

Name	Office/ District	What is your vision for the role of the New Orleans Public Library in the City?	What would you do to help libraries in their work to support lifelong literacy for all people?	What is the library currently doing right in the City? Where Does it need improvement?	How has the library enriched your life?	Friends of the NOPL hope that in 2021 New Orleans voters renew the millage that supports the operating budget of the library. Without this important millage, the NOPL stands to lose \$10 million (based on the 2016 budget. Would you be in favor of renewing the millage in 2021?	How will you support the renewal of the millage in 2021?	How do you see the library contributing to the city's economic development?	How do you see the library contributing to neighborhoods? City schools?	What are your criteria for appointing new NOPL Board Members?	
Thomas J. Albert Jr.	Mayor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Charles Anderson	Mayor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Michael Bagneris	Mayor	<i>Education is the great equalizer. My mother believed that "education was the transportation that would bring you to any destination." She instilled this belief in me.</i>	<i>I will ensure it is properly funded and well run. Additionally, my administration will be a partner for the New Orleans Public Library. We will foster relationships with NORDC, the Health Department, and the One Stop Shop to further integrate</i>	<i>I honestly think NOPL has done a very admiral job steadyng its revenue with the millage a couple years ago to now getting ready to rebuild the Nora Navra branch. I'm quite satisfied with how our libraries have operated throughout some difficult financial times. However, we need to be paying</i>	<i>There were no libraries in or around the Desire Project, where I grew up. On occasion, we would get the Bookmobile. I loved the Bookmobile. I didn't even mind waiting in the sweltering</i>	<i>Absolutely.</i>	<i>With my vocal and visible endorsement as Mayor.</i>	<i>I see NOPL as a great resource and educational access tool. Library facilities and programs may be used for job training and education. However I do not believe economic development to be within the core mission of NOPL and would not want NOPL operations and budgeted programming to deviate</i>	<i>Thanks to the millage we passed in 2015, many of our libraries are open seven days a week. Not only are they open, but our libraries also have great programming where people of all ages can</i>	<i>EXPERIENCE – understanding of public service and the responsibility, time, and commitment it requires. EXPERTICE – in a field that will be a value-add to the board. DIVERSITY – our population is diverse and it lends us strength. We are a people of various backgrounds: race, sex, sexual</i>	

		<i>Our public libraries ensure that every member of our society has access to community spaces that provide resources which otherwise would not be available. One also cannot understate the importance of the vast catalogue of important historical documents and periodicals. I believe it is important to have these things accessible to the public and preserved for future generations.</i>	<i>our wonderful libraries into their communities. I will also assist with building connections with the education, business, and nonprofit sectors.</i>	<i>more attention to the Louisiana Division, which contains the city archives. That's where our city's history is documented and preserved. I believe the Louisiana Division could be a huge resource to my administration, developers, historians, and even tourists.</i>	<i>heat until it was my turn to enter. The books transported me from "the bricks" to wherever I wanted to be, or transformed me to whoever I wanted to be.</i>			<i>significantly from the stated purposes of transforming lives, enriching neighborhoods, and preserving history. I see NOPL more as a conduit/hub for economic development rather than the mechanism by which it occurs, i.e. the library provides space and event calendaring for a job fair rather than taking the onus upon itself to organize.</i>	<i>gather to learn. Libraries are an invaluable community resource. From story time, to training programs, to voter registration drives, our libraries are wonderful and diverse tools to build communities and benefit neighborhoods. Developing symbioses between schools, libraries, health clinics like what's been done in the Broadmoor area is fantastic and I believe it's the role of municipal government to support these kind of efforts.</i>	<i>identification, and income. The NOPL board should reflect our population.</i>
Manny Chevrolet Bruno	Mayor	More locations and more books	Public outreach programs for the inner city	Seems to be doing a good job. Collecting over due fines.	It was there when I needed it.	Yes.	By voting for it.	N/A	By more free books kiosk	If elected I will take over the Board.
Edward "Ed" Bruski	Mayor	I would like to have a branch	I think the library is doing a fantastic	There are many amazing programs	The library has had a large	Yes.	I would promote the	The library's contributions to	Community-based	I would consider people that are enthusiastic

		<p>available in each neighborhood to offer not only the programs that are currently offered but to enhance upon those programs, to promote those programs, and to afford hours that are convenient to citizens.</p>	<p>job of promoting literacy. Please see the answers below for expansion upon this.</p>	<p>that the library has to offer. Two of the ones that stand out to me are: 1) the NOLA Library App is a fantastic resource for all, even when one is not able to physically go to the library building; and 2) the youth reading programs offer wonderful interaction with children. Reading is fundamental, and establishing a good reading ethic in children instills in them the resources to carry that habit throughout life. There needs to be a stand-alone branch in each neighborhood of the city, especially in the Ninth Ward. I would promulgate hours of operation for the library as such that families can take advantage of the programs offered. I would like to look into the implementation of collaborative study rooms like they have in Baton Rouge and other areas, which promote cooperative learning experiences for students. Overall, the offerings</p>	<p>impact on my life. As a youth, it was a safe place where I could do research on encyclopedias and microfiches, study all kinds of subjects, and enter different worlds through reading fiction. As I got older, it was where I learned to use computers, was exposed to films of multiple genres, and eventually, as I was studying for an advanced degree, the library was an integral part of my study time and success.</p>		<p>continued successes of the library thus far and the need for those programs to be supported into the future.</p>	<p>literacy, computer literacy and competence, and other skilled programs are invaluable. Promotion is needed for citizens to be aware that these programs exist. As more citizens take advantage of these programs, there will be more skilled workers. The more skilled the workers in the workforce, the more advantaged they will be, and they will be able to earn more money. That money gets put back into the economy. Also, businesses are attracted to areas with skilled workers. When there is a skilled workforce, businesses are attracted to the area. Utilizing, promoting, and expanding upon the programs offered by the library can significantly help with economic growth. One of my biggest platforms is creating skilled workers for these specific reasons. I believe I can work with the library to further their mission and mine for the city.</p>	<p>enrichment and social programs, as detailed in the responses above, improve the quality of life for the residents of each branch neighborhood. opportunities for continued learning. The programs can also provide parents and relatives ways to continue their education, thereby further supporting the students involved.</p>	<p>about the library and what it can do for the community. That would include those with many diverse backgrounds such as education, arts, finance, administration, and social fields, in conjunction with a verifiable community involvement at the local level. I would look specifically for people who can think outside of the box in order to move the NOPL into the future while conserving the history and integrity of the library as an institution and who can integrate the utilities of the library with the needs of the local educational institutions (at all levels) and the community.</p>
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				<p>police officers teaching classes on self-defense and safety for children and adults, showing parents how to properly use child safety seats, and generally improving the law enforcement officer-citizen relationship within our neighborhoods. Bookmobiles, blood drives, and farmers' markets can also bring attention to the library and the good that it does.</p>						
LaToya Cantrell	Mayor	<p>The library said it best with their vision statement: "The New Orleans Public Library is a catalyst for change in a growing, connected and vibrant city." The library plays a substantial role in supporting the continued education of our people and providing the opportunity for real growth on an individual level. It has</p>	<p>Illiteracy and its accompanying problems such as lower wage jobs, poverty and health problems, continues to be a problem in New Orleans. As a City Councilmember, I have demonstrated my support for NOPL and will continue to do so if elected as mayor. As mayor, I will create an office of Youth and Family Services that will have the responsibility of coordinating City</p>	<p>With the increased millage, which resulted in more use, circulation, and expanded hours, the library is playing a bigger role in the city. I think we can build off of that and offer even more programming to suit the needs of the people. As catalysts for change, libraries and librarians should be at the forefront for introducing new information technology, and also for connecting with the community. Innovative and additional programs</p>	Absolutely.	<p>As Mayor, I would make the millage renewal a priority for my administration. While on the Council, I often said we should build more libraries and fewer jails. I firmly believe in that, and I think that increasing educational opportunities for our citizens will make New Orleans safer, healthier, and, ultimately wealthier.</p>	<p>Books are the foundation on which the New Orleans Public Library was built, but we offer a variety of services to the community. Our core values reflect our commitment to literacy and workforce development; we are a catalyst for change in this city. We give New Orleanians pathways to information and tools for</p>	<p>NOPL plays an important role in driving the city's economic success because an informed and educated citizenry will attract businesses and new development to New Orleans. Vocational and technology training should have a home in the library and we should be providing the tools that allows for individual and group learning. Through the creation of the Office for Youth and Family Services, we would be able to better coordinate education efforts between city</p>	<p>Our outreach includes young children, homebound individuals, senior citizens and ESL speakers. Our presence is often part of the fabric of neighborhoods. Libraries are educational anchors in neighborhoods. In Broadmoor, we made the Rosa F. Keller Library and Community Center a centerpiece for</p>	<p>First, new board members should not be political appointments. I would look to appoint board members who have previously supported education and libraries. Plus, I would want to appoint board members, who are experienced in education as well as in fundraising, organization and who have a demonstrated commitment to furthering NOPL's mission and values.</p>

		<p>been demonstrated that when a city and its citizens increases its use of libraries and library cards, the healthier that city becomes. Our residents deserve and need a great library system.</p>	<p>agencies such as the New Orleans Public Library, NORDC and other public assets, to work with schools and our families. As the president of the Broadmoor Improvement Association in the years following Hurricane Katrina and the levee failures, I spearheaded the rebuilding of the Rosa F. Keller Library and Community Center as one of the anchors of the neighborhood's education corridor. We secured additional funding to include the community center in the plans, and today it is the only library/community center in New Orleans. I believe and would support expanding this idea to other parts of the city.</p>	<p>can assist with the latter.</p>			<p>empowerment. Through our partnerships and teamwork, we lay the groundwork for an educated workforce by providing access to technology and workshops and programs that help build our digital literacy.</p>	<p>departments and make a greater impact in the community.</p>	<p>neighborhood activity: a place where young, old and all ages could meet to learn and be together. Libraries are conduits for information and help promote the wellness of communities. Every school child should have a NOPL card, but it should go further than that. Our libraries have a natural connection to formal education, and we need to reinforce that. NOPL librarians should visit schools on a regular basis and classes should be visiting their neighborhood libraries on a regular basis. Just as every child should know who their school librarian</p>	
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Desiree Charbonnet	Mayor	The public library is a vital community resource, not only for firing the imagination of children but also, for adults, access to knowledge and resources such as the internet. The library is a meeting place, a gathering place, a quiet refuge from a harried world.	I would work to ensure the library had the necessary resources and relationships to be effective. It's an important part of our approach to economic development and quality of life.	Like so many agencies in the city, the library continues to make heroic efforts to serve the entire city with limited resources. I certainly have a personal wish list of things I wish for the library, especially more books and improvements to buildings that need renovation.	I have a deep love for books and for learning, inspired in part by time at the library.	Yes.	I would strongly encourage voters to support such a valuable community resource.	To attract more and better jobs, our workers need to be literate, numerate, and generally have a solid educational foundation. The public library is a key part of that foundation.	The library is one of those sites that bind a neighborhood together. Libraries are places where people of all races, classes, and walks of life come together to pursue knowledge.	Board members should show strong support for the library and an appreciation of its critical role in the community.
Byron Stephan Cole	Mayor	The library should be the community town hall.	Provide desperately needed funding options.	I would like to see multiple 24 hour libraries.	I took full advantage of the public library as a youth, and I still take my kids.	1 st and foremost a proposed funding for a date based on data from 5 years prior is not stable. I would support the millage if needed, but I also see ways for the libraries themselves to	N/A	Our libraries should be places that spawn intellectualism like the salon in 17 th century France.	They should be hubs for all types of community organizing, as well as a place to stay "in the know".	I'm not sure I understand this question, could you please reframe it, or allow me to answer in person please?

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Helena Moreno	City Council At Large 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
David Baird	City Council At Large 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Aaron "Ace" Christopher	City Council At Large 2	My vision for the New Orleans Public library is expansion and development. We strongly support the library because of my own personal experiences as a child and the effect it had on my life and learning.	What we would do to help libraries in their work to support lifelong literacy for all people, is to enact legislation that expands the budgeting. We personally would like to double the funding allocated for libraries, to ensure that they have the resources needed to properly support our citizens. Libraries are vital to our communities.	The library is doing a great job in creating activities to get the locals involved and encouraging people to visit. As for as improvement, we believe that the NOPL needs to be more involved with children. Perhaps more collaboration with local businesses is needed in order to build a stronger presence, but more importantly digitizing its collection would be essential to outreach, when considering the number of pages visits it receives. The library could charge a fee that is equivalent to that of purchasing a library card, for viewing of digital documents. We were rather disappointed to discover that there are no digital records,	The library has been an intricate part of expanding my knowledge and intelligence. As a child growing up in a housing project, the library prevented us from getting into trouble and provided us a pathway to expand our learning where schools were inadequate. We would go to the library and literally spend hours there, often until closing. We would check out the maximum number of books allowed	We are not only in favor of renewing the millage in 2021, but increasing it.	We are not only in favor of renewing the millage in 2021, but increasing it.	The NOPL is the foundation of information for our city. Many residents are still without computers and the resources to find and gather information. It contributes to economic development by being a pillar of wisdom and provides the information needed for any citizen to advance in any career.	We believe that school libraries also need to be expanded. We remember while attending elementary school, we checked out several books on marital arts. As At the time of this writing, we are amused by the recollection of us performing techniques on the school yard during recess. This is the effect that the library's availability had on us, and this is how libraries contribute to our communities- it is a light that	We are sure the requisites for nomination and appointment of new board members are adequate, however our personal requisite is to find people who are just as passionate about learning and reading, but most of all, it's important to have people who are passionate about developing and deploying methods that will encourage public participation, and are as enthused as a community activist, in supporting the progress of our New Orleans Public Libraries. In conclusion, we humbly pray that we have your support in this upcoming election, and regardless of whether we do or not, you have <i>ours</i> . Words cannot express how

<p>Kristin Gisleon Palmer</p>	<p>City Council District C</p>	<p>The library system should receive the necessary resources to impact a greater number of our residents. With more resources, our libraries can provide more literacy programming and connect people to jobs, training and personal enrichment opportunities.</p>	<p>Advocate for more resources so that our libraries have longer operational hours</p>	<p>Currently, the library is doing a very good job of promoting their programming as attendance is up 32.8%. In addition, the library is taking the lead in advancing digital literacy. Also, the time it takes to order and receive a book significantly decreased, encouraging residents' continual patronage. I believe the library system needs to expand its hours to allow for greater access to the already established resources it provides.</p>	<p>It has been a wonderful resource for my family and neighborhood. I live in Algiers Point and am a huge fan of smaller neighborhood libraries that are in walking distance. I constantly see children and elderly that have no access to vehicles walk to their neighborhood library. I see young people that do not have access to computers doing their homework there. As a young mother, I walked my children there and as my own mother ages I watch her utilize library resources that enrich her life.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>The same way I volunteered my time to pass the last one: I assisted with the grassroots campaign to raise awareness of the importance of libraries.</p>	<p>By providing resources to people who do not have access to computers and who are not technologically savvy. It is imperative that we promote more digital literacy so our people have access to modern jobs and workforce/personal development.</p>	<p>When I was in office I worked hard with our communities to have our libraries reopened in Algiers. Algiers Regional and Cita Hubbell were both closed when I took office. I have witnessed firsthand how smaller neighborhood libraries become the center of a community- from book readings to kids doing homework to elderly individuals being able to order books and walk to pick them up. In addition, the Algiers Regional Library served as the pick-up/drop-off point for my child's bus to school. This arrangement was extremely</p>	<p>I would want the selection to be inclusive in terms of race, gender, socio-economic status, and geographic diversity (it is very important to ensure that representation comes from every district of our city).</p>
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Nadine Ramsey	City Council District C	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jared Brosset	City Council District D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Joel Jackson	City Council District D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alicia Plummer Clivens	City Council District E	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cederick Favaro	City Council District E	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
James A. Gray II	City Council District E	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dawn Hebert	City Council District E	My vision for the role of the New Orleans Public Library in Orleans Parish is one that is available for use by all citizens for 6 days a	Encourage one on one tutorial opportunities for students identified by their teachers for reading below their grade level and adults wanting to improve their	Our Read Library is doing everything right in providing 6 days of availability and programs to benefit community members. Also, employees are very helpful and customer oriented.	The library is a wealth of information in regards to newspapers that I do not receive, DVD's on movies I had wanted to see,	Yes.	Encourage renewal at community meetings.	The more literate citizens in our community the better their chances of employment and developers wanting to come to the community. Reading level of many teenagers	The neighborhood library provides a location geared toward learning and enhancing one's life. Families can	Board members should be community oriented, possibly a former teacher and committed to enhancing the community experiences for all ages when visiting a library.

	<p>week. The libraries would offer free basic computer tutorials and training on web searches for all ages, free WiFi, entertainment (DVDs/music) and books on Disc. Hard copy newspapers and magazines would be available for anyone wishing to sit in a comfortable setting to read at their leisure. Saturday reading sessions for children and parents. Provide workshops that provide job skills to find the right job and career for anyone interested. Special activities that engage community members of all ages that include reading books, sharing dialogue, and</p>	<p>reading skills. I would also encourage community members to assist in this effort as many retired teachers live in the community. When time permit, I would volunteer to work with students and purchase books towards this effort.</p>		<p>able to attend community meetings, and books by certain authors that I follow.</p>			<p>and adults have a direct correlation in the success of communities. Programs offered by the Library help bridge this gap with interested community members.</p>	<p>visit and find materials that are fun, educational, interesting and possibly check out. All ages of community members can find interesting materials to enhance their lives. Schools libraries expose children to a world outside of their community and an exposure to research and enjoyment to last a lifetime. Individuals can find a calming environment for reading, learning, and enriching their life.</p>	
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		possible craft classes. The Library would be a location for community members to meet and congregate on community issues.								
Cyndi Nguyen	City Council District E	<p>My vision for the role of the New Orleans Public Library is for it to serve as an imbedded body in the community and to serve as part of the foundation to help promote literacy, create space for community partnership and to support family literacy.</p>	<p>I will serve as a partner to connect the New Orleans East Library and the Martin Luther the King Library with community organizations and to host activities that will attract community members to the library. I am doing this now in my current professional capacity. In addition, I would like to host a Literacy Fest that would support lifelong literacy for all people.</p>	<p>I believe that the library is on the right track as it relates to engaging community groups/organizations to host activities. I also love the fact that the library is open on Sunday. I would recommend that the library needs to host community events every Sunday to increase public awareness that the library is open for service on Sunday. I also recommend that the library reconsider time of operation from 11AM – 9PM. In addition, for both libraries in District E, we can open for opportunity for a coffee shop.</p> <p>I am also interested in conversations about how we can take the library in MLK to</p>	<p>My children and I have taken advantage of the New Orleans East Library on many occasions from literacy workshops, storytelling time, accessing computer and participating in community events.</p>	Yes.	<p>Upon review of all measures growth among major markers and that the New Orleans Public Library is meeting its markers, I will support the renewal of the millage in 2021 by signing on as a supporter of the millage as the City Council in District E, educate the voters in District E to support renewal of the millage and serve as the Ambassador to the Renewal Millage.</p>	<p>New Orleans Public Library has many valuable resources such as the computer lab and training room that are critical to the city's economic development. I can envision partnership with economic development and training focused organizations to help train the workforce for future jobs. In addition, we have many small business owners/entrepreneurs who can benefit from resources available at the library. I believe that if the library adjusts their time to be open later will also help support this particular area of needs of the city.</p>	<p>New Orleans Public Library can contribute to neighborhoods by partnering with different organizations to increase public awareness about its services and resources. It can also partner with neighborhood by allowing free space for homeowner's association to meet as well as to host community events that impact the quality of life for the people in the district.</p>	<p>My criteria in nominating and appointing new board members for the New Orleans Public Library is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will announce and post request for volunteer to serve as board members for the New Orleans Public Library to the public. We will utilize if available, social media, flyer posted at the New Orleans East Library and MLK Library, websites etc. Questionnaire Form will be email to

