



## NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### **NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM GETS BOOST, THANKS TO NEW CARNEGIE GRANT**

*Funds will expand much-needed access and opportunity for adult learners,  
educators and teens*

Nashville, Tenn. — [Nashville Public Library](#)'s Adult Literacy Program will be able to support even more adults in Tennessee pursuing their career goals and dreams, thanks to a new grant from [Carnegie Corporation of New York](#). NPL is among 11 public library systems awarded grants of up to \$500,000 each from Carnegie Corporation of New York, established by Andrew Carnegie, who funded the construction of more than 2,500 libraries worldwide.

[NPL's Adult Literacy Program](#) connects adult learners to resources and education programs for English language instruction, digital literacy, job skills training, preparation for the high school equivalency exam, and more. It also connects educators to professional development opportunities, and teens to college and career resources.

"We are pleased that our innovative Adult Literacy Program has been recognized by Carnegie, and it is an honor to be included among such prestigious peers," said Terri Luke, director of the Nashville Public Library. "As we empower adult learners and set them up for success, we are seeing positive exponential outcomes for generations to come."

NPL's Adult Literacy Program was selected through a competitive review process as part of a two-year initiative launched by Carnegie's Education program to help deliver critical services that promote socioeconomic mobility. These grants are part of a national effort, called Libraries as Pillars of Education and Democracy, which builds on the foundation's renewed commitment to libraries as trusted public institutions that help reduce political polarization.

"Andrew Carnegie believed libraries were ladders upon which anyone and everyone could rise, and that belief continues to guide us," said Dame Louise Richardson, president of Carnegie. "At a time when trust in public institutions is fraying, libraries retain public trust. We are delighted to support these grantees as they provide essential programs and community services."

### **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 some of the best resources our city has to offer. Every year, across our 21-location system, thousands of visitors discover how our library lives up to our philosophy: at NPL, books are only half the story.

### **About Carnegie Corporation of New York**

Carnegie Corporation of New York was established by Andrew Carnegie in 1911 to promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding. Today the foundation works to reduce political polarization through philanthropic support for the issues that Carnegie considered most important: education, democracy and peace.

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