

From: postmaster@muniweb.com
To: [Morris, Melissa](#); [Hanson, Cortney](#)
Subject: The Form "Boards and Commissions Application - V2" was submitted
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2026 9:33:29 AM

Name

Kajal Brazwell

Nickname, if preferred

Kaj

Address*

45455 Kimberly Ct

Preferred Phone Number*

3303290669

Email*

kajbrazwell@gmail.com

Are you a registered voter in the City of Novi?*

Yes

How long have you lived continuously in the City of Novi?*

5 years

Employed by

Educational Background*

Purdue University - Master of Science in Education. Curriculum & Instruction - Learning Design & Technology The Ohio State University- Bachelor of Arts. English.

Please describe your professional qualifications, skills and/or work experience, and how you would use these to benefit the boards and/or commissions for which you are applying.*

My career spans over a decade in education and program management, giving me a strong foundation in the areas the Library Board values most. Most recently, I served as a director-level program manager at the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio, where I oversaw a multi-million dollar program budget, managed relationships with 40+ institutional partner organizations, and led a cross-functional team. I regularly developed policy recommendations, presented to stakeholders, and drove strategic planning efforts focused on long-term program sustainability. Before that, I spent seven years as a classroom teacher, which gave me a deep understanding of how libraries serve students, educators, and families. I know firsthand how critical access to resources is for learning and how libraries function as anchors in a community. My master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus on Learning Design and Technology, along with certifications in AI and educational technology, would also allow me to contribute meaningfully as the library continues to evolve its digital offerings and technology resources. I bring experience in marketing, communications, and community outreach from my work building partner programs and growing stakeholder engagement. I am also a community volunteer and believe strongly in civic participation, which is part of what draws me to this opportunity. I am committed to Novi and excited about the chance to

contribute to an institution that serves residents of all ages.

Please list any community groups with which you are currently or have previously been active and describe your role.*

Danny Boy Foundation — Founding Member, Leadership Circle I am a founding member of the Danny Boy Foundation's Leadership Circle, an organization focused on suicide prevention and support for the neurodivergent population. My anticipated role within the Leadership Circle centers on outreach and education, helping raise awareness and connect the community with the foundation's resources and mission. Rotary Club of Time & Talent — Member I am a new member of the Rotary Club of Time & Talent, joining out of a commitment to community service and civic involvement. I look forward to contributing my skills and time to the club's service projects and initiatives. Women's Community of Novi — Member and Facilitator I am an active member of the Women's Community of Novi, a Facebook-based community serving women in Novi and surrounding cities. The group creates events focused on connection and meaningful conversation. In a previous role within the community, I facilitated a women's circle, and I have led book talks and podcast discussions — experiences that reflect my belief in the power of community gathering and shared learning.

What motivated you to apply to serve on a board or commission, and why did you select the boards and/or commissions that you did?

I have always believed that libraries are among the most important institutions a community can invest in. That belief was shaped early in my career, when I spent seven years teaching middle and high school English. Literacy was at the center of everything I did, and I saw every day how the ability to read opens doors. It is empowering in the most fundamental sense. The Novi Public Library reflects exactly the kind of institution I want to invest in, one that is committed to being inclusive, innovative, and community-centered. When I learned there was an opportunity to serve on the board, it felt like a natural fit. What excites me about the Novi Public Library specifically is that it is not the library of yesterday. It actively keeps pace with the times, embracing technology and new initiatives to stay relevant and serve a changing community. That forward-thinking approach is something I deeply respect and want to be part of. I also hold a deep conviction that no matter how technology evolves, the library will always have a place in our lives. It is more than a building full of books. It is a consistent presence, a trusted space, and a place where community is built. Serving on the Library Board is an opportunity to bring the skills I have developed in program management, budget oversight, strategic planning, and community outreach to an institution I genuinely care about. It is a meaningful way to give back to the Novi community that my family calls home.

If appointed, what do you hope to accomplish during your term? What do you hope to learn?*

If appointed, I hope to contribute meaningfully to the Library Board's strategic planning efforts and help ensure that the library continues to grow in ways that serve all members of the Novi community. With my background in program management and partner relationships, I believe I can bring a useful perspective to conversations about outreach, community engagement, and long-term sustainability. I am particularly passionate about ensuring the library remains accessible and welcoming to everyone, including populations that are often underserved. My work in education and community advocacy has made me attentive to gaps in access, and I would want to bring that lens to the board's policy and programming discussions. I also hope to contribute to the library's marketing and outreach efforts. A library is only as impactful as the community's awareness of what it offers, and I would love to help ensure that more Novi residents know about and take advantage of everything the library provides. As for what I hope to learn, I look forward to deepening my understanding of how a

public institution is governed and funded at the municipal level. I want to learn from the experienced board members around me and grow as a civic leader. I also hope to gain a fuller picture of the community's needs directly, through the library's lens, so I can be a more informed and effective advocate for Novi residents during my term and beyond.

What do you think the City is doing well or could be doing differently when you think about the areas of responsibility for the boards and/or commissions for which you are applying?

The Novi Public Library is doing a lot of things exceptionally well. What stands out most is how genuinely community-centered it feels. The library is consistently busy, which speaks for itself. When a community shows up for an institution like that, it means the institution has earned their trust. What I appreciate is the range of people it serves and the thoughtfulness behind its programming. From young children to teens to adults to newcomers still learning English, there is something for everyone. The Summer Reading Program alone draws thousands of participants each year, which tells you how embedded the library is in the lives of Novi families. I also love that the library does not stand still. The iCube Makerspace, the café, and the willingness to try new things reflect an institution that takes its relevance seriously without losing sight of what makes a library a library. If there is one area I would love to see continue to grow, it is outreach. A library this strong deserves to be known by every Novi resident. Making sure people who are newer to the community or who have not yet discovered everything the library offers feel welcomed and informed seems like a natural next step, and one I would be excited to contribute to.

Is there anything else you would like for Council to be aware of, or know about you?

I want the Council to know that do not take this opportunity lightly. I have a deep respect for the role the library plays in Novi and I am committed to being a thoughtful, prepared, and engaged board member. I would be honored to serve.

1st Choice

Library Board

2nd Choice

Beautification areas of expertise

Board of Review areas of expertise

Building Authority areas of expertise

City Council Cultural Arts Committee

Construction Board of Appeals areas of expertise

Corridor Improvement Authority areas of expertise

Economic Development Corporation areas of expertise

Election Commission areas of expertise

Historical Commission Area of Expertise

Library Board areas of expertise

Novi Resident (Required)

Marketing/Public Relations

Customer Service

PRCS areas of expertise

Planning Commission areas of expertise

Public Utilities and Technology Committee

Zoning Board areas of expertise

Signature/Date

Kajal Brazwell/April 23, 2026