

YOUR Novi Public Library

Inform. Inspire. Include.



Inform

- **Established** in 1960 by the Friends of the Novi Library (will celebrate 60 years in fall 2020). NPL's current building size is 65,218 square feet (59,314 + 5,904 patio space).
- **Funded** by a tax revenue source of 1.0 mils annually (currently collecting .77 mils). Current budget tax revenue for 2018-2019: \$2,720,299.31. Additional funding sources include: state aid, fines/fees, penal fines (speed to read).
- **Governed** by a 7 member board of trustees that is appointed by the Mayor. Members serve 3 year terms. Main functions of the board: financial oversight, budget approval, policy making, advocacy, fundraising/marketing, strategic planning.
- **Managed** by a Library Director. Currently, 17 Full-time staff and approximately 45 Part-time staff). Library Departments: Administration, Information Services, Support Services, Information Technology and Facilities. All Librarians have a Master Degree in Library Science or Information by an ALA accredited institution.
- **Items checked out in 18/19:** 909,255 – includes physical materials and digital downloads (population of 60,593 that is approx. 15 items per person/per year).
- **Visitors in 18/19:** 463,818. (Avg. 1,329 guests daily). Open 7 days a week.

Inspire

- **Opened iCube** on June 22, 2019 (former computer lab)



- **Artwork:** One of a kind pieces of artwork are displayed throughout the Library.
- **Resources/Collections:** Over 175,000 items are in the Library's physical and digital collections.
- **Online Resources:** Hoopla, LinkedIn Learning, Creativebug, Tutor.com, and Overdrive just to name a few!
- **Cooperative Sharing:** The Library participates in The Library Network, a consortium of over 60 libraries in southeast Michigan that allows for reciprocal borrowing and a shared catalog system with over 4 million items available; NLA – Neighborhood Library Assoc. cooperative with six local libraries featuring the annual Community Reads event.
- **Outreach:** 3 Read Boxes located in 3 City of Novi Parks (Pavilion Shore, Rotary and ITC); delivery of materials to various Older Adult facilities (Fox Run, MAC, Rose, etc.)
- **Cultural Experiences:** Story times in different languages, conversation groups in a variety of languages, monthly concerts, ethnic food events, author events, and guest lectures.
- **Literacy:** Pre-school program "Raising a Reader in Novi – 1,000 Books before Kindergarten", backpack program (ages 0-5), ESL conversation and book discussion groups.
- **Business Resource Center:** Opportunities for local Novi businesses; resources and services.

Include

- **Friends of the Novi Library:** Advocacy partners who fundraise, support and manage the Book Nook used book store at NPL (they are a 501c3).
- **Novi Historical Commission:** Preserving Novi's history (appointed by the Mayor)
- **Teen Space:** A place for middle and high school age students to hang out and socialize (Monday – Friday from 2:00pm-5:00pm). Sponsored by NPL, Novi Youth Assistance, Novi Community School District and Novi Parks & Recreation). In 18/19, there were 4,854 visits.
- **Longtime Partners:** Novi Community School District, Walled Lake Consolidated School District, NLA (Neighborhood Library Association), City of Novi, many local businesses, MSU Tollgate, Novi Rotary, Novi Youth Assistance, Fox Run of Novi
- **Annual Summer Reading Program:** A reading program for ALL ages.
- **Rental Opportunities for Residents and Non-residents:** 7 meeting room spaces available.
- **Homeowners Association Meetings:** FREE of charge if staff can give a 10-15 minute update on what is new at NPL.
- **Volunteer Your Time:** Many opportunities for teens and adults. Join the Friends of Novi Library to advocate for NPL! A talent team has been established for the iCube for those who have creative talents and want to demonstrate and share!
- **Full Service Café:** Proudly serving STARBUCKS coffee! An educational partnership with the Novi Community School District and Chartwells. 6 students are currently working at NPL from the transition program and Novi high school.
- **Group Study Spaces:** 9 spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Marketing:** Website, Library App, Monthly E-newsletter, social media, monthly cable shows.



Programming Spotlight

- **Unique Events at NPL:** On the Road (twice a year), Community Reads (annually in November), Unity Breakfast (annually in January), Library Card Sign up Month (annually in September), National Library Week (annually in April), Authors LIVE (annually in October), Battle of the Books (5th/6th graders, annually in March), Listen @ the Library concert series (monthly on Sundays)
- NPL averages 150 programs per month.
- There are programs for every age.

Challenges

- **Squashing the “Library” stereotype.** NPL is a “Destination place” in the community. We go “beyond books” to provide more for our residents.
- **What will our funding look like** for the future?
- **Getting NPL’s word out** in the community and the benefits to a library card
- **Explaining** what you get for your tax dollars
- **NPL wants to be known as** the “Information gateway” in Novi