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**A CITYWIDE CASTING CALL:  
Nashville Public Library Is Looking for Music City's Home Movies**

*New Digitization Effort Launches in Time  
for National Home Movie Day Oct. 18*

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Nashville Public Library (NPL) is putting out a **citywide call for Music City's home movies**.

Nashvillians can now get the memories, moments and milestones once captured on VHS and Betacam digitized, thanks to the Library's new [Nashville Neighborhood History & Culture Home Movie Project](#).

Applications to participate are open **now until Oct. 23**.

"When we share our stories as a community, we learn about ourselves and about one another," said Library Director Terri Luke. "The Home Movie project is another opportunity to come together by preserving stories that, without digitization, could be lost to future generations."

**How It Works**

NPL is focusing on home movies from Nashville's many communities—backyards, living rooms, kitchens, ballfields and gathering spaces of all types that, together, illustrate the richness of life in Music City.

Preservation experts will select home movies recorded on **VHS, Betacam, Hi8, miniDv, 16mm film and similar formats**, digitize them and make them available online, for free, to their owners and the public.

[Applications](#) are open **now until Oct. 23**, and anyone can apply. Selected participants will bring their videos to a special collection event at the [Bordeaux Branch Library](#) at 4000 Clarksville Pike on Oct. 25.

### **A Proven Track Record**

For decades, Nashvillians have entrusted their stories to NPL through its [Metro Archives](#) and its [Audiovisual Heritage Center](#) (AVHC), as well as the Library's [Special Collections](#) division.

In fact, the AVHC already houses more than 100 years' worth of recordings depicting life in the southeastern United States.

And, while a handful of similar digitization efforts exist in the United States, NPL is the only organization doing this work in Nashville.

"This is the latest effort in our mission to be a trusted home where Nashville's memories are celebrated, cherished, and accessible to all," Luke said.

[The Nashville Public Library Foundation](#) (NPLF) funds the AVHC.

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### **About Nashville Public Library**

With more than two 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.