

YOUR Novi Public Library



Inform

- **Established:** in 1960 by the Friends of the Novi Library (celebrated 55 years in September 2015). Library's current building is 59,314 + 5,904 (patio space).
- **Funded:** by a tax revenue source of 1.0 mils annually (currently collecting .7567 mils). Current budget tax revenue for 2018-2019: \$2,729,513. 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, 18 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:** 812,025 – includes materials and downloadables (based on population of 60,593 that is approx. 13 items per person/per year).
- **Visits in 2017-2018:** 488,778 visitors, 15 % increase from 16/17. We see approximately 1,401 patrons daily). Open 7 days a week.

Inspire

- **Technology:** 3D Printing (e-Nable project with a goal of 200 prosthetic hands to be made by July 2018), VHS to DVD conversion, vinyl/cassette to MP3, one on one computer classes, Tech times, Virtual Reality experiences.
- **Artwork:** One of a kind pieces of artwork are displayed throughout the Library.
- **Life Tiles:** Largest collection of artwork in the Library with just under 1,600 handcrafted tiles designed by artist Connie Lunski. These tiles tell a life story that encompasses history, nature and culture.
- **Programming:** There are opportunities for every age group.
- **Resources/Collections:** Over 170,000 items are in the Library's physical and digital collections including over 14 international languages in fiction/non-fiction.
- **Online Resources:** RBDigital, Hoopla, Lynda.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.
- **Outreach:** 3 Read Boxes located in 3 City of Novi Parks (Lakeshore, Rotary and ITC); Delivery of materials to various Older Adult facilities (Fox Run, Waltonwood, MAC, Rose etc.; story times and library tours for all ages.

- **Cultural Experiences:** Story times in 5 different languages, 5 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", ESL conversation and book discussion groups, test & college prep

Include

- Friends of the Novi Library (volunteer opportunity)
- Novi Historical Commission – preserving Novi's history (appointed by the Mayor)
- Teen Space – a place for high school age students to hang out and socialize (Monday – Friday from 2:00pm-5:00pm). Sponsored by Library, Novi Youth Assistance, Novi Community School District and Novi Parks & Recreation). In 17/18, 6,301 visits were made to Teen Space. Our highest attendance to date.
- Longtime partners with: Novi Community School District and other area schools, NLA (Neighborhood Library Association), City of Novi, local businesses, MSU Tollgate, Novi Rotary, NEF, Maybury Farm, Novi Youth Assistance, Fox Run of Novi, PAASN as well as a variety of local businesses.
- Annual Summer Reading program (All ages welcome) – over 3,000 in 17/18
- 7 meeting room spaces available for rent
- Website, Library App, Monthly E-newsletter, social media, cable shows
- Homeowners Association meetings FREE of charge if library can give a 10 minute update on what is new at NPL
- Full service café
- Study spaces
- Computer Lab

Programming Spotlight

- What's going on currently at the Novi Library! (Hundreds of events offered for all age groups annually)
- Monthly cultural events – Dine & Discuss, International language events

Challenges

- Squashing the "Library" stereotype. We consider ourselves a "Destination place" in our community. Going "beyond books" and providing more for our residents.
- Funding for the future
- Getting our word out to the community.
- Communicating **EVERYTHING** you get for your tax dollars
- Being known as the "Information gateway" in Novi