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**LIBRARY’S GODBEY NAMED TO TRANSATLANTIC EXCHANGE, HONORED FOR
“WELCOMING” WORK WITH NASHVILLE REFUGEES**
Adult Literacy Coordinator Named to U.S. Delegation; Will Travel to Germany in November



NPL Adult Literacy coordinator Megan Godbey (far right) with the German delegates from the Welcoming Communities Transatlantic Exchange. The group attended a documentary and panel discussion about Congressman John Lewis during their visit.

Megan Godbey, Nashville Public Library’s (NPL) Adult Literacy Coordinator, has been named a delegate of the **Welcoming Communities Transatlantic Exchange**, an initiative between Germany and the United States for professionals who work with refugees. Godbey is the only librarian named to the 2017 delegation,

Godbey met with the German delegates in May during the Nashville portion of their **Welcoming America** visit, which also included tours of Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and Detroit - educating them about NPL’s suite of services for new Americans.

For example, Godbey talked to delegates about NPL's [Pathway for New Americans](#) services and New Americans Corners, information and resource kiosks at NPL locations for people who want to learn English, study U.S. civics, take the U.S. citizenship exam and pursue American citizenship.

Godbey also introduced delegates to members of NPL's Immigrant Advisory Committee, gave them a tour of the Library's renowned Civil Rights Room, and accompanied them to the finale of the Library's citywide book club initiative, Nashville Reads. There, delegates joined Nashvillians for a screening and panel discussion of "Get in the Way," a documentary about Congressman and Civil Rights hero John Lewis.



German delegates from the Welcoming Communities Transatlantic Exchange tour the Main Library's Civil Rights Room before the Nashville Reads finale screening of "Get in the Way."

In November, Godbey will travel as part of the U.S. delegation to Germany to study refugee services and outreach in Düsseldorf, Freiburg, Kreis Düren, Leipzig, and Münster.

About Nashville Public Library

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