

Library to Open Saturday
Novi News -September 22, 1960

The dreams of Novi citizens will become a reality Sunday when the community's first public library officially opens.

Wearing a fresh coat of white paint and housing close to 3,000 books, either donated or purchased by cash donations the little frame building will welcome students and adults beginning at 11am. The doors will close at 5pm. Novi residents are welcome to visit the library and inspect the book shelves and acquaint themselves with this new public service-a product of scores of public spirited citizens.

Although library board members originally planned to charge a fee of \$3 per family to support the library, they decided this past week to make it a "free service" at least until operating costs become prohibitive Publicity Chairman Mrs. David Fried announced.

Avran "Skip" Rosenthal, Livonia librarian, has been retained as a part-time library consultant. As consultant, he will assist volunteers in correct procedures for operating the library. The volunteer librarians are: Mrs. Robert Bernhardt, Mrs. Victor and Mrs. Vincent Gillett, Mrs. Dirk Groenenberg, Mrs. Ira Medlyn, Mrs. Burton Munro, Mrs. William Paquette, Mrs. Theodore Penn, Mrs. Donald Schott and Mrs. Mary Wallace.



The library contains close to 3,000 books, including those for small children as well as teenagers and adults. All of these books have either been donated or have been purchased with the more than \$1,500 contributed during or since the library campaign earlier this summer. During the campaign citizens were asked to become "Friends of the library" - members with donations of \$10 or more.

By becoming a "Friend", a citizen is entitled to have his or her name imprinted inside the book or books purchased by the donation. Lesser donations also are greatly appreciated.

Regular library hours will be: 3-5pm and 6-8pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11am to 5pm on Saturdays. Members of the library committee which governs the policies of the library are: Sanford Sawyer, President; Dirk Groenenberg, Vice President; Mrs. Wordell Lyke, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Wallace, librarian; John MacBride, special activities; Frazer Staman, Hadley Bachert, Albert Atherton and Mrs. Groenenberg.

In connection with library activities, a registration period will be conducted next week Saturday at the library for children and adults interested in joining an art class. Registrations, set for 9am to 11am, also will be accepted for a woodwind instrument class.

A Great Books group, sponsored by the library, will hold an orientation meeting next week Friday at 8pm. Interested persons are urged to attend.

What the Friends started 55 years ago with just 150 books, is today our **strong, dynamic** and **ever-adapting** Novi Library.

-Sue Johnson- President of the Friends of the Novi Library



Current Friends of the Novi Library Board

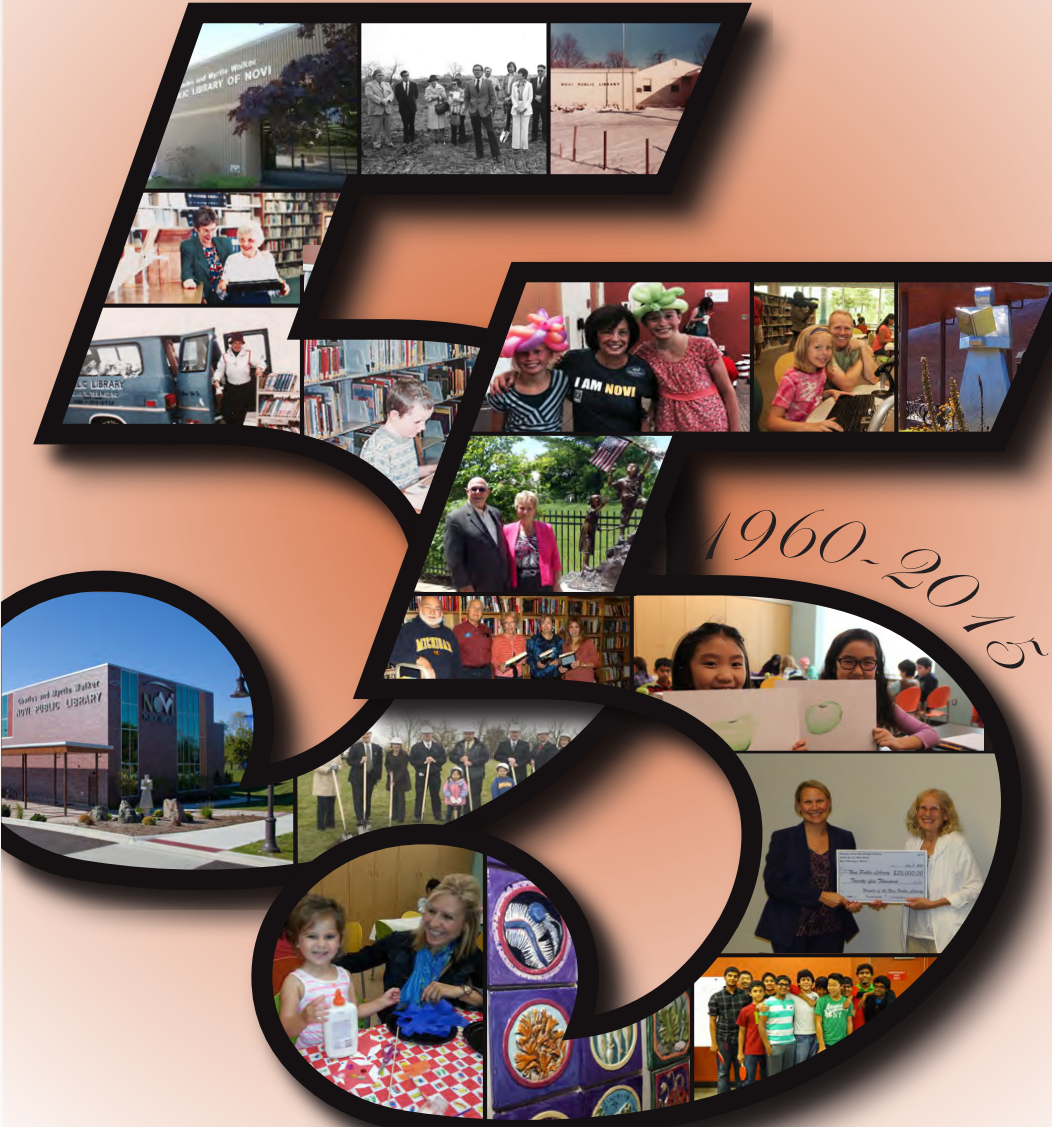
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Monday-Thursday: 10am-9pm
Friday-Saturday: 10am-6pm
Sunday: 12pm-6pm

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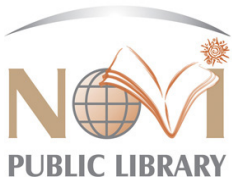
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A Letter From the **Library Board President**



November 2015

We are happy to celebrate the 55th birthday of the Novi Public Library. Like a 55 year-old person, it is time to look back and thank all the former and current patrons, former and current employees, former and current library directors, former and current friends of the Novi Public Library, former and current trustees, former and current council members and mayors, without those contributions the current Library would not exist.

The general location of the Novi Public Library has not changed in 55 years, but with the support of a generous donation from Charles and Myrtle Walker, and a positive vote from Novi residents, the Library sits in a new 55,000 square foot building just five years old.

At 55, the Novi Public Library is not going into retirement, but is ready to meet the new challenges it faces. I cannot personally speak as to the conditions of the Library 55 years ago, however I can personally speak to the changes in the Library for these last 12 years. In addition to a new 55,000 square foot building, there is a vibrant and inclusive feeling at the Library today that informs, inspires, and includes.

There really is something for everyone at the Library today, from youth, teen, adult, and senior citizens. It is not just books. It is a meeting place. It is a hub for electronic media and data, and a hub just to meet, relax, and enjoy the outdoor patio or enjoy a cup of coffee. It is a hub for instruction for youth, teens, adults and senior citizens and businesses. Enjoy the history of the tiles and art throughout the entire Library and the statues outside.

Stroll through the Library and notice the awards and recognition on the walls, including the outstanding Library of the Year Award from the State of Michigan.

Obtain or renew your Library Card. You will be surprised how much you can do with your Library Card. You will be surprised how much information and material you can receive, read, and review, even by remote access on your computer, phone or electronic player.

While the Library has doubled in size from approximately 25,000 square feet to 55,000 square feet and doubled its collections, it has continued to operate on approximately the same budget of \$2,700,000 for the past several years due to the dedication and efficiency from the Library staff and utilizing technology advances.

While some libraries in Michigan have had to close or reduce hours, the Novi Public Library has increased its hours on Fridays and Saturdays to 6pm and is now open year-round on Sundays between 12pm and 6pm.

I want to thank and welcome all. I certainly hope that if you have not yet enjoyed the Library, you must visit soon.

Come visit us so we can **Inform, Inspire and Include.**

Mark A. Sturing
Mark A. Sturing
President of the Library Board



1960











1976



2010

NPL By the **Numbers**

	Visitors at the Library 392,047	Cardholders 27,238	
	Zinio Magazine Downloads 9,850	Freegal Music Downloads 26,245	
	Items Checked Out 814,782	Read Box Circulation 1,291	
	Downloadables (OverDrive) 42,478	Program Participants 40,901	
	Library App Usage 350,677	Computer Logins 47,843	
	Summer Reading Participants 2,584	New Library Cards Issued 4,211	
	Book Collections 149,941	Audio/Video/CD Collections 27,776	
	Reference Transactions 115,392	Mag./News. Subscriptions 207	
	Meeting Room Rentals 387	Meeting Room Participants 11,166	
	Volunteers 210	Volunteer Service Hours 5,175	
	Homeowners Assoc. Meetings 39	Homeowner Participants 921	
	Teen Space Participants 5,935	Interlibrary Loans 105,594	

Significant **Accomplishments**

- Achieved highest Summer Reading Program attendance on record! Had 2,584 participants. Paradise Park was the premiere sponsor (Summer 2014).
- 3rd year offering Teen Space program (Monday-Friday; 2-5pm) in partnership with the Novi Community School District, City of Novi Parks Recreation and Cultural Services and Novi Youth Assistance (September 2014).
- Launched FREE online college classes. Gale Courses offers over 300 classes to the community which can be accessed with a Novi Library card (September 2014).
- Hosted a monthly parent book discussion and coffee with the Superintendent in partnership with the Novi Community School District (September 2014).
- Partnered with Fox Run of Novi to host an author luncheon that welcomed over 100 guests (October 2014).
- Hosted the 5th Annual Community Reads with neighborhood libraries (Lyon Township, Northville District Library, Salem-South Lyon District Library and Wixom Public Library). The communities read the book **We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves** by Karen Joy fowler (November 2014).
- Presented a new fundraising campaign to the community in partnership with **MyCouponGenie** and local Novi businesses to offer the community digital coupons (December 2014).
- Partnered with the Novi Commnity School District for "Students for Success-A School District Reading Together" author event. The community read the book **SPARK: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain** by John Ratey (April 2015).
- Unveiled the "I Love My Country Statue" on the Library's patio which commemorates Hugh & Kathy Crawford. \$12,000 was raised by the community to support this project (June 2015).

Supporting YOUR Novi Library



**Maha Maze
Donated by the
Davio Family**

Over the years, wonderful donations have been received from patrons like you! There are many ways that you can donate to the Library – a general monetary gift in memory/honor of someone to help support the Library's various collections, electronic resources, programming or technology; dedication of a tree; a naming opportunity for a room or collection, etc.

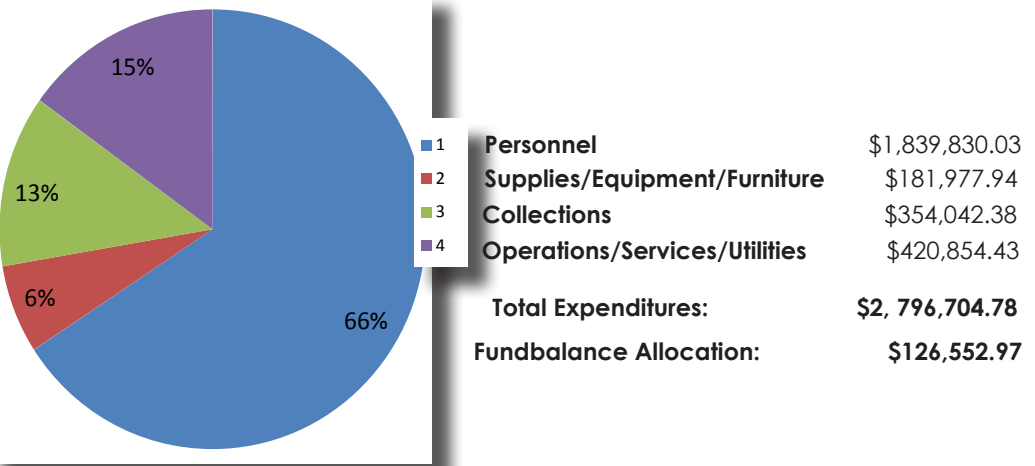
To learn more about these opportunities or to meet in person to discuss making a gift to the Novi Public Library, contact Julie Farkas, Library Director, at 248-869-7233.

“There are so many **free programs** and **activities** for people of all ages and cultures that it would be hard not to find **something for everyone.**”

-The Curtiss Family



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