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TN libraries told to audit collections

State doesn't want to run afoul of Trump directive

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Some 181 libraries in the Tennessee Regional Library System, in 91 of the state's 95 counties, received letters from the Secretary of State in October requiring a full audit of the libraries' juvenile books to better align them with Trump administration standards on gender topics.

Patrons of the Smyrna and Murfreesboro branches in Rutherford County will be unable to use the facilities between Nov. 10-15 following a letter from Hargett requiring a full audit of the branches' juvenile collections within 60 days to root out any books seen to promote "gender ideol-

ogy." In a letter sent on Oct. 27, which was obtained by The Tennessean and later shared on social media by the Rutherford County Library System, Hargett directed
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Work continues on the new Memphis Art Museum on Nov. 6 at Front Street and Union Avenue in Downtown. The museum is expected to open in December 2026. PHOTOS BY STU BOYD II/THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

New Memphis Art Museum is taking shape

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To tour Downtown's new Memphis Art Museum in 2025, a visitor must wear a hard hat and a bright safety vest. • That's because the 2-acre site is a maze of exposed concrete and laminated timber columns, marked by piles of stainless steel and other materials. • The walls are absent or bare. Cranes tower overhead, and wires coil underfoot. • The soundtrack is drills and hammers, in lieu of the string quartets, jazz combos and soul divas who will be here in the future.

The Memphis Art Museum — the much-anticipated, highly ambitious, extremely expensive and newly named incarnation of the historic Memphis Brooks Museum of Art in Overton Park — will open to the public in December 2026, Brooks officials recently announced. The opening date is appropriate. The museum will be unwrapped as a sort of Christmas or holiday gift. The recipients will be Memphis, the Mid-South and — museum supporters as-

sert — even the world. To build excitement, Brooks officials in recent days have been guiding donors, board members, elected officials, arts supporters and media representatives on private tours of the emerging riverfront museum, which currently is off limits to the public and partially hidden behind chain-link fences and crew trailers.

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Brooks chief revenue officer Jeff Rhodin gives a tour of the new Memphis Art Museum on Nov. 6.

Launched with a much-ballyhooed groundbreaking ceremony that took place on June 1, 2023, construction of the new museum has been funded largely through a capital campaign that included a \$40 million donation from the Hyde Foundation and \$30 million from the city. The announced price tag for the project is \$180 million, but officials admit the final cost is likely to be more.

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