



## NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### **MAIN LIBRARY CLOSURE EXTENDED TO FULFILL INDEPENDENT SAFETY VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

*Hundreds of Free Programs, Summer Activities and Helpful Services  
Continue at 20 Library Branches Across Davidson County*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nashville Public Library's Main location in downtown Nashville will remain closed beyond July 29, the date restoration experts initially targeted for reopening.

A multi-disciplinary team, which includes restoration experts, professional engineers and industrial hygienists, have advised Library leadership to keep the Main Library closed until independent safety verification experts can conduct third-party reviews required for reopening.

Main has been closed for restoration following a June 10 fire in the adjacent parking garage. Initially, July 29 was selected for reopening, but the timeline has been fluid, with the safety of staff and patrons at the forefront of decision-making.

"We look forward to welcoming everyone back at the Main Library as soon as restoration experts tell us it is safe to reopen," said Terri Luke, NPL Director. "Meanwhile, we are committed to serving our customers with free programs, helpful services, and access to the NPL collection at our branch locations across Nashville."

NPL offers [hundreds of free programs](#) for all ages, access to free public computers and WiFi, access to the library collection, and free, helpful services

through [\*\*NPL's Book-A-Librarian\*\*](#) at branch locations across Davidson County. Books, audiobooks and e-books remain available online, and summer programming continues at branch locations.

For more on the restoration process so far, visit [library.nashville.org](http://library.nashville.org), and follow on social media @NowatNPL.

### **About Nashville Public Library**

With more than 2 million books, movies and music items to choose from — plus great programming and resources to improve early and adult literacy, STEAM, ESL and other key skills — NPL is Nashville's gateway to some of the best resources our city has to offer. Every year, across our 21-location system, thousands of visitors discover how our library lives up to our philosophy: at NPL, books are only half the story.

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