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BIG NEWS @ YOUR LIBRARY!

Change is in the Air at Memphis Public Library's Popular Library

More Customers to Receive More Access to More Materials



Times are changing, and so are the Memphis Public Library's policies for checking out high-demand books, DVDs, and other material. **Starting November 3, 2014** Library customers will notice an upgrade during checkout.

Traditionally, readers could only check out Popular Library items like *New York Times* bestsellers or

other high-demand titles for seven days with no renewals. Furthermore, customers could not place items on hold, check out movies for more than three days at a time, or request that desired items be sent to another Library location.

"We've been using the current Popular Library concept for 25 years," noted Collection Development Manager Alan Stewart. "We're making adjustments in our policies as a response to recent advances in technology and to changes in how Library customers use our services."

"We want to match our supply with customers' demands," added Director of Libraries Keenon McCloy. The number of holds that we place in advance will ultimately determine the number of items that we purchase. This will be a tremendous enhancement to our customer service offerings."

Upcoming policy changes are below.

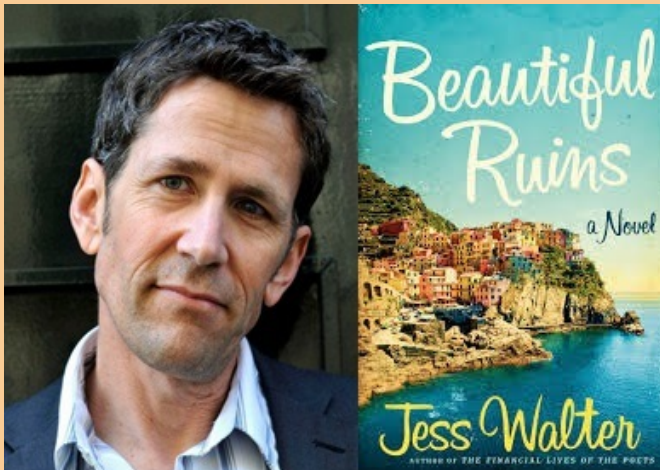
- All print books (including new and high-demand titles) will circulate for 21 days. Also, readers will be able to place items on hold or renew them.
- All entertainment DVDs will circulate for seven days. Customers can place them on hold also.
- Library customers can renew all "renewable" items twice.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Party at Your Library: Libration 2014 Coming Soon

Purchase Your Tickets Today!



Enjoy libations at your Library for **Libration 2014**, a party and fundraising event at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) **7 pm - 10:30 pm on Friday, October 17, 2014**. Complete with live music, a silent disco, dinner buffet, auction, games and more, this event is sure to please as Library customers let their hair down and put their feet up!

New York Times bestselling author and special guest Jess Walter will attend the event which will be presented in a few parts or "chapters". On **Thursday, October 16, 7 pm - 10 pm**, guests will enjoy "**chapter one**" -- an exclusive evening with the *Beautiful Ruins* author at a private home. The evening will include gourmet food by Chef Jason Severs of Bari Ristorante e Enoteca, premium wine, beer, and a full bar. Tickets to "chapter one" are \$200.

At **11 am on Friday, October 17** - for "**chapter two**" - Walter will speak about his work during a free public presentation and book signing at Central Library. Later that evening, Walter will mix and mingle with avid readers and fans during the culminating "chapter three" of Libration 2014. Tickets for this event are \$75 per person and \$125 per person for the VIP experience which includes champagne, a full bar, and gift bags.

To purchase your tickets to Libration 2014, [click here](#) or call (901) 415-2831.

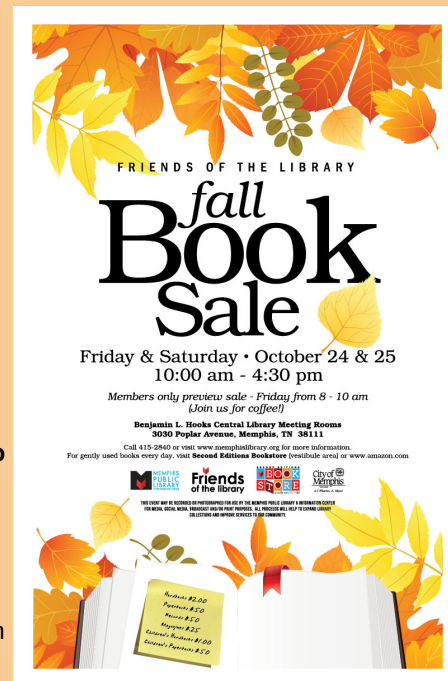
All proceeds from the event benefit the Memphis Public Library & Information Center. See you there!

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Readers Come with a Little but Leave with a Lot at Friends' Fall Book Sale

Coming to Central Library on October 24 - 25!

The **Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale** is a booklover's dream come true - with children's to adults' hardback and paperback books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, records, cassettes and more priced at \$2 or less! Library customers can take advantage of the sale from **10 am to 4:30 pm** on **Friday, October 24** and **Saturday, October 25, 2014** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue). A special preview sale for Friends' members will be held 8 am to 10 am on October 24.



"We're constantly getting new things - new CDs, DVDs, hardback and paperback books, and lots more," commented Friends of the Library President Jacque Jenkins. "Even if you come on Friday, you can return on Saturday and find something different, especially for collectors! You're always going to find new items."

[Click here](#) to see the amazing price list!

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Award-winning Author and Ethiopian Immigrant to Share Compelling Story with Library Customers

Dinaw Mengestu Coming to Central Library on November 4

Fleeing for safety, peace, and hope for a better future, many immigrants cross the seas to America leaving behind the harsh realities of their homelands and looking forward to dreams of a better tomorrow. No one knows this feeling better than Ethiopian immigrant and **award-winning author Dinaw Mengestu**. In his book *The Beautiful*



Things That Heaven Bears, Mengestu recounts his own experiences while blending them with fictitious accounts of what life is like for a refugee.

Thanks to a partnership between Memphis Public Libraries and Christian Brothers University, Mengestu is coming to Memphis! The author will lead a **discussion and book signing at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, November 4, 2014** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue). This special presentation will be followed by a panel discussion with other local immigrant authors including **Morris M. Gbee**, former child soldier born in Liberia and writer of *War Face*. Today, Gbee is an American citizen and veteran of the Iraqi War.

An American Dream author and China-native **Della Adams** will serve on the panel also. She is the granddaughter of a Chinese warlord. Her father was an American soldier and prisoner of the Korean War.

Holocaust survivor **Dr. Clark Blatteis** will be a panelist. Blatteis was a passenger aboard the *St. Louis*, a famous ship that carried refugees from Nazi Germany in May 1939. The book *Refuge Denied: The St. Louis Passengers and the Holocaust* and movie *Voyage of the Damned* chronicle Blatteis' and his family's experiences.

Panelists will share their gripping stories of survival, their will to live, and their struggles that accompanied leaving one world behind to pursue a new one.

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CHILDREN

Fun for Fall Break, Anyone?

Instead of sitting at home bored during **fall break**, kids and parents are invited to join the fun at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue)! Arts and crafts, family movies, and a special 100th birthday celebration for Memphis' Central station are all on the agenda for Library customers to enjoy!



The complete schedule of events is listed below. (All programs will take place at Central Library.)

Crafternoon - Monday, October 6, 2014, 1:30 pm - 3 pm

Join Ms. Luna for an afternoon of books, crafts, and fun!

Art to Grow - Tuesday, October 7, 2014, 1:30 pm - 3 pm

Customers will make their own sculptures to take home as artists from Dixon Gallery & Gardens teach them about sculptor Auguste Rodin.

Movie Day - Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Enjoy popcorn and candy while watching a family movie!

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TTRP Days at Memphis Public Libraries Offer Education and Bonding for Parents and Kids

During the month of October, parents and caregivers visiting Memphis Public Libraries will learn four important components of every child's development - touching, talking, reading, and playing. So, the Memphis Public Library & Information Center in partnership with The Urban Child Institute will host **Touch, Talk, Read, Play (TTRP) Days** at several Memphis Library locations to promote early childhood literacy throughout the City.



The Urban Child Institute will host the special *TTRP Days* at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue), **Cornelia Crenshaw Branch Library** (531 Vance Avenue), **Frayser Branch Library** (3712 Argonne Street), **Gaston Park Branch Library** (1040 South Third Street), and **Levi Branch Library** (3676 Highway 61 South).

The free two-hour interactive sessions will be held during fall and spring breaks for parents or caregivers and children ages 0 to 5 years. No registration is required to participate. At the end of each TTRP Day, kids will receive a special *Memphis & Me* booklet from a librarian, and The Urban Child Institute representatives will even follow up with families or childcare centers to track progress!

[Click here](#) for a schedule of upcoming TTRP Days at Memphis Public Libraries.

Take Your Family Out for a Few 'Tunes & Tales' at Memphis Public Libraries!

Family Tunes & Tales is the perfect combination of storytime and music thanks to a partnership between Memphis Public Libraries and Memphis Symphony Orchestra. Kids and adults alike are amazed by how children's stories come to life through rhythmic percussions, string quartets, or brass ensembles.

Back by popular demand, ***Family Tunes & Tales Storytime*** will begin another "encore" season of concerts on October 25 and November 22, 2014 at the following Memphis Public Library locations.



Saturday, October 25, 2014, 11 am

Brass Quintet - Benjamin L. Hooks

Central Library

Woodwind Quintet - Cordova Branch
Library

Kinder Trio - Bartlett Branch Library

Saturday, November 22, 2014, 11 am

Brass Quintet - Cordova Branch Library

String Quartet - Bartlett Branch Library

Percussion - Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

Mark your calendar today for family fun at Memphis Public Libraries!

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

TEENS

Teens Should 'Fall' Into Central Library for a Season of Fun!

The Memphis Public Library is the place to be for teens this fall! With several programs specialized for adolescent readers, the Library offers teens a chance to have fun with peers while being creative!

Teens will explore ***Bits, Bytes, & Bots*** as they learn to create a new world with Minecraft on **Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 2 pm** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue). Then, on **Thursday, October 16 at 3 pm**, teens visiting Central Library can celebrate Halloween early with a haunted afternoon and special program called ***Ghost of Memphis***.

It will be all fun and games **Thursday, November 6 at 3 pm** for ***Teen Game Day***, and on **Thursday, November 20 at 3 pm**, ***Teen Craft Day*** will be the ideal time for exercising teens' artistic side! All of these programs will take place at Central Library.

"We want teens to be actively engaged at Memphis Public Libraries, and great programs are the perfect invitation," said Teens Services Coordinator Janae Pitts-Murdock. "Whenever Library doors open, teens can find exciting and educational programs, events, technology, and expansive collections. It's all here at the Library!"

Registration is required for each event. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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



***Bits, Bytes, and Bots**

Learn to create a new world with Minecraft.
Wednesday, October 8 @ 2 pm
Registration begins September 9th.
Space is limited.

Ghost of Memphis

Listen and share haunted story favorites.
Thursday, October 16 @ 3 pm

Game Day

Thursday, November 6 @ 3 pm

Craft Day

Thursday, November 20 @ 3 pm

***Registration is required for these events. Call (901) 415- 2732 for more details.**



Seniors to Get Free One-way Ticket to Library's New *Colorcopia*

Senior citizens looking to add more "color" to life should take a trip to *Colorcopia* - the Memphis Public Library's new painting class offered in conjunction with Dixon Gallery & Gardens. This free art series gives retirees a chance to have fun while learning new skills from professional artists.



"*Colorcopia* is yet another wonderful and free service for seniors to encourage creative thinking, self-expression, and socialization," explained Wang-Ying Glasgow, adult services coordinator for Memphis Public Libraries. "We expect this program to enrich seniors' quality of life. If they want to fill a void in their time or schedule, *Colorcopia* is a great way to introduce something new and beautiful into their lives!"

Dixon Gallery & Gardens will supply all painting material for students as they explore *Impressionism* during the month of **October**, *Printmaking* in **November**, and *Color in the Gardens* in **December**.

Each class will consist of a maximum of 15 students, and registration is mandatory for participation. Classes will be offered at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue), **Cornelia Crenshaw Branch Library** (531 Vance Avenue), and **Poplar-White Station Branch Library** (5094 Poplar Avenue).

[Click here](#) for a complete class schedule!

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Shelves of Great Catches Await at Second Editions Bookstore's Fishing Book Sale!



Readers looking to "catch" great deals on books should look no farther than [Second Editions Bookstore](#) for the **Fishing and Angling Book Sale** starting **Friday, October 10** through **Saturday, October 25, 2014**. The Bookstore, which is located in the lobby of the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library (3030 Poplar Avenue), is filled with affordable items that keep avid readers coming back!

Open **Tuesdays through Fridays 10 am to 6 pm**, Second Editions Bookstore will offer fishermen a wide variety of gently-used angling books that cover all methods of fishing. Beginners or professionals, fishermen at all skill levels will find useful books about salmon, bass, panfish, salt water fish, and even books on specific rivers by a list of well-known authors including Brooks, Gierach, Gingrich, Schwiebert, Lyons, Whitlock, Wulff and more!

In addition to the inventory itself, the best part of the sale is the prices which are \$2 or \$3. Readers fishing for these great deals are encouraged to come early and plan to stay a while as they peruse through hundreds of books!

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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

October 18 - Stephen Schottenfeld's *Bluff City Pawn*

November 1 - Tavis Smiley's *Death of a King*

Book Readings

African American Lives and Literature - Sundays, 2 pm - 4 pm

November 9 - December 21, *The Bill of the Century: The Epic Battle for the Civil Rights Act* by Clay Risen

Biography - Mondays through Fridays, 3 pm - 4 pm

October 27 - November 7, *Marie Curie and Her Daughters* by Shelley Emling

Best Sellers - Mondays through Fridays, 4 pm - 5 pm

November 4 - November 25, *Life After Life* by Kate Atkinson

Self Help - Sundays, 4 pm - 6 pm

October 5 - November 2, *Mindwise: How We Understand What Others Think, Believe, Feel, and Want* by Nicholas Epley

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

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

BRANCH HIGHLIGHT

Levi Branch Library: One Place Fits All

Westwood, Indian Hills, Walker Homes, and Barton Heights are just a few neighborhoods served by Levi Branch Library, located at 3676 Highway 61 South in Memphis. Levi Branch Library has been a second home to its customers since 1967, and the friendly staff continues to foster a warm and welcoming environment today!



From the young to the young at heart, Library customers of all ages find what they're looking for at Levi Branch Library. Beginning reader books with fairy tales and rhymes are available for parents of preschoolers, and an early literacy collection is currently being developed for toddlers and young readers from ages three to five. Levi's services also reach outside the walls of the reader-friendly branch. Librarians visit local daycare centers to host special storytimes for youth.

Older readers can find a list of material to support school assignments and leisurely reading. Teens are sure to enjoy specialized programs on a list of topics ranging from job hunting and etiquette to cartooning. Adult

readers can take advantage of Levi Library's extensive collection of African-American books by classic and contemporary writers along with lots of inspirational material.

Several Internet-ready computers line the walls of Levi Library and are available for public use. Whether customers need to type a paper using Microsoft Word or conduct research using databases, Levi Library is one place that fits all!

The Library is open Mondays through Thursdays from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays, 10 am to 5 pm. For more information about Levi Library, call (901) 415-2773.

PLAN AHEAD

Mark Your Calendar!

Authors' Fair - Saturday, October 4, 2 pm - 4:30 pm @ Whitehaven Branch Library

Genealogy Workshops @ Your Library - Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29; 1 pm - 3 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

World War I Monday Lecture Series - Mondays, October 20 and November 10, 6 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

Read with Me, Sign with Me Storytime - Saturdays, October 11 and November 1, 11 am @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

2nd Annual Libration - Friday, October 17, 7 pm - 10:30 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

BOO-ks with Friends - Friday, October 31, 2014, 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm @ Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

Hollywood Healthy & Safe Halloween - Friday, October 31, 2014, 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm @ Hollywood Branch Library

Bicycle Safety Seminar - Saturday, November 1, 11 am - noon @ Cordova Branch Library

The Cat in the Hat Rhyming Word Day - Thursday, November 6, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm @ Gaston Park Branch Library

iPads for Seniors Class - Monday, November 10, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm @ Raleigh Branch Library

Hattiloo at the Library - Saturday, November 15, 11 am - 12:30 pm @ Cordova Branch Library

Medicare Sign-up Seminar - Wednesday, November 19, 10 am - 2:30 pm @ Whitehaven Branch Library

Childcare Workshop: Creative Childcare Marketing Solutions - Saturday, November 22, 10 am - noon @

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