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NPL's music programming includes instruments to borrow—for free

Class participants can check out guitars, keyboards and ukuleles

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Nashville Public Library has launched a full year of free music classes with a special bonus: participants can also check out a musical instrument to use during the class and take home between lessons. Guitars, ukuleles and keyboards are now available for class participants, and class registration is open now.

"You can't be Music City's library without music," Nashville Public Library Director Terri Luke said. "We are excited to kick off a new year of music programming with local community organizations, and we are proud to make musical learning and discovery accessible to everyone in Nashville."

About Free Music Classes at NPL

Some classes will include up to 10 weekly sessions, while others will be one-time, "drop in" classes. Students will receive professional instruction, practice as a group and compose new music through collaborations with community organizations like <u>Youth Empowerment through Arts and Humanities (YEAH)</u> and <u>Southern Word</u>.

Some programming won't require an instrument, such as workshops on songwriting, music production and beat-making, as well as "instrument petting zoos" for children.

Meanwhile, <u>Studio NPL</u> will continue its tech and creativity programming for teens to get hands-on learning with musical instruments and music production, guided by mentors from the music industry.

A Year of Music

NPL will add new music programs each month, now through December 2026.

How It Works

To find a class visit the <u>Library's events calendar</u>. Click on "topic" and select "music" in the drop-down menu.

Visit a <u>branch</u> location to sign up and check out an instrument. Quantities are limited.

About Nashville Public Library

With more than 2 million books, movies and music items to choose from — plus exceptional 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 Nashville has to offer. Every year, across 21 locations, thousands of visitors discover how NPL lives up to our philosophy: books are only half the story.

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