

# Sunflower County Library System



## General Information

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## Library Mission

The mission of the Sunflower County Library System is to provide resources to meet the community's informational needs.

## Library Vision

The Sunflower County Library System strives to preserve knowledge through supportive, adaptable, equitable service, and enjoyable lifelong learning experiences and to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

## Library System Details

- Library System established 1961
- Five Library Branches

## Library Services

- Access to printed books, audio and e-books, movies, and music
- Access to internet through public computers and Wi-Fi services
- Business services: fax & printing
- Access to primary sources of Sunflower County history
- Access to Talking Book services
- Access to online databases
- Reference and readers' advisory assistance
- Interlibrary loan services
- Public programming for all ages

## Certification

- Level III State Accreditation

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## Library History and Growth

- 1892 - Humble beginnings by the Indianola Reading Club exchanging materials
- 1920's - Utilized donated items from the Indianola Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Works Progress Administration.
- 1924 – Drew Civic League opened library located in the corner of S. C. Atkinson's Main Street drug store then moved to a room over the Merchants and Planter's Bank.
- 1927 – Drew library relocated to a room in the Community House.
- 1930 – Ruleville Women's Club adopted the Mississippi's Federation's goal "a library in every county". Book exchanges conducted among Moorhead Fine Arts Club members. Community book exchanges conducted in towns of Inverness and Sunflower.
- 1935 – The first library supervisor for Sunflower County, Mrs. Gladys Bridges Becker, was appointed to provide library services to Baird, Moorhead, Indianola, Sunflower, Doddsville, Ruleville, Drew, Sunflower Plantation, and Parchman, Mississippi.
- 1938 – Sunflower County's first library building, Horace Stansel Memorial Library dedicated. First library board for Sunflower County appointed by County Board of Supervisors.
- 1959 – Henry M. Seymour Library opened in Indianola, Mississippi.
- 1961 – Sunflower County Library System established.
- 1962 – Inverness Public Library opened.
- 1971 – Kathy June Sheriff Public Library established in Moorhead, Mississippi. Drew Public Library established.
- 1994 – Sunflower County Library System Agreement between Sunflower County Board of Supervisors, Sunflower County Library Board of Trustees, City of Drew, Mississippi, Town of Inverness, Mississippi, City of Moorhead, Mississippi, City of Ruleville, Mississippi, and City of Indianola, Mississippi.

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## Library Partners

- Mississippi Library Commission
- Drew Collaborative
- Friends of the Henry M. Seymour Library
- Excel by 5 of Indianola, Mississippi

## Library Capacity

### Human Resources

- Organization: American Library Association accredited Master of Library and Information Science Director, Assistant Director, Cataloger, Public Service Coordinator, Public History Coordinator, Public Service Assistants, Library Clerks
- Number of Employees: 12

### Technical

- Highspeed (fiber) broadband network
- Public Wi-Fi network
- Hosted website and integrated library system
- Use of social media platforms
- Access to digital sources

### Awards

- Jane Smith Literacy Award 2024
- Mississippi Library Commission Star Library Award 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019
- John Cotton Dana Award 1972