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Bookstock 2015 at Central Library Offers Customers a Family Experience

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (April 17, 2015) – [Bookstock 2015](#) is **Saturday, April 18, 10:30 am – 3:30 pm** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue). This year promises to be just as exciting and fun filled as last. *New York Times* best-selling authors [Charles Graeber](#), [Patricia McKissack](#), and [Mary Monroe](#) are the featured authors this year. [Click here](#) for a complete list of Bookstock 2015 authors.

More than 40 authors, their fans, and booklovers of all ages will attend the festival which will include live music, food trucks, a scavenger hunt, face painting for kids, cooking demonstrations, gadget labs, and much more.

Additionally, aspiring authors have a chance to have their work reviewed before a panel of published authors – Aspiring Authors Under Scrutiny – by submitting ten pages of their original writing for review and immediate feedback. Registration is required as space is limited.

“Bookstock is a local event that affords the family an opportunity to explore and appreciate the value of the written word. Families should come enjoy a day where they can spend time together at a free event that has invaluable experiences,” encouraged Wang-Ying Glasgow, event organizer and Library adult services coordinator.

Library customers will find there is something for everyone of all ages from lovers of fiction, nonfiction, inspirational to romance, true crime, and children’s books at Bookstock 2015.

Kids will enjoy Bookstock Jr. including Tunes and Tales, pop up stories, bookmaking, face painting, a puppet show and crafts, and a children’s gadget lab. For teens, there will be a School of Rock Performance, Starbooks Café and prizes, Cloud901 Art Wall, YA Author Talk, Teen Gadget Lab, and Make Your Own Manga Activity with author and published illustrator Martheus Wade.

Teen Services Coordinator Janae Pitts-Murdock notes, “We have really expanded the teen portion of Bookstock to welcome more of our teen customers to experience what Bookstock has to offer.”

Director of Libraries Keenon McCloy adds, “The benefits of Bookstock are endless. We want our customers to develop or to foster a love for literacy in an engaging and safe environment which the Library provides. This, too, helps to illustrate two of Mayor Wharton’s initiatives of investing in our youth and providing safe and vibrant neighborhoods.”

For more information about Bookstock 2015, call (901) 415-2709.

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