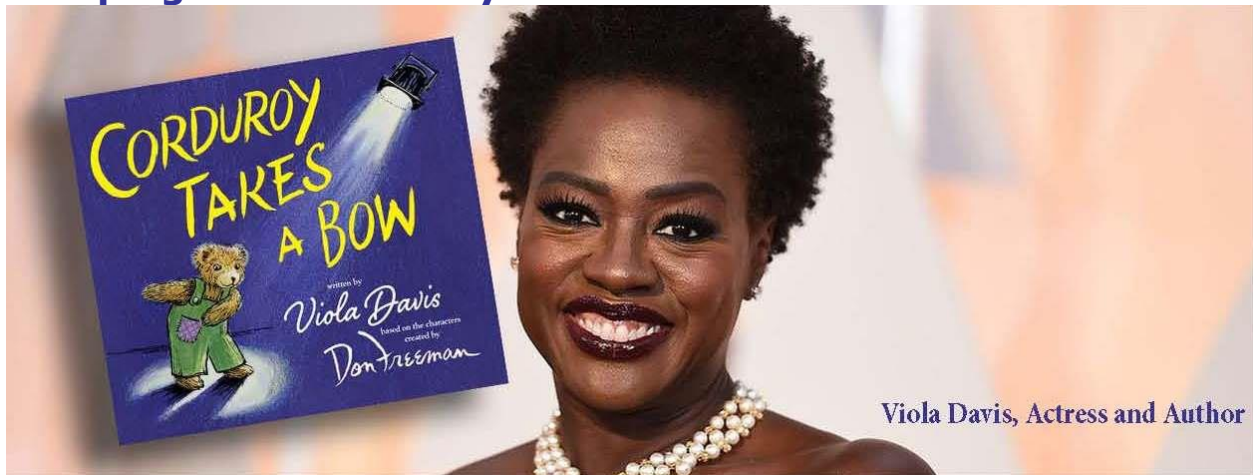




THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Letter from the Executive Director **Escaping into the library**



Viola Davis, Actress and Author

"We didn't have bookshelves in our apartment. When you're poor, there is very little access to anything. The freedom to be able to read as many books as you can, to disappear into the land of Dr. Seuss and Curious George was an escape for me."

Those are the words of award-winning actress Viola Davis to an audience at the 2018 American Library Association annual conference as she told the story of walking from kindergarten to the Adams Memorial Library in Central Falls, Rhode Island, where she stayed until after dark every day. Her early life was shaped by her access to books and by the actions of a kind librarian who fed her while she was there.

Davis's fame allows her library memories to be amplified, but there are thousands of children every day who are quietly collecting the same kinds of wonderful memories in branches of the Louisville Free Public Library. Memories of reading great books, of gaining computer access, of seeing music and dance and theatre performances for the first time, of being helped by kind librarians. And, you are making their memories possible with your gifts to the Library Foundation. Thank you very much for that. Who knows what great things those children may go on to do!

Davis has turned momentarily from acting to writing with a story about a bear much beloved by children and parents alike – Corduroy Takes a Bow will be released in September. [Video - ALA Annual 2018 - Viola Davis on Escaping 'Into' the Library, Taking Journeys with Stories](#)

Chandra M. Gordon, Executive Director



Speaking of stories.....

We love hearing stories from cultural luminaries like Viola Davis, but we'd rather hear your stories.

Did you also "escape" into the library as a child? What did you like to read? Do you still know the name of the children's librarian at your school or local library?

Do you remember the smell of oiled sawdust on the wooden floor of the Amelia S. Givin Library in Mt. Holly Springs, PA, as you stepped around the janitor's broom to pick up the next book in the Nancy Drew series? Whoops, sorry, that last one is actually

Foundation Director of Development Janet's story! She was 12 then. Please send your story from any age to her at janet.boyd@lfpl.org



The biggest day of local giving will occur on September 13 when Give for Good Louisville takes over our community. This 24-hour online giving day, hosted by the Community Foundation of Louisville, was created to inspire people to give generously to one or more of the 500+ local participating nonprofits that make our community one where people can thrive.

Last year, the Library Foundation raised more than \$15,000 in one day through this opportunity. We hope you will help us exceed that amount this year! All you have to do is go to this web page -giveforgoodlouisville.org- anytime between midnight and 11:59 PM on Thursday, September 13, and use the Search or Give Back buttons to find the Library Foundation. Watch our website and social media pages for more information as the date gets closer. Be a part of this force for good and #GiveForGoodLou on September 13!

The Campaign for the Northeast Regional Library

As you can see from the photos below, your [Northeast Regional Library](#) is taking shape. The parking areas along Bellevoir Circle are curbed and asphalted, and exterior walls and glass installations are well underway!



Welcome to new board members!

Callie Wall and Chris Garrett have recently joined the Library Foundation Board of Directors. We are so pleased to have them!

Callie is the Director of Personal Insurance at Sterling Thompson. Chris recently assumed the role of Controller at LG&E and KU after being with the company for more than 22 years. [Foundation Board Members List](#)

South Central Regional Library

We've just gotten word that the South Central Regional Library has been included in the American Library Association's 2018 Library Design Showcase! This honor is a great example of the Louisville Free Public Library's commitment to the community through design. The September/October issue of American Libraries (with South Central on the cover) will be available by September 1 in print and online at digital.americanlibrariesmagazine.org

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