YOUR Novi Public Library

Cultivate Learning. Inspire Creativity. Foster Inclusivity.

About NPL

- **Established** in 1960 by the Friends of the Novi Library (Celebrated 65 years in fall 2025). 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 .72 mils). Current budget tax revenue for 2025-2026: $3,762,784. Additional funding sources include: state aid, penal fines (speed to read) and meeting room rentals.
- **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, 23 Full-time staff and approximately 43 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 24/25:** 844,079 – includes 668,556 physical materials and 175,523 digital downloads (population of approximately 67,780 which averages 12 items per person/ per yr.)
- **Visitors in 24-25:** 374,825 (Avg. 1,096 guests daily). Open 7 days a week.
- **The Library has been fine free since March 2020.** 3,647 library cards were issued in 2024-2025 (11% increase).

Cultivate Learning & Inspire Creativity

- **Opened iCube** on June 22, 2019 (former computer lab). This space offers many opportunities for crafting, digitizing, hobbying, etc. 2,587 training sessions were offered in the iCube in 2024-2025.
- **Artwork:** One of a kind pieces of art are displayed throughout the Library.
- **Resources/Collections:** Currently, 155,180 items are in the Library's physical collection.
- **Online Resources:** Hoopla, Libby, LinkedIn Learning, Kanopy, Creativebug, full-text magazines & newspapers, and business resources 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:** Launched NPL @ Your Door in March 2022 (a mail service to delivery library materials to Novi residents), 5 Read Boxes located in 5 City of Novi Parks (Pavilion Shore, Rotary BrookFarm, ITC and Jessica's Splash Pad); delivery of materials to various Older Adult facilities (Fox Run, MAC, etc.); visits to local schools and tours of NPL provided.
- **Cultural Experiences:** conversation groups in a variety of languages, ELL conversation and book discussion groups, monthly concerts, ethnic food events, author events, and guest lectures; materials available in a variety of languages.
- **Literacy:** Story time options for various ages, Pre-school program "Raising a Reader in Novi – 1,000 Books before Kindergarten", backpack program (ages 0-5), numerous book clubs for a variety of readers, test preparation & career materials, and a robust business collection.

- **Accessibility:** Access kits, Braille books, Magnifiers, a robust Large Print Collection (including adult, young adult, and tween books), Audiobooks and Recite Me Accessibility Toolbar on the Library's website.

Foster Inclusivity

- **Lakeshore Lending Library:** Launched in May 2021. A material vending kiosk that holds 235 items. Novi card holders have access to more library items with a convenient, contactless opportunity in a beautiful park setting. The first machine in Michigan! Items checked out in 24-25 was 1,090.
- **Friends of the Novi Library**: Advocacy partners who fundraise, support and manage the Book Nook used book store at NPL (they are a 501c3). $34,570 was donated in July 2025.
- **Novi Historical Commission**: Preserving Novi's history (7 community members appointed by Novi City Council); a variety of historical programs offered by this group.
- **Teen Space**: A place for middle and high school age students to hang out and socialize (Monday – Thursday from 2:45pm-5:00pm). In 24-25, there were 6,408 visits.
- **Longtime Partners:** Novi Community School District, Walled Lake Consolidated School District, NLA (Neighborhood Library Association), City of Novi, many local businesses, Novi Rotary, Fox Run of Novi, Novi Chamber of Commerce.
- **Annual Summer Reading Program**: A program for ALL ages. 2,484 participants in 24-25.
- **Rental Opportunities for Residents and Non-residents:** 7 meeting room spaces available.
- **Homeowners Association Meetings:** 1-time FREE use of space annually, if staff provide an update to the residents on what is ***new*** at NPL.
- **Full Service Café**: Proudly serving STARBUCKS coffee! An educational partnership with the Novi Community School District. Students are currently working at NPL from the NCSD adult transition program to gain work and life skills.
- **Group Study Spaces**: 10 spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Marketing:** Comprehensive website, monthly E-newsletter with direct marketing to library card holders, various social media, and cable shows (City of Novi and Fox Run).

Programming Spotlight

- **Unique Events at NPL:** Summer Reading Program (June – August), Community Reads Author Event (in partnership with six local libraries), Unity Event (January), Library Card Sign up Month (September), National Library Week (April), Tiny Art Show (April), and Summer Songfest.

Challenges

- ***Intellectual Freedom***: providing materials for all users to meet their needs and wants
- ***A "Place" for Everyone***: wanting all community members to feel welcomed and safe at NPL when using the building, resources and interacting with staff
- ***Funding*** the Library for the future
- ***Getting NPL's word out*** in the community and the benefits to having a library card
- ***Your tax dollars*** at work for ***YOU***
- ***Being known*** as the "Information gateway" in the community