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Big News @ Your Library!

#ExploreMemphis2015 Coming to a Library Near You!

Search Twitter #ExploreMemphis2015 for details!



On your mark, get set, GO to any Memphis Public Library location starting **June 1 - July 25** for [Explore Memphis 2015](#), the Library's summer learning program for the whole family! This literacy initiative partners reading with exciting programs at the Library and exploration. The **official kickoff** is **Saturday, June 6** at several Memphis Public Library branches.

Customers can customize Explore Memphis however they'd like! They can read a book of their choice, attend age-appropriate Library programs, and then explore attractions throughout the City of Memphis.

"It amazes me how many Memphians have never explored our great City! There are so many remarkable resources and facilities throughout Memphis," said Director of Libraries Keenon McCloy. "With Explore Memphis, I love the fact that customers can read and check out a book at the Library and then explore beyond our four walls to learn more about stories they're reading on paper."

Memphis Public Libraries have partnered with several local attractions for Explore Memphis 2015 Summer of Learning like Dixon Gallery & Gardens, the National Ornamental Metal Museum, Elmwood Cemetery, the Cordova Museum, and many more. Each organization will offer "free days" for Shelby County families to enjoy and explore! The Urban Child Institute is the event's major sponsor.

All ages are invited to participate - from babies and children to teens and adults!

[Read more](#)

'Smartest Company in Memphis' Title Up for Grabs at Corporate Knowledge Bowl 2015

[Register your company today!](#) #SmartestCoMEM

It's time for Memphis companies to flex their intellectual muscles during Memphis Public Library's [Corporate Knowledge Bowl 2015!](#)

Sponsored by the *Memphis Business Journal* and Memphis Library Foundation, this annual trivia contests attracts local brains from Memphis companies large and small!



"The Library's Corporate Knowledge Bowl brings together some of the City's most outstanding competitors," said Diane Jalfon, executive director of the Memphis Library Foundation. "They test their meddle against each other, forging friendships along the way!"

Preliminary rounds of the bracket-style contest are **Monday, September 28 - Thursday, October 1** with the **final matchup** on **Friday, October 2, 5:30 pm** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue).

Companies are encouraged to gather their teams and register today to secure a spot! **The deadline to [register](#) is Wednesday, September 9, 2015.** Call (901) 415-2873.

Teams must consist of four employees and a maximum of four alternates. Co-workers, relatives, and friends are encouraged attend and cheer on their teams in this double elimination tournament.

[Read more](#)

Second Editions Bookstore Now Open Daily!

[#SecondEditionsBookstore](#) offers its customers great books at great prices, but now readers have an extra incentive to stop by - convenience!



Located in the lobby of the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue), Second Editions Bookstore is now open seven days a week for customers' shopping pleasure.

Formerly closed on Sundays, the bookstore is open from **1 pm - 5 pm on Sundays, 10 am - 6 pm on Mondays through Thursdays, and 10 am - 5 pm on Fridays and Saturdays.**

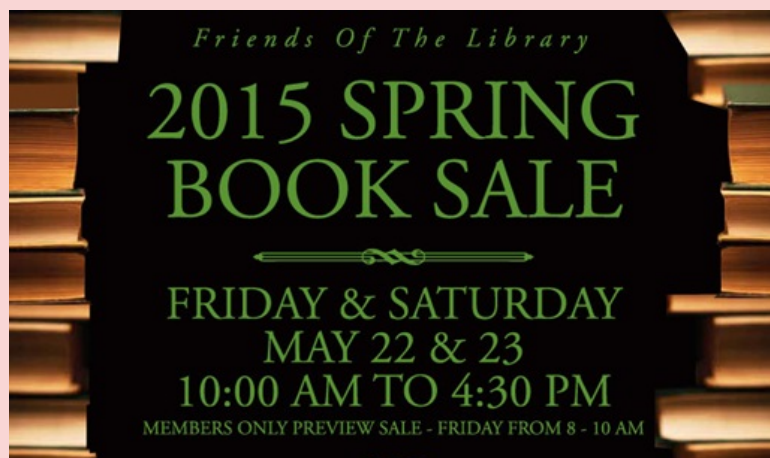
"The Friends of the Library decided to open Second Editions seven days a week," noted Nancy Knight, assistant director of community outreach and special projects. "The desire was to offer their customers the convenience of being able to shop every day!"

[Click here](#) for a complete list of Second Editions' 2015 monthly book sales.

Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale is May 22 - 23!

All Items at or below \$2!

Memphis Public Libraries have [Friends](#) - "ones we can depend on" to provide book lovers with shelves of great books at reasonable prices! The [Friends of the Library Spring 2015 Book Sale](#) is quickly approaching: **Saturday, May 22 - 23, 2015, 10 am - 4:30 pm** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue, Meeting Rooms A - C). A special preview sale for Friends members will be held 8 am - 10 am on Friday, May 22.



"It's nice that the book sale is coming up right at vacation time," noted Friends of the Library president Jacque Jenkins. "Books keep the kids busy and interested in reading and learning over the break."

Gently-used hardback and paperback books, magazines, children's books, CDs, DVDs, records and more will be sold at or below \$2. So, whether building a child's home library or shopping for a few personal favorites, customers can expect a little cash to go a long way!

[Click here](#) to view a complete price list for the Friends' book sale.

Library patrons can shop with confidence that they are supporting a worthy cause. All proceeds from the event will help to expand Memphis Public Library collections and improve our community services.

[Read more](#)

Your Library is Now on Instagram!

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Discovering Memphis Public Libraries has never been easier. Readers can love their library online! The latest Library news and information is now available at customers' fingertips. With the touch of a "button" on customers' iPhones, book lovers can view Library photos on demand from Instagram, skim 140-character updates on Twitter, or find program news on Facebook.



Follow @MemphisPublicLibraries on Instagram!

From family programs and digital media updates to book sales and Library closing announcements, customers can find it all on the Library's social media channels. On **Twitter**, simply search for "**@MemphisLibrary**," "**@MemphisPublicLibraries**" on Instagram, and "**/MemphisLibrary**" on Facebook.

Teens can join forces with other teenage Library enthusiasts "**@MPLIC_Teens**" on **Twitter**, **Facebook** and **YouTube**, and "**@knowledgedefenders**" on **Instagram**.

"Social media is another avenue to shout loudly how wonderful Library services and programs are for our customers," said Director of Library Communications Stephanie White. "The use of social media is a quick way to find out what's happening at Memphis Public Libraries and to get a quick glimpse of fun and educational activities that we offer!"

[Read more](#)

CHILDREN

International Storytimes Now @ #CentralLibrary!



International Storytime 2014 at Cordova Library

Travel from Puerto Rico to Germany, Mexico to Poland and then Italy! It's possible at [International Storytimes](#), coming to the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) on **Saturday, May 16, 2015, 11 am - noon**. Also offered at Cordova Library, International Storytimes at Central Library will offer families the same great cultural experiences from around the world, without leaving the city!

Stories from each country will be followed by arts and crafts, music, and refreshments - all from the featured country. Children's librarian and program organizer Phyllis Taylor said International Storytimes are a fun way to celebrate our expanding multicultural society. "Kids meet students from other cultures every day at school," Taylor noted. "They can play together without being cognizant of their friends' skin color or nationality. This storytime allows Library customers of all ages to celebrate our differences while noticing our many similarities," she said.

[Click here](#) to see the 2015 schedule of International Storytimes at Central Library.

Bump the Summer Slump @MemphisLibrary's #ExploreMemphis2015!



Explore Memphis 2014

Summer days are filled with free fun and discovery at Memphis Public Libraries during [Explore Memphis 2015](#). As soon as the last school bell rings, a list of cool programs awaits kids at Memphis Public Libraries citywide, starting in June 2015.

Children visiting the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) are invited to dress in their favorite Star Wars costume and enjoy Yoda soda and Wookiee cookies during the showing of *Star Wars: The Clone Wars* on **Tuesday, June 2, 1:30 pm** in the **Children's Department** storytime room. "Families should expect a fun experience at the Library," said children's librarian and event planner Sharon Prager. "When we show movies, we always have

related books on display," she promised. "The library is a safe and fun place to relax, watch a movie, and leave with a book!"

On **Thursday, June 4 at 1:30 pm**, it's *Book Time with Ronald McDonald* at **Central Library**. After the storytime, kids will enjoy a magic show too!

Like puppets? A **puppet show** of the classic tale *Rumpelstiltskin* is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 9** and **Thursday, June 11, 1:30 pm** at **Central Library**. Organizers say the program is sure to please! "Puppets bring stories to life. We use puppets to stimulate imagination, creative play, and discovery," explained children's librarian and event planner Amy Chinn. "This family-friendly presentation is another exciting form of storytelling that kids do not see every day!"

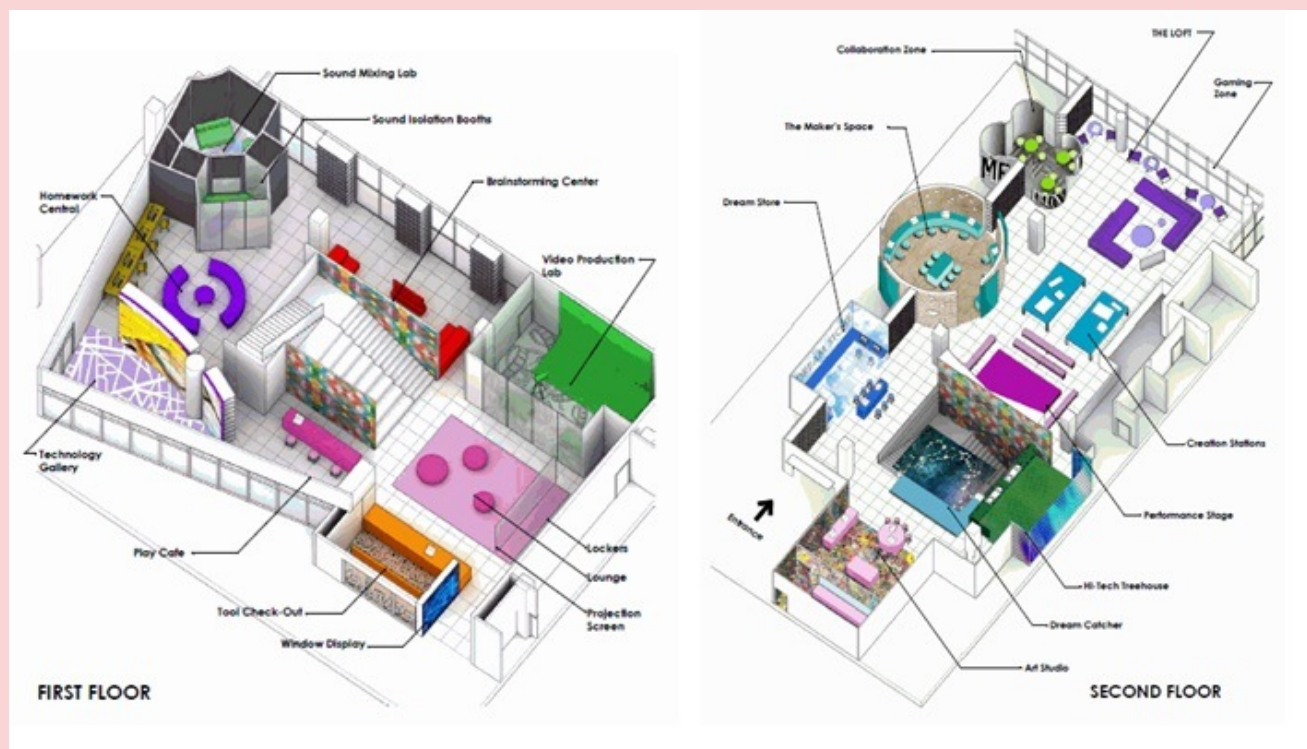
The list of Explore Memphis programs for kids this summer at Memphis Public Libraries keeps going and going! Call your neighborhood Library to "explore" upcoming programs, dates, and times or search **Twitter** for **#ExploreMemphis2015** and follow **@MemphisLibrary**.

[Read more](#)

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

TEENS

Teens' Heads Are in the 'Clouds' with #CLOUD901



Construction is underway at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) for Memphis Public Library's new **CLOUD901**, an 8,300-square foot production space for teens. Fully equipped with an art studio and gallery, makerspace, graphic design lab, sound and video production labs, gaming and collaboration zones, and a homework center, this learning lab has teens' heads in the "clouds"!

"We believe that local teens need safe spaces to explore and develop their creative potential," noted Teen Services Coordinator Janae Pitts-Murdock. "CLOUD901 will be a free and safe space for teens to sharpen skills, creatively express themselves, and engage Library resources with the help of dedicated and experienced staff and mentors."

Set for completion in early fall 2015, CLOUD901 will provide teens ages 13 - 18 a chance to develop 21st century skills through workshops, hands-on learning, and self-guided learning.

[Read more](#)

Teen Tech Camp Expanded This Year!

Spots are limited; [register today](#)

After 10 years of success, **Teen Tech Camp 2015** - now in its eleventh year - will offer participants a few new features! Traditionally offered only at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) for one week, Teen Tech Camp 2015 will be one camp in two places: Central Library on **July 20 - 25** for teens ages 12 - 14 and at **Whitehaven Branch Library** (4120 Millbranch Road) on **July 13 - 18** for ages 15 - 17. Teens are encouraged to [register today](#); space is limited!



Teen Tech Camp 2014

"Adding an additional location at Whitehaven Library will expand Teen Tech Camp into a new geographic community and will increase the number of overall participants," highlighted Teen Services Coordinator Janae Pitts-Murdock. "Adding an additional camp was more practical than adding more students to the existing one, and expanding the age group would impact a larger group of teens," she reasoned.

For one week, teens will learn skills like basic coding and how to create their own video games or apps. In addition, they will get hands-on experience learning from industry professionals from the Society for Information Management (SIM) - Memphis Chapter, the program's funder.

[Read more](#)

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

ADULTS

#RandolphLibrary Has New 'Invaluable' Friends!

Randolph Library has new "friends" who are making a big difference in the Library and local community. After years without a Friends of the Library organization, Randolph Library staff extended an invitation to customers to join and support the branch they love!

"We shared information with customers at the public service desk about the new Friends of the Library group," explained Scott Elsholz, Randolph Library branch manager. "The Circulation staff made connections with customers and asked them if they wanted to join."

THE Randolph READERS BOOK CLUB
...at your neighborhood library

<i>The Outsiders</i> by S.E. Hinton April 13, 2015 2-3:30pm	<i>Unbroken: A World War II Airman's Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption</i> by Laura Hillenbrand May 11, 2015 2-3:30pm
<i>Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West</i> by Gregory Maguire June 8, 2015 2-3:30pm	<i>Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard</i> by Liz Murray July 13, 2015 2-3:30pm
<i>The Glass Castle</i> by Jeannette Walls August 10, 2015 2-3:30pm	

As the list of names grew, a Friends of the Library board was formed despite a lengthy hiatus. Now, with new Library supporters in place, several improvements are being made to Randolph Library's services, programs, and resources. For example, the new Randolph Readers Book Club or the **Friends of the Library 2015 Book Sale** with all items \$2 or less! Friends members and teachers are invited to an **exclusive preview sale** on **Wednesday, June 10** from **4 pm - 6pm**. The general public can take advantage of these great deals on **Thursday, June 11, 10 am - 6 pm** and **Saturday, June 13, 10 am - 3 pm**. Then, a **Bag Sale** will begin **3 pm - 4 pm**.

"Our Friends board is fantastic!" Elsholz bragged. "They are connected and energetic. We [the staff] could not do it ourselves, so our Friends are invaluable."

[Read more](#)

New ESL Program Helps Library Customers 'SPEAK UP'

SPEAK UP!

An Open ESL
Learning Program

Starting Sunday, May 17, 2015
1:30 - 3:00 pm

Starting Sunday, May 17, 2015, Library customers visiting the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) don't have to use their "inside" voices; they can "speak up" at Memphis Public Libraries' new ESL program - [SPEAK UP!](#)

This course is free and open to anyone hoping to learn English as a second language or to improve one's speech. Adult customers at all speaking levels are encouraged to attend. No registration is required. SPEAK UP will be offered **every Sunday, 1:30 pm - 3 pm starting May 17** through the end of July at **Central Library in room L-56**.

"There is a need for this service," stressed Everna Andrews, Humanities Department senior manager.

"Diverse populations in Memphis are increasingly growing. SPEAK UP is a chance to realize the City's and Library's goal of making Memphis a better place to live. We can do this through communication. Because Central Library is centrally located and open on Sundays, the place and time of the program are convenient for the working population," she highlighted.

This volunteer-led ESL program will offer customers a chance to discuss and train in a classroom setting to improve their English skills in reading, writing, and speaking. In addition, customers will be able to ask questions and get answers on the spot!

[Read more](#)

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

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

Saturday, May 16, 6 pm --- *Dear Hank Williams* by Kimberly Willis Holt

Books

African-American Lives and Literature, Sundays, 2 pm - 4 pm, May 31 - July 5 --- *Shake Down the Stars* by Renee Swindle

Best Seller, Mondays - Fridays, 4 pm, May 27 - June 10 --- *Loss of Innocence* by Richard North Patterson

Biography, Mondays - Fridays, 3 pm, May 18 - June 23 --- *Johnny Cash: The Life* by Robert Hilburn

Self Help, Sundays, 4 pm - 6 pm, May 10 - June 14 --- *The Gift of Adversity* by Norman E. Rosenthal, MD

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

BRANCH HIGHLIGHT

Cossitt Library: A Literary Landmark in Memphis



A piece of Memphis history sits at 33 South Front Street in Downtown Memphis. [Cossitt Branch Library](#) started as Cossitt-Goodwyn Institute in 1888 and is the oldest library in the City. The site of sit-ins during the Civil Rights Movement, Cossitt Library stands today as an official literary landmark serving a diverse customer base with an array of programs, resources, and shelves of information.

Known for its African-American fiction collection, Cossitt Library also offers popular reading material, including fiction and nonfiction books along with a growing amount of job- and career-related material.

The friendly and dedicated staff at Cossitt helps to provide a stellar experience for readers once they enter the library's doors. Regardless of age, there is something for everyone! Storytimes, magic shows, and holiday festivities help to educate and entertain kids. Teens recently learned history from a few history makers - sanitation workers from the Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike of 1968. And adults enjoy exciting programs like painting classes, free health screenings, free income tax assistance, domestic violence awareness programs, a movie / book club, and more!

Cossitt Library houses an auditorium with a performance stage and seating capacity for up to 100 customers. An art gallery is also inside the library and is used to showcase local talent or educational displays.

"We continue to look for new and creative ways to help 'satisfy our customers' need to know'," noted Cossitt Library Branch Manager Jamie Griffin.

Customers are encouraged to stop by the library Mondays through Fridays, 10 am - 5 pm and see the new and exciting programs that Cossitt Branch Library has to offer!

For more information about Cossitt Library, call (901) 415-2766.

PLAN AHEAD

Upcoming Events

Create Mother - Saturday, May 9, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm @ Frayser Library (3712 Argonne Street) Teens will create Mother's Day cards with Blackout Poetry.

Digital Storytime - Wednesday, May 13, 4:15 pm - 5 pm @ Whitehaven Library (4120 Millbranch Road)

"Hooked on Art" Show for Teens - Saturday, May 16, noon - 2 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

International Storytime: Celebrating Russia - Saturday, May 16, 11 am - 12:30 pm @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

StartCo Small Business Mentoring - Tuesday, May 19, 2 pm - 6 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue) Free one-on-one small business counseling

ACT Prep - Thursday, May 21, 2:30 pm - 4 pm @ Parkway Village Library (4655 Knight Arnold Road) Call (901) 415-2776 to register.

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Preview Sale for Friends Members - Friday, May 22, 8 am - 10 am

ESL Conversation Group - Saturday, May 23, 11 am - noon @ Randolph Library (3752 Given Avenue)

The Memphis Public Library & Information Center Presents:

Hooked on Art

Experience Poetry, Paintings, and Sculptures created by Teens like you. If you want to enter your work, simply go to www.memphislibrary.org and sign up.

WHEN
Saturday, May 16, 2015

TIME
Noon to 2:00

ENTER TO WIN
If you want to enter your work, simply go to www.memphislibrary.org and sign up. You could have your art displayed at the exclusive "Cloud 901" Teen Lab.

Enter Your Work Today!

Enjoy a Poetry Slam, 3D and 2D Art Show, and Light Refreshments.

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All Library Locations Closed - Memorial Day
(Monday, May 25)

Children's Courtyard Summer Celebration -
Saturday, May 30, 10 am - noon @ Benjamin L. Hooks
Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

Frayser Fun Fest - Saturday, June 6, 11 am - 3 pm @
Frayser Library (3712 Argonne Street)

JobLINC Vehicle Fair - Saturday, June 6, 10 am - 2
pm @ Benjamin L Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar
Avenue, parking lot)

LINC / 2-1-1 Agency Showcase - Saturday, June 6,
noon - 4 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library
(3030 Poplar Avenue)

Men's Health Roundtable - Saturday, June 13, 11 am
- 1 pm @ Hollywood Library (1530 North Hollywood
Street)

Dad to a T - Saturday, June 20, 11 am @ Cordova Branch Library (8457 Trinity Road) Paint a T-shirt for your Dad on Father's Day! Call (901) 415-2764.

An Introduction to Line Dancing - Tuesday, June 30, 5:30 pm @ Whitehaven Library (4120 Millbranch Road)

[Click here](#) for more events happening in the Memphis Public Library System.

The Memphis Public Library is in the business of satisfying customers' need to know!
Visit memphislibrary.org for more information.

Library Trivia Question

How well do you know Memphis Public Libraries?

Which great deals will customers find at the [Friends of the Library Spring 2015 Book Sale](#) on **May 22 - 23** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue)?

- a.) Hardback books for \$2 & children's hardback books for \$1
- b.) Children's paperback & board books for \$0.50
- c.) Magazines for \$0.50
- d.) DVDs for \$2
- e.) All of the above

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