



January - February 2016



Honoring The Dream

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Big News @ Your Library!

Free FAFSA Event @MemphisLibrary Helps College-bound Students Secure Financial Aid!

Filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is not for the faint of heart. Any brave soul who attempts to conquer the document will likely agree, but thanks to **FAFSA completion events** coming to **several Memphis Public Library locations**, the fear of the FAFSA is a thing of the past!

Memphis Public Libraries have teamed up with Leadership Memphis and The Memphis Talent Dividend to help college-bound students "**Find Your Way to Pay for College**" through a series of free sessions with trained volunteers.

"Memphis Public Libraries have partnered with Leadership Memphis in the past to provide FAFSA service, and we look forward to another successful effort," stated Library Deputy Director Chris Marszalek.

Students should mark their calendars today for these informative events, **starting in February 2016**.

Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)
Thursday, February 4, 2016
4 pm - 6:30 pm
[\(901\) 415-2764](tel:9014152764)

Raleigh Library (3157 Powers Road)
Friday, February 5, 2016
1 pm - 5 pm
[\(901\) 415-2778](tel:9014152778)

[Click here](#) for more FAFSA event locations!

New Year's Resolution: Support Your Library!

Become a 'Friend of the Library' today!

Will you be our friend? In 2016, resolve to support Memphis Public Library's programs, events, and collections by becoming a Friend of the Library.

[Click here](#) to sign up today!

The process is simple. Complete an online application or visit the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue) or any Memphis Public Library location for a printed application.

Also, sign up to receive email notifications for the Friends of the Library spring and fall book sales, Second Editions Bookstore sales, and more!

Get the most out of your New Year by volunteering at your local library. [Click here](#) to get started, and tell your friends to become a "Friend" also!

For more information, call [\(901\) 415-2840](tel:9014152840).



CHILDREN

New Computer Class Helps Kids Learn Skills Needed for TN Standardized Tests

Register today for spring session, starting March 3.



How fast are your fingers? Beginning in the 2015 - 2016 school year, Shelby County School students will have a new requirement in standardized testing - **keyboarding**.

TNReady is a new state-mandated student assessment that will feature interactive and open-ended questions intended to sharpen 21st century skills that students will need after graduation like basic keyboarding skills, according to the Shelby County School District's website.

To help students rise to the challenge, Memphis Public Libraries will offer **Computer Basics for Kids**. This eight-week class will introduce children in grades 3 - 6 to basic typing skills on a QWERTY keyboard and to programs like Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint, along with various research methods, proper citation, and basic smart technology such as tablets, kindles, and e-readers.

"Offering this class will enable students who do not have access to a computer anywhere but the library to receive training on typing, creating a Word document, researching in the library and online, along with other basic computer skills," explained program organizer and Central Library Children's Department Manager Angela Massengale.

This free course will be offered three times yearly at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue, Rm L-50).

[Read more](#)

Latest Children's Books Arriving Daily @MemphisLibrary!

It may seem like magic how the latest titles in children's books appear on shelves at Memphis Public Libraries, but there's more to the process than making a wish to the book fairy!

An assembly line of library employees works untiringly to ensure that new material is added to the Library's collections daily. Children's Collection Development Librarian Ann Andrews is one of them. She helps to keep the shelves and virtual shelves stocked at all 18 Memphis Public Library locations.

"We have to be tuned in with the modern culture of children to know how to meet their ever-changing interests," Andrews said. We have to keep up with what's currently published, along with society's new trends. We have research to stay up to date and to anticipate what's coming."



Children's Collection Development Librarian Ann Andrews (pictured to left) helps to ensure Memphis Public Libraries' shelves are stocked with the latest titles in children's books.

A complex web of channels comes together to result in freshly-stocked shelves. Often, the process begins with book vendors who send magazines with the newest names in children's books. "It's more than marking pages in a magazine," Andrews explained. "Items are selected based on reviews, system need, or public demand," she noted.

[Read more](#)

[Click here](#) for a list of upcoming children's events at Memphis Public Libraries!

TEENS

New #CLOUD901 Lab Groups Offer Teens a Chance to Learn and Explore

Join these interactive sessions currently underway!

Teens... Ever worry that you don't fit in? Find your niche @MemphisLibrary's teen learning lab **#CLOUD901** inside the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue). Whether you're an artist, musician, computer nerd, YouTuber, or builder, CLOUD901 has a lab group designed especially for you!

Starting now, teens visiting CLOUD901 will have the unique opportunity to produce original artwork, videos, music, robotics, woodworking, and more during a series of sessions over the next six to eight weeks. **Lab groups are offered Mondays - Thursdays at 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm and on a rotating schedule on weekends.**

[Click here](#) to see the complete schedule of lab groups.

"These lab groups reflect a wide variety of innovative and 21st century skills that we want to teach teens," noted Jessica Chaney, customer service librarian in CLOUD901.

"Teens of all interests and skill sets are encouraged to come. We want them to explore something they've never experienced before, to create, to think outside the box, and to apply it to their future careers," she said.



To attend sessions, teens are encouraged to stop by CLOUD901 during its hours of operation Mondays - Thursdays, 3 pm - 8 pm; Saturdays 10 am - 5 pm; and Sundays 1 pm - 5 pm.

[Read more](#)

Science Fair Workshop @MemphisLibrary Drives Teens 'Mad About Science'!

Register today and learn to create a winning science fair project.

A colorful poster for a science fair workshop. The top half features the title 'Mad ABOUT SCIENCE' in large, stylized letters, with 'ABOUT' in orange and 'SCIENCE' in white. Below the title is a cluster of colorful icons representing various scientific fields like biology, chemistry, physics, and technology. A small orange box in the top right corner says 'THIS EVENT IS FOR AGES 13 - 18'. The bottom half of the poster is blue and white, with the text 'SCIENCE FAIR WORKSHOP' in large white letters. Below that, it says 'Saturday, February 6, 2016 1:30 - 3 pm'. A list of topics to be covered is provided in a white box: 'What makes an exceptional project', 'How to research your topic and write a good hypothesis', 'Tips on experimental design', 'Data analysis', 'Presenting your work on a poster', 'Writing your abstract', and 'Having a conversation with the Judges'. The website 'www.memphislibrary.org' is listed. At the bottom, it says 'Space is limited. Register in person on the 3rd floor or call (901) 415-2732. BENJAMIN L. HOOKS CENTRAL LIBRARY 3030 POPLAR AVENUE - ROOM 1-56 MEMPHIS, TN 38111'. Logos for Memphis Public Library, City of Memphis, and Facebook are at the bottom.

Is your idea of an Abstract - well - abstract? Memphis Public Library's **Mad About Science Workshop** will eliminate the science fair jitters for teens ages 13 to 18 who need help completing their science fair projects.

On **Saturday, February 6, 2016, 1:30 pm - 3 pm** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue), Mad Science of the Mid-South and Memphis Public Libraries will team up to offer teens a hands-on science fair workshop that will inspire them to create their best projects ever! This step-by-step guidance through forming a hypothesis to presenting your findings is ideal for any teen working on a science fair project.

"A program like this is very valuable for teens and parents, and it capitalizes on the Library's STEAM programs in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math," said Denise Abdalla, event organizer and Business & Sciences library assistant. "We offer a small-group setting versus a large classroom, which may feel intimidating to some teens."

During the session, teens - and parents who'd like to join them - will complete a mock science fair project with the help of a representative from Mad Science of the Mid-South.

[Read more](#)

[Click here](#) for a list of upcoming teens' events at Memphis Public Libraries!

ADULTS

FREE Tax Prep Services @MemphisLibrary!

New This Year - Customers Can Now Book Appointments Online!



Free tax preparation, anyone? The Memphis Public Library & Information Center is the hot spot for information about free tax prep. Thanks to an ongoing partnership with United Way of the Mid-South and AARP, Library customers who meet certain eligibility requirements can bypass the headache of preparing their own taxes and get help from certified, IRS-inspected volunteers who get the job done and get the money customers deserve!

"Remove the fear from doing your taxes this year," advised LINC / 2-1-1 Senior Manager Audrey May. "The Library provides an invaluable link to this essential service," she commented about Memphis Public Library's website, which offers a comprehensive look at tax prep sites and services citywide.

New this year, starting now through the end of tax season, customers can book their appointments online or by simply dialing 2-1-1 during regular business hours.

[Book my free tax prep appointment now!](#)

[Read more](#)

Classic Meets Contemporary for New Music Series @MemphisLibrary!

Customers Invited to FREE #MemphisMeansMusic Concert for Valentine's Day 2016



Classical guitarist Lily Afshar is coming to the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue) for #MemphisMeansMusic!

"It will be romantic and intimate, a unique opportunity to hear classical guitar music at the library," explained event organizer and Humanities librarian Maria DeBacco, a musician herself. "It will be phenomenal, and the artist's technique is flawless. Customers will be surrounded by Memphis history as they listen to this profound Memphis artist. There's nowhere else in the City where music lovers can go and be surrounded by so much local history," she said of the Memphis Room.

[Read more](#)

The rhythmic, toe-tapping sounds of Beale Street and more are now available at Memphis Public Libraries! **#MemphisMeansMusic** is a new series of free concerts held throughout 2016 at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue).

On Valentine's Day (**Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 3 pm**), customers can set the mood with their sweethearts while listening to the melodic sounds of love songs by **Lily Afshar**, acclaimed as "one of the world's foremost **classical guitarists**" by Public Radio International.

Located in the historic **Memphis & Shelby County Room** on the fourth floor of Central Library, the concert's secluded setting with antique mahogany furniture and large windows overlooking Midtown offer customers the perfect setting for a dreamlike afternoon.

[Click here](#) for a list of upcoming adults' events at Memphis Public Libraries!

PLAN AHEAD

Upcoming Events: February 2016

Free Tax Preparation - Monday, February 1, 2016, 10 am - 4pm @ Cornelia Crenshaw Library (531 Vance Street)

Learn How to Take Care of Your Diabetes - Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 2:30 pm - 4 pm @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

Gadget Lab for Kids - Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 4:30 pm - 6 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

Computer Basics - Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 5 pm - 6:30 pm @ Raleigh Library (3157 Powers Road)

Are You Ready? Federal Government Contracting with Small Business - Thursday, February 4, 2016, 6 pm - 7:30 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

Read with Me, Sign with Me Storytime - Saturday, February 6, 2016, 11 am - noon @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

Celebrate the Chinese New Year! - Saturday, February 6, 2016, 11 am - 12:30 pm @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

Online Job Search Workshop - Monday, February 8, 2016, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm @ Raleigh Library (3157 Powers Road)

Onyxx Sports Readers Club - Monday, February 8, 2016, 1 pm - 2 pm @ North Library (1192 Vollintine Avenue)

Civil Rights in Song - Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 10:30 am - 11:30 am @ Cossitt Library (33 South Front Street)

Crafts Time - Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm @ Randolph Library (3752 Given Avenue)

Free Tax Preparation - Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 10 am - 4 pm @ Frayser Library (3712 Argonne Street)

Kindle Class - Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 5 pm - 6 pm @ Raleigh Library (3157 Powers Road)

Daycare Valentine's Day Program - Thursday, February 11, 2016, 11 am - noon @ Parkway Village Library (4655 Knight Arnold Road)

Teens, Who's Got Your Heart? - Thursday, February 11, 2016, 3 pm - 5 pm @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

How to Start a Small Business - Thursday, February 11, 2016, 6 pm - 7:30 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

Family Tunes & Tales Storytime with Memphis Symphony Orchestra - Saturday, February 13, 2016, 11 am - 12:30 pm @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

Family Tunes & Tales Storytime with Memphis Symphony Orchestra - Saturday, February 13, 2016, 11 am - noon @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

Valentine's Day Jewelry Making - Saturday, February 13, 2016, 1 pm - 2 pm @ Frayser Library (3712 Argonne Street)

Memphis Means Music Concert with Classical Guitarist Lily Afshar - Sunday, February 14, 2016, 3 pm - 5 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue, 4th floor)

Learn How To Take Care of Your DIABETES

Join us for a six-week series designed to help you learn more about symptoms and risk factors, managing what you eat, living an active lifestyle, and preventing complications.



January 12, 19, and 26
February 2, 9, and 16
2:30 - 4 pm

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www.memphislibrary.org

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YOUR RIGHTS AS A RENTER OR HOMEOWNER

Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Attorneys from Memphis Area Legal Services will provide information on a renter's rights & obligations steps to take if you are behind on your mortgage discrimination in housing & fair housing laws. There will be a Q&A session at the end of each event.

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Business/Sciences Dept. - 3rd Floor - 3030 Poplar Avenue - (901) 415-2734 - www.memphislibrary.org

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Free Tax Preparation - Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 10 am - 4 pm @ Hollywood Library (1530 North Hollywood Street)

Teen Cooking - Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 4 pm - 5 pm @ Randolph Library (3752 Given Avenue)

Your Rights as a Renter or Homeowner - Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

Keyboarding Basics - Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 5 pm - 6:30 pm @ Raleigh Library (3157 Powers Road)

Black History Project (Daycares) - Thursday, February 18, 2016, 11 am - noon @ Parkway Village Library (4655 Knight Arnold Road)

ESL Conversation Group - Saturday, February 20, 2016, 10:30 am - noon @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

Renaissance Men's Book Club - Saturday, February 20, 2016, 2 pm - 4 pm @ North Library (1192 Vollintine Avenue)

Free Tax Preparation - Monday, February 22, 2016, 10 am - 1:30 pm @ Bartlett Library (5884 Stage Road)

Career Coach Workshop: Resume Writing - Monday, February 22, 2016, 10:30 am - noon @ Raleigh Library (3157 Powers Road)

Babies & Books Storytime - Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 10:15 am - 11:15 am @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

Resume & Interviewing Skills Class - Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm @ Parkway Village Library (4655 Knight Arnold Road)

Free Tax Preparation - Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 11 am - 4 pm @ East Shelby Library (7200 East Shelby Drive)

Teens with Game - Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 3 pm - 5 pm @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

Toddler Storytime - Thursday, February 25, 2016, 10:30 am - 11 am @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

Healthy Living Support Group with Baptist Memorial Health Care - Thursday, February 25, 2016, 6 pm - 7 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

Childcare Provider Workshop: Stewards of Children - Saturday, February 27, 2016, 10 am - noon @ Frayser Library (3712 Argonne Street)

Fairy Tale Day! - Saturday, February 27, 2016, 11 am - 12:30 pm @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

Free Tax Preparation - Saturday, February 27, 2016, 11 am - 4 pm @ North Library (1192 Vollintine Avenue)

Preschool Storytime - Monday, February 29, 2016, 10:15 am - 11:15 am @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

Coming Soon!

Five Fridays of Jazz Series - Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

March 4, 2016 - *Angela Massengale and American Standards*
March 18, 2016 - *The International Jazz Twins* (Carl & Alan Maguire's Quartet)
April 1, 2016 - Rhodes College Jazz Orchestra & Quartet
April 25, 2016 - Stax Music Academy Sextet & Vocalist
April 29, 2016 - *Bill Hurd Quintet*

[Click here](#) for more events at a Memphis Public Library location near you!

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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!

Book Talk

Saturdays @ 6 pm

February 6 - *Only Love Can Break Your Heart* by Ed Tarkington

February 13 - *John Lincoln Clem: Civil War Drummer Boy* by Kristin O'Donnell Tubb



Books

Bestsellers, Mondays - Fridays @ 4 pm, February 1 - 26 --- *The Orenda* by Joseph Boyden

Mystery and True Crime, Mondays - Fridays @ 2 pm, February 15 - March 1 --- *Enter Pale Death* by Barbara Cleverly

Self Help, Sundays @ 4 pm - 6 pm, January 24 - February 21 --- *The End of Absence* by Michael Harris

WYPL-TV 18

At Your Public Library

Mondays @ 11:30 am, Tuesdays @ 8 pm,
Thursdays @ 1 pm, Fridays @ 10 pm,
Saturdays @ 1:30 pm, and Sundays @ 7 pm

Show Description: *At Your Public Library* is a new half-hour show featuring fun highlights of great programs and events happening throughout the Memphis Public Library System. From storytimes at East Shelby Library to arts & crafts at Whitehaven Library, it's all here! Whether viewers love cooking, book clubs, sports, music, or computers, *At Your Public Library* is both informative and entertaining for customers who want to join the fun!



Dialogue with Willy Bearden

Tuesdays @ 4:30 pm, Wednesdays @ 9 pm,
Fridays @ 11 am, Saturdays @ 4 am, and Sundays @ 2 pm

Show Description: Willy Bearden is back in the studio this month with jazz and R&B legend Joyce Cobb. The two will discuss Cobb's life and career, from growing up in Oklahoma to becoming the Memphis music icon that she is today. Cobb will perform a few songs during the show also. Don't miss it!

WYPL has a wide range of shows to make sure that viewers are always informed. Several programs are focused on health in 2016, like *Health Awareness* hosted by Lynn Doyle and *The Power of Sleep* hosted by Dr. Merrill Wise of Methodist Sleep Disorders Center. Check your local listings for air times of these and other great programs on WYPL-TV 18!

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

BRANCH HIGHLIGHT

Gaston Park: A Small Library Making a BIG Impression

For more than six decades, Gaston Park Library has been a bright spot in the South Memphis community, making a great impact in the lives of its customers. A library, a community center, and one of a few sites offering the Knowledge Quest afternoon program, Gaston Park Library meets the needs of all customers from children to adults.

The library's collection was designed with families in mind. Specializing in early childhood literacy, Gaston Park Library offers children's books, access to technology like laptops and i-pads, and exciting programs for babies and kids. Teens enjoy the library's fiction books and classics, while adults delve into the vast collection of urban fiction.



A monthly calendar of events for children, teens, and adults make time spent at Gaston Park Library fun and exciting! Game Day with Monopoly tournaments, Bring Your Own Device Day, and other STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) programs mix educational play with quality time - all for free! When the school bells ring, students flock to the library for interactive programs that keep them sharp and actively engaged during school breaks.

Also at Gaston Park Library, local childcare providers and preschool teachers have access to [Childcare Provider Workshops](#) that serve as their continuing education hours with the Department of Human Services. These free sessions save hundreds of dollars in tuition costs and cover a variety of topics from brain development in infants and phonics for young readers to effective communication with parents and proper childhood nutrition. The variety of courses keeps local teachers up to date on current trends in education and childcare.

"We are a small library, but we are big in resources and programs for all ages," said Inger Upchurch, Gaston Park Library branch manager. "Our library is a warm and welcoming place for all customers!"

Located at 1040 South Third Street in Memphis, Gaston Park Library is open Mondays - Thursdays 10 am - 6 pm, and Saturdays noon - 5 pm. It is closed Sundays and Fridays.

For more information about Gaston Park Library, call [\(901\) 415-2769](tel:9014152769).

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