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LIBRARY BREAKS A CENTURY OF SILENCE WITH VOTES FOR WOMEN

Make Your Voice Heard in “I Ring the Bell” Campaign

- Film yourself completing the statement, “I ring the bell for...”
- Upload your video to social media using #IRingTheBell and tag NPL (@NowatNPL).
- Votes for Women opens mid-August – [visit the library's website](#) to learn more.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nearly a century ago, the 19th Amendment was ratified and adopted to the U.S. Constitution, finally giving women the right to vote. As the news spread, many cities across the nation rang bells in celebration. Nashville, however, stayed quiet.

This year, Nashville Public Library wants our city to break one hundred years of silence with the “I Ring the Bell” community campaign.

Launched on Thursday, July 9, the social media campaign celebrates the 19th Amendment and starts the countdown to the opening of Votes for Women, the library's new, permanent exhibit on women's suffrage, in August.

Joining in “I Ring the Bell” is easy and open to everyone. Participants simply record a “selfie-style” video of themselves completing the statement, “I ring my bell for...” Topics might include ending domestic violence, advocating for equal access to education, mentoring youth, or any other subject important to them.

Afterward, videos should be uploaded to social media with the hashtag #IRingTheBell and tagging NPL (@NowatNPL). Submitted videos will be featured on NPL's social media channels.

[Visit the Votes for Women website](#) to see what others are “ringing their bell” for, and stay tuned to NPL’s [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for the latest updates.

“I Ring the Bell” culminates with the virtual opening of Votes for Women on Tuesday, August 18, the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. At noon, churches, institutions, and neighbors will ring bells from their locations across the city.

About Votes for Women

Set to open virtually on August 18, Votes for Women will offer a new, dynamic space to explore the history of women’s rights in Nashville. Through books, interactive exhibits, and more, visitors will come to appreciate the struggle that suffragists endured more than a century ago, and spearhead conversations about how the struggle for women and girls, democracy, and power continues today.

Learn more about Votes for Women [on the library’s website](#).

NPL would like to thank media partner News Channel 5 for their continued promotion of “I Ring the Bell” and Votes for Women.



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