



**Read a New Book Month-Coastal Shell Event**  
**September 30, 2023 at 3:00 pm**  
**Ben Mae Library downtown Mobile at 701 Government St**

We are coordinating with the Mobile Public Library to participate in their Coastal Shell event on September 30 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ben May Library downtown. There will be different science and art activities involving shells. Please bring some shells if you are able because a limited supply will be available. Please RSVP to Beth at [beth@centralgulfbbs.org](mailto:beth@centralgulfbbs.org)

**Guided Hike Among the Birds**  
**October 14, 2023 at 10:00am**  
**Meaher State Park located at 5200 Battleship Pkwy Spanish Fort, AL**

October is peak migration time for many different bird species and since the boardwalk is part of Alabama's Birding Trails system, it's a fantastic time and place for us to see different species and some fall plants in bloom. The walk will be about 1.5 hours. Please RSVP to Beth @ [beth@bbbssa.org](mailto:beth@bbbssa.org) so we have a number to give our guide before our hike!

**Lighting of the Tree 2023**  
**November 17, 2023 at 5:15-6:15**  
**Mardi Gras Park in downtown Mobile (109 Government St) & BBBS Office (3 South Royal St Ste 300)**

Stop by the BBBS Office between 5:15 pm-6:15 pm to pick up an ornament making kit and santa hat for the festivities. Then join the City of Mobile for a night of cheer as they light up the night and celebrate the start of the holiday season! This free family-friendly event will include a Live DJ, Christmas Crafts, Photo Opportunities, Santa Claus, and so much more! Here is the lineup: 5:30 PM: MPRD Community Mass Choir, 6 PM: Santa Arrives, 6:30 PM: Tree Lighting with Mayor Sandy Stimpson, 7 PM: Performance by The Sugarplums. RSVP to Beth at [beth@centralgulfoast.org](mailto:beth@centralgulfoast.org) so we know to be expecting you!

**BBBS Annual Christmas Party**  
**TBD in December**

We are looking for a venue presently and hope to have fun activities planned for everyone to enjoy. If you have any suggestions on activities or locations, please let Kelly know at [kelly@centralgulfbbs.org](mailto:kelly@centralgulfbbs.org)

**Think Big Benefit Card**

We have updated our benefit with the Exploreum on our web page. Please make sure you check the list before you make your plans. If you have an idea about an activity/location that you think matches would have an interest in, please reach out to Kelly at [kellycentralgulfbbs.org](mailto:kellycentralgulfbbs.org) and let her know. We are always looking for new ideas!