

Dragonfly is Born

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Special Advance Note: Clarksdale, Mississippi - On Friday, February 26th, starting at 5:30pm, Clarksdale, Mississippi's Carnegie Public Library presents a "**For the Love of Books**" gala at the Cutrer Mansion, 109 Clark Street. It is an annual fundraiser for the town's popular Community Book Talks lecture series. See end of dispatch for more info.



Dragonfly is Born: a new Voyageur Canoe is coming to life in the Quapaw Canoe Shop. See below for some scenes from the Dragonfly voyageur canoe in her cocoon stage. Dragonfly will eventually fly

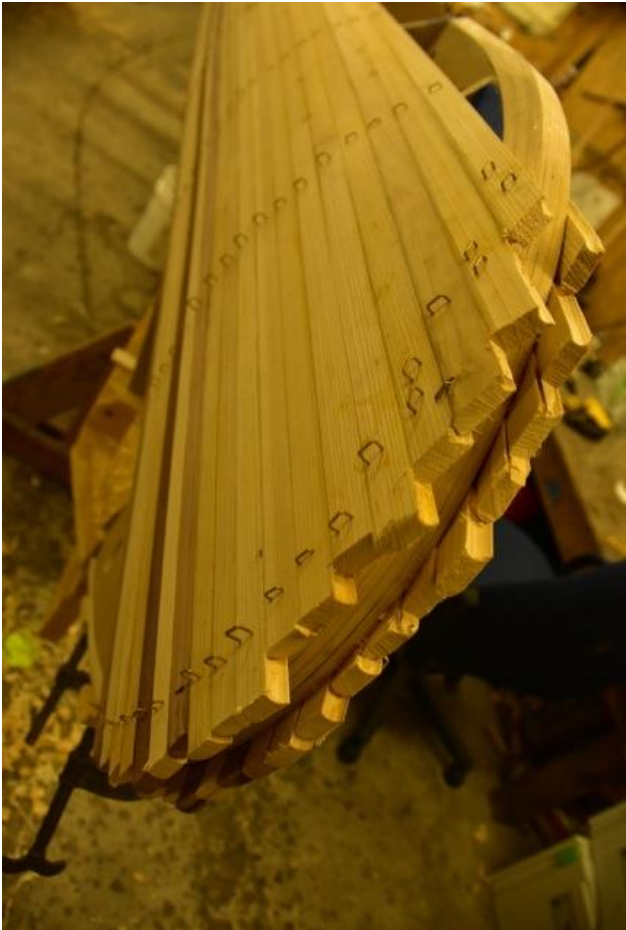
north to join the Big Muddy Adventures team, the big canoe people at the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi in St. Louis. Dragonfly will be another 29 foot voyageur strip canoe, she is constructed of Louisiana Bald Cypress with redwood accent strips and red oak stems.













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CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI'S "FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS" GALA CELEBRATES
LECTURES SERIES THIS FRIDAY AT CUTRER MANSION

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Community Book Talks lecture series.

"It takes a lot of resources to keep these lecture events free for the public, and we have to find them outside of our regular library budget," said Sarah Crisler-Ruskey, director of Carnegie Public Library. "Our 'For the Love of Books' gala offers an educational and entertaining way to help support the series."

This year's gala fundraiser begins at 5:30 pm and includes hors d'oeuvres, selected readings and musical performances by Alice Hasen, Heather Crosse, Zoe Sundra, Marshall Drew, Gramm Phillips, Dave Dunavent, Megan Maike, T'Keyah Burnett and Sarah Levingston.

"We hope to see lots of our friends and neighbors for this fun and festive fundraiser," said Jen Waller, director of CCHC. "For those who cannot attend, donations are both welcome and appreciated, of course."

Tickets are \$20 each and available at the Carnegie Public Library and the Cutrer Mansion as well as at the door. More information at <http://cplclarksdale.wix.com/communitybooktalks>

Upcoming Community Book Talks include:

Thurs., March 31 - Dr. K.C. Morrison - *Aaron Henry of Mississippi*.

Thurs., April 28 - Richard Grant - *Dispatches from Pluto*.

Clarksdale's Community Book Talks lecture series is made possible in part by the many generous local supporters. Anyone interested in sponsoring the series should contact Sarah Crisler-Ruskey at [\(662\) 624-4461](tel:662-624-4461); sruskey@cplclarksdale.lib.ms.us

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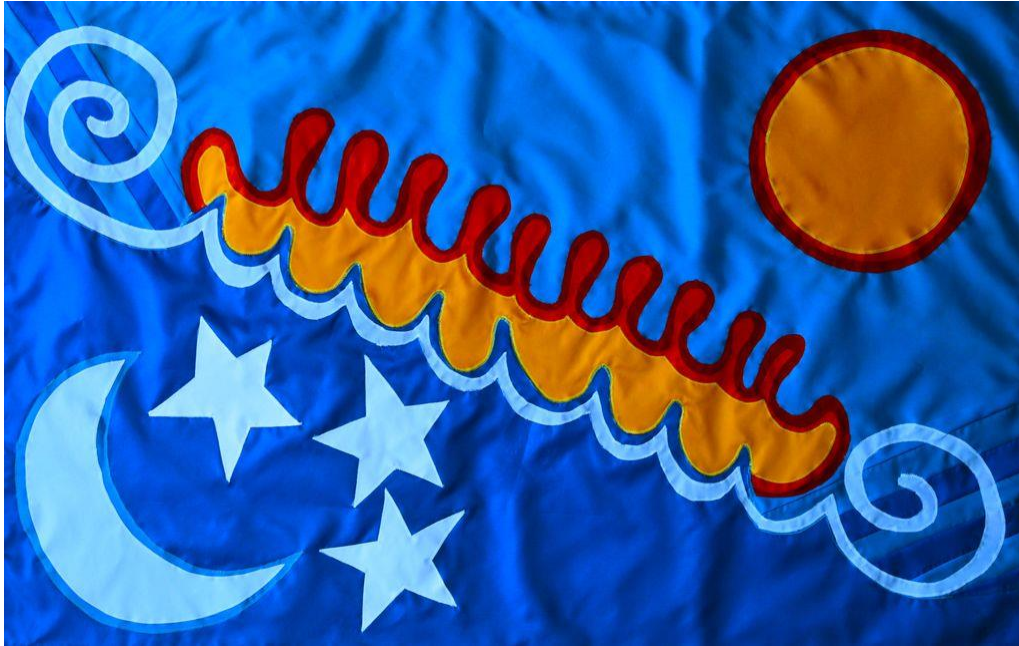
information, education, culture, and recreation through books, computers, videos, and other materials as well as offer library services, to the people of Clarksdale and Coahoma County. Service is available to all citizens of Coahoma County through tax support from the City of Clarksdale and the County Board of Supervisors.

The Coahoma County Higher Education Center (CCHEC) is a partnership between Delta State University (DSU) and Coahoma Community College (CCC). It was designed to enhance the outreach capabilities of both institutions. The partnership between DSU and CCC encourages regional growth and development by expanding educational opportunities for the people of Coahoma County, and the surrounding counties, and by targeting high needs in the North Mississippi Delta region.

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RIP: Shady Cat



Big Canoe Flag

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