



**NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
615 Church St. | Nashville, TN | 37219

---

CONTACT: Ed Brown  
Public Information Representative  
Ed.brown@nashville.gov  
615.862.5800 (desk)  
502.475.6029 (mobile)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
**Thursday, February 24, 2022**

## **NPL AND THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC PARTNER FOR FREE MUSEUM ENTRY**

### **Community Passports Available for Checkout to Davidson County Residents Now**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – With February and Black History Month underway, now is the perfect time to learn more about Black heritage and culture. In Music City, the National Museum of African American Music is the perfect starting point.

And now, Davidson County residents can access one of our city's best cultural attractions at absolutely no charge. Through a partnership between Nashville Public Library and NMAAM, the library is now offering community passports that provide free entry for up to two visitors to the museum.

"We're thrilled by this partnership, and more importantly, for the opportunity it offers to Davidson County residents," said Linda Harrison, assistant director for education and literacy at NPL. "Nashville is perhaps best known for music, and Black artists played a key role in forming and evolving music that millions of people all over the world know and love. NMAAM is a wonderful place to experience this history, and we're proud to play a role in helping people discover it firsthand."

To qualify for the passports, customers must have an NPL card and be a resident of Davidson County. Passports can be checked out for up to seven days, with no renewals available. Once the passports are used, customers can check them out again at their leisure. The passports can be used during NMAAM's normal business hours.

More information about the passports can be found on NPL's website at <https://library.nashville.org/services/community-passports>.

Davidson County residents can apply for their NPL card online at <https://library.nashville.org/get-card>.

“The NMAAM Team is excited to welcome new visitors to the Museum through this partnership,” said Loretta Parson, senior operations manager of NMAAM. “We know that the community will enjoy our interactive journey through the Rivers of Rhythm at the Home of Black Music.”

### **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 the best our city has to offer. Every year, across our 21-location system, thousands of visitors discover how our library lives up to our motto: at NPL, books are only half the story. To learn more about NPL, visit <https://library.nashville.org>.

### **About the National Museum of African American Music**

The National Museum of African American Music is the only museum in the world dedicated solely to preserving African American music traditions and celebrating the central role African Americans have played in shaping American music. Based in Nashville, Tenn., the museum shares the story of the American soundtrack by integrating history and interactive technology to honor the musical heroes of African American music of the past and the present. For more information, please visit [www.blackmusicmuseum.org](http://www.blackmusicmuseum.org). You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) and see all our latest videos on [YouTube](#).



- NPL -