



*Welcome* to the new South Central Regional Library



# More Than Just Books

Recently we were asked what contribution the Louisville Free Public Library makes to our community. The answer is both simple and complex, and it comes in many different forms. Through free access to a variety of resources, including materials, books, current technologies, skilled library staff, outstanding facilities, opportunities for collaboration, and quality programs, LFPL provides an environment that both encourages and enables the pursuit of knowledge.

## From early childhood literacy to adult programming, LFPL has programs and services for everyone!

Ensuring community-wide literacy for children and young adults is the driving force behind many important and successful LFPL programs, including preschoolers reading 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, the Summer Reading program - which prepares over 50,000 children to start the school year on a positive note, and ACT college preparatory courses.

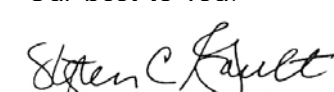
LFPL offers a variety of educational opportunities for adults to learn workplace skills. More than 2,500 patrons use Lynda.com, an online professional development tool; business reference services provide access to hundreds of on-line resources. The Entrepreneur Fair at LFPL puts patrons in direct contact with local organizations, government agencies and educational institutions to answer questions and exchange ideas. Whether you are launching a small business, learning new job skills, or earning a GED, LFPL is the go-to resource for workforce development.

If you are in your retirement years, LFPL has excellent services and programs. The Craig Buthod Author Series brings national, best-selling authors to Louisville; adult bookmobiles and Books to You cater to those who cannot visit the library in person. Hobby instruction, health and wellness programming, DVD rentals, music streaming, and movie nights keep our patrons informed and entertained.

The Library Foundation helps to make these programs and services available. We raise private funds to enhance LFPL facilities and programs, provide for creative library initiatives, and advocate for the library every day on both the local and statewide levels. Simply put, the Library Foundation makes good libraries into great libraries.

To our donors, corporate sponsors, board of directors, staff, volunteers, friends, and advocates, we thank you for your support – financial, time and energy, and talent - as The Library Foundation continues its important role of assisting the Louisville Free Public Library further its mission.

Our best to you.



Steve Gault  
Chair



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STEVE GAULT  
Chair,  
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## Your support speaks volumes!

Contributors to the Foundation directly support the Louisville Free Public Library and its 18 branches.

With the support of our donors, the Foundation provided essential support to LFPL programs and services.

### 2016 -2017 Donations to the Library Foundation Supported:

Early Literacy Programs

Summer Reading Program

STEAM Programming

Adult Literacy Programs

Craig Buthod Author Series

Cinema at the Library

Get Literary Louisville

How To Festival

Scholarships for Library Staff

New Books

Technology and Equipment

Northeast Regional Library  
Capital Campaign

"A LIBRARY OUTRANKS  
**ANY OTHER**  
ONE THING A COMMUNITY CAN DO TO  
BENEFIT ITS PEOPLE.

IT IS A  
**NEVER FAILING**  
SPRING IN THE DESERT."

— Andrew Carnegie



# Our Year: Another Successful Chapter for the Library Foundation

## THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL LIBRARY

Capital Expansion: The Northeast Regional Library

In 2016-2017 the Foundation began actively fundraising for the final regional library. The Library Foundation is committed to raising \$3.8 million to complement \$14 million received from Metro government and the state to complete this state of the art facility.

The Northeast Regional Library will be a hub for educational and community engagement and a cultural centerpiece in a thriving part of the city. It will provide convenient access to a vibrant community eager for improved library services, collaborative events, and robust programming.

The completion of the Northeast Regional Library will fulfill the 2008 LFPL Master Facilities Plan's "Suburban Crescent," which, when including the Main Library, will provide a full-service library within 5 miles of 90% of Louisville residents.

To learn more about this campaign visit:

[LFPLFOUNDATION.ORG/NORTHEAST](http://LFPLFOUNDATION.ORG/NORTHEAST)



This year the Library Foundation began two new campaigns — the **Children's Literacy Fund**; a single campaign to support all Louisville Free Public Library children and youth programs and the **Library Champions** program; a corporate and small business unrestricted giving program.

The **Children's Literacy Fund** supports key programs of LFPL including the Summer Reading Program, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge, Read 20 to Your Bunny, Parents Institute, Prime Time Family Reading Time, high-profile children's and teen's authors and pop-up story time events, and more.



The Foundation's **Library Champion Program** offers the opportunity for local businesses and organizations to support the Louisville Free Public Library's programs and collection enhancements that would not be possible without philanthropic funding.

The Library Foundation's contributions support LFPL's efforts to impact our community and transform quality of life through education, civic engagement, the arts and entertainment. Annual unrestricted gifts to the Library Foundation are essential for the Foundation's ability to support the library's mission and vision as a passionate advocate for literacy and lifelong learning.



## FINANCIALS AND STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Fiscal Year 2016-17

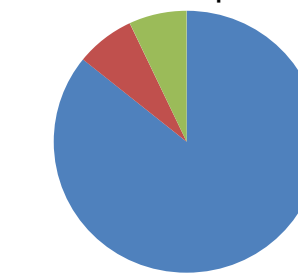
### Support and Revenue

Contributions	\$1,120,160
Interest and Dividends	226,269
Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments	838,546
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,184,975</b>

### Grants and Expenses

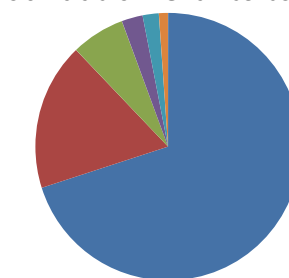
Program Expenses and Grants to the Library	\$2,679,400
Fundraising Expenses	223,819
Administration	219,803
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,123,022</b>

### Foundation Expenses



86% Program Expenses and Grants to the Library  
7.0% Fundraising expenses  
7.0% Administration

### Foundation Grants to LFPL



70 % Capital Projects and Technology  
18 % Books, E-magazines and Downloadables  
7.0% Children's and Teens Programs  
3.0% Scholarships  
2.0% Cultural Programs and Special Events  
1.0% Other Library Support

# THE NEXT CHAPTER

## Our Future

Just two short years ago I started as director of the Louisville Free Public Library—and what a two years it has been. From the opening of the South Central Regional Library to breaking ground on the new Northeast Regional Library, our community is investing in libraries more than ever before. And when we invest in libraries, we're not just investing in bricks and mortar buildings, or books—we're investing in people, in ideas, and in our city's future.

That future is looking brighter than ever before, but it is only possible with the support of people who value the library and recognize its importance to the community. And those people are you—the patrons, donors, and advocates who understand the necessity of a vibrant learning center. Engaged individuals like you, who take advantage of the Library's resources, attend programs, fund change, and campaign for possibility.

The mission of the Louisville Free Public Library is to provide free access to knowledge and information at all stages of life. That is why we continue to provide Louisville's residents with access to the most current and relevant materials through the purchase of books and other resources, as well as programming geared toward fundamental learning, such as Summer Reading, basic computer skills, and English conversation clubs. We will also expand our horizons by offering educational programs and services that reflect innovations taking place in the best libraries across the country.

This year saw us roll out a number of new programs and services designed to energize and expand opportunities for education, entertainment, and engagement. At the recently opened South Central Library we launched an LFPL first, an artist-in-residence space called COLLIDER. This unique programming space features rotating artists throughout the year and serves to connect the public with art and the people who create it. Special studio space within the Library allows the artists to create on-site and encourages patrons to drop in, interact, and learn about different artistic processes. COLLIDER also features special workshops for the public. The COLLIDER was made possible through generous funding from Councilwoman Madonna Flood and truly provides a new educational experience with each visit.

2017 also saw LFPL partnering to host GonzoFest Louisville

at the Main Library. The annual literary and music festival celebrates the legacy of Louisvillian Hunter S. Thompson—creator of Gonzo journalism—and the lasting mark he made on art, music, and literature. This year's festival featured panel discussions with journalists and academics from all over the country, as well as a movie screening, spoken word performances, and live concerts.



**JIM BLANTON**

Director, LFPL

This year was also another banner year for the Library's annual Summer Reading Program. A summertime tradition in Louisville since 1929, this 10-week program is designed to help children and teens stay on reading level by encouraging them to read for fun while school is out. By offering great incentives—like a backpack and free admission to local attractions like the Kentucky Science Center, the Planetarium, Frazier History Museum and the Louisville Bats—LFPL's Summer Reading Program engaged more than 48,000 area youth, with 27,383 of them completing the program.

You see, opportunities for education should never end. Once you dedicate yourself to the belief that the Library should—and can—provide fun and educational resources for everyone, you come up with all sorts of creative ways to engage the community. When we hold special events like this summer's Potterpalooza that attracted 3,000 enthusiastic Harry Potter fans, or the annual How-To Festival that teaches thousands how-to-do more than 100 things in five hours, when we welcome newcomers to the city with programs created with their cultural background in mind, when we do all these things and more, that's when we know we're doing our job.

As I finish my second year as Library Director at the LFPL, I'm prouder than ever to be a part of something that is such a force for good in the community.

Thank you,

Jim Blanton  
Director, LFPL

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