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Memphis Public Library & Information Center

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Junior Achievement Annual Bowl-a-thon!



PHOTOS FROM BOWL-A-THON 2014



Library employees will join thousands of bowlers who make a difference in the lives of youth by participating in the Junior Achievement Bowl-a-thon at 8 am, Saturday, February 27, 2016 at Winchester Bowling Center (3703 South Mendenhall Road). “The objective of this event is to raise funds to support Junior Achievement in their efforts to prepare students for the challenges that are

ahead,” explained Delivery & Distribution Supervisor and Library event organizer Ralph Bridgewater. “This is the first year that we will bowl under the Library Division, and it is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the great team that we are at MPLIC!”

Library team captains are Tanya Blaylock, Ralph Bridgewater, Chris Marszalek, Bryan Massey, Keenon McCloy, Kimberly Sholar, Joshua Thomas, and Terrice

Thomas. (Each team has a total of five members.) The goal for each participant is to raise at least \$70 to support Junior Achievement.

“Bowlers will have an opportunity to share a fabulous time with family and co-workers, while assisting Junior Achievement and our youth,” Ralph said.

For more event information, call Ralph Bridgewater at extension 2867.

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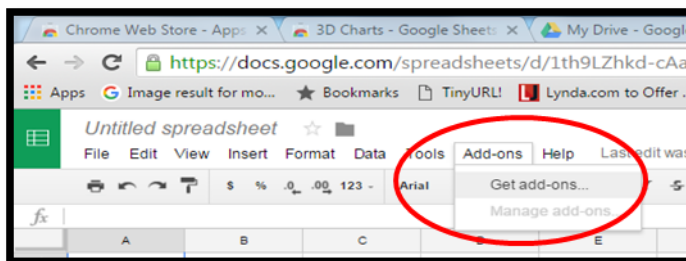
TECH TIP: Add-ons for Google Drive

By: Staff Development Manager Damone Virgilio

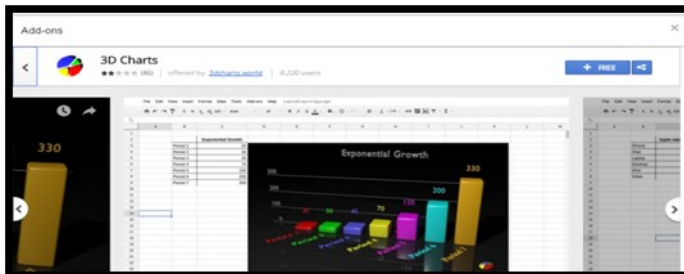
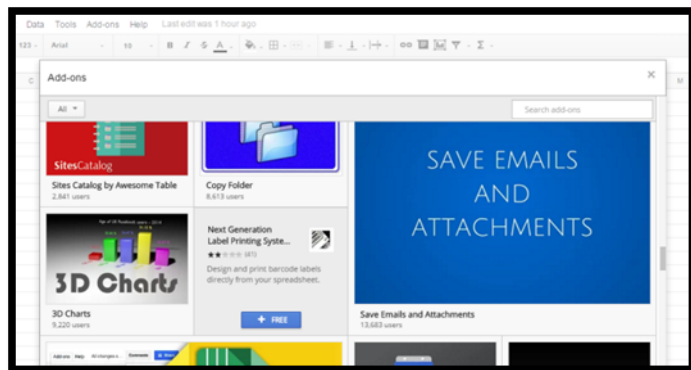
Google Drive is an amazing option for creating documents, spreadsheets, presentations, and much more. But, what you may not realize is that there are hundreds of add-ons that expand functionality of the various productivity tools Google Drive offers. For example, Docs add-ons allow you to do things like completing simple mail merges, adding hyperlinked tables of content, creating an annotated bibliography, or generating automatic citations.

Here is how you access the add-ons using Sheets as an example.

1. Click "Add-ons." Scroll until you see "Add-ons," and click. (See graphic to right.)
2. The menu of add-ons will appear. You may browse the collection or search by keyword for specific add-ons. (See graphic below.)



3. Once you identify the add-on you would like, simply click it and select the "Free" button. The add-on will be added and will be available for use in the add-on drop down menu. (See graphic below.)



Cossitt Library to Extend Hours of Operation



Library customers in Downtown Memphis will soon enjoy extended hours at Cossitt Library. Effective March 5, 2016, the branch will be open on Saturdays. New hours of operation will be Mondays through Saturdays, 10 am – 5 pm.



Want to have a great time with great company? Register today for *Happy Hour with the Director!* Whether over breakfast, lunch, or dinner, employees can put their feet up and let their hair down with Director Keenon McCloy. Discuss topics that matter to you!

To sign up, email clarissa.pope@memphistn.gov and copy your manager. Responses are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. So, how will you spend your happy hour?

Congratulations Again & Again!

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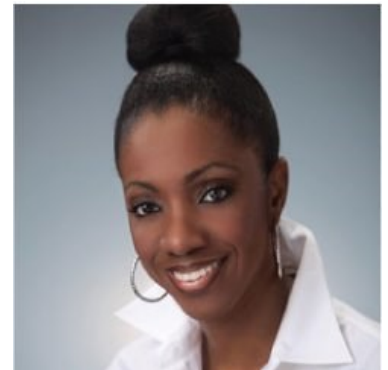
Eldon “Chip” Holliday, who works in the History Department of Central Library, has been selected to represent the Memphis Public Library & Information Center at the annual Public Library Association (PLA) Conference on April 5—9, 2016 in Denver, Colorado.

Chip submitted a well-planned and thorough application that aligned with the Library’s strategic vision. Chip will be a great representative of our organization and will use this experience to continue his professional development.

This scholarship is one of several that will be provided throughout the calendar year. Staff Development Manager Damone Virgilio will make an announcement about the next scholarship opportunity in the near future! Congratulations again and again to Chip Holliday!



Meet Best-selling Author at Bookstock Luncheon



Featured authors for Bookstock 2016 on Saturday, April 23 will be Kimberla Lawson Roby and Thomas Christensen. If you are a big fan, here is your opportunity to claim one of the 30 spots available for lunch with Kimberla Lawson Roby. (Unfortunately, Thomas Christensen will be unable to attend the luncheon, as he will be the keynote speaker at Rhodes College’s 1616 Symposium.)

The luncheon will be at noon on Friday, April 22, 2016 at Central Library in meeting room A.

Email your interest to keshia.williams@memphistn.gov by 5 pm on Monday, April 18, 2016. Be sure to include one question you would like to ask Lawson about her work, writing style, themes, or related topics.

The results of the Retirement Board Election have been certified, and Gabriel Vaughn has been elected as the staff representative for the Library’s Retirement Board. Gabe will complete the term that was being served by Library Deputy Director Chris Marszalek which will expire in May 2016.

Gabe has more than 16 years as an employee of the Memphis Public Library & Information Center. He was a recipient of the 2009 VOX Award. As a graphic artist, Gabe has provided impeccable service to the Library and is expected to assume his responsibilities on the Retirement Board with the same effective. Congratulations again and again to Gabriel Vaughn!





Black History Month Quiz

Quiz and Artwork Source: www.civilandhumanrights.org/

1. At what age did John Lewis participate in the Freedom Ride from Nashville to Montgomery?
A) 22 B) 16
C) 25 D) 19
2. What year did Ruby Bridges enter first grade?
A) 1960 B) 1965
C) 1963 D) 1968
3. Where were African Americans forced to sit in Rich's Department Store's restaurant?
A) African Americans were not allowed into the restaurant B) The basement
C) With everyone else – in the restaurant's seating area D) Outside
4. When was the most recent person (Bob Cherry) convicted of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing that killed four little girls?
A) 2002 B) 1990
C) 1977 D) 2010
5. What were the Jim Crow laws named after?
A) A politician B) A blackface performer
C) A musician D) A school teacher
6. Why was Dorothy Height not allowed to give a keynote speech at the March on Washington?
A) She was sick. B) She was a woman.
C) There was not enough time. D) Her speech was inappropriate.
7. True or False: Bob Dylan performed at the March on Washington.

True False
8. William Holmes Borders, Atlanta's reverend of Wheat Street Baptist Church, is famous for what?
A) Building the Wheat Street Baptist Church
B) Leading the campaign to desegregate the city's buses in 1957
C) Campaigning against police brutality
D) Desegregating restaurants in Atlanta
9. Why was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Memphis on the day he was assassinated?
A) Nonviolent rally B) Sanitation Strike
C) Voting Rights D) Protesting the Vietnam War
10. George Wallace was the governor of which state?
A) Alabama B) Florida
C) Georgia D) Mississippi

Make a 'Heart-felt' Meal for Your Sweetheart!

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Recipe Source: www.vegetariantimes.com/article/heart-felt-meals

Did you know that February is American Heart Month? Here's a statistic that could make your heart skip a beat. The World Health Organization estimates that cardiovascular disease causes approximately 17.5 million deaths per year worldwide. That's the bad news. The good news is that simply exercising regularly, maintaining a healthful weight, and eating smart can prevent 80 percent of cardiovascular disease. "Whether or not you get heart disease is dramatically influenced by the food choices you make," says Ann G. Kulze, MD, author of *Dr. Ann's 10-Step Diet*. That said, consider adding this healthy recipe to your diet!

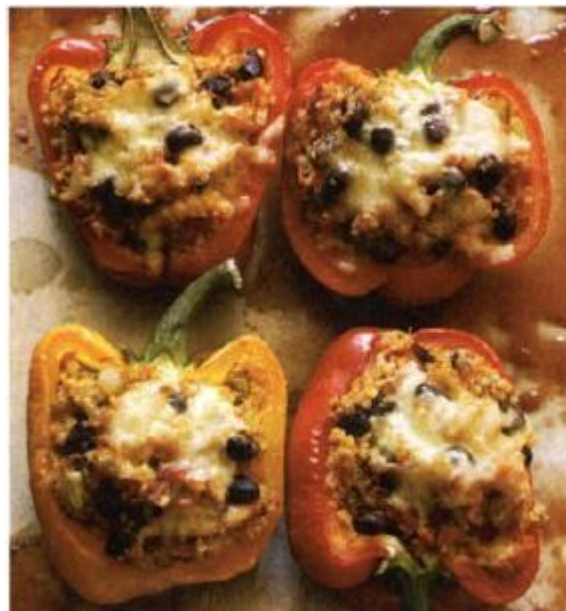
This dish freezes well for future meals and serves eight. Quinoa provides whole-grain goodness and a serving of protein.

- 1 medium onion, finely chopped (1 cup)
- 2 Tbs. olive oil
- 2 ribs celery, finely chopped (½ cup)
- 1 Tbs. ground cumin
- 2 cloves garlic, minced (2 tsp.)
- 1 10-oz. pkg. frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 2 15-oz. cans diced tomatoes, drained, liquid reserved
- 1 15-oz. can black beans, rinsed and drained
- ¾ cup quinoa
- 3 large carrots, grated (1½ cups)
- 1½ cups grated reduced-fat pepper Jack cheese, divided
- 4 large red bell peppers, halved lengthwise, ribs removed

1. Heat oil in saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and celery, and cook 5 minutes, or until soft. Add cumin and garlic, and sauté 1 minute. Stir in spinach and drained tomatoes. Cook 5 minutes, or until most of liquid has evaporated.
2. Stir in black beans, quinoa, carrots, and 2 cups of water. Cover, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, and simmer 20 minutes, or until quinoa is tender. Stir in 1 cup of cheese. Season with salt and pepper, if desired.
3. Preheat oven to 350°F. Pour liquid from tomatoes in bottom of baking dish.
4. Fill each bell pepper half with heaping ¾-cup quinoa mixture, and place in baking dish. Cover with foil, and bake 1 hour. Uncover, and sprinkle each pepper with 1 Tbs. of remaining cheese. Bake 15 minutes more, or until tops of stuffed peppers are browned. Let stand 5 minutes. Transfer stuffed peppers to serving plates, and drizzle each with pan juices before serving.

(This information was taken from a database of the Memphis Public Library & Information Center. Its exact citation is below.)

"Valentine's Day recipes on Pinterest!" Vegetarian Times Jan.-Feb. 2015: 6. General OneFile. Web. 25 Feb. 2016.



**A NEW WORKOUT
SPACE IS COMING
SOON TO
CENTRAL LIBRARY!
Stay tuned for details!**



Photo of the Month!

Tai Chi with Charles at Cordova Library

By: Andrea Bledsoe King, Cordova Library

On January 20, 2016 Charles Dowda and his martial arts student, Mike, visited Cordova Library to teach adults Tai Chi. The program was a success! One man said he had even done Tai Chi each weekend on Waikiki Beach in Hawaii! Even though no experience was required, Charles and Mike complimented the group on their efforts. Everyone agreed the class was fluid and invigorating. Students and teachers alike gained valuable experience. Charles and Mike even did a 10-minute synchronized demonstration. Their presentation was quite impressive! One customer commented, "I have attended other Tai Chi lessons in the past, but Charles and Mike conducted the best session ever!"



Library customers and employees celebrated Black History Month with a *Black History Read-in*, held February 25, 2016 at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library. Several readers delivered impactful poems and excerpts from plays, like Yvonne Draper (pictured above) who portrayed "Mama Fannie," as she read a poem entitled *The Negro Mother*. Yvonne works in Central Library's Humanities Department.

LINCers Unwind and Encourage Teamwork with Special Project



To foster team building and a spirit of unity, referral agents inside Central Library's LINC / 2-1-1 call center work puzzles, like the one pictured above. Staff members say this helps to relieve stress when phones are ringing incessantly.



Satisfying the customer's need to know



Submit your birthdays, anniversaries, library news, and other special announcements for inclusion in the next edition of *Staffwise*.

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