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## ***Big News @ Your Library!***

### **Tuition-free Lynda.com Now @MemphisLibrary!**

Tuition for premiere online learning has never been more affordable than at Memphis Public Libraries.

More than 3,400 complete courses through [Lynda.com](http://Lynda.com) are available for FREE with a library card, thanks to the generous support of the Memphis Library Foundation.

Customers can customize their own curricula with more than 122,000 individual tutorial videos, covering a range of topics from desktop and office software to photography, web development, graphic arts, recording and audio engineering, marketing, technical skills, business strategies, creative techniques, career development and more. Customers interested in computer programming, coding, computer-aided drafting, IT management, web design, music, 3-D



animation, and other related areas of study will find courses to match their interests as well. Certificates of completion are available for users who want to measure progress or build their resumes.

"We want to help ensure that our customers are competitive in their academic and career pursuits by overcoming any technological challenges they may face," said Staff Development Manager Damone Virgilio. "This tool allows them the opportunity to develop and improve their 21st century skills so that they can reach their full potential."

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## New Teen Technology Lab @ #CentralLibrary Reshaping Traditional Views About Libraries

[CLOUD901](#), the largest teen learning lab in a library nationwide, is now open for business at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue), but teens who enter these doors should be forewarned - This is NOT your parents' library!

Offering teens some of the latest technology, this "no-hush zone" is filled with audio and video equipment, 3-D printers, X-Boxes, PlayStation 4s, MacBook Pros and Airs, monitors, keyboards, microphones, headsets, and more. The lab also houses a sound mixing lab and isolation booths, a video production lab, Brainstorming Center, Homework Central, technology gallery, Play Café and lounge, lockers, a tool checkout desk, an art studio, a projection screen, Dream Catcher, Hi-tech Treehouse, a performance stage, creation stations, a gaming zone, Makerspace, Dream Store, and Collaboration Zone with writable walls.



"They finally made a place for us to be ourselves! And adults, you can't come. It's just for us exclusively," bragged 16-year-old Alana Farris. "I love everything about CLOUD901, especially the variety, but I'm a music gal' so the production room is where I plan to be. And it's free to record? Where do they do that? Normally, people charge \$100 an hour, plus this fee and the other fee. My mom even loves it here! She likes anything that keeps teens away from doing negative things. Overall, I'm looking forward to a great experience in a great environment, learning new things, and meeting new people."

"When I first heard about CLOUD901, I was happy because we always get put out of the library for being too loud," said 17-year-old Joshua Sullivan. "Here, I can hang out and sharpen up on some skills too."

Seven-teen-year-old Christopher Ross added, "It seems fun in here - all the things you can do - especially the music studio. It's surprising to have a studio in the library!"

[Read more](#)

## One-night Only, Hi-tech 'Party in the CLOUD' Welcomes Adult Audience

[Click here](#) to purchase your ticket today!



For one night only, state-of-the-art teen technology lab CLOUD901 will be opened to a more mature audience for [Party in the CLOUD](#) on **Saturday, November 7, 2015, 7 pm** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue).

Partygoers will enjoy food from some of Memphis' finest restaurants and adult beverages as they play the latest video games, watch live 3-D printer demonstrations, listen to audio recordings, take green screen selfies, watch studio sessions, and dance to the rhythmic sounds of a deejay.

Adults ages 21 and older are invited to party and play during this special fundraising event hosted by the Memphis Library Foundation. Tickets are \$65 per person which includes food, craft beer, wine, and dessert. All proceeds from the event will go toward programming and other enhancements at Memphis Public Libraries.

"This is the ONLY time adults will be able to 'Party in the CLOUD,'" noted Diane Jalfon, executive director of the Memphis Library Foundation. "CLOUD901 is a really cool space, and this event is a great way to support the Library!"

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## CHILDREN

### @MemphisLibrary & Shelby County Schools Team Up for 'SCS Challenge'

Approximately 247,000 children and teens call Shelby County "home," but 30 percent of them live in poverty and another 23 percent live in low-income families, according to the Urban Child Institute and Shelby County



Schools. More than 60 percent of these children and teens - around 150,000 students - attend Shelby County Schools and face academic challenges in the classroom as well, but Memphis Public Libraries and Shelby County Schools have a plan - the [SCS Challenge](#).

As a proponent of Shelby County Schools' 10-year strategic plan [Destination 2025](#), Memphis Public Libraries will support their collective goals of improving the quality of public education, increasing the number of college-ready or career-ready graduates, and helping to create a more knowledgeable workforce. The plan seeks to transform the face of education in Memphis using five key priorities: 1) Strengthening early literacy; 2) Improving post-secondary readiness; 3) Developing teachers, leaders, and central office; 4) Expanding high-quality school options; and 5) Mobilizing family and community partners.

"Their goals are our goals," stressed Children's Services Manager Jennifer Hornby. "Memphis Public Libraries want to create a community for students that is aligned with schools' curricula and goals. I think we are positioned to really make an impact because we're in so many neighborhoods," she said about the Library's 18 locations citywide. "Also, as an informal learning environment, we're able to do more hands-on learning in a more relaxed environment helping students who may not perform as well in a formal educational setting."

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## Childcare Provider Workshops @MemphisLibrary Offer Free Training to Meet State Standards

*Complete schedule of programs now available!*

Caring. Nurturing. Patient. Kind. The qualities of an excellent childcare provider are numerous, but even the best early learning teachers must complete continuing education hours to meet State requirements. As lifelong learners, childcare providers who pocket this expense could spend hundreds of dollars each year, but Memphis Public Libraries offer a [list of Childcare Provider Workshops](#) completely free of charge!

"Many childcare workers could not afford the continuing education training this is required," said program organizer Inger Upchurch. "We offer a menu of classes, whatever your taste. We provide all the tools customers need to be the most effective, current, and innovative teachers. Also, we provide a wide range of topics so our students will be well-rounded teachers."

Memphis Public Library Childcare Provider Workshop topics include:

- Brain Development: Infants to Preschoolers
- Infant Development: Social & Emotional
- Every Child Ready to Read
- Phonics
- STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics
- Tai Chi: Mental & Physical Fitness for Preschoolers
- Cooperative Learning Through Music
- Basic Spanish for Preschool Teachers

[Read more](#)

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

**Child Care Workshops**  
Saturdays | 10 am - 12 pm

**September 19, 2015**  
The Concept of Discipline & Redirecting Behavior  
Conducted by Inger O. Upchurch, M.Ed.,  
Memphis Public Library

**November 7, 2015**  
Brain Development: Infants to Preschoolers  
Conducted by Katherine Baldwin, LMSW, Urban Child Institute

**November 14, 2015**  
Stewards of Children  
Conducted by Krista Galesy, Educator Specialist, Child Advocacy Center

**March 5, 2016**  
Social & Emotional Needs of Children in  
Strengthening Families  
Conducted by Doris Parker, Parenting Specialist,  
Child Care Resource and Referral Center

**April 2, 2016**  
Building Self-Esteem using Children Literature  
Conducted by Andrea James-Jones, M.Ed.,  
& Kimberly Harville, M.Ed., Shelby County Schools

**May 14, 2016**  
Professionalism in a Work Environment  
Conducted by Earnest Stovani, BBA, Memphis Public Library

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## TEENS

### Meet the New #CLOUD901 Staff @MemphisLibrary!

Exciting new things are happening each day at Memphis Public Library's CLOUD901, located in the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue). Meet the new staff behind these great programs designed for teens!

Lanell Smith, Jr. is senior manager of CLOUD901. A graduate of Bethel University in McKenzie, Tennessee, Smith went on to earn a master's degree in Education Administration from Northeastern University in Boston.

He previously served as student affairs coordinator for The University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy, where he led admissions and student affairs initiatives.



Lanell also worked on The New Teacher Project, an effort to help Shelby County Schools recruit and train new teachers, assist staff-challenged schools, design evaluation systems, and retain excellent teachers.

[Read more](#)

Sarah Glaser is CLOUD901's "generalist," covering a range of areas from College and Career Prep to Slam Poetry. Sarah helps to ensure that the hard skills teens learn in CLOUD901 find a place in the real world.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Sarah worked in the Southern Historical Collection of Chapel Hill's Wilson Library and served as a professional tutor before moving to Memphis.



She has a passion for both written and spoken word. She channels this passion by writing professionally for a publication on Southern culture, moonlighting on stages across Memphis, and helping teens in CLOUD901 hone their own crafts.

Jeremy Mitchell works as the Makerspace facilitator at the FedEx Makerspace in CLOUD901. In this role, Jeremy engages teens in programs like 3-D design and 3-D printing, electronics, robotics, and woodworking.

Before joining the CLOUD901 team, Jeremy served as VISTA Leader for the Maker Education Initiative in Oakland, California. He and the team of VISTA's helped to build nine makerspaces across the country by increasing awareness and understanding of making, facilitating the start of new maker programs, fundraising, and documenting best practices.



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Ralph Calhoun is one of Memphis' own. A graduate of Murray State, he earned a degree in Audio Technology at SAE and then interned at Blackbird Studios in Nashville, Tennessee. Now he has returned home to invest in the community that made him who he is.

A rising artist on the Memphis music scene, Ralph loves sharing his passion for music production with the City's teens.



Philip Ramsey Rule is a storyteller. As a graduate of the University of Tennessee's Anthropology Department, he has learned to analyze stories and tales of human culture. As a graduate of Memphis College of Art's Digital Media Program, he has learned to tell stories through the arts.

Originally from Knoxville, Tennessee, Philip is an accomplished videographer, animator, and designer having worked in television production and advertising. In his spare time, he is an avid cinephile and enjoys reading fantasy novels and non-fiction.

Taylor Jackson is CLOUD901's art facilitator. She leads interactive sessions for teens of all artistic levels and backgrounds. Her aim is to challenge the way teens think about and create art by introducing them to a variety of artistic concepts, genres, and mediums.



Taylor graduated from Rhodes College with a degree in Studio Art. Before joining the CLOUD901 team, she worked as the archives student assistant at the Rhodes Barret Library. She also worked as a summer fellow for the Crossroads to Freedom Program, where she guided local teens in conducting research and historical interviews with people in their respective neighborhoods.

[Read more](#)

## Teens Encouraged to Develop the Leader in Them in #CLOUD901

[Apply today](#) for the new leadership development program *Velocity!*

Memphis Public Libraries and the Memphis Music Initiative have teamed up to offer 20 local teens the chance to sharpen leadership skills during [Velocity](#), the new leadership development program starting in November 2015 in teen learning lab CLOUD901.



**CLOUD901**  
TEEN LEARNING LAB

These young leaders will make their marks on CLOUD901 as teen accelerators, community ambassadors, and keepers of the lab. If accepted, teens will undergo six weeks of leadership development training and then will serve as front-runners of CLOUD901. Monthly leadership development seminars will follow and will focus on skills like strategic thinking, business etiquette, impression management, self-development, teaching, persuasive presentation, and more. With each completed course, teens will reach higher levels of leadership within the lab offering them a chance to boost their resumes while preparing for the future.

[Click here](#) to apply for Velocity. **The deadline to apply is Wednesday, November 4.** Finalists will undergo an interview, and 20 teen accelerators will be selected for fall 2015. Applications will be accepted again in spring 2016 for another 20 accelerators to be selected. Teens are encouraged to apply today!

"This leadership development program exposes teens to practical and actionable skills that every professional needs. It is designed for teens," explained Janae Pitts-Murdock, teen services coordinator. "A leadership program of this nature that combines leadership content and execution of the content differentiates teen leaders from teens. As much as there is strong content, there is also strong relationship building and networking so that teens are encouraged by their combined success as much as their individual success. Teens will see the benefits of their investments as they earn leadership rank in CLOUD901."

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

## ADULTS

### Author Dave Eggers, Sudanese Lost Boy Valentino Achak Deng Coming November 4 for Memphis Reads!

Visit [@MemReads website](#) for details!

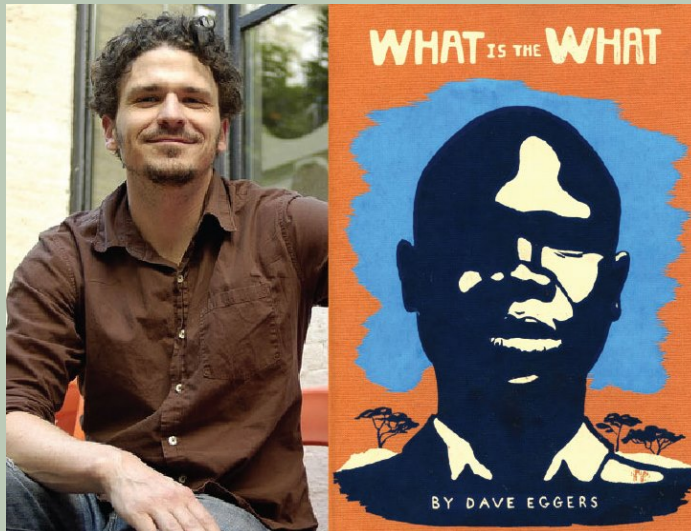
With the turn of every page, excitement builds as Dave Eggers enthusiasts read this year's featured book *What is the What* and anticipate the author's visit during [Memphis Reads 2015](#). This heart-wrenching true story about Sudanese lost boy Valentino Achak Deng will be the topic of discussion during a few upcoming events:

**Valentino Achak Deng in Conversation with Rhodes Readers** - 6 pm, Wednesday,

November 4, 2015 at Rhodes College Hardie Auditorium (2000 North Parkway)

**Book Talk and Signing with Author Dave Eggers and Valentino Achak Deng** - 7 pm, Thursday, November 5, 2015 at Creative Arts Building (2375 Tiger Lane South)

Each event is free and open to the public.



Valentino Achak Deng will share his firsthand account of what life was like on the run during the Second Sudanese Civil War and how he managed to escape unharmed.

"*What is the What* is a story about human experience. By reading this book, we can start to see that even though we come from different cultures and experiences, we can come together as a community," said Dr. Karen B. Golightly, program organizer and Christian Brothers University associate professor. "In Memphis, this joining together is what makes us thrive!"

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## @MemphisLibrary & U of M Offer Free Health Series

Library customers can get a jumpstart on their New Year's resolutions for healthier living at free [Nutrition Classes](#) starting in **November 2015** at **South Library** (1929 South Third Street) and **Whitehaven Library** (4120 Millbranch Road), thanks to a partnership between Memphis Public Libraries and the University of Memphis Clinical Nutrition Program.



These monthly sessions will focus on issues like healthy eating, hypertension, diabetes, cholesterol, obesity, cancer prevention, label reading, healthy kids, and more. "We have customers who come in and ask for books on these topics. This nutrition series is a way for us to bring information about health directly to our customers," noted Darletha Matthews, South Library adult services library assistant. Customers visiting **South Library** are welcomed to attend the free classes at 2 pm on the fourth Saturday of each month, starting **November 21, 2015 through July 2016**. (Call South Library for additional program details at 415-2780.)

"There are parts of the Whitehaven area that are not serviced well by grocery stores, so we see a lot of fast food eating," added Donna Windham, Whitehaven Library adult services library assistant. "Customers can use this nutritional information when they do go grocery shopping so they'll make healthier eating choices and maximize their time while there." **Whitehaven Library** customers can learn to become healthier consumers on the second Saturday of each month at 2 pm, starting **November 14, 2015 through July 2016** in the Children's Room. (Call Whitehaven Library for additional program details at 415-2781.)

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

## PLAN AHEAD

### Upcoming Events: November 2015



**Memphis Reads 2015: Valentino Achak Deng in Conversation with Rhodes Readers** - Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 6 pm @ Rhodes College Hardie Auditorium (2000 North Parkway)

**Memphis Reads 2015: Talk and Book Signing with Author Dave Eggers and Valentino Achak Deng** - Thursday, November 5, 2015, 7 pm @ Creative Arts Building (2375 Tiger Lane South)

**Crazy 8's Math Club** - Thursday, November 5, 2015, 4 pm - 5 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

**Federal Contracting Certifications for Small Businesses: Are You Prepared?** - Thursday, November 5, 2015, 6 pm - 7:30 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

**Party in the CLOUD** - Saturday, November 7, 2015, 7 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue, CLOUD901)

**Career, College, and Academic Enrichment: The College Search & Application Process (CLOUD901)** - Saturday, November 7, 2015, 11 am - noon @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue, CLOUD901)

**Family Tunes & Tales Storytime** - Saturday, November 7, 2015, 11 am - noon @ Bartlett Library (5884 Stage Road) Registration required

**De-stressing with Yoga** - Saturday, November 7, 2015, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm @ South Library (1929 South Third Street)

**Randolph Readers Book Club** - Monday, November 9, 2015, 2 pm - 3:30 pm @ Randolph Library (3752 Given Avenue)

**After School Storytime** - Tuesday, November 10, 2015, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm @ Frayser Library (3712 Argonne Street)

**Thanksgiving Crafts** - Thursday, November 12, 2015, 10:30 am - noon @ Parkway Village Library (4655 Knight Arnold Road)

**Happy Thanksgiving!**



**Developing a Winning Business Plan** - Thursday, November 12, 2015, 6 pm - 7:30 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

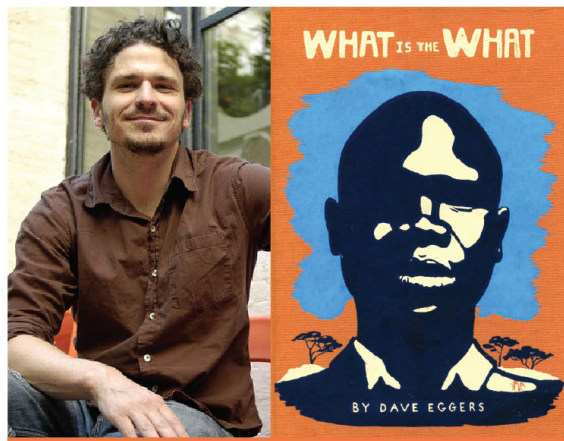
**Free Saturday Legal Clinic** - Saturday, November 14, 2015, 10 am - noon @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

**International Storytime** - Saturday, November 14, 2015, 11 am - 12:30 pm @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

**Risky Readers Book Club** - Saturday, November 14, 2015, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm @ Comelia Crenshaw Library (531 Vance Avenue)

**Gadget Lab for Kids: A Technology Learning Lab** - Monday, November 16, 2015, 4 pm - 5:30 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

**Diabetes Empowerment Education Program** - Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 10 am - 11 am @ Raleigh Library (3157 Powers Road)



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<b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Kick-off Press Conference at Memphis Public Library & Information Center BENJAMIN L. HOOKS CENTRAL LIBRARY 3030 POPLAR AVENUE - (901) 415-2709	<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Film screening: <i>The Good Life</i> and <i>Okta</i> with Stacey Hydrick and Lost Boy Joseph Atem BENJAMIN L. HOOKS CENTRAL LIBRARY 3030 POPLAR AVENUE - (901) 415-2709
<b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Valentino Achak Deng in conversation with Rhodes Readers RHODES COLLEGE HARDIE AUDITORIUM 2000 NORTH PKWY - (901) 843-3818	<b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Talk and book signing with Dave Eggers and Valentino Achak Deng CREATIVE ARTS BUILDING 2375 TIGER LANE SOUTH - (901) 321-4483

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This project is funded under a Grant Contract with the State of Tennessee. This event is funded, in part, by a grant from South Arts in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Tennessee Arts Commission.

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

**U-CAN Volunteer to Make an Impact!** - Tuesday, November 17, 2015, 3 pm - 4 pm @ Poplar-White Station Library (5094 Poplar Avenue)

**Crazy 8's Math Club** - Thursday, November 19, 2015, 4 pm - 5 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

**Read with Me, Sign with Me Family Storytime** - Saturday, November 21, 2015, 11 am - noon @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

**Spartan City Poetry Club** - Saturday, November 21, 2015, 2 pm - 4 pm @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

**Who's Making Music in Memphis? ... Memphis Means Music Series** - Sunday, November 22, 2015, 2 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

**Tween Craft** - Tuesday, November 24, 2015, 4 pm - 5 pm @ Randolph Library (3752 Given Avenue)

**ESL Conversation Group** - Saturday, November 28, 2015, 10:30 am - noon @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

**ESL Conversation Group** - Saturday, November 28, 2015, 1 pm - 2:30 pm @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

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**Onyx Sports Readers** - Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 1 pm - 2pm @ North Library (1192 Vollintine Avenue)

**Colorcopia for Seniors** - Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 10 am - 11 am @ Frayser Library (3712 Argonne Street)

**Teen Movie** - Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 4 pm - 5 pm @ Randolph Library (3752 Given Avenue)

**Toddler Storytime** - Thursday, December 3, 2015, 10:30 am - 11 am @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

**Tech Day for Teens** - Thursday, December 3, 2015, 3 pm - 4pm @ Whitehaven Library (4120 Millbranch Road)

**PWS Book Club** - Saturday, December 5, 2015, 10:30 am - 11:30 am @ Poplar-White Station Library (5094 Poplar Avenue)

**International Storytime** - Saturday, December 5, 2015, 11 am - noon @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

**Capoeira: A History & Performance** - Saturday, December 5, 2015, 3 pm - 4 pm @ South Library (1929 South Third Street)

**ESL Conversation Group** - Monday, December 7, 2015, 11 am - noon @ Randolph Library (3752 Given Avenue)

**Youth Advisory Council** - Monday,  
December 7, 2015, 3 pm - 4 pm @ North  
Library (1192 Vollintine Avenue)

**DIY Candle Bookends** - Monday, December  
7, 2015, 3 pm - 4 pm @ Poplar-White Station  
Library (5094 Poplar Avenue)

**Daycare Holiday Crafts** - Thursday,  
December 10, 2015, 10:30 am - noon @  
Parkway Village Library (4655 Knight Arnold  
Road)

**Family Engineering Night** - Thursday,  
December 10, 2015, 4 pm - 6 pm @  
Whitehaven Library (4120 Millbranch Road)

**Childcare Provider Workshop - Nutrition:  
Focusing on Childhood Obesity and Other  
Health Issues** - Saturday, December 12,  
2015, 10 am - noon @ Frayser Library (3712  
Argonne Street) Registration required

**Read with Me, Sign with Me Family  
Storytime** - Saturday, December 12, 2015,  
11 am - noon @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central  
Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

**Movie Day** - Saturday, December 12, 2015, noon - 2 pm @ Cornelia Crenshaw Library (531 Vance  
Avenue)

**Cordova Book Club** - Tuesday, December 15, 2015, noon - 2 pm @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

**Teen Cooking** - Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 4 pm - 5 pm @ Randolph Library (3752 Given Avenue)

**Customer Appreciation Day** - Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 2 pm - 5 pm @ Parkway Village Library  
(4655 Knight Arnold Road)

**Let's Rap About It** - Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 4 pm - 5 pm @ North Library (1192 Vollintine  
Avenue)

**Teen Christmas Videos** - Wednesday, December 16, 2015, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm @ Frayser Library (3712  
Argonne Street)

**Graham Cracker Gingerbread Houses** - Thursday, December 17, 2015, 3 pm - 4 pm @ Whitehaven  
Library (4120 Millbranch Road)



**Family Tunes & Tales Storytime** - Saturday, December 19, 2015, 11 am -  
12:30 pm @ Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

**R.E.A.D. to Tootsie** - Saturday, December 19, 2015, 11 am - noon @ Bartlett  
Library (5884 Stage Road) Registration required

**Family Tunes & Tales Storytime** - Saturday, December 19, 2015, 11 am -  
noon @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

**ESL Conversation Group** - Saturday, December 19, 2015, 1 pm - 2:30 pm @  
Cordova Library (8457 Trinity Road)

**Nutrition Knowledge Series** - Saturday, December 19, 2015, 2 pm - 3 pm @ South Library (1929 South  
Third Street)

**Winter Break Storytime** - Monday, December 21, 2015, 2 pm - 3 pm @ Frayser Library (3712 Argonne  
Street)

**Start Co. Small Business Mentoring** - Tuesday, December 22, 2015, 2 pm - 6 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks

**International Storytime** THIS MONTH  
**Italy**

Join us as we celebrate countries and culture! A new country will be explored each month through stories, crafts, and music! Light refreshments from the country of honor will be served.

**Saturday, December 5, 2015  
11 am - 12 pm**

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Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

**Babies & Books Storytime** - Tuesday, December 29, 2015, 10:15 am - 11:15 am @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

**Earn Benefits Program** - Thursday, December 31, 2015, 10 am - 1 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue)

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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.

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#### Book Talk

**Saturdays, 6 pm**

**November 14** - *Everything Everything* by Nicola Yoon

**November 21** - *Gold Fame Citrus* by Claire Vaye Watkins

**November 28** - *Timmy Failure: Sanitized for Your Protection* by Stephan Pastis

#### Books

**African-American Lives and Literature, Sundays @ 2 pm - 4 pm, November 22 - December 13** --- *Stella by Starlight* by Sharon Draper

**Biography, Monday - Friday @ 3 pm - 4 pm, November 4 - 13** --- *Alvin York: A New Biography* by Douglas V. Mastriano

**Bestsellers, Mondays - Fridays @ 4 pm - 5 pm, November 9 - 25** --- *Gray Mountain* by John Grisham

**Mystery, Mondays - Fridays @ 2 pm - 3 pm, November 9 - 24** --- *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins

## Dialogue with Willy Bearden

Mondays @ 7 pm, Tuesdays @ 4:30 pm, Wednesdays @ 2:30 am & 9 pm, Thursdays @ 4 am & 4 pm, Fridays @ 1 pm, Saturdays @ midnight, and Sundays @ 6:30 am & 9:30 pm

Show Description: Willy Bearden sits down with songwriters and musicians Bobby Whitlock and CoCo Camel to discuss their lives and storied careers. Bobby Whitlock is known for his time in the band *Derek and the Dominos* with Eric Clapton. The duo will play a few songs during the hour-long program.

## What's Growin' On

Mondays @ 1:30 pm, Tuesdays @ 6 am & 12:30 pm, Wednesdays @ 4:30 pm, Thursdays @ 9:30 am, Fridays @ 9 pm, Saturdays @ 8:30 am & 8:30 pm, and Sundays @ 9 am

Show Description: Booker T. Leigh and Beverly Earls host this gardening show that's sure to help make your thumb greener. Beverly is a master gardener and former librarian with the Memphis Public Library, and Booker works for the Shelby County Extension Office. This fall and winter, they will make sure you know when to fertilize your lawn, plant new flowers, and cover your plants in order to protect them from cold weather.

## ArtScene

Mondays @ noon, Tuesdays @ 10 am, Wednesdays @ 11 pm, Thursdays @ 5 pm, Fridays @ 6 am, Saturdays @ 3 pm, and Sundays @ 1:30 pm

Show Description: Ronda Cloud has your security on her mind this holiday shopping season. She visits with Susan Alders, who will share tips on protecting yourself from identity theft and fraud when you shop online this year. Susan will offer tips on how to create a safe password and how to avoid clicking on sites that mean you more harm than good. It's a show that you won't want to miss!



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

## BRANCH HIGHLIGHT

### Raleigh Library Helps to Develop Workforce in Memphis and Lots More

Looking for a job? Memphis Public Library's [Raleigh Branch](#) (3157 Powers Road) is focused on helping to put Memphians to work.

Serving the Raleigh community for nearly 50 years, Raleigh Library offers customers an array of services to bolster their careers, like resume writing, financial seminars, and even Spanish courses. The Library also reaches beyond its walls to participate in community job fairs, alongside other service organizations like Raleigh United Methodist Church, Goodwill Job Center, and Career Coach.

Raleigh Library's services don't end there, however. Whether customers are seeking academic support or entertainment, the whole family can enjoy programs and other resources offered at Raleigh Branch Library. Shelves of books, namely African-American fiction, new fiction, and audiobooks on various topics, provide



students with the extra support they need outside of the classroom. Students and jobseekers needing to use technology have access to public computers, laptops, copiers, and even an AWE literacy station for kids - all free of charge.

Students unable to visit Raleigh Library still benefit from library services, as the friendly staff visits local daycares and schools for special storytimes and educational programs. A list of other programs are available at the branch, such as book clubs like Raleigh Readers, monthly kindle classes, computer and keyboard classes, creative loafing for kids, Teen Tech Tuesdays, and Family Movie Day!

The welcoming environment in Raleigh Library prompts some customers to stay awhile. Several teen and adult volunteers assist staff with exciting programs and other duties. Community organizations also stop by to use Raleigh Library's public meeting room, which comfortably seats up to 25 people.

For many residents of the Raleigh community, Raleigh Library is a second home, open Mondays through Thursdays, 10 am - 7 pm; and Fridays and Saturdays, 10 am - 5 pm. For more information about the exciting things happening at Raleigh Branch Library, call (901) 415-2778.

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