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BIG NEWS @ YOUR LIBRARY!

New Technology Lab at Library to Explore Uncharted Territory for Teens



Notebooks, iPads, Mac computers, cameras, 3-D printers, a recording studio, and more state-of-the-art equipment are coming to the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue) for the City's first [Digital Media Teen Learning Laboratory](#), a \$1.5M innovative technology space for teens ages 13 to 18.

"To say that we're excited about this project is an understatement," said Director of Libraries Keenon McCloy. "We are on the cutting edge of the revolution that's Teen Services in libraries nationwide!"

The 8,300-square foot facility will be housed in Central Library's Popular Library on the first floor. Architects will break ground in fall 2014, and the Lab is set to officially open in spring 2015.

[Read more](#)

New e-Audiobooks 'OneClick' Away at Memphis Public Libraries

One click, that's it!
Memphis Public Library
customers now have
access to more digital



audiobooks through [OneClick Digital](#), a new e-audiobooks service with more than one thousand titles for Library customers on the go.

Convenient and easy to use, readers can simply create an account on the Library's website using their Library card number and PIN. Then readers download the OneClick Digital app - available for Windows, Mac, iOS, Android, Nook color tablets, and Kindle Fire. Shelves of audiobooks are available to download on customers' personal devices by their favorite authors such as John Grisham, Stephen King, Sue Monk Kidd, and many more!

"Our leisure reading material appeals to customers of all ages and tastes," said Alan Stewart, Library collections development manager. "We also have a large selection of titles that are frequently assigned to students, including well-known classics. Now, busy students can download titles to their smartphones and listen on the go. OneClick Digital is for everyone!

[Read more](#)

Memphis Library Friends' Online Bookstore has Aisles of Hidden Treasures



Library customers can browse the aisles of the [Memphis Library Friends' Online Bookstore](#) any time of the day or night. Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, this virtual store is reaching booklovers around the world with affordable prices, speedy delivery, and great customer service that keeps readers coming back.

Customers can [click here](#) to "visit" the Bookstore and explore which titles are currently in stock. Items may also be found by visiting Amazon.com and searching for the title of a desired book. If the item is in stock, "Memphis Library Friends" will appear among the list of book retailers.

Selling up to 100 books weekly, the Online Bookstore ships five or six days each week. The volunteer-driven store is open Mondays through Thursdays and Saturdays, responding to customers' requests and shipping books to their doorsteps. Proceeds go to support the Memphis Public Library and Information Center.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Library Customers to Learn Used Car Buying From A to Z

Income tax season means more money and more options for some Library customers shopping for used cars. The Memphis Public Library has teamed up with AutoZone and Memphis Area Legal Services (MALS) for "A to Z of Used Car Buying," educational sessions for customers planning to purchase quality used vehicles.

One program in two parts, "[A to Z of Used Car Buying](#)" consists of a video presentation by mechanics and a speaker who is an attorney from MALS. Library customers can learn how to invest wisely in their next used car on **Saturday, March 8, 2014** at **11:15 am** and **noon** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue).

[Read more](#)

THIS EVENT IS FOR AGES 18 AND UP. SATURDAYS THIS a.m. and 12 noon

THE A TO Z OF USED CAR BUYING

THIS PROGRAM IS SPONSORED BY AUTOZONE.

Don't let a shady car sales person push you around with car jargon and sales figures you don't understand.

Come join **Frank Contrell (Memphis Area Legal Services)** for a seminar on how to buy a used car. Learn all the things they don't want you to know prior to buying!

SATURDAYS 11:15 a.m. and noon
February 8th, March 8th, and April 12th

AutoZone

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Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale is Coming Soon!

Great books at great prices are coming soon for readers to enjoy during the [Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale](#) set for **May 23 - 24, 2014** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue).

All items - from books and magazines to CDs and DVDs - will be priced at \$2 or less!

For details about the book sale, call (901) 415-2871.

[Read more](#)

CHILDREN

Bookstock Jr. 2014 to Bring Fun, Literacy, and Learning to Central Library



Very few places offer a day of educational fun, literacy, and learning in a family atmosphere - completely free of charge. The **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) is just the place on **Saturday, April 26, 2014, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm** for **Bookstock Jr.**

The highly-anticipated annual festival offers kids and families a chance to meet local children's authors, while enjoying balloon artists, face painting, magicians, a mime, a scavenger hunt, and more!

[Read more](#)

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

TEENS

Central Library's Teen Tech Week Lets Teens 'Do It Yourself'

By: Na'Tasha Farr, Special to MPLIC



Where's a place that teen computer whizzes and do-it-yourself fanatics can come together to create, explore, and share content? It's at this year's [Teen Tech Week: Do It Yourself @ Your Library](#), a national event celebrated on **March 8 and 11, 2014** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue, meeting room A).

To kick off the fun, Clockwork Mechanalists, Memphis' premiere Steampunk group, will present a program called **Literacy Through Steampunk** on **Saturday, March 8 at 2 pm**. Donning their Steampunk costumes, the group will host a fashion show, perform dramatic readings, and lead a book discussion for teens to enjoy. They will also display Steampunk devices that they have created.

Then on **March 11 at 2:30 pm**, during [Teen Tech Tuesday](#), the Library will open its creativity lab for teens to explore apps like GarageBand, Movie Maker, Storybird, and Photo Booth.

[Read more](#)

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

ADULTS

Bookstock 2014 'Spring'-ing into Central Library Earlier This Year



One of the area's largest local author events is coming to the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) a bit earlier this year. Formerly scheduled in the fall, this year's literary festival will be held in the spring on **Saturday, April 26, 2014, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm**.

"[Bookstock 2014](#) gives 40 local authors a platform for showcasing their work. Customers can meet these authors in person, buy their books, and get autographs," explained Adult Services Coordinator Wang-Ying Glasgow. "In addition, customers can enjoy a family fun day in a festival atmosphere."

Parents interested in attending Bookstock can bring their children to [Bookstock Jr.](#), which will feature lots of interactive fun for kids!

[Read more](#)

Cordova Library Chases Fears of Learning English for ESL Customers

The fear of learning English is fading at **Cordova Branch**

Library (8457 Trinity Road) where customers learning to speak the nation's official language can attend free [English Language Learners' Conversation Groups](#). Offered **each Saturday (1 pm - 2 pm)** and **fourth Thursdays of each month (2:30 pm - 4 pm)**, groups give English as a Second Language (ESL) customers a chance to learn at their own pace.



"Non-native English speakers can gain confidence, build their vocabularies, reduce their accents, practice pronunciation, and become more fluent in speaking English," explained Philip Williams, Cordova Library branch manager. "The atmosphere will always be welcoming and friendly, never threatening or stressful," he promised.

Join the group - [The English Language Learners' Conversation Group!](#)
[Click photo for details](#)

For more information about English Language Learners' Conversation Groups or other programs at Cordova Branch Library, call (901) 415-2764.

[Read more](#)

Customers from Around the World Call Cordova Library 'Home'

There's no place like home. Library customers from around the globe are one step closer to making America their home, thanks to [Citizenship Workshops](#) at Cordova Branch Library.

During these interactive sessions, prospective citizens learn about the naturalization process and the responsibilities of U.S. citizenship, along with immigration laws, correctly completing paperwork, and receiving information to assist with passing the U.S. citizenship exam. "The best part of Citizenship Workshops is that customers have the opportunity to ask questions," noted Philip Williams, Cordova Library branch manager. "Customers get the help they need to become U.S. citizens!"

Cordova branch librarians, in partnership with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (Memphis field office), are preparing for another **Citizenship Workshop** on **Thursday, March 6, 2014, 5 pm - 7 pm** at **Cordova Library** (8457 Trinity Road).

[Read more](#)

THIS EVENT IS FOR ADULTS.

Citizenship Workshop Program

Join Ms. Lynuel Dennis, Field Office Director for the Department of Homeland Security, for an overview of the entire process of becoming a citizen of the United States, including the filing of paperwork, pertinent information about the citizenship exam, and explanation of important immigration laws.

**Thursday, March 6, 2014
5 - 7:00 pm**

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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, March 8, 6 pm - Sheila Turnage, *The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing*

Book Readings

Mystery, 2 pm, Mondays - Fridays, March 10 - March 26 - Lisa Gardner's *Love You More*

Biography, 3 pm, Mondays - Fridays, March 10 - April 1 - David McCulloch's *The Greater Journey*

Best Seller, 4 pm, Mondays - Fridays, March 11 - April 3 - T.C. Boyle's *San Miguel*

Classics, 2 pm - 4 pm, Saturdays, March 15 - April 5 - Ian Flemming's *From Russia with Love*

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

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

BRANCH HIGHLIGHT

Something for Everyone, Every Day at Bartlett Branch Library

By: Na'Tasha Farr, Special to MPLIC



Bartlett Branch Library (5884 Stage Road) provides vital programs to its community Mondays through Thursdays, 10 am - 8 pm; Fridays and Saturdays, 10 am - 6 pm; and Sundays, 1 pm - 5 pm.

At this family-friendly place, parents can register their children ages 2 - 5 for pre-school storytimes each week on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 am and 11:15 am. Children ages 5 - 11 can take part in Read to Tootsie, a program offering kids a chance to read to a registered pet therapy dog. The whole family will love Family Tunes and Tales, a special storytime with music accompaniment by the Memphis Symphony Orchestra.

"Our summer programs are especially significant," Branch Manager Gay Cain commented. "We add programs for ages 6 - 11 and ages 12 - 17 during the summer in addition to our weekly storytimes that are held year-round."

With the Library's newly-expanded Teen Section, teens can find popular titles like *Hunger Games* and *Twilight*. Adults can take advantage of AARP Tax Assistance, and all customers can purchase headphones for \$1 and flash drives for \$7, complements of the Friends of the Bartlett Library.

"The Bartlett community values its Library," Cain said, "and citizens of all ages find helpful print and electronic resources as well as programming and services!"

For more information about Bartlett Branch Library, [click here](#) or call (901) 415-2761.

PLAN AHEAD

Upcoming Events to Calendar

[Teen Tech Tuesdays](#) - Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25; 2:30 pm - 5 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

National Nutrition Month: Healthy Eating - Wednesday, March 5, 4 pm - 5 pm @ Whitehaven Branch Library

[Teen Tech Week](#) with **Steampunk** - Saturday, March 8, 2 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

[Wider Angle Film Series: Broken by Rufus Norris](#) - Wednesday, March 12, 6 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

Teen Book Club - Thursday, March 13, 3 pm - 5 pm, @ Poplar-White Station Branch Library

Childcare Workshop: Transportation - Saturday, March 15, 10 am - noon @ Raleigh Branch Library

[International Storytime: Celebrating Poland](#) - Saturday, March 15, 11 am @ Cordova Branch Library

Job Assistance with Job Applications & Resumes - Wednesday, March 19, 10 am @ Whitehaven Branch Library

Resume Writing Workshop - Wednesday, March 26, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm @ Raleigh Branch Library

AARP Tax Services - Thursday, March 27, 10 am - 1:30 pm @ Cordova Branch Library

[English Language Learners' Conversation Group](#) - Saturday, March 29, 1 pm - 2:30 pm @ Cordova Branch Library

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

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