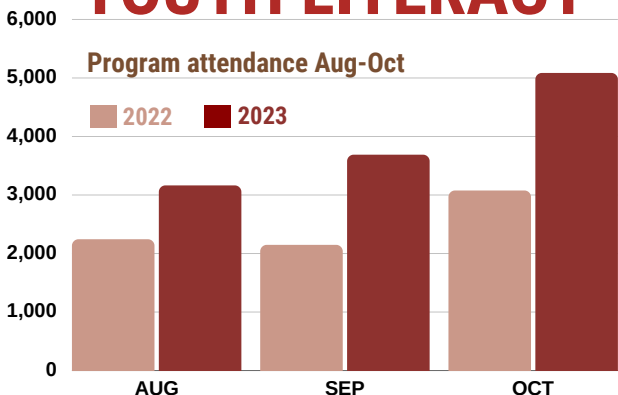




MEMPHIS PUBLIC LIBRARIES

By the
NUMBERS
AUG - OCT 2023

YOUTH LITERACY



11,939

Total attendance
Youth Literacy
Programs Aug-Oct

60%

Increase over the
same period in
2022

Mayor-Elect Paul Young was the celebrity reader at the Read For The Record event at Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library. More than **500 students** attended the literacy event!

HALLOWEEN AT THE LIBRARY!

We loved trick or treating in the Library!

51
programs

2,337
attendees

- Cordova Storytime attendee

TEEN PROGRAMMING

Over **2,100** teens attended library programs from Aug. through Oct., including the Memphis Heritage Trail Arts Collaborative in collaboration with Cossitt Library and CLOUD901.

33% increase in attendance over 2022

September is

Library Card



Sign up Month!

BRANCHES WITH THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN NEW CARDS

- Gaston Park - 267% increase over 2022
- Crenshaw - 81% increase over 2022
- Hollywood - 44% increase over 2022

Friends of the library

FALL BOOK SALE

raised about

\$25,000

to support library programming!



MPL HONORS AND SUPPORTS AUTHORS

by hosting writing workshops, author presentations, local awards, and more!

AUTHOR VISITS

MPL has hosted **14**

author visits, including Rev. Wheeler Parker Jr., cousin and last surviving witness of Emmett Till's kidnapping, and Alice Faye Duncan, 2023 Richard Wright Literacy Award winner.

WRITING WORKSHOPS

95
workshops
YTD

547
attendees
YTD

This year, in honor of



BANNED BOOKS WEEK

the **Memphis Library Foundation** hosted a fundraiser with author and book critic, **Maureen Corrigan**, to discuss the topic of banned books.

STRATEGIC PLAN
2020-2025

ENHANCE
EQUITABLE
ACCESS

CHAMPION
LITERACY
FOR ALL
AGES

PROMOTE
WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT

ADVANCE
ROLE AS
COMMUNITY
ANCHOR

INCREASE
COMMUNITY
AWARENESS
OF OFFERINGS

REACH BEYOND
LIBRARY WALLS
WITH STRATEGIC
OUTREACH AND
INNOVATION

STRENGTHEN
THE BACKBONE
OF MPL BY
SUPPORTING
STAFF