



Nashville Public Library and Nashville Public Library Foundation

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Making Magic for Nashville





2022

NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

is the heart of our city, and a place where magic takes place. The Library is not just a place for books, it is a vital connection point that helps all members of our community learn, grow, and thrive.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

If there's one thing I believe in wholeheartedly, it's the transformative power of customer service. Why? Because — through more than 40 years serving in libraries across the country — I've seen it firsthand.

I've seen children discover stories that inspired them to explore their world through reading.

I've watched teenagers ask questions and broaden their worldview in forums that valued and respected their experiences.

I've followed older adults as they learned to navigate the digital domain, connecting with the world around them in ways they didn't know were possible.

These experiences were made possible through librarians and other staff in school, university, and public libraries who made it their personal

mission to deliver the level of customer service that changes lives with every interaction.

And at Nashville Public Library (NPL), that's what we strive for every day.

It's apparent in our creativity — blossoming from the resilience we built during the pandemic to create services for free bike rides, passes to local museums, resources for budding entrepreneurs, and more.

And it's fully displayed in our passion for public service.

Thanks to support from Mayor Cooper and the Metro Council, we've invested in a new team of outreach specialists, taking our programs and services even further into Nashville's neighborhoods.

I can't wait for you to meet them.

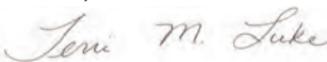
Great customer service doesn't happen on its own. It takes passionate people, equipped with resources to meet their customers' diverse needs. It takes a community that invests in its library through participation and giving.

But giving doesn't have to be all about money. Everyone can contribute to NPL's mission to deliver transformative experiences to our community.

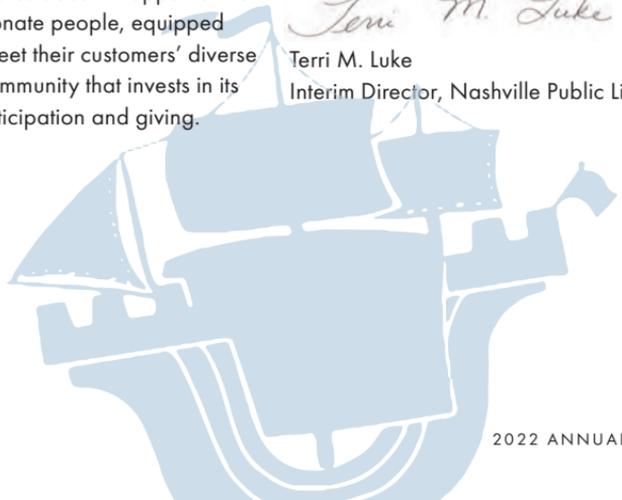
- You can contribute directly to the initiatives you're passionate about by volunteering with us.
- You can serve as a neighborhood ambassador, helping spread the word about all our library does.
- You can even do something as simple — but powerful — as encouraging someone you know to get their NPL library card.

It's all giving, and it all reinforces one fundamental truth: when a great library and a great city commit to each other, magic happens.

Sincerely,



Terri M. Luke
Interim Director, Nashville Public Library



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The lintel above the doors to the earliest known library - that of Pharaoh Ramses II - bore an inscription. In English, it translates to "the house of healing for the soul". Centuries later, this sentiment still rings true.

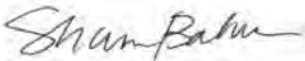
I cannot think of a more fitting description for our beloved Nashville Public Library. Over the past year, the Nashville Public Library Foundation has proudly raised funds that facilitated programming to support our own community's "house of healing for the soul". In November, we hosted our annual **Literary Award Gala** to honor Colson Whitehead and his contributions to literature. Spring was filled with fun events - our Next Chapter Society hosted **String City** with a live performance by Ketch Secor of Old Crow Medicine Show. We welcomed children and their families to our downtown branch for our first in-person **Picnic at the Library** since the pandemic began. In May, the Carnegie Society gathered for its annual book club to hear an incredible panel discussion of the book *Sparks like Stars*. To support NPL's response to threats against intellectual freedom, NPLF created and sold t-shirts that promoted and supported the **Freedom to Read** campaign.

Perhaps most prominently, NPLF took the lead in advocating for city leaders to increase funding to ensure that our libraries are safe, welcoming, and enriching spaces designed to meet our community's specific needs. Specifically, this led to all libraries being open on Fridays and increasing capacity to ensure that more youth have a safe and enriching gathering place when they are not in school.

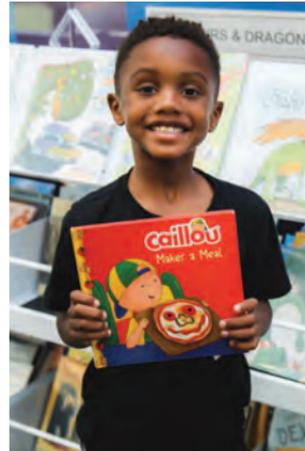
NPL is concluding a strategic visioning process that will further identify its priorities to make the greatest impact in our rapidly evolving city. As that process comes to a close, the NPLF will align its efforts to fund these priorities. We look forward to the fruits of this collaboration and will share more with you soon.

None of what we have done would have been possible without the generous support of our community patrons. I am continually grateful for your support and the work of Nashville Public Library. Thank you for helping to fund an institution that has long nourished my own soul and the souls of so many in our community.

In Gratitude,



Shawn Bakker
President, Nashville Public Library Foundation



Minutes
Read
During
Summer
Reading
Challenge

9.6 MILLION

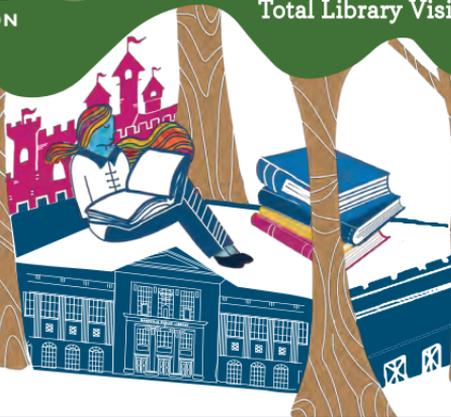

5,080,826
ITEMS
BORROWED

1,549,947



98,050
NEW ITEMS ADDED
TO THE COLLECTION

Total Library Visits



Nashville Public Library

2021 -2022



BY THE NUMBERS

Our Library Helps
Nashville Make Magic

33,880

NEW
LIBRARY CARDS

2,034,392

DIGITAL DOWNLOADS
(books, music, and magazines)

13,965

CURBSIDE
PICK-UPS

226,500

YouTube
NPL Account
VIEWS

208

WISHING
CHAIR
PROGRAMS

175,931

Reference
Questions
Answered

1,738

VOLUNTEERS

12,662

Service
Hours

31,579

(VIRTUAL)

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

95,390

(IN-PERSON)

392

Programs



STUDIO NPL

8,926

Participants

486

PUPPET TRUCK
Performances



30,262

People Served

187

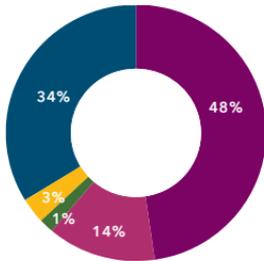
Locations
Served

FINANCIALS

NPL FINANCIALS

CAPITAL BUDGET

The capital budget funds the library's physical footprint and uses bond proceeds to support construction, renovation and large library maintenance equipment.

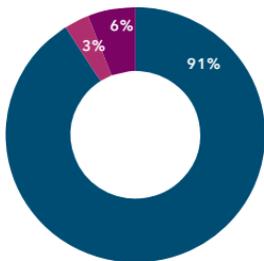


LIBRARY MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES	10,862,235
NEW DONELSON LIBRARY SITE / PLANNING	3,082,662
RICHLAND PARK PLANNING	410,719
HADLEY PARK PLANNING,	733,564
MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	7,696,460

TOTAL FY22 CAPITAL BUDGET	\$22,785,640
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OPERATING BUDGET

The operating budget is the annual amount approved by Metro Council to operate the Nashville Public Library System. This includes General Fund Appropriations (personnel, utilities, repairs and other costs associated with operating NPL facilities) as well as support from the Nashville Public Library Foundation and State and Federal Grants.



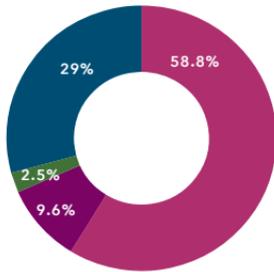
OPERATING BUDGET	34,660,300
ADDITIONAL FUNDING	
STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS	1,179,200
NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION	
DIRECT FUNDING TO NPL	2,269,533

TOTAL FY22 NON-CAPITAL BUDGET	\$38,109,033
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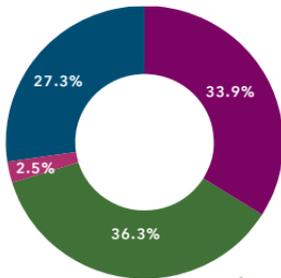
As a department of Metro Nashville, Nashville Public Library receives the majority of its funding directly from the city. The Nashville Public Library Foundation was created in 1997 to enhance the library's programs, facilities, and collections beyond the city's budget. We are pleased to share our joint fiscal story and showcase how a thriving partnership between local government funding and private philanthropy makes a difference for library patrons and the city of Nashville.

NPLF FINANCIALS

The Nashville Public Library Foundation is supported by generous community members dedicated to building a brighter future by empowering one of our city's greatest resources - Nashville Public Library.



JULY 1 2021
THROUGH
JUNE 30 2022



REVENUE

CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT	3,017,440
SPECIAL EVENTS net of expenses	491,333
EARNED INCOME	126,329
INVESTMENT EARNINGS net of expenses	-(1,500,329)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,134,773

EXPENSES

CHILDREN	325,433
TEENS	330,882
LIFELONG LEARNING	519,989
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	127,991
GENERAL PROGRAMMING	95,859
COLLECTIONS	1,347,013
LIBRARY OPERATIONS	51,691
NPLF OPERATIONS	1,050,320
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,849,178
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(\$1,714,405)





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GIFTS OF \$100,000+

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Library Services

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Success Network

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at the heart of
what we do.**

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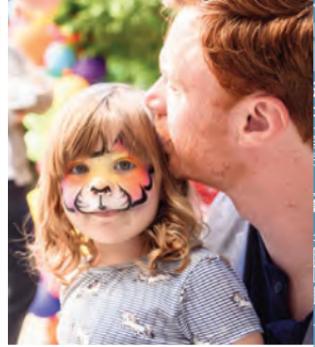
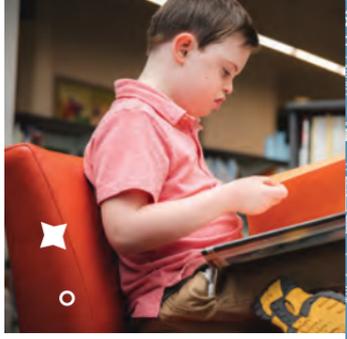
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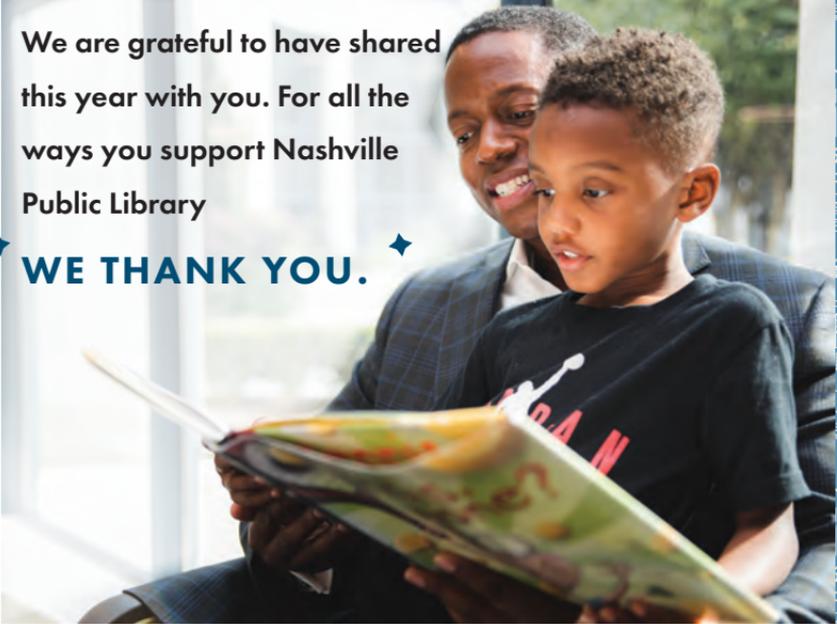
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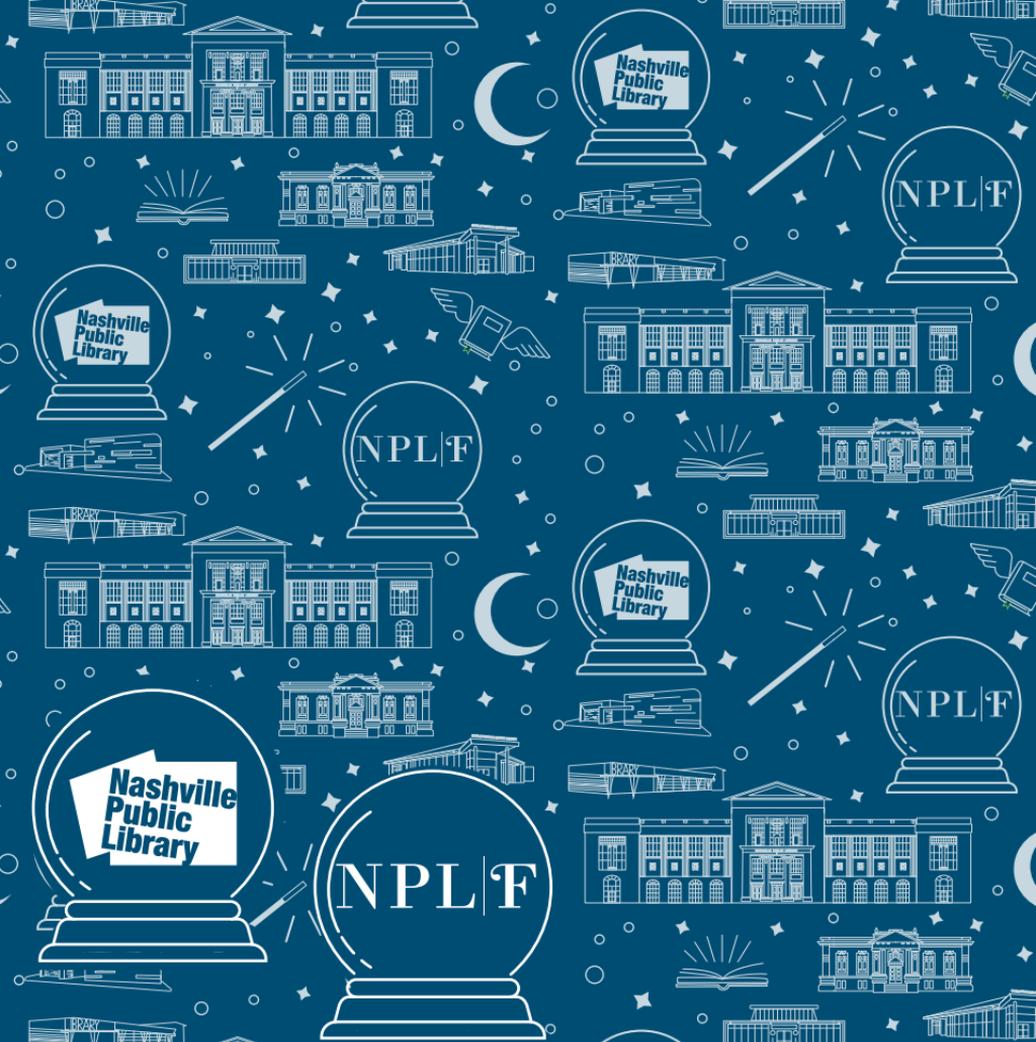
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