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## UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Library's College Fair to Help Pave Road to Higher Education

*High school graduates and working adults are welcome!*

The Memphis Public Library and Information Center (MPLIC) is helping high school grads and working adults to "Get on the Right Road" in the New Year with the **Memphis Public Library's College Fair 2014** held **January 14 - 15** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue).



Potential students of all ages are invited to talk to college recruiters, ask questions about financial aid, take a look at dorm life, tour the Central Library, and learn about Greek life!

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### Free 'Speed Pitch' Event to Help Customers Promote Their Small Business Ideas

*Top three sales pitches will receive \$100 cash prize!*

Have a great small business idea? The Memphis Public Library and Information Center, in partnership with Start Co., is here to help you pitch it! A special **Speed Pitch Event and Information**

**Session** will be held **Thursday, January 23, 2014, 11 am - 3 pm**



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at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue,

meeting rooms A - C).

The day will be filled with educational exercises, a "speed pitch" competition, and one-on-one training from business leaders. The top three sales pitches will receive a \$100 cash prize!

[Click here](#) to register.

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## Foundation's Luncheon to Honor Long-standing Board Members

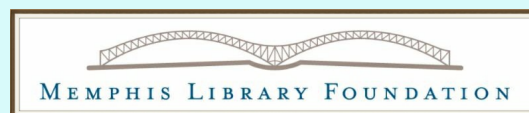
*Library supporters encouraged to buy tickets today!*

The Memphis Library Foundation will celebrate 20 years of service, vision, and support for Memphis Public Libraries on

**Thursday, February 6, 2014, 11:30 am** at the **Peabody Hotel**

(149 Union Avenue) with an **Appreciation Luncheon** for long-

standing board members: **Dunbar Abston, Jack Belz, Mike Cody, Leslie Dale, John Paul Jones, and Honey Scheidt.** Former Board President and Campaign Chairman, the late **Charles Leonard** will be honored as well.



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The public is invited to attend the event. Individual tickets to the luncheon are on sale today! [Click here](#) to purchase tickets or call (901) 415-2831.

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## Library Employees Prepare to Bowl Toward Achievement

*Junior Achievement Bowl-a-thon coming March 1, 2014!*



Smiles come to the faces of Library employees during this special time of year - the **Junior Achievement Bowl-a-thon!**

Equipping students with work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy skills, Junior Achievement uses the annual Bowl-a-thon as its premier fundraiser. Memphis Public Library employees participate each year, representing the Parks and Neighborhoods Division of the City of Memphis.

The Bowl-a-thon is set for **Saturday, March 1, 2014**. The general public is invited to help Library employees "bowl toward achievement" by joining an existing team or creating their own. To register, call (901) 415-2865 or (901) 415-2777.

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## CHILDREN

### 'Read with Me, Sign with Me' Storytime is Quality Time for Families

More than just a storytime alone, "**Read with Me, Sign with Me**" is family time - a chance for families with deaf, hard-of-hearing, and hearing children to enjoy a story that's read aloud and signed at the same time.

"'Read with Me, Sign with Me' brings a diverse group of people together - young and old, hearing, hard-of-hearing, and deaf - to practice signing everyday words, to learn best practices for helping deaf children learn to read, and to enjoy stories together," explained Children's Librarian Susan Penn.

Families are invited to attend storytimes at **11 am** on **Saturdays, January 11, February 1, March 1, April 5, and May 3** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue).

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



## TEENS

### Surprise in Store for Teen Tech Camp 2014!

*Organizers encourage teens to apply early!*

Keeping up with the latest technology in today's world is a task, but each year the Memphis Public Library and Information Center makes the task a lot easier for teens during **Teen Tech Camp** (TTC), an interactive, five-day workshop that allows young techies a chance to learn cutting-edge software from industry professionals of the Society for Information Management (SIM).

In previous camps, teens have learned to create their own video games, but event organizers say TTC 2014 has a special surprise in store!



Teen Tech Camp 2013

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## **ADULTS**

### **Naturalization Ceremonies at Central Library Signifies New Beginnings for New U.S. Citizens**



A fresh sense of American pride will echo through the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) on **Wednesday, January 22, 2014** as newly-naturalized citizens pledge allegiance to the fifty stars and thirteen stripes for the very first time.

More than 140 new citizens are slated to attend one of two **Naturalization Ceremonies**, which are open to the media.

The Memphis Public Library and Information Center, in partnership with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (Memphis field office), will host the ceremonies. The first one will begin at 11 am and will feature keynote speaker Beverly Robertson, director of the National Civil Rights Museum. The second ceremony is scheduled for 1 pm, and Director of Libraries Keenon McCloy will be the keynote speaker.

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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, January 11, 6 pm** - Scott Aiken and Robert Talisse, "Why We Argue (And How We Should): A Guide to Political Disagreement"

#### **Book Readings**

**Sundays, 2 pm - 4 pm, January 5 - February 9** - Vladimir Alexandrov's "The Black Russian"

**Best Sellers, 4 pm, Mondays - Thursdays, January 14 - January 24** - Jeannette Walls' "The Silver Star"

**Southern Authors, 2 pm - 4 pm, Saturdays, January 4 - February 15** - Beth Hoffman's "Looking for Me"

**Self Help, 4 pm - 6 pm, Sundays, January 11 - March 2** - David Sheff's "Clean"



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

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

## **BRANCH HIGHLIGHT**

### **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library Helps to Bridge 'Digital Divide' in Memphis**

The Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library is an information hub, meeting place, and portal connecting Memphis to the digital world through 250 Internet-ready computers, laptops for checkout, and free Wi-Fi. Offering an array of collections, programs, services, and resources, Central Library staff - like all Memphis Public Library employees - prides themselves in satisfying the customer's need to know.



"We bridge the digital divide by putting our customers on an equal playing field when it comes to selecting materials, researching information, applying for jobs, using computers and accessing services," said Stacey Smith, Central Library manager. "We are constantly seeking the most creative methods of technological advancements and innovative strategies to stay relevant as a viable institution."

Central Library first opened its doors to the public on November 10, 2001. In addition to collections at other Library branches throughout Memphis, today Central Library offers customers more than 800,000 books, magazines, videos, CDs and more spread throughout this 330,000-foot facility.

"It may seem large and intimidating at first," Smith commented, "but customers shouldn't be afraid to ask for assistance. It's their Library, and we're here for them!"

The Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library is located at 3030 Poplar Avenue in Memphis. For more information about materials, programs, or services, call (901) 415-2700.

## **PLAN AHEAD**

### **Upcoming Events to Calendar**

**Small Business Start Up** - Thursday, January 9, 6 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

**Free Saturday Legal Clinic** - Saturday, January 11, 10 am - noon @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

**Read with Me, Sign with Me Storytime** - Saturday, January 11, 11 am - 1 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

**Memphis Public Library's College Fair 2014** - Tuesday, January 14, 10 am - 4 pm (high school students only),

and Wednesday, January 15, noon - 5 pm (non-traditional students only) @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

**Craft a Martin Luther King, Jr. Memory Book** - Wednesday, January 15, 3 pm - 5 pm @ South Branch Library  
(Ages: 6 years - adults)

**All Memphis Public Library Branches Closed** - Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Career Day for Teens** - Wednesday, January 22, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm @ Parkway Village Branch Library

**Speed Pitch Event & Information Session** - Thursday, January 23, 11 am - 3 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

**Teen Acting Group** - Monday, January 27, 2:30 pm @ Whitehaven Branch Library

**JobLINC Mobile Career Center** - Tuesday, January 28, 11 am - 2 pm @ Frayser Branch Library

**Literary Luncheon with Authors Darlene Hooker Sawyer & Dr. Jane Howles Hooker** - Wednesday, January 29, noon @ Cordova Branch Library

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