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LIBRARY, VICE MAYOR AND METRO COUNCIL CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Library Card Unlocks More Than 1.5 Million Books and Materials, for Free

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Vice Mayor Angie Henderson and Metro Councilmember Brenda Gadd today joined Nashville Public Library (NPL) to celebrate September's National Library Card Sign-Up Month, calling on Nashvillians to register for their free library card. Nearly 300,000 Davidson County and Middle Tennessee residents have a library card at Nashville Public Library. Library customers borrowed more than 6.5 million items during the fiscal year that ended in June 2024.

"I want to encourage and remind Nashvillians that your library card is a magical passport to all the resources of our 20 branch libraries across the city and online. No matter your age, make sure you have and use that special passport!" said Vice Mayor Angie Henderson.

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, the Vice Mayor, Metro Council, and the Library are partnering to host a photo booth for the public and council members to celebrate their library cards. Library staff will assist with sign-ups for free NPL cards. The event runs from 3 to 6 p.m. on the second-floor mezzanine, outside Metro Council Chambers, in the Historic Courthouse & City Hall at One Public Square.

An [NPL card](#) unlocks access to more than 1.5 million books and materials, including early literacy resources, e-books, audio books, movies, music from major music labels, digital magazines, comics, and more.

"Libraries are packed with endless resources, just waiting for you to dive in! They're all about pushing you to explore something new and grow from it. So why wait? Take the

leap, try something new, and get your library card this month," said Gadd, who represents Metro's District 24 and chairs Metro Council's Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Entertainment Committee.

The NPL collection also includes [less traditional items](#) — everything from blood pressure monitors to board games, pickleball sets to portable sewing machines, and air quality monitors to [artwork by local creators](#).

"Free access to quality books and materials makes a difference in the community," said NPL Interim Director Terri Luke. "Our customers use the NPL collection to explore new ideas, learn, be entertained, and find inspiration. It brings us joy to see people of all ages and backgrounds taking advantage of what the collection offers."

Library customers can borrow up to 100 items at a time and check out new, best-selling titles without a wait, thanks to [NPL's Lucky Day collection](#).

Metro Nashville Public Schools students and educators all have an NPL card as part of the [Limitless Libraries](#) lending partnership. They check out books and materials online at their school libraries and receive on-campus deliveries.

About Nashville Public Library

With more than 1.5 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.

Learn more at library.nashville.org.



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