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Teens to Build Recyclable Structures, Professional Networks at Paper Power 2014

Register today for Paper Power 2014 at Central Library.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (August 13, 2014) – The Memphis Public Library and Information Center in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council (Memphis chapter) is putting the power in teens’ hands – power to recycle! Back by popular demand, **Paper Power** is returning to the **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** (3030 Poplar Avenue) **10 am – 3 pm** on **Saturday, September 27, 2014**. A chance to make the world a “greener” place, Paper Power is a competition for high school-aged teens to design innovative structures made of recycled paper. Winners will take home trophies, prizes, and a year’s worth of bragging rights!

Krissy Buck is an architect, a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (Memphis chapter), and event organizer. “Paper Power will bring together students, teachers, parents, professional design and construction organizations, and community leaders through teamwork for a fun and educational service project,” she said.

In addition to constructing recyclable structures, teens will build professional networks and perhaps a foundation for future careers. Buck commented, “Teens will benefit from participating in Paper Power by learning valuable design and construction techniques along with management and leadership skills that could help to shape their professions someday. Plus, they’ll have lots of fun building one of a kind creations,” she said about the “Green Apple Day of Service” event.

Teens must form a group of two to seven builders accompanied by an adult sponsor. (Schools, churches, and community organizations are all encouraged to participate.) Registration runs August 7 through September 12, 2014. Participation is free. After participants have built their structures on September 27, judging will take place from 3 pm to 4 pm, and the awards ceremony will follow from 4 pm to 5 pm.

Creating their original masterpieces, teams will be judged in the following categories:

- Jurors’ Favorite
- Structural Integrity
- Most Innovative Design
- Functionality
- Best Signage
- Honorable Mention
- People’s Choice

“The event puts a new spin on learning about recycling and material conservation. Also, it encourages everyone to think creatively on how to transform something old, used, and undesirable into something revived, fresh, and beautiful,” Buck concluded.

For more information about Paper Power 2014 or to register, visit www.usgbcmemphis.org/paperpower.

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