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## **Novi Oaks Chapter of American Business Women's Association Hosts "The Future of the Novi Public Library"**

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is thrilled to host Julie Farkas, Director of the Novi Public Library on January 9, 2013 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi. A graduate of Michigan State University and Wayne State University, Julie has been with the Novi Public Library since 2007. She has over 15 years of library management experience and is an active member of the Michigan Library Association, recently serving as chair of the MLA 2012 Conference Committee.

Ms. Farkas will present "The Future of the Novi Public Library," an exciting program that highlights the amazing resources the library has to offer. "I see public libraries as destination places in their communities and I strive to make all aware of the importance of a public library in one's life. Libraries are more than just books today - they are information hubs that can connect users both in person and virtually to many amazing resources!" In 2011, the Novi Public Library won the prestigious Award of Excellence from the state of Michigan for exceptional customer and innovative services. She attributes this award to a wonderfully dedicated and knowledgeable staff, Library Board and Friends group.

Novi Public Library recently completed a 10 month strategic planning process. The new 5 year plan will go into effect in July 2013. Julie will share the exciting opportunities that the Library will investigate over the next 5 years as well as her passion for libraries and how important they can be to a community. She is proud to share the Library's new motto which is ***Inform. Inspire. Include.***

The Novi Oaks Charter Chapter raises money for scholarships, grants, and tuition reimbursement, and also provides training opportunities for its members. Their focus is lifelong learning, being actively involved in the community, and building long term relationships. Novi Oaks holds dinner meetings on the second Wednesday of every month at the DoubleTree Hotel in Novi - paid reservations are required. For more information about the Novi Oaks Charter Chapter of ABWA and how you can join ABWA, attend a meeting, or communicate with members, visit [www.abwa-novi.org](http://www.abwa-novi.org).

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