



YOUR Novi Public Library

Cultivate Learning. Inspire Creativity. Foster Inclusivity.

About NPL

- **Established** in 1960 by the Friends of the Novi Library (Celebrating 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 .73 mils). Current budget tax revenue for 2024-2025: \$3,547,534. 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, 22 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 23/24:** 835,917 – includes 676,938 physical materials and 158,979 digital downloads (population of approximately 66,560 which averages 13 items per person/ per yr.)
- **Visitors in 23-24:** 390,728 (Avg. 1,170 guests daily). Open 7 days a week.
- **The Library has been fine free since March 2020.** 3,947 library cards were issued in 2023-2024.

Cultivate Learning & Inspire Creativity



- **Opened iCube** on June 22, 2019 (former computer lab). 3,351 training sessions were offered in the iCube in 2023-2024.
- **Artwork:** One of a kind pieces of art are displayed throughout the Library.
- **Resources/Collections:** Currently, 153,863 items are in the Library's physical collection.
- **Online Resources:** Hoopla, Libby, LinkedIn Learning, Kanopy, Creativebug, Tutor.com, and full-text magazines and newspapers 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), 4 Read Boxes located in 4 City of Novi Parks (Pavilion Shore, Rotary Brook Farm and ITC); delivery of materials to various Older Adult facilities (Fox Run, MAC, etc.)
- **Cultural Experiences:** conversation groups in a variety of languages, monthly concerts, ethnic food events, author events, and guest lectures. A partnership with DAYN (Dear Asian Youth of Novi).
- **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), ESL conversation and book discussion groups.
- **Business Resource Center:** Opportunities for local Novi businesses; resources and services.

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 23/24 1,004.
- **Friends of the Novi Library:** Advocacy partners who fundraise, support and manage the Book Nook used book store at NPL (they are a 501c3). \$29,298.79 was donated in July 2024.
- **Novi Historical Commission:** Preserving Novi's history (7 community members appointed by Novi City Council)
- **Teen Space:** A place for middle and high school age students to hang out and socialize (Monday – Friday from 2:45pm-5:00pm). In 23/24, there were 8,751 visits (114% increase).
- **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, Fox Run of Novi, Novi Chamber of Commerce.
- **Annual Summer Reading Program:** A program for ALL ages. 2,723 participants in 23/24 (39% increase)
- **Rental Opportunities for Residents and Non-residents:** 7 meeting room spaces available.
- **Homeowners Association Meetings:** FREE of charge if staff provide an 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!
- **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.
- **Group Study Spaces:** 10 spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Marketing:** Website (updated website in 2021), monthly E-newsletter – direct marketing to library card holders, social media, cable shows.



Programming Spotlight

- **Unique Events at NPL:** Community Reads (annually in partnership with six local libraries), Unity Breakfast (annually in January), Library Card Sign up Month (annually in September), National Library Week (annually in April), Author events, Battle of the Books (5th/6th graders in partnership with Novi schools), Listen @ the Library concert series and Summer Songfest.
- NPL averages approximately 100 programs per month; there are programs for every age.

Challenges

- **Intellectual Freedom** and providing materials for all users to meet their needs and wants
- **A "Place" for Everyone** and 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