“Thank you so much for your time and your expertise yesterday. The boys walked away with some great content. I also appreciated how your passion for civil rights was evident in everything you shared. These young men are more empowered because of you.”

Sawyer Schafbuch, Director of Advancement for Grizzlies Prep Academy, sharing feedback with Wayne Dowdy, Senior Manager of the History Department at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library

$2.20  Average amount spent by the 4750+ customers that attended the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale raising over $10,500 for the Library.

“This was my first time hearing Opera in person and it brought tears to my eyes.”

Over 180 people were treated to pop-up Opera Memphis performances at 6 different libraries in September.

1,600  Nearly 1,600 people attended youth programs for Halloween.

“I appreciate the librarian because she helped me. I am new to the community and I don’t know anybody in the area. My children wanted to go trick or treating. The library offered this program and some extras for me and my children.” - North Library customer

CLOUD901 UPDATE  ⬇️

800+  CLOUD901 celebrated its first birthday in September, having provided over 800 programs for over 2,750 teens in their first year. They capped it off with the CLOUD901 Teen Showcase where teens celebrated their creations.

2750+  The Memphis Library Foundation raised over $18,000 during the Party in the Cloud fundraiser, a rare opportunity for those “former teens” to express themselves in CLOUD901.

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.