



MEMPHIS PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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JUL - AUG 2021

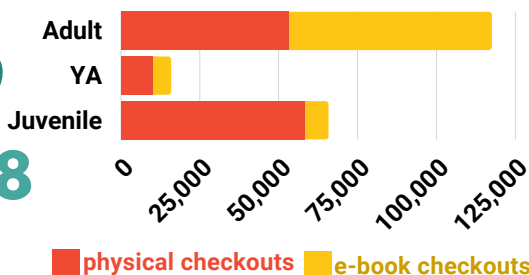


This year, MPL was one of four organizations to win the National Summer Learning Association's Summer Learning Award courtesy of EXPLORE MEMPHIS and our summer reading challenge.

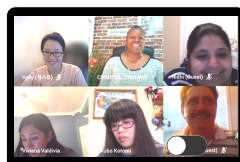


198,968

total items checked-out



ADULT PROGRAMMING attendance increased **169%** in July/August compared to the same period in 2020. Over **900** customers joined us for book clubs, ESL classes, and more!



Back to SCHOOL

HUNDREDS of students visited library branches, receiving backpacks full of school supplies as part of the library's back to school festivals.



TAKE HOME CRAFTS

Funded by Memphis Library Foundation, **4,372** Take Home Crafts have been distributed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Comeback Stronger Youth Councils

MPL and BRIDGES partnered to develop youth advisory councils, inviting students to share ideas on teen engagement, innovation centers, and programming.

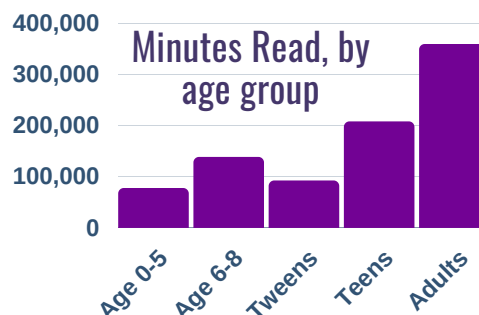


"We want you here, and we want you to be heard and express yourself."

-Terrice Thomas, manager of South Branch Library

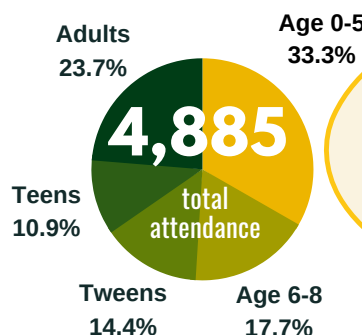
Sponsored by International Paper, Friends of the Library, and the Memphis Library Foundation, this year's EXPLORE MEMPHIS saw an overall increase in items checked out and total minutes read, with Teens increasing their minutes by **227%**!

EXPLORE MEMPHIS Reading Challenge



873,923
total minutes read, all ages

EXPLORE MEMPHIS Program Attendance



"I will be using Canva now with more agility thanks to your instruction. I am working on a website and Facebook page to promote my business."

-attendee of "Designing with Canva" class

"Micah LOVED Forensics Camp. He looked forward to joining everyday."

-parent of camp attendee

SUMMER CAMPS

From designing skateboards to studying forensics, our virtual Summer Camps had something for everyone!

8 week-long tween and teen camps
95 attendees



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