Bookstock 2019 celebrated Memphis’ Bicentennial with over 50 local authors as well as music, poetry, and programs discussing the rich and diverse history of the Bluff City.

I was a first time attendee and was truly impressed with the diversity of authors and the speakers. This is an unforgettable moment in my life.

-Marquez McClinton, local author

April is National Poetry Month! To celebrate, Memphis Public Library hosted 20 different programs, including partnering with Novel Bookstore to bring award-winning children’s author Kwame Alexander to the Benjamin L. Hooks Library for a very special evening featuring a poetry reading, performance with Randy Preston and book signing.

Spring Break at the Library!

Total Attendance: National Poetry Month programs 520

20% Attendance at all Wellness Programs FY19 YTD

Nutrition 14%

Services 7%

Seminars 24%

5,306 Fairs 18%

Exercise 37%

Attendance at Wellness Programs

↑ 202%

250 customers attended EAT THIS BOOK, a festival celebrating Memphis Food Culture!

"The event was fun and family oriented and I truly enjoyed learning about food and its culture."

Five Fridays of Jazz, sponsored by Friends of the Library, Levitt Shell, & the Memphis Library Foundation, brought in 1,800 customers, connecting both new & established audiences with jazz music.

258 customers attended financial programs during Financial Literacy Month. Attendees took part in discussions about credit health, money management, and real estate.

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.