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**LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES FACILITIES MASTER PLAN, AFTER-HOURS
EVENTS AT MAIN LOCATION**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Nashville Public Library (NPL) Board in December 2016 endorsed the NPL Facilities Master Plan, a document proposing the best course of growth to keep pace with Nashville’s increasing population. The Board also approved a policy allowing the rental of space in the Main Library for after-hours events.

The Facilities Master Plan divides NPL’s service areas into four quadrants: Central, East, Northwest and Southwest, calling for future building projects in each of the quadrant’s “library coverage gaps.” The Library’s goal: 90 percent of Davidson County residents should be within three miles or a 15-minute commute of a library location.

“Nashville is growing rapidly, and – as a world-class library system in a world-class city – Nashville Public Library must keep pace with this growth,” said NPL Director Kent Oliver. “We listened to our patrons and residents as we built this plan, and we used the planning groundwork provided in the city’s NashvilleNext plan. Our own blueprint will remain flexible as it serves as a guide for our future footprint.”

The plan is closely aligned with NashvilleNext, the city’s overall roadmap for projected growth, and was approved after patrons and residents were invited to share feedback at Library public meetings and online.

For the latest version of the Master Facilities Plan working document, visit: <https://library.nashville.org/npl-facilities-master-plan>.

Meanwhile, after years of requests from the public to reserve spaces within the popular Main Library, located at 615 Church St., for weddings and other events, after-hours rental of the building should begin in spring 2017.

About Nashville Public Library

A Nashville Public Library (NPL) card is free, but it’s also priceless. A [2016 study](#) by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce calculated the value of NPL’s services and collections at \$2,951 per Nashville family and the direct impact of NPL on Davidson

County at \$94 million. NPL maintains a collection of millions of items, including books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and streaming and downloadable books, movies and music. The library also offers more than 800 public-use computers, free art exhibits, educational programs, events for all ages, 24/7 reference assistance, online databases, interlibrary loan and special collections. Metro Archives, located at the Main Library, houses 5 million historic documents. Equal access is provided by the Talking Library audio reading service for the print disabled and Library Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. For more information, call (615) 862-5800 or visit library.nashville.org.

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