

Program Highlights

Real Men Read

1100+ Number of children read to by Real Men Read volunteers in FY 16, a mentoring program that encourages youth to love literacy and education by interacting with a positive male role model as he reads a story. On May 20th, these volunteers had their annual luncheon to celebrate their success.



First Month of Explore Memphis

10,600+ Explore Memphis is the Library's summer reading adventure aimed at keeping youth engaged throughout the Summer in order to battle the "Summer Slide". In June alone, over **10,600** people attended the Library's **540+** programs.



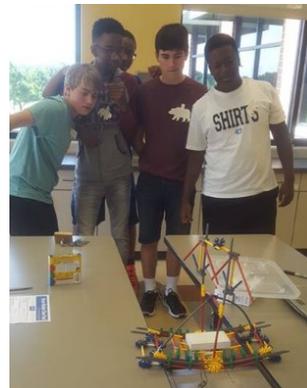
Job, Career, and Entrepreneurship

6,500+ Over **6,500** people attended the Library's **Job, Career, and Entrepreneurship** programs in FY 16.



"We are gearing our mindset towards developing our dreams methodically and intentionally."

- **Benjamin L. Hooks** customer that attended one of the "Mindset of an Entrepreneur" programs, provided in partnership with the **Shelby County Trustee's Office** and **Bank On Memphis**.



More from our Customers

"This class made me change my eating habits."

-M. Roberson, **South Library** customer and participant of the **Nutrition Knowledge Series** provided in partnership with the **University of Memphis**

"It was useful to learn what resources the library has on hand to help with the proposal writing process, the foundation directory, and books listing grantmakers."

- **Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library** customer that participated in the **Introduction to Proposal Writing** program in May. This program is provided in partnership with the **Foundation Center**.

"I have learned at least five new things from this presentation when before I knew nothing about grilling!"

-Sunny S., **Cordova Library** customer that attended a **Summer Food Safety** program presented in partnership with the **University of Tennessee Extension Services at the Agricenter**.

Goal 1: Ensures that all Memphians have access to technology needed to increase knowledge, learning, and access to the economy.

Goal 2: Reaches beyond its walls with creative partnerships that make a difference in people's lives.

Goal 3: Communicates in ways that move libraries from a supporting player to a leadership role that is highly valued in today's public space.

Goal 4: A platform for three overriding purposes: literacy, education accelerator, and jobs center.

Goal 5: Advances a culture of excellence in operations and outreach.