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TELL THE TRUTH AT NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NPL is First Public Library, First Site in South to Host "Truth Booth" Interactive Installation



NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nashvillians are invited to tell their truths July 15 and 16, as Nashville Public Library (NPL) hosts the "Truth Booth," a giant, inflatable speech bubble and video recording booth touring the world in search of the truth, in the lobby of the Main Library, 615 Church St.

Guests are invited to step inside the bubble, no appointment necessary, and record a two-minute video completing the statement, "The truth is . . ."

NPL is the first public library as well as the first location in the southern U.S. to host the Truth Booth, which has visited Afghanistan, South Africa and beyond, collecting truths such as:

"The Truth Is... Afghan girls have no liberties at all."

"The Truth Is... There are 500,000 people locked up because they cannot afford minimum bail." –Hip Hop entrepreneur Russell Simmons

"The Truth Is... We've realized how this city can come together as one." – citizen after Boston bombing

The Truth Booth will be in the lobby of the Main Library July 15 and 16, and guests may record their video submissions between 12 and 6 p.m. each day.

Commissioned by the Arts Council of Ireland and the SF Foundation for debut at the 2011 Galway Arts Festival, the Truth Booth is an initiative of the Cause Collective, a team of artists, designers and ethnographers creating innovative art in the public realm.

NPL Director Kent Oliver said, "Our goal is to represent and celebrate Nashville's diverse people, cultures, and thoughts on 'the truth' as we all grapple with today's issues. At NPL we tell Nashville's story, and the Truth Booth is a new and exciting way to contribute to that story."

For more information about the Truth Booth and Cause Collective, visit: http://www.insearchofthetruth.net/about.html.

About Nashville Public Library

Nashville Public Library maintains a collection of 2 million items, including books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, 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. The Metro Archives, housed within Nashville Public Library, includes 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 <u>library.nashville.org</u>.