



## Special Year-in-Review Edition 2013

### From the Director



Director of Libraries

"As the end of the year approaches, it's an ideal time to reflect on the wonderful services offered throughout the Memphis Public Library System in 2013.

Each year, around three million children, teens, and adults visit Memphis Public Libraries and enjoy educational, entertaining, and age-appropriate programs, services, and events. From children's storytimes and book clubs to book sales, there is something for the whole family within the walls of the Library.

Let's take a look back at 2013!"

-Keenon McCloy

## CHILDREN

### Family Tunes & Tales at Bartlett Library Brought Storytime to Life



Family Tunes & Tales Storytime introduced kids to new words and instruments, thanks to Memphis Public Libraries and the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. Some audience members brought makeshift instruments of their own!



Children sat in awe at Bartlett Library, as they listened to a story while professional musicians accompanied!

## **Bookstock Jr. was a Blast at Central Library**



Kids could take their pick from several family-friendly activities during Bookstock Jr. at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library. The day was packed with learning and fun!



Illustrating a large mural from a children's book and face painting were only a few activities for kids at Bookstock Jr.!

For a look at the Children's Department at the Memphis Public Library, [click here!](#)

## TEENS

### Teen Tech Programs Are Exciting Ways to Prepare for Tomorrow's Work World



During Teen Tech Week at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library, teens learned to create animated video games!



Teen Tech Camp was an interactive five-day workshop at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library that allowed 20 lucky teens a chance to learn computer programming with hands-on training from industry professionals.

### 'Green Week' at Central Library Gave Teens 'Paper Power'!



Memphis Public Libraries, in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council (Memphis Chapter), encouraged teens to recycle during Green Week. The week ended with "Paper Power," a competition for Memphis high school students to create innovative structures made solely of recycled paper products!



All Paper Power 2013 teams stopped to admire their hard work with a smile (left). The overall winning team was from Collierville High School. They built a house made of cardboard and various paper products (right)!

For a look at the Teen's Department at the Memphis Public Library, [click here!](#)

## ADULTS

### Libration 2013 was a Lot of 'FUN'draising!



Libration 2013 was an inaugural fundraiser benefiting Memphis Public Libraries. Memphis Library Foundation Executive Director Diane Jalfon (left) and Director of Libraries Keenon McCloy (right) welcomed special guest author Hampton Sides (center) to Memphis! Donors and Library supporters dressed as their favorite book characters while listening to live music and more!



Donors and other Library supporters danced to a Silent Disco during Libration 2013 which raised \$40,000 for the Memphis Public Library System!

## **U.S. Secretary Sebelius Visited Central Library to Talk Affordable Healthcare**



U.S. Secretary of Health & Human Services Kathleen Sebelius visited the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library to discuss the Affordable Care Act. For more information on ACA, click the photos above. (Courtesy of Office of Mayor A C Wharton; Photos by Isaac Singleton)



Secretary Sebelius, Congressman Cohen, and Mayor Wharton spoke at a press conference about the Affordable Care Act following their initial meeting in the Memphis & Shelby County Room at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library. For more information on ACA, click the photos above. (Courtesy of Office of Mayor A C Wharton; Photos by Isaac Singleton)

# Music Lovers Flocked to the Library for 'America's Music'



America's Music was a six-part series of public programs featuring live performances, scholar-led discussions, and documentaries! Entertainer Matt Tutor (pictured right) performed for the Rock & Roll concert.



Between performances, vocalist Joyce Cobb and University of Memphis music professor Dr. Jack Cooper talked to a packed audience about the history of Tin Pan Alley and Broadway.

For a complete look at Memphis Library programs, [click here!](#)

## ON THE AIR

### WYPL FM 89.3 Radio

Let's talk about books during **BOOK TALK!** Tune in to WYPL FM 89.3 Radio.

Join the conversation!

#### Book Talk

**Saturday, December 14, 6 pm** - Interview with two award-winning children's book authors, Loren Long (*An Otis Christmas*) and Jon Agee (*Little Santa*)

**Saturday, December 21, 6 pm** - Interview with Jonathan Miles about his novel, *Want Not*

## Holiday Specials

**Tuesday, December 24, 1 pm - 4:30 pm** - Reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* by former University of Memphis theatre professor Steve Malin

**Wednesday, December 25, 1 pm - 1:30 pm** - *The Spirit of Giving* with Jane Seymour

**Wednesday, December 25, 7 pm - 7:30 pm** - *Sing We Now of Christmas* with Gladys Knight and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir

## Books

**Best Seller, Monday - Friday, 4 pm, December 2 - 20** --- *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin

**Mystery, Monday - Friday, 2 pm, December 2 - 12** --- *The Royal Wulff Murders* by Keith McCafferty

[WYPL](#) is located at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue).

For more information, visit [WYPL](#) online.

## BRANCH HIGHLIGHT

### Cornelia Crenshaw Library, A Trailblazer From Past to Present



A pioneer among Memphis Public Libraries, Cornelia Crenshaw Library - located at 531 Vance Avenue - was the first Library in Memphis to serve African Americans in the late 1930s. Once called Cossitt Library for Negroes and later Vance Avenue Library, Cornelia Crenshaw Library continues its legacy of service in the South Memphis community today.

"Many local and national heroes were young customers to the Vance Library, like Benjamin L. Hooks and many other prominent doctors, lawyers, teachers, and business people," noted Inger Upchurch, branch manager of the Library. "Richard Wright, author of *Native Son* and *Black Boy*, was a customer at Vance Library as a child as well." she added.

With its vast literary collection and outreach programs, Crenshaw Library is central to the South Memphis community. Customers can enjoy fiction and nonfiction books, urban literature, the Parent/Teacher Collection; outreach programs like Real Men Read Storytime and Vance Middle School Book Club; and other Library programs, such as childcare workshops, computer classes for seniors and visually-impaired customers, and basic Spanish to name a few.

For more information about Cornelia Crenshaw Library, call (901) 415-2765.

# PLAN AHEAD

## Upcoming Events

'PAWS' for Reading - Saturday, December 7, 1 pm - 3 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar)

After School Fun: Christmas Decorations - Wednesday, December 11, 4 pm @ North Library (1192 Vollintine)

Holiday Gift Creating Bonanza - Thursday, December 12, 3 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar)

Movie Day: The Christmas Story - Wednesday, December 18, noon @ Cossitt Library (33 South Front)

English Language Learners' Conversation Group - Saturday, December 21, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity)

All Library Locations Closed - Christmas Eve (December 24) and Christmas Day (December 25)

[Click here](#) for more events happening in the Memphis Public Library System.

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## Did You Know?

### Memphis Public Libraries Now Offer Downloadable Music for FREE!



The search for affordable music to download is over. The Memphis Public Library & Information Center now offers **The Freegal Music Service** for the best price in town - FREE!

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