

Teen Arts Fest

90%
sell rate

150 people participated in the Friends-sponsored event, connecting students of all educational and socioeconomic backgrounds through the arts, while giving young artists a platform to sell their work.



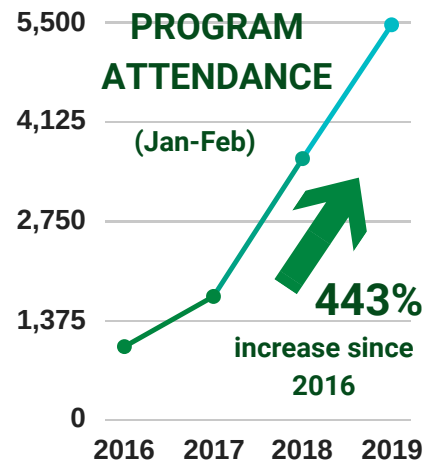
"This Fest inspires me to create more pieces and build my brand."

"I never knew the public library could offer these types of opportunities for teens!"

"I am so excited to be able to sell my artwork to the public. This event is super cool for teen artists!"

Rodney McAtee, Jr.

YOUTH STEAM PROGRAM ATTENDANCE



BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT THE LIBRARY

"Reading is important because it helps you get smarter. It's good to know about history and what things have happened before you." - Young Participant. Black History Program, Frayser

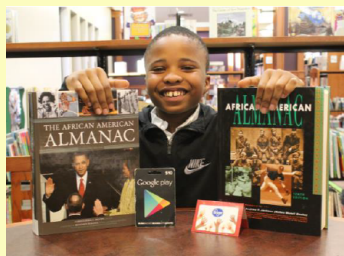
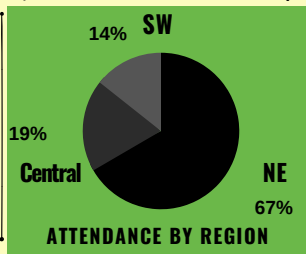


Memphis Public Libraries partnered with Shelby County Schools to present an interactive storytime at the Frayser branch, with renowned children's author, Alice Faye Duncan. Duncan led **86** participants in a celebration of Memphis Black History, featuring her new book, *Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop*, a recently named Coretta Scott King honor book.

550 customers attended Black History Month events at various MPL branches, including programs reflecting on the history behind the Sanitation Workers

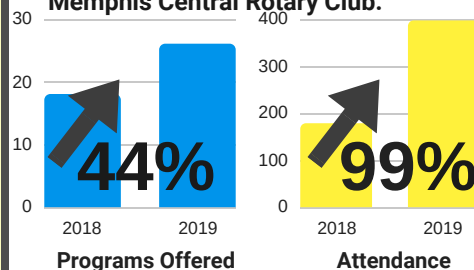
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Increase in Black History Month Programs Offered (compared to 2018)

Strike, an African American read-in, and a musical performance by teens presenting their own style of music as it relates to Black History.



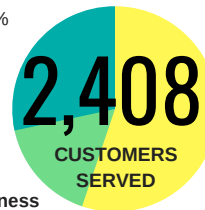
Language Corner

MPL offered more language programs in Jan-Feb of 2019 than last year, including February's **Free Spanish Classes** offered by Friends of the Library and the Memphis Central Rotary Club.



New Year, New You!

Job/Career
28%



Whether you were looking to build a business, jump start your career, or complete your taxes, MPL branches were there to help! In February alone, over **1,000** customers took advantage of **Free Tax Prep** services at the library.

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.