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NPL UNVEILS "BOOKS & BIKES FOR ALL" INITIATIVE WITH NASHVILLE BCYCLE

With an NPL BCycle Pass, Customers Can Get One Week of Free Bike-Share Rides



NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nashville Public Library customers can now check out a Nashville BCycle pass for a week's worth of free rides, thanks to a new partnership between the two organizations.

When they check out a BCycle fob — a guitar-pick shaped token — Davidson County residents can use BCycle's fleet of electric bikes for free, unlimited two-hour rides for up to one week.

"It's no secret that Nashville is a fantastic city to explore, and what better way to do it than on a BCycle?" said Kent Oliver, director of NPL. "This is a free service that adds even more value to your NPL library card. It's also another example of how NPL is constantly getting creative with what we offer. I'd like to thank our partners at Nashville BCycle for their support."

The Library and Nashville BCycle hosted a launch party for "Books and Bikes For All" on Wednesday, May 18 at the Main Library. More than a dozen people attended the event.

"People turn to libraries to learn more — to be better connected. And we're working to better connect people as well — with bikes. I think of bikes as a resource and I believe this partnership with NPL is a step toward making it easier and more accessible for more folks to choose a bike for transportation, recreation, health, and so much more," said Elese Daniel, general manager for Nashville BCycle.

The new service comes as Nashvillians see prices for ridesharing increase double, and in some cases triple, across the city.

How it Works

Customers can reserve the BCycle fobs <u>through NPL's online catalog</u>. The fobs are housed at NPL's Main (615 Church St.), East (206 Gallatin Ave.), and Richland Park (4711 Charlotte Ave.) branches, but can be picked up from <u>any of NPL's 21 locations</u>. The fobs can then be used to check out a BCycle at <u>any of Nashville BCycle's stations</u>. Once finished, the fobs can be returned at any NPL location.

To qualify, users must have an NPL library card in good standing, be at least 18 years old, and agree to sign a waiver absolving NPL of any damages or injuries while using their BCycle pass.

For more information on the NPL BCycle Pass, visit the Library's website.

About Nashville Public Library

With more than 2 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.

About Nashville BCycle

NashvilleBCycle is the city's station-based bikeshare system with an all-electric fleet of bicycles that you can borrow from 30+ stations -- stretching from Sylvan Park to the Percy Priest Dam, Sevier Park to Germantown, and many places in between. We believe that bikeshare is a reliable, fun, and sustainable way to get around. The premise of Nashville BCycle is simple: borrow a bike, ride your commute, then dock at your destination, where another rider will use it or where it'll stay until you're ready for your return trip.





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