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JUNE / JULY 2014



## ***BIG NEWS @ YOUR LIBRARY!***

### **Summer Reading Gets a Facelift - Now *EXPLORE MEMPHIS***

Memphis Public Libraries have given their 30-year-old Summer Reading Program a facelift! The new and improved [EXPLORE MEMPHIS](#) runs **June 2 - July 25** at each Memphis



**Public Library location.** An expanded version of the traditional program, EXPLORE MEMPHIS will offer Library customers of all ages a chance to explore their interests, while exploring the Bluff City with free trips to several local attractions!

"We want customers to know that Memphis is more than any one community. We want them to learn new skills and to broaden their horizons," emphasized Jason Sharp, an EXPLORE MEMPHIS organizer and youth services senior librarian at Whitehaven Library.

Customers can choose from a few areas of "exploration," centered on this year's theme - Fizz, Boom, READ! - and the acronym S.T.E.A.M., which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Customers are encouraged to pick a S.T.E.A.M. category that interests them and read books, magazines, articles, or other material to learn more about it.

"EXPLORE MEMPHIS is a way for kids, teens, adults, and even book clubs to find what they love and to explore that!" Sharp said.

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## Your Magazine Rack is Now '[Digital](#)' at Memphis Public Libraries

The "world's largest newsstand" is now available at the Memphis Public Library & Information Center! [Zinio Digital Magazines](#) offers Library customers unlimited access to complete, full-color issues of popular magazines for free. Using their Library cards to check out and download their favorite titles, readers can convert their traditional magazine racks into digital ones.



"We want to continue to provide the information our customers want and need in whichever formats they prefer to use," said Library Collections Development Manager Alan Stewart. "Zinio should appeal to anyone who appreciates magazines and is reasonably comfortable with technology. You can't beat the convenience of being able to browse, check out, and download new magazines anywhere, at any time. And, it's free!"

The result of a partnership with Recorded Books, this digital magazine service offers Library customers more than articles but full magazines and well-known titles like *Cosmopolitan*, *Seventeen*, *Rolling Stone*, *The Economist*, *Esquire*, and *Us Weekly*. For readers with more specialized tastes, several other magazines are available like *Runner's World*, *Billboard*, *Food Network Magazine*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, and even children's magazines, *Chickadee* and *OWL*.

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## [Click Here](#) to Vote For the Next Library Card Design!

*Deadline to cast your vote is June 15.*

Help to decide how your next Memphis Public Library card will look by voting for your favorite design! [Click here](#) to cast your vote before **June 15, 2014**.



These designs were created by Memphis College of Art students as a part of their Give Back Program. Thank you for loving your Library!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Make a Splash This Summer with Pool Access Cards



When the summer heat sets in, it's time to cool off at a City of Memphis public pool! But first, swimmers must stop by any Memphis Public Library location to receive a [City Access Card](#) for pool season - **Saturday, June 7 to Friday, July 25, 2014 from 1 pm to 6 pm.** (All pools will be closed Sundays and Mondays.)

Access Cards are required for citizens to use any City of Memphis Aquatics Facility. Current pool cardholders do not have to re-register, unless the card has been misplaced, if the swimmer has turned 13 years old since the card was issued, if the swimmer has turned 18 years of age since receiving the pool card, or unless the swimmer's emergency contact information has changed. [Click here](#) for registration information.

To help ensure safety this summer, affordable swimming lessons are available Mondays - Fridays at the Bickford and Hickory Hill pool locations. A two-week session for children is \$25, and a two-week session for adults is \$48. For more information, call (901) 547-8018 or 578-3732.

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### A Place Where Adults Can be 'Kids at Heart' - FRAYSER FUNFEST

*The fun happens June 7 at Frayser Library!*

Frayser Library customers know how to have fun! On **Saturday, June 7, 2014** from **11 am to 3 pm**, they will be doing just that - at [Frayser Funfest](#) - held at the **Frayser Branch Library** (3712 Argonne Street).



"Each year, Frayser Library plans a funfest for the community to kick off the Memphis Public Library's Summer Reading Program. This year it's called [Explore Memphis](#)," explained Dean Moore, Frayser Library branch manager. "The goal of this event is to energize customers for the [Explore Memphis](#) program."

To help energize customers, several entertainers and community agencies will attend the free event. Plus, families will enjoy games, face painting and balloons for kids, and food trucks!

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## JobLINC Career Fair to Link Jobseekers to Potential Employers



More than 2,000 jobseekers are expected to gather outside the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) on **Tuesday, July 15, 2014, 10 am - 3 pm** for the [JobLINC Career and Information Fair](#), an annual event that links workers (ages 18 and

older) to potential employers. Job hunters are advised to arrive early for this much-anticipated event, a partnership between the Memphis Public Library & Information Center, the Society for Human Resource Management - Memphis, and the Workforce Investment Network (WIN).

An extension of JobLINC's mobile unit and other services, the Career Fair will host recruiters and job readiness agencies. These potential employers will be on hand to accept resumes and, in some cases, conduct on-the-spot interviews.

For more information about the JobLINC Career and Information Fair or other [JobLINC services](#), call (901) 415-2700.

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## New Items All the Time at Second Editions Bookstore for Monthly Book Sales



When the doors of [Second Editions Bookstore](#) open, so does a world of knowledge and great deals. With monthly book sales on a variety of topics and new inventory all the time, Second Editions matches readers to their interests!

"Items are rotated out for new sales, so the inventory is always fresh and the selection is always new. Many booklovers make Second Editions Bookstore a regular stop," said Nancy Knight, assistant director of community outreach and special projects. "The [Friends of the Library](#) are astute in identifying novelty items, which may show up in the Library's [Online Bookstore](#) or possibly at the monthly sales in Second Editions."

[Click here](#) to see which sales are coming soon to Second Editions Bookstore!

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## CHILDREN

### Therapy Dogs Help Young Readers at Memphis Public Libraries



The days of struggling to read aloud are over for kids at Memphis Public Libraries! Young readers are becoming more confident by spending time with trained read therapy dogs.

"There's no judgment involved when children read to a dog. There's no parental pressure, and kids aren't being graded," explained children's librarian Susan Penn. "It's just a fun, no-pressure way to practice reading with man's best friend!"

Parents and kids can take advantage of two free programs at Memphis Public Libraries - **PAWS for Reading** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue), and **READ to Tootsie** at **Bartlett Branch Library** (5884 Stage Road).

For specific programs dates and times, parents can call Central Library (901-415-2700) or Bartlett Library (901-415-2761).



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

## TEENS

### EXPLORE MEMPHIS Offers Teens a List of Exciting Summer Programs

Teens hoping to stay busy this summer are invited to [EXPLORE MEMPHIS](#) from **June 2 to July 25, 2014** at **any Memphis Public Library location**. A summer full of fun, free, and exciting programs are planned for teens ages 12 to 17.

"While teens are [exploring Memphis](#), they should also explore the creative programs at their local Library," encouraged Teen Services Coordinator Janae Pitts-Murdock. "Each Library has something that will spark their interests!



Teens visiting the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar) can have a "Robotic Afternoon," as they "Rainbow Loom" or perform "T-shirt Surgery". Teens can also "Spark a Reaction and Catch Some Fire," or why not "Espresso Yourself," "Get Your Game On," or "Get Crunk @ the Library"? Each program offers entertainment with an edge of education in one of four major S.T.E.A.M. categories - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, or Mathematics.

[Click here](#) for a list of the exciting events happening this summer at each Memphis Public Library location!

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

## ADULTS

### Schedule Your Free Small Business Mentoring Session Today!

Library customers dreaming of starting their own businesses can start making their dreams reality during [Free Small Business Mentoring Sessions](#), offered **each Tuesday, 2 pm - 6 pm** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue). A partnership between the Memphis Public Library & Information Center and Start Co., these 30 to 45 minute counseling sessions are a chance for aspiring entrepreneurs to get expert advice and much more!



"Since the Library's Small Business programs and Legal Clinics are well attended, we decided to take it a step farther. Now, we're offering one-on-one sessions which provide follow up and a continuing source of help through our partner, Start Co.," explained Jessie Marshall, Business & Sciences Department Manager at Central Library. "This program is like a developmental curriculum. Participants get assignments and considerations to think about from a business perspective."

Aspiring entrepreneurs (adults only) can take the first step toward business ownership by calling (901) 213-7795 or by emailing [info@neverstop.co](mailto:info@neverstop.co) to schedule a free consultation. Walk-ins are welcome also.

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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!

#### **Saturdays, 6 pm**

June 7 - Guest - Michael Pollan's *Cooked*

June 21 - Guest - Megan Abbott's *The Fever*

#### **Book Readings**

#### **Memphis Music Revealed with Johnnie Walker - Sundays, 6 pm**

#### **African American Lives and Literature - Sundays, 2 pm**

June 22 - July 20, *Men We Reaped* by Jesmyn Ward

#### **Biography - Mondays through Fridays, 3 pm**

July 2 - July 17, *American Sniper* by Chris Kyle

#### **Best Sellers - Mondays through Fridays, 4 pm**

June 30 - August 6, *One Summer: America, 1927* by Bill Bryson

#### **Classics - Saturdays, 2 pm - 4 pm**

June 7 - July 5, *The Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann Wyss

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

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

## ***BRANCH HIGHLIGHT***

### **Lots of Hidden Treasures at Randolph Branch Library**

There are lots of hidden treasures at **Randolph Branch Library** (3752 Given Avenue)! It is located in the heart of the Highland Heights area at the corner of Given Avenue and Isabelle Street. Friendly librarians and staff at Randolph Library have been serving the local community since 1956, and today, they still set the same standards of greatness!



Once customers walk into the doors of Randolph Library, they can browse the web, type a document, create a PowerPoint Presentation, or even research a topic using the Library's databases. Customers can take their pick from more than a dozen public computers.

Customers needing a quiet space for their next non-profit meeting should look no farther than Randolph Branch Library, where the meeting room seats up to 30 people and the price is totally free!

Booklovers will find what they're searching for as well at Randolph Library. They can browse the aisles for their favorite titles by their favorite authors. From children's books to adult romance - whatever the genre - readers will have plenty of choices at Randolph Branch Library.

Customers can stop by and stay awhile Mondays - Thursdays, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturdays, 10 am to 5 pm; or call (901) 415-2779.

## ***PLAN AHEAD***

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

[EXPLORE MEMPHIS](#) - June 2 - July 25 @ all Memphis Public Library locations

**A Morning with Children's Author Eric Litwin** - Monday, June 9, 11 am @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

[Free Small Business Mentoring](#) - each Tuesday, 2 pm - 6 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

**Fitness Exercise & Hands-on Nutrition Program** - Wednesday, June 11, 5 pm - 6:15 pm @ Raleigh Branch Library

**Dads are Tie-riffic!** - Saturday, June 14, 11 am @ Cordova Branch Library

[READ to Tootsie](#) - Saturday, June 14, 10 am - noon @ Bartlett Branch Library



**Master Gardeners' Program** - Wednesday, June 18, 2 pm @ Cherokee Branch Library

**Home Safety for Children** - Thursday, June 26, 10:30 am @ Parkway Village Branch Library

**Wider Angle Film Series: *Watchtower*** - Wednesday, July 9, 6 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

**[JobLINC Career and Information Fair](#)** - Tuesday, July 15, 10 am - 3 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

**Girls Night Out - Creating and Selling Beaded Earrings** - Thursday, July 17, 5 pm - 7 pm @ Whitehaven Branch Library

**ShoWagon** - Wednesday, July 30, 1:30 pm @ Parkway Village Library

[Click here](#) for more Memphis Public Library events!

## *Did You Know?*

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