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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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# **MEMPHIS PUBLIC LIBRARIES CLOSED FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

MEMPHIS, TN – To continue to ensure excellent customer service, all branches of the Memphis Public Library & Information Center will be closed Friday, October 30, 2015 for staff development.

Marcellus Turner, city librarian for Seattle Public Libraries, will be the featured guest during a closed training day for Memphis Public Library employees.

All Library locations, except Cossitt Library, will re-open Saturday, October 31 with [normal operating hours](#) as listed on the Library's website ([www.memphislibrary.org](http://www.memphislibrary.org)). [Click here](#) for a complete list of 2015 holiday closings.

Library customers can reserve or renew books anytime, 24 hours a day, seven days a week by visiting [www.memphislibrary.org](http://www.memphislibrary.org) or by calling (901) 452-2047. E-books, downloadable audio books, and music are also available for free, along with other resources, such as online databases, reference books, blogs, and newsletters.

For information on Library programs and services, call (901) 415-2700.

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## **ABOUT THE MEMPHIS PUBLIC LIBRARY & INFORMATION CENTER:**

The Memphis Public Library & 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 citizens 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](http://www.memphislibrary.org).

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

## **ABOUT THE CITY OF MEMPHIS:**

Under the leadership of Mayor A C Wharton Jr. since 2009, Memphis is becoming a City of Choice by focusing on creating safe and vibrant neighborhoods, investing in young people, creating economic opportunities for all, and delivering excellence in government. Memphis is famous around the world for the convergence of creativity and innovation that produced its most famous exports – legendary music; the company that invented modern world commerce – FedEx, and the international leader in curing catastrophic childhood illnesses – St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. It has a celebrated entrepreneurial history, more Fortune 500 companies than any other Tennessee city, and it has been named one of the best cities in the U.S. for startups. It is famous as home for Elvis Presley’s Graceland, Sun Studios, Stax Museum of American Soul Music, Beale Street, the National Civil Rights Museum, and the most unspoiled riverfront on the Mississippi River. City of Memphis, which employs more than 6,000 people with an annual budget of approximately \$650 million, has developed and led programs that have dramatically reduced crime, increased jobs, improved Memphis’ quality of life, and attracted national attention and investments in the city. For more information, visit [www.memphistn.gov](http://www.memphistn.gov).