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!**

- Cordova Storytime attendee
- 2,337 attendees

**September is Library Card Sign up Month!**

- 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!

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**Youth Literacy**

Program attendance Aug-Oct

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**Total attendance**

Youth Literacy Programs Aug-Oct

- 11,939 total
- 60% increase over the same period in 2022

**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

**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.

- 515 customers attended author visits to the library

**Writing Workshops**

95 workshops 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.

**Programs**

- 2,337 attendees

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**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