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## **Memphis Public Libraries Extends Hours of Operation in Time for Summer**

Memphis, Tenn. – Memphis Public Libraries will increase its hours of operation starting today – **Tuesday, May 30, 2017**. An additional 145 hours per week will be added to Library operations, affecting 16 Memphis Public Libraries citywide. All Library locations within the city of Memphis and Bartlett Library will now be open six days a week.

The increase – which was made possible by funding increases in the City’s budget for fiscal year 2018 – will include \$475,000 to hire 20 part-time assistant librarians and an additional \$50,000 to enhance Library programs and services.

“Additional hours of operation mean better service for youth and their families, working individuals and the entire city of Memphis,” noted Director of Libraries Keenon McCloy. “We are especially excited to expand Library hours in time for summer, so that more customers can explore what Memphis Public Libraries have to offer, such as Explore Memphis 2017, CLOUD901, our STEAM programming for youth and so much more.”

As a result of the funding increase, Memphis Public Libraries will extend morning and evening hours as well. New hours of operation are listed below and are available on the Library’s website at

<http://www.memphislibrary.org/about/locations/>

### **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library**

Mondays – Thursdays: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Fridays – Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sundays: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

### **Cordova, Whitehaven, Raleigh and Poplar-White Station Libraries**

Mondays – Thursdays: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Fridays – Saturdays: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

### **Frayser, Parkway Village, Hollywood, North, South, Randolph, Cherokee, Levi, Crenshaw, Cossitt and Gaston Park Libraries**

Mondays – Saturdays: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

“We look forward to re-opening the doors of several Memphis Public Library branches whose doors have been closed on Fridays for years. Libraries make a positive difference in the communities they serve by placing literacy and lifelong learning as top priorities. We encourage all Memphians to visit your local Memphis Public Library this summer, and take advantage of the amazing programs and services that are available,” McCloy concluded.

For more information about Memphis Public Libraries, [click here](#) or call (901) 415-2700.

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