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Library's Own Serves as Leading Lady for Jazz Concert!



Like many Library employees with hidden talents, Children's Department Manager Angela Massengale and her band, Memphis Standard Time, (pictured to left) wowed audience members on March 4, 2016 for Five Fridays of Jazz at Central Library!

Fridays have never sounded so good! A packed house of music lovers gathered March 4, 2016, 6:30 pm—9:30 pm at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library for the *Five Fridays of Jazz* concert series, offered in partnership with the Memphis Library Foundation, Levitt Shell, and the City of Memphis. To kick off the event was Central Library Children's Department Manager and lead

vocalist Angela Massengale and her band, Memphis Standard Time. Leading up to the event, Angela appeared on morning show Local Memphis Live to promote the jazz series. [Click here](#) to view the interview and musical performance!

The music doesn't stop there, however. Three more free performances are coming up on the following dates:

April 1 —Rhodes College Jazz Orchestra & Quartet

April 15—Stax Music Academy Sextet & Vocalist

April 29—Bill Hurd Quintet

"Music lovers can expect a relaxing but fun night with great food, great drinks, great music, and great company," Angela said. "That's what jazz is all about. Jazz is the link that joins it all together."

For more event information, call (901) 415-2846.

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TECH TIP: Staff Development with Lynda.com

By: Staff Development Manager Damone Virgilio

There is now a Staff Development account for Lynda.com that includes a variety of playlists to help encourage you to explore and use the database for your professional development. The following playlists were created to help you keep pace with the ongoing needs of our library customers.

- ◆ Basic Computer Skills (5 courses)
- ◆ Microsoft Excel 2010 (10 courses)
- ◆ Working with Google Drive (5 courses)
- ◆ Google Drive Essential Training
- ◆ Migrating from Office 2010 to Google Apps
- ◆ Google Docs Essential Training
- ◆ Google Sheets Essential Training
- ◆ Gmail Essential training
- ◆ Effective Communication and Public Speaking (5 courses)
- ◆ Writing for Professionals (6 courses)
- ◆ Leadership and Management Essentials (10 courses)
- ◆ Apple iPad and iPhone Basics (5 courses)
- ◆ Android Tablet and Smart Device Basics (3 courses)
- ◆ Kindle Basics (1 course)

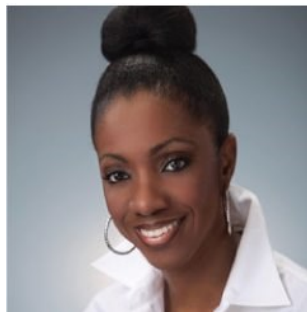


Information for logging in and using the account is located on the Intranet in the Staff Development section entitled "Learning with Lynda.com."

You may [click here](#) to redirect to the page. I hope you will take the time to begin discovering the wonderful collection of training resources!

Meet Best-selling Author at Bookstock Luncheon

Featured authors for Bookstock 2016 on Saturday, April 23 will be Kimberla Lawson Roby and Thomas Christensen. Thirty lucky employees will be selected to have lunch with Kimberla Lawson Roby at noon on Friday, April 22 at Central Library (meeting room A). Thomas Christensen will be unable to attend.



To secure your spot, email 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.



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 eat and talk with Director Keenon McCloy. Discuss topics that matter to you!

To sign up, email Diana.Duncan@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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By: Southwest Regional Manager Toni L. Braswell

South Library and East Shelby Library now have new branch managers. Jeremy Scott started at South Library on March 7, 2016, and Danyelle Carnes began her new role as manager of East Shelby Library on March 21.



Before moving to Memphis, Jeremy (pictured above) worked for Nashville Public Libraries and the Rapid City Public Library System in South Dakota. He later moved to Memphis and worked as a customer service librarian at Raleigh Branch Library. He brings with him a wealth of library experience, creativity, leadership skills, and forward thinking.



Native Memphian Danyelle Carnes (pictured to left) has more than 15 years of library experience. She started as a circulation representative, then a library assistant (customer service), and a librarian at Crenshaw Library. She also served as adult African-American fiction selector for Memphis Public Libraries. Danyelle has exhibited strong leadership capabilities and strong community partnership-building abilities while at Crenshaw Library. Undoubtedly, Jeremy and Danyelle will do an excellent job leading their staff, building great partnerships, and representing Memphis Public Libraries. Congratulations again and again!



**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

Email submissions to Marcey.Wright @memphistn.gov.

Congratulations Again & Again!

By: Deputy Director Chris Marszalek

Sammy Gullett officially started as the new Finance Manager for Memphis Public Libraries on Monday, March 21, 2016.

Sammy has years of experience in finance, and he has worked in the Library's Business Operations Department for more than 29 years. He started with Memphis Public Libraries in 1987 as the storeroom supervisor and, in 1992, he was promoted to the Library's analyst buyer, which he remained until now. Please join me in congratulating Sammy on his new position.

Congratulations again and again!



Retirement Announcement: So Hard to Say, 'Goodbye'!



In 1999, Susan Penn came aboard the Library's Training Wheels Bus as a librarian, who traveled to local daycares to do demonstration storytimes and teacher education workshops. She worked as an early childhood specialist at the Main Library, before Central Library was built in 2001. For 17 years, Susan diligently worked to impact kids as a customer service librarian in the Children's Department of Central Library. Susan retired on Thursday, March 31, 2016. She said she will spend her extra time with her family, namely her "grands"!

All Fun & Games at Library's Family Game Night!

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Memphis Public Library employees relaxed and had some fun after a long week during Family Game Night on Friday, March 4, 2016 at Central Library. Whether playing Connect Four or a game of cards, employees were all smiles, as they put their feet up and let their hair down.

The event, organized by Library Support Services Administrator Debby McElroy-Clark, is a bonding activity for employees and their families to enjoy!



**GET YOUR
GAME ON!**
Next Family
Game Night
Friday,
June 10,
2016

Photo of the Month!

"I just want to take the time to thank everyone who came out to the Junior Achievement Bowl-a-thon and express my gratitude to each person who supported the 2016 event. BIG THANKS! MPLIC STRONG!"

–Delivery & Distribution Supervisor Ralph Bridgewater



Happy Anniversary! Reflecting on 'I DO!'



Cordova Library's Adult Services Assistant Librarian Andrea Bledsoe King recently celebrated a wedding anniversary on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Seven years ago, she said, "I do!" to her husband Neale King, and the rest is history. Congratulations, Andrea and Neale!



MEMPHIS AREA AUTHORS' FESTIVAL

BOOK STOCK

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016
11 AM - 3 PM

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