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MAYOR, NPL AND MNPS CELEBRATE NEW LIMITLESS LIBRARY AT J. T. MOORE MIDDLE
New Student-Centered Environment Encourages Learning, Making and Reading for Fun

NASHVILLE, Tenn. –Mayor Megan Barry joined Nashville Public Library (NPL) and Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) today in celebrating literacy and a new student-centered library with the pupils, teachers and community of J.T. Moore Middle School.

[PHOTO PLACEHOLDER]

[PLACEHOLDER FOR QUOTE FROM MAYOR BARRY]

Barry joined NPL Director Kent Oliver and MNPS Director of Schools Dr. Shawn Joseph in exploring J.T. Moore’s remodeled library. The space was transformed over summer break thanks to Limitless Libraries, a partnership between NPL and MNPS. Since the school’s library reopened in September, student checkouts there have increased 32 percent over last academic year.

[PLACEHOLDER FOR QUOTE FROM DR. JOSEPH]

The J. T. Moore Middle School library is the seventh MNPS library remodeled since 2012 under the Limitless Libraries partnership. In addition to constructing or improving school libraries, Limitless Libraries delivers the resources of NPL to all MNPS students in grades 3 through 12. During the 2015-2016 school year, Limitless Libraries delivered a **record 131,981 items** to MNPS students, teachers and librarians.

[PLACEHOLDER FOR QUOTE FROM KENT OLIVER]

New Features in the J. T. Moore Middle School library:

- **Bold, bright, kid-friendly colors and furnishings.**
- A new, notable presence--**two new entrances** and signage let students know they’re somewhere special.
- A flexible, **learning commons approach.** Multi-use rooms and moveable furniture make it possible to rearrange and use the space to meet the changing needs of students and faculty, and to engage in the “makerspace” movement.

- The **enclosed classroom with two garage doors** has created a defined instructional space that not only makes teaching easier, but also emphasizes that this library is a hub for learning.
- **Student-centered zones.** New, easy-to-browse shelving; a gathering place for gaming on fun, configurable ottomans; and quiet spaces to read for fun.

About Limitless Libraries

Limitless Libraries is a cooperative program of Nashville Public Library and Metro Nashville Public Schools with the goal of improving school libraries, fostering resource sharing between the two institutions, and improving student access to learning materials. For more information, visit www.limitlesslibraries.org.

About Metro Nashville Public Schools

Metro Nashville Public Schools is one of the nation's top 50 largest school districts, preparing 88,000 students to excel in higher education, work and life. With the goal of being the first choice for Nashville's families, Metro Schools is committed to providing a high quality education to every student. The district is earning a national reputation for urban school reform, its commitment to social and emotional learning and rising academic achievement. The governing body for Metro Schools is the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education, a nine-member elected body. For more information, visit MNPS.org.

