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NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES DESIGN PLAN FOR BELOVED ROBINSON COURTYARD AT MAIN LIBRARY

*Sculptural art installation will anchor urban oasis for quiet moments and
communal celebrations*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Robinson Courtyard at Nashville’s [Main Library](#) at 615 Church St. is one step closer to a full transformation following a presentation at the Nashville Public Library’s [May board meeting](#).

“Endless Canopy,” a sculptural art installation by [Immersive Material Office](#), anchors the new space. Elegant canopy structures invoking the curvature of an open book and turning pages will frame the central fountain. The structures will provide both visual inspiration and functional shade.

A grand, yet inviting design created by [GHP Architecture](#) and [LT Design Studio](#) will feature radiating planting patterns of flowing native grasses, creeping groundcover and towering shrubs in raised planting beds.

“The design for the Robinson Courtyard is so inspiring,” said Library Director Terri Luke. “This space will be visually stunning from every angle, balancing serene areas for quiet reflection with vibrant spaces for joyful celebration. This marks an incredible milestone in the courtyard’s transformation, and we cannot wait to see this next chapter unfold.”

The courtyard’s namesake, [Margaret Ann Robinson](#), served as chair of the Library board for 25 years and was instrumental in the opening of the Main

library. A hidden gem tucked into the heart of the 300,000-square-foot downtown location, the courtyard will continue to be a soothing sanctuary away from the hustle and bustle of the city for Library customers, staff and downtown visitors.

Library officials closed the courtyard in the fall of 2024 after tree roots perforated the adjacent parking garage roof, resulting in a leak hazard. The space has long served as a vibrant hub for concerts, author readings, community festivals, private events and children’s activities.



Library leaders will share a construction timeline as the project progresses.

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With more than 2 million books, movies and music items to choose from — plus exceptional 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 the city has to offer. Every year, across 21 locations, thousands of visitors discover how NPL lives up to our philosophy: books are only half the story.

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