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## **EDMONDSON PIKE BRANCH LIBRARY TO REOPEN MAY 10**

*Mayor, Community to Celebrate Library's New Technology, Play-and-Learn Space, and Wellness Programs*

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – After six months of renovations, Nashville Public Library's (NPL) Edmondson Pike location will reopen May 10 at 10:30 a.m. Mayor Megan Barry will cut the ribbon to begin the celebration of the library's new features like a toddler play-and-learn zone, expanded teen space, laptop vending, and specialized wellness programs.

The Edmondson Pike branch library closed October 1, 2015, and underwent a full interior renovation, including a new, relocated children's area, a larger teen space, and a new play-and-learn zone for toddlers and preschoolers. The remodeled branch also has a new vending café area, flexible conference rooms for public use, and a Laptops Anytime machine that allows patrons to check out laptops for use within the library.

The reopening of the branch library also marks the kickoff of the expansion of Be Well at NPL, a series of free wellness programs at NPL locations that was greatly increased through a generous grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee Health Foundation. Edmondson Pike is one of six NPL branches targeted for increased Be Well programs like yoga, nutrition and meditation classes. An interactive dance performance from the Global Education Center at 11:15 a.m. will mark the first Be Well at NPL program for the Edmondson Pike branch library.

"Our library locations are important to the surrounding communities, not just for books and materials, but also as places to gather, to access technology and information, and now to focus on health. We appreciate patrons' patience during these renovations," said Kent Oliver, NPL director. "We're very excited to reopen this branch with updated facilities and new, targeted programs."

**WHAT:** Edmondson Pike Branch Library Reopening

**WHO:** Megan Barry, Mayor, Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County  
Kent Oliver, NPL Director

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 10, 10:30 a.m. Central Time  
10:30 remarks and ribbon cutting  
11:15 World Dance Party from Global Education Center

**WHERE:** Edmondson Pike Branch Library - 5501 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN 37211

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**About Nashville Public Library**

The library maintains a collection of 2 million items, including books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, 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, inter-library loan and special collections. 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](http://library.nashville.org).

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