Memphis Public Library’s Explore Memphis Summer Reading Program Goes Virtual

June 7, 2020 | Memphis Public Library’s highly regarded summer reading program, Explore Memphis, makes its virtual debut this season with a well-rounded repertoire of virtual offerings aimed at increasing literacy throughout the Mid-South. Explore Memphis provides local kids, teens and adults with the opportunity to expand their educational and artistic boundaries by taking part in daily raiding challenges and educational camps. Sponsored by Tennessee Valley Authority and the Memphis Library Foundation, Explore Memphis will spotlight the Collaborative Summer Library Program’s theme of ‘Imagining Your Story’ which encourages participants young and old to step outside of their literary norms and discover something new.

Virtual programs will include:

- Daily story times
- Sing-a-longs
- Family crafting tutorials
- Concerts by local musicians

And much more…

Registration is ongoing throughout the summer via explorememphis.me and is open to all ages—young children, teens, and adults. Incentives such as gift cards, scooters and tablets will be offered to those who log the most reading hours.

In addition to reading challenges Explore Memphis has also partnered with CLOUD901 Teen Learning Lab to provide virtual summer camps in STEM, sculpture, music and robotics. Applications for the virtual summer camps are currently available via memphislibrary.org and close on June 15, 2020

“The decision to go virtual was one made with great care,” notes Memphis Public Library Spokesperson Kendrea Collins. “We recognized the need to tailor our approach given the current state of affairs. With literacy being at the forefront of all that we do, we felt we would be remiss to view this as a setback rather than an opportunity to better serve our library family. With this undertaking, the Memphis Public Library hopes that we will be able to expand participation far beyond what we’ve seen in previous years.”

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