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Mayor Greenberg Announces Shawnee Library Now Has Nori Machine, Offering Nutritious Food Options for Patrons

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (March 14, 2025) – Today Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg announced that the Louisville Free Public Library, in partnership with the Library Foundation, has teamed up with the Nori Project to make healthy food available to patrons at the Shawnee Library. The Nori Project is a locally owned business that brings modern vending machines to food deserts in an effort to address the problem of racial inequity in food and nutrition. Nori machines provide thoughtfully curated, culturally relevant, and locally sourced food options. Items for sale at the Library will include granola bars, grab-and-go smoothies, juice boxes, healthy chips, sparkling water, fruit snacks, bottled water, and nutritious meals.

“Food deserts are a health and nutrition issue for residents in many corners of our community,” said Mayor Greenberg. “We are working to address this issue on a larger scale, but this is a fantastic opportunity to immediately provide nutritious options for so many families in the Shawnee neighborhood who utilize the library.”

“Studies show that a lack of access to affordable, nutritious food can have a negative impact on learning, particularly for children,” said Library Services Manager Damara Blincoe. “Through this pilot project, the Library and Library Foundation hope to reduce food insecurity for people visiting the Shawnee Library.”

The Library Foundation is underwriting the cost of hosting the vending machine, with proceeds to benefit the Library. You can try it out at the Shawnee Library, 3912 W. Broadway, during regular hours: Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. – 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

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