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# Memphis Public Libraries' Summer Program Encourages Families to 'Explore Memphis'

Memphis, Tenn. – Local families are invited to explore the Bluff City this summer June 1 – July 31, 2017, starting at Memphis Public Libraries! Explore Memphis, the Library's summer learning program, offers customers a chance to [read](#), [participate](#), [explore](#) and [share](#) educational and fun experiences all summer long.

The largest program of its kind in Memphis Public Libraries, Explore Memphis is a fully-customizable summer experience offering age-appropriate programs centered on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics for children, teens and adults. Whether helping students to avoid the "summer slide" or connecting adult readers with other book enthusiasts, this summer program will include hundreds of interactive programs like yoga, ice-cream making, author meet and greets, magic shows and more at all 18 Memphis Public Library locations. Then, using their Library cards, customers can receive free or discounted admission to several local attractions.

"Explore Memphis is an ideal time for families to familiarize themselves with all that Memphis Public Libraries and the city of Memphis have to offer," said Director of Libraries Keenon McCloy. "We invite customers of all ages to *start here*. There are fun and educational programs for people of all ages – free entertainment that's the perfect addition to anyone's stay-cation this summer."

Several exciting events are planned citywide to kick off the summer celebration. For more information about each event, call the Libraries listed below.

### Explore Memphis 2017 Kickoff Celebrations

Read for Your School Kickoff

**Bartlett Library**

(5884 Stage Road)

Saturday, June 3 • 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

(901) 386-8968

**Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library**

(3030 Poplar Ave.)

Friday, June 2 • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

(901) 415-2700

**Cordova Library** (8457 Trinity Road)

Saturday, June 3 • 11 a.m. – noon

(901) 415-2764

**Cornelia Crenshaw Library** (531 Vance Ave.)

Saturday, June 3 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

(901) 415-2765

Frayser Fun Fest

**Frayser Library** (3712 Argonne St.)

Saturday, June 3 • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

(901) 415-2768

**Hollywood Library** (1530 N. Hollywood St.)

Tuesday, June 6 • 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(901) 415-2772

**Parkway Village Library** (4655 Knight Arnold Road)

Saturday, June 3 • 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

(901) 415-2776

Kids' Tie Dye Kickoff

Thursday, June 1 • 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Kickoff for Families

Friday, June 2 & Saturday, June 3 • 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Raleigh Library** (3157 Powers Road)

(901) 415-2778

**Whitehaven Library** (4120 Millbranch Road)

Saturday, June 3 • 10 a.m. – noon

(901) 415-2781

“Explore Memphis kickoffs are just the beginning,” McCloy continued. “We’ve planned a summer full of educational and entertaining programs for our customers. There’s no other place where citizens can go for such a comprehensive array of offerings, all for free.”

For more information about Explore Memphis at Memphis Public Libraries, call (901) 415-2700.

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