in our library facilities. We are including a list with this letter.

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

Sincerely,

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Canton Public Library

102 Priestley Street
Canton, MS 39046
Phone: 601-859-3202
FAX: 601-859-2728

Flora Public Library

144 Clark Street
P.O. Box 356
Flora, MS 39071
Phone: 601-879-8835
FAX: 601-879-3934

Madison Public Library

994 Madison Avenue
P.O. Box 1153
Madison, MS 39130
Phone: 601-856-2749
FAX: 601-856-2681

Ridgeland Public Library

397 Highway 51 North
Ridgeland, MS 39157
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Madison County Library System - Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2026–2027

Requested Facility Improvements

For the 2026–2027 budget year, the Madison County Library System (MCLS) respectfully requests that the Madison County Board of Supervisors approve funding for essential repairs and facility improvements at all library branches. While each branch has unique needs, one of the most significant system-wide priorities is replacing aging flooring. The flooring at our three oldest branches—Canton, Madison, and Ridgeland—is more than 30 years old, having remained in place since the last major renovations.

Outlined below are the specific needs for each MCLS branch.

All MCLS Branches

- Upgrade exterior lighting to improve safety and security.
- Install panic buttons to provide immediate notification to the local police or sheriff's department during emergencies.

Canton / Administration (Upstairs)

- Replace flooring that has been in service since the last renovation (30+ years old).
- Replace the chillers/HVAC system. Replacement parts are no longer readily available and must be custom manufactured, making repairs increasingly difficult and costly. Just last month in May, we spent over \$5,000 for repair for a new hot water pump and motor. As of today, the same problems have started again and we are contacting the service provider.

Madison

- Replace flooring that has been in service since the last renovation (30+ years old).
- Resolve ongoing leak issues in the meeting room, which normally occurs with hard rainfall.
- Construct a larger meeting room. The current meeting room is needed to expand the children's library area, and many youth programs must be held within the library because attendance regularly exceeds the meeting room's fire code capacity. Several programs attract more than 150 participants.

Ridgeland

- Replace flooring that has been in service since the last renovation (30+ years old).
- Resolve the ongoing flooding issue at the rear library entrance, which occurs during nearly every rainfall beyond a light shower.

Flora

- Replace flooring throughout the library, excluding the meeting room.
- Perform major repairs to the HVAC system.
- Repaint safety markings and lettering, which are currently peeling and difficult to read.

Camden

- Install a controlled-entry buzzer system at the patron library entrance to allow staff to grant access to patrons. This would improve safety for Ms. Lennie, who frequently works alone.
- Repaint parking lot striping and other safety markings.
- Repair water fountain issues, so drinking water is available to library patrons.