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## NPL AND NASHVILLE BCYCLE EXPAND BIKESHARE PASS PROGRAM TO ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS

More Passes Means Less Time Waiting and More Time Biking

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Nashville Public Library and Nashville BCycle today expanded the Library's BCycle Pass program, with plans to reach more people and reduce wait times for the Library's bike-share passes.

The Library now offers 63 bike-share passes, available at all 21 NPL locations – up from nine passes at three locations. Library customers have already placed more than 260 reservations on a bike-pass wait list since the program's May launch.

"Our BCycle Pass program has proven very popular, and we're very pleased to extend this valuable resource to even more people," said Kent Oliver, director of NPL.

The expansion was possible through a \$9,5000 grant sponsored by the Better Bike Sharing Partnership. Nashville BCycle is also using portions of the grant money to fund new Art Bikes — special BCycles featuring artwork designed by local Nashville artists.

Nashville BCycle is partnering with the Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville on the project. An open call for submissions to design an Art Bike is open from Monday, June 26 through Wednesday, July 27.

"I'm thrilled about the response from the community and the demand for bikes! We wanted to help meet that need sooner rather than later. Thanks to the BBSP grant we're able to get more folks on bikes and out riding," said Elese Daniel, general manager of Nashville BCycle.

## **How it Works**

For up to one week, patrons can get free, unlimited, two-hour bike rides on Nashville BCycle's fleet of electric bikes.

Customers can reserve the BCycle fobs <u>through NPL's online catalog</u> and pick them up from <u>any of NPL's 21 locations</u> to then check out a BCycle at <u>any of Nashville</u> BCycle's stations.

Patrons can return BCycle fobs to any NPL location.

To qualify, users must have an NPL library card in good standing, be at least 18 years old, and agree to sign a waiver absolving NPL of any damages or injuries while using their BCycle pass.

For more information on the NPL BCycle Pass, visit the Library's website.

## **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 Nashville BCycle**

NashvilleBCycle is the city's station-based bikeshare system with an all-electric fleet of bicycles that you can borrow from 30+ stations -- stretching from Sylvan Park to the Percy Priest Dam, Sevier Park to Germantown, and many places in between. We believe that bikeshare is a reliable, fun, and sustainable way to get around. The premise of Nashville BCycle is simple: borrow a bike, ride your commute, then dock at your destination, where another rider will use it or where it'll stay until you're ready for your return trip.

