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MPL made the decision to eliminate overdue fines in 2019, reactivating 82,276 accounts that had been blocked from accessing library materials.

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LESS FINES, MORE ACCESS!

SPOTLIGHT ON PROGRAMMING

Memphis marked the 200-year anniversary of the city's founding on May 22, 2019. To honor the Bicentennial Year, MPL hosted 48 programs celebrating Memphis' history, including this year's BOOKSTOCK, which featured 50 local authors, as well as music, poetry, and programs discussing the rich and diverse history of the Bluff City.

6,323 customers attended Bicentennial related programs in 2019!

EXPLORE MEMPHIS

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1,349,257 Items Borrowed