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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Black History Celebration: Library and Special Guests to Honor African American Trailblazers in Civil War Medicine

To celebrate Black History Month and those who made it possible, Memphis Public Libraries are "pushing boundaries" with traveling exhibit - **Binding Wounds, Pushing Boundaries: African Americans in Civil War Medicine**.

Often lost from the pages of history, the names and faces of early African American physicians, surgeons, nurses, and other healthcare providers will be on display at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) from **Saturday, February 8 - Saturday, March 29, 2014**.



Contraband working for the Union Army
Courtesy of MOLLUS U.S. Military History Institute

An **official opening ceremony** will be held **Thursday, February 20, 2014, 6 pm - 7:30 pm**, also at Central Library. Special guest author, historian, and Civil Rights activist Dr. Miriam DeCosta-Willis will be keynote speaker. LeMoyné-Owen College's concert choir is set to perform for the Black History Month celebration.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Binding Wounds, Pushing Boundaries exhibit.

[Read more](#)

Come One and All to the Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

The groundhog has little to do with predicting spring at Memphis Public Libraries. The **Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale** lets



Library customers know that spring is near!

Mark your calendar today for **May 23 - 24, 2014** to stop by the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue). Books for all ages, CDs, DVDs, magazines and more are all priced at \$2 or cheaper!

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CHILDREN

Cordova Library Offers Customers Cheap Rates on 'International Travel'

International travel just got a lot cheaper for Memphis Public Library customers. Children and families can experience the sights and sounds from around the world at one of Cordova Library's **International Storytimes**.

"Each program is presented by someone who has either lived in another country or is from another country," explained Sharon Evrard, storytime organizer and Cordova Branch librarian. "Presenters are allowed to include anything they feel best highlights their homeland."

[Click here](#) for the "itinerary" of 2014 International Storytimes!

[Read more](#)

[Click here](#) for a complete list of Children's activities at the Library!

TEENS

Tuesdays at the Library Mean Teens and Technology

Teens and technology will unite at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) for **Teen Tech Tuesdays** (TTT) free and interactive



(3030 Poplar Avenue) for Teen Tech Tuesdays (TTT), free and interactive sessions allowing teens a chance to learn today's cutting edge technology for tomorrow's world of work.

Thanks to funding from Best Buy, the Memphis Public Library Foundation purchased the latest technical gadgets for teens to freely explore **each Tuesday, 2:30 pm - 5 pm** at **Central Library**. Philanthropic organization Friends of the Library will provide snacks for participants during programs also.

Laptops, tablets, cameras, and tripods are a few of the devices teens can choose from, and organizers say more is on the way. "Soon we will add keyboards and a beat station as well, so teens can learn basic music editing," said Nancy Knight, assistant director of community outreach and special projects. "We will add equipment that is the latest and greatest in

terms of quality and capability!"

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[Click here](#) for a complete list of Teens' activities at the Library!

ADULTS

Gaston Park Library Customers Celebrate Black History Month in Creative Way - Setting Positive Examples

Honoring past generations by helping future ones, customers at **Gaston Park Library** (1040 South Third) will celebrate Black History Month by forming an **African American Book Club**, set to launch at the branch **Saturday, February 15, 2014, 2 pm - 4 pm**.

"The purpose of the African American Book Club is to heighten awareness of black writers, poets, and playwrights from the past to the present," said Gaston Park Library Branch Manager Inger Upchurch. "Our (adult) customers expressed an interest in establishing the book club to stress the need for reading and to serve as an example for children and teens!"

Gaston Park Library will continue its journey into the past during the **second Saturday of each month (2 pm - 4 pm)** and will host a local guest writer each quarter.

[Click here](#) to find out which classic customers will read first!

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Memphis Public Library Customers can Pass the Theatre and Head to the Library



Library customers can skip the movies and take a trip to the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) for the **2014 Wider Angle Film Series**, critically-acclaimed and award-winning foreign films suited for adult audiences.

"Films may be educational, culturally-enlightening, entertaining, or all of the above," said Humanities librarian Nobuko Igarashi. "Our customers can expect to view great quality films that may not be widely released or shown elsewhere in a commercial movie theatre," she

added.

Funded by the Friends of the Library, films are shown on the **second Wednesday of each month, 6 pm - 8 pm** (unless otherwise noted), at **Central Library** (lobby level, meeting room C).

[Click here](#) for a list of screenings and dates.

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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!

Saturday, February 8, 6 pm - Aram Goudsouzian, "Down to the Crossroads: Civil Rights, Black Power, and the Meredith March Against Fear"

Book Readings

Mystery, 2 pm, Mondays - Fridays, February 10 - March 6 - Lee Child's "A Wanted Man"

Biography, 3 pm, Mondays - Fridays, February 10 - March 5 - Ian O'Connor's "The Captain: The Journey of

Derek Jeter"

Best Seller, 4 pm, Mondays - Fridays, February 11 - 21 - Maria Semple's "Where'd You Go Bernadette"

African American Lives and Literature, 2 pm, Sundays, February 16 - March 30 - Mark Whitaker's "My Long Trip Home"

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

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

BRANCH HIGHLIGHT

North Library Provides a Family Environment to Klondike Community

By: NaTasha Farr, Special to MPLIC

Originally opened in 1961, North Branch Library (1192 Vollintine Avenue) was among the first of many Memphis Public Libraries to serve a very diverse community in interest, education, and socioeconomic status.



"We are proud of our neighborhood, and we enjoy being a part of positive outcomes," said Branch Manager Karol Hogan.

North Library accommodates the whole family on Mondays through Thursdays, 10 am - 6 pm, and Saturdays, 10 am - 5 pm. Its reach in the local community includes six elementary schools, one middle school, two high schools, four community centers, 23 daycare centers, and 22 churches.

Within the walls of North Library, customers find countless services like computer workshops, adult book clubs, and job seeking classes for adults. For teens, they offer Reading with My Peers, Pyramid Book Club, and Let's Rap About It!, a discussion group that encourages teens to share stories by positive role models. The youngest customers to North Library enjoy Special Storytimes, Afterschool Activities, report card trinkets, classroom visits, and bi-monthly contests to encourage early literacy.

Customers also have access to resources such as computers with Internet access, collections of fiction and non-fiction books, books on tape, magazines, CDs, and reference materials.

Through community partnerships, North Library and the University of Tennessee support health and wellness through its extension program, which offers customers free glucose screenings, blood pressure checks, and nutrition information.

"North Library appreciates our customers, and customers appreciate North Library," Hogan concluded.

For more information about North Branch Library, [click here](#) or call (901) 415-2775.

PLAN AHEAD

Upcoming Events to Calendar

AARP Tax Services - Tuesday, February 4, 10 am - 1:30 pm @ Bartlett Branch Library

African American Read-in Chain - Tuesday, February 4, 3 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

Teen Book Club - Thursday, February 6, 3 pm - 4 pm @ Poplar-White Station Branch Library
(J. D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye")

Black History Month Moviepalooza - Thursday, February 6, 3 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

Black History Month: Family Movie & Craft Day - Saturday, February 8, noon @ Raleigh Branch Library
Registration is required. Call 901-415-2778.

Teen Valentine's Program: Poetry Writing, Crafts, & Fun! - Monday, February 10, 2:30 pm @ Whitehaven Branch Library

Valentine's Day Collages - Tuesday, February 11, 3 pm - 4 pm @ Poplar-White Station Branch Library

Wider Angle Film Series: *Aliyah* - Wednesday, February 12, 6 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

VITA Mobile Van - Saturday, February 15, noon - 4 pm @ Cherokee Branch Library

AARP Tax Services - Tuesday, February 18, 10 am - 1:30 pm @ Bartlett Branch Library

North Women's Book Club - Saturday, February 22, 2 pm - 4 pm @ North Branch Library

ACT Vocabulary Prep - Monday, February 24, 2:30 pm @ Whitehaven Branch Library

Parenting Workshop: Every Child Ready to Read - Thursday, February 27, 11 am - noon @ Gaston Park Branch Library

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Did You Know?

Did you know that the [Friends of the Library](#) host at least two book sales per year and volunteer more than 50,000 hours at Memphis Public Libraries?

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