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. 

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
- 198,968 total items checked-out

EXPLORE MEMPHIS Program Attendance

- 4,885 total attendance
- Adults 23.7%
- Age 0-5 33.3%
- Teens 10.9%
- Age 6-8 17.7%
- Tweens 14.4%

“Teen attendance increased 227% compared to last year.”

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!

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

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

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

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.

“Comeback Stronger is a great opportunity for students to be heard and express themselves.”

-Attendee of "Designing with Canva" class

“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

Back to School

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