



Starkville-Oktibbeha County Public Library System

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Starkville-Oktibbeha County Public Library System needs your help!

The Grape Gatsby is a prohibition speakeasy themed fundraising event to be held at the Starkville Public Library on April 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm. We need the support and assistance of local businesses, organizations, and individuals to make this a successful event and fundraiser!

We are calling on local businesses to contribute as sponsors (see sponsorship opportunities below), to donate food for serving at the event, to donate bottles of wine as part of the fundraiser wine pull event, and to volunteer to work at the event.

Because this is a new event for us, we cannot know what to expect - but Starkville is a community that is known for supporting each other and we hope that this will be no different. We have worked in the last year and a half, despite the difficulties that we have faced, to grow our partnerships, collaborations, services offered, and opportunities for engagement in the public library. We want to do more! In order to do more, financial support is vital. Proceeds from this fundraising event will be used to support all aspects of library service to our community.

Below you will find additional information about the event and sponsorship opportunities as we begin to prepare for the event on April 9, 2022. We have chosen this day to coincide with the end of National Library Week, which is a week each year designated to celebrate American public libraries. National Library Week in 2022 is April 3 through April 9.

If you would like more information or simply have questions, please feel free to contact me via my contact information found at the bottom of the second page of this letter. I am always available to talk about how you can be involved and help support the mission of the Starkville-Oktibbeha County Public Library System.

The Grape Gatsby – a Starkville-Oktibbeha County Public Library System Fundraiser

Attending the Event

- Tickets to the event will be \$25 in advance/\$35 at the door. Tickets allow entrance and include one complimentary glass of wine served on premises as well as one pull to win a bottle of wine. Wine pull will continue as long as supplies last.
- Additional wine pull tickets may be purchased at the event while supplies last.
- Additional glasses of wine will be available at the event while supplies last.
- Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be available from many local restaurants and cooks.
- There will be live music and a space cleared for dancing should attendees care to “cut a rug”.



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Sponsorship Opportunities

- Diamond Sponsor – \$5,000+
 - Receives 12 tickets/wine pulls for the event
 - Special recognition at the event and in all press
 - Recognition year-round as a Diamond sponsor via in-library signage and website
- Platinum sponsor – \$2,500
 - Receives 8 tickets/wine pulls for the event
 - Special recognition at the event and in all press
 - Recognition year-round as a Platinum sponsor via in-library signage and website
- Gold sponsor – \$1,000
 - Receives 6 tickets/wine pulls for the event
 - Special recognition at the event and in all press
 - Recognition year-round as a Gold sponsor via in-library signage and website
- Silver sponsor – \$500
 - Receives 4 tickets/wine pulls for the event
 - Special recognition at the event and in all press
 - Recognition year-round as a Silver sponsor via in-library signage and website
- Bronze sponsor – \$250
 - Receives 2 tickets/wine pulls for the event
 - Special recognition at the event and in all press
 - Recognition year-round as a Bronze sponsor via in-library signage and website
- Individual sponsor – \$100
 - This level is intended for individuals, not businesses, though individuals are welcome to sponsor at higher tiers.
 - Receives 2 tickets/wine pulls for the event
 - Special recognition at the event and in all press
 - Recognition year-round as a sponsor via in-library signage and website

Purpose of the Event

This event will serve to raise money for the Starkville-Oktibbeha County Public Library System to fund special projects that, due to budgetary restrictions, cannot be funded from the library's general operating budget. Funds from this event could be used to supplement the library collection, to add programming materials, to provide additional training for staff, and to purchase furniture and equipment.

For more information on how you can help, please contact me at any time!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip M. Carter, II".

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