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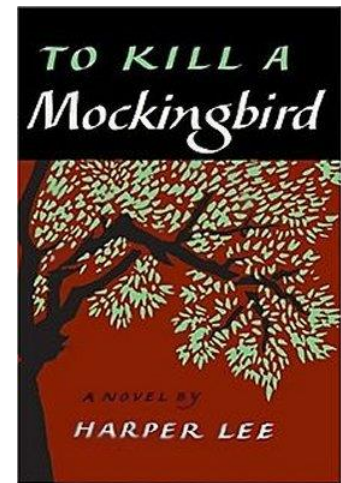
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Familiar Tale Featured for Adults' #ExploreMemphis2015

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (July 14, 2015) – Rediscover author Harper Lee's talent for narration on each page of *To Kill a Mockingbird* this summer during #ExploreMemphis2015 for adults. The familiar tale has attracted new attention after the discovery of another manuscript by Lee – *Go Set a Watchman* – a sequel to her classic published for the first time today!

"This is a very timely and relevant book selection," explained Adult Services Coordinator Wang-Ying Glasgow. "Working with Facing History and Ourselves is an ideal partnership because the book is their focus in Shelby County Schools. They have a great curriculum. The Library brings similar lessons to the community, and Explore Memphis brings it all together!"



Facing History and Ourselves Memphis Director Marti Tippens Murphy added, "Facing History is delighted to partner with Memphis Public Libraries for the summer book club celebration. The choice of *To Kill a Mockingbird* provides an ideal opportunity to discuss themes of race and justice, as well as the responsibility of citizens in a democracy."

Individuals and book clubs are encouraged to participate. Individual readers can sign up online at www.explorememphis.org or by visiting any Memphis Public Library location. Book clubs can participate by reading the book and attending the **Explore Memphis Book Club Celebration at 2 pm on Sunday, August 9, 2015** at the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue). Prizes and other incentives will be awarded.

In addition to reading, adults are welcomed to discover Explore Memphis in other ways also. Customers can explore educational opportunities throughout the City, participate in Library programs, and share what they have learned or experienced over the summer.

"Ultimately, we want to foster a love for reading," stressed Glasgow. "Book clubs in Memphis are thriving, and we want them to celebrate reading together," she concluded.

For more information about #ExploreMemphis2015 for adults or the Explore Memphis Book Club Celebration, call (901) 415-2709.

ABOUT THE MEMPHIS PUBLIC LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTER: (www.memphislibrary.org)

The Memphis Public Library and Information Center (MPLIC) is committed to satisfying the customer's need to know. With 18 Library locations throughout the Greater Memphis area, MPLIC offers an array of programs, services, and resources for residents and visitors to enjoy. They include JobLINC mobile career services, LINC/2-1-1 telephone referral services, a TV and radio station (WYPL TV-18, WYPL FM 89.3), a small business center, laptops for checkout and free Wi-Fi access, in addition to books, e-books, DVDs, records, compact discs, and educational programs for children, teens, and adults. Customers can find age-appropriate services and a list of Library locations at www.memphislibrary.org.

Memphis Public Libraries are publicly and privately funded. Approximately three million people visit the Memphis Public Library and Information Center each year.

ABOUT FACING HISTORY AND OURSELVES: (www.facinghistory.org)

Founded in Brookline, Massachusetts, in 1976 by native Memphian Margot Stern Strom, Facing History and Ourselves is an international educational and professional development organization whose mission is to engage students of diverse backgrounds in an examination of racism, prejudice, and anti-Semitism in order to promote the development of a more humane and informed citizenry.

Facing History has a network of more than 90,000 teachers and reaches more than three million students around the world each year and connects with the public through community events and online resources. The Memphis office, founded in 1992, serves more than 500 schools in the Greater Memphis area as well as in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Louisville, Kentucky.

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