



MEMPHIS PUBLIC LIBRARIES

By the
NUMBERS
MAR-APR 2021



SEED LIBRARY

It's springtime at the Library!
Thanks to donations from
Memphis Tilth, funding from
Memphis Library Foundation, and
contributions from the gardening
community, MPL was able to provide

40 Grow Kits and over **2,000** seed packets to gardeners across Memphis!

"My son and I 'borrowed' seeds from the library last week! We were also given a grow kit from Memphis Tilth. Several of our seeds have germinated and we will definitely be back to make a seed donation. Thank you for offering this, it's so fun!"

-customer comment via Facebook



VIRTUAL CONCERTS



Beginning with the **Women's History Month concert series**, MPL hosted a number of events showcasing live music. Presented in conjunction with **Levitt Shell** and sponsored by the **Memphis Library Foundation**, **5 FRIDAYS OF JAZZ** offered attendees a variety listening experiences. Several library branches also hosted **Opera**

"I feel good watching this concert, it really cheered me up. Thank You for showcasing these Amazing Musicians!"



Memphis' 30 Days of Opera, bringing the overall attendance to

880

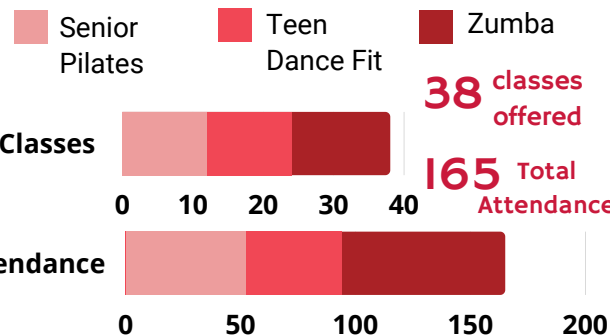
customers attending live music events!

"It's so wonderful to hear LIVE music."

-comments via Facebook

VIRTUAL EXERCISE CLASSES

This spring wrapped up our virtual exercise programs, a series began in January and funded by the **Memphis Library Foundation** and **All of Us Research Program**.



March marked one year since MPL began assisting **MIFA** to support **Meals on Wheels**!

Preparing Boxes
116 hours **\$2,994** value



66 Registered Volunteers

Delivering Meals
2,759 hours **\$71,626** value



Connect Crew began offering **outdoor programming**, including **Wild Encounters** story times with the **Memphis Zoo**.

14

Outreach Programs



714

Attendance

Inger Upchurch awarded **Porter Leath's Wharton Literacy Award** for Real Men Read!

"It's a testament to their commitment, especially in urban areas where kids need to find joy in reading. I wanted to spotlight that there are a lot of African-American men who have spent their life improving the Memphis community."

- Inger Upchurch



STRATEGIC PLAN
2020-2025

ENHANCE
EQUITABLE
ACCESS

CHAMPION
LITERACY
FOR ALL
AGES

PROMOTE
WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT

ADVANCE
ROLE AS
COMMUNITY
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INCREASE
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