Nashville Public Library
Community Engagement and Education in Support of MNPS and Metro Pre-K

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How We Work

- **Practice and Design Thinking**: Administrators, Teachers, Students

- **Research and best practices** as they relates to out of school time and the library as a 3rd learning environment

- **We are dedicated to:**
  - Meeting students where they are
  - Providing a safe and trusted environment with consistent caring adults so students can thrive
  - Inspiring the love of learning and books
  - Encouraging and motivating
  - Building confidence with a trajectory for school and career success
How Does NPL Impact Student Success?

- Provide support to students, teachers, and families through collections, services, and programs
- Serve Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) students at their schools and in all 21 library locations during and after school
- Leverage resources partnering and collaborating across the community with a focus on equity and diversity
- Promote literacy, education, and academic success
- Focus on career pathways and workforce development from middle school and up
Established NPL/MNPS Partnerships

- **Bringing Books to Life (BBTL)** $375,000
  - Metro Pre-K
  - Loving and Learning

- **Nashville After-Zone Alliance (NAZA)** $3.7M
  - Middle School students
  - Professional Development for all MNPS teachers and youth workers from area non-profits

- **Limitless Libraries** $3.1M
  - Student library cards, Educator cards
  - Access to NPL collections, collection development, classroom collections and shared ILS
  - Professional Development
  - Programming
  - Purchasing, saving $500,000

- **Studio NPL and Digital Inclusion** $600,000
  - Curriculum Support
  - Professional Development
NPL Impacts all Pillars of Work from the Blueprint for Early Childhood Success

- Strengthening birth-through-age-3 supports
- Improving quality and access to pre-K
- Strengthening the district’s ability to meet student literacy needs
- Reducing chronic absenteeism substantially
- Stemming the tide on summer reading loss, and better maximize out-of-school time
- Raising public consciousness of the importance and urgency of early literacy
Early Literacy

Bringing Books to Life (BBTL)

- Reading readiness initiative providing professional development and intervention for teachers, children, parents and caregivers through a whole-child approach to learning
- Equips teachers and parents with research-proven tools and techniques to intentionally incorporate literacy into all facets of a child’s day
- 58,000+ children, teachers, and parents served through 1,051 programs at 300 locations in FY18
- 95% of parents report they engage in literacy-related activities more often with their children
NAZA (Nashville After-Zone Alliance)

- An intermediary framework to collaborate with community partners to provide high-quality, out-of-school time opportunities for at-risk middle school students
- 2,900+ students benefitted directly from after school and summer programs
- 390 youth workers attended 28 trainings totaling 115 hours of professional development in FY18
- 98% of students reported they learned new skills, strategies, or resources from their trainer or colleagues
Limitless Libraries

• 10-year partnership between NPL and MNPS with a goal of improving K–12 student success by enhancing access to quality library resources
• Engaging with all 125 Metro schools
• Renovated 8 school libraries
• $3.1M in support through monetary and in-kind contributions from Limitless Libraries to MNPS
• 90,000 students checked out over 100,000 items through Limitless Libraries during the last school year
• 42% of students say Limitless Libraries has improved their reading skills
Studio NPL

- Interest-based, mentor-driven maker spaces for teens to engage interactively with 21st century tools and related career paths leading to school, job, and life-long success
- Served 16,600 teens through 1770 programs in 8 locations in FY18.
- 68% reported introduction to new careers and career pathways
- 72% reported higher academic achievement and understanding of how academics and programming intersect
- 88% reported growth in confidence and soft skills.
Digital Inclusion

• Computer relevancy and skills training for citizens resulting in critical economic and workforce development

• Student/Mentor driven sessions

• 1,900+ seniors, parents, and children served through 330 programs at 17 partner locations in FY18.

• Parent Digital Citizens Workshop collaboration
Adult Literacy and Pathway for New Americans

- NPL connects Davidson County’s adult literacy community
- Pathway for New Americans provides essential access to English language and citizenship resources
- Adults achieve their educational goals and aspirations, providing improved help and inspiration to their children
- Served over 4,500 adult learners and providers through 1,000+ classes and workshops with over 30 partner agencies in FY18
- 100% of partners reported expanded knowledge at a professional event
- 89% of adult learners reported they increased their computer skills
Be Well at NPL

• Supports personal wellness by promoting trusted health resources and providing fitness, nutrition and other health programs through community partners
• Combats chronic absenteeism from work and school by offering equitable access to resources
• 25,500+ patrons attended 1,952 classes and workshops in FY18.
Success of the Summer Challenge and Partnership with MNPS and Alignment

NPL achieved great wins from Summer Challenge 2018!
- The Alignment/NPL Pilot: Results indicate that student campers who read at least 660 minutes not only closed the summer slide gap, but gained by the equivalent of a month when starting back to school.
- Students indicating they attended school where libraries were open over the summer collectively read 394,000+ minutes

Summer Challenge 2019
- 1,618 students read 642,383 minutes
NPL’s commitment to MNPS

- Nashville Public Library’s major investment in student:
  - Equity through allocated funding
  - Education through staff capacity, commitment to evidence-based research and best practices
  - Success through programs and services focusing on hard skills and social/emotional learning
    - Academic support
    - Career pathways
    - Life skills
    - Social competencies
    - Positive value systems and civic engagement
    - Diversified learning environments
    - Motivating and promoting interest-based experiential learning