

## **Lee Burchfield Appointed as Director of the Louisville Free Public Library**

We are excited to share with you the news that Mayor Greg Fischer announced Lee Burchfield's promotion from Interim Director to Director of the Louisville Free Public Library (LFPL). He was named Interim Director of LFPL last fall upon the departure of Director Jim Blanton.

In a press release about the appointment, Mayor Greg Fischer said, "Lee Burchfield is a true home-grown talent, having been with the Library since 1997. The library system is experiencing great momentum these days, and Lee has the vision and expertise to keep it moving forward."

Lee has held multiple posts with LFPL, including Assistant Director, Assistant Branch Manager, Electronic Resources Supervisor, Manager of Computer Services, and Director of Strategic Planning & Technology.

In Lee's comments on the announcement, he said, "I am humbled and excited to be entrusted with the leadership of the Louisville Free Public Library. In my 22 years with LFPL, I have seen how much our library system is loved by and depended upon by residents of every part of Louisville Metro. We have a tremendously talented and dedicated staff, some of the country's best library facilities, and a reputation for providing innovative and outstanding programming for the community."

The Library Foundation has complete confidence that Lee will keep LFPL's success going, bringing quality services and innovation to Louisville patrons. We know that success is driven by a talented, committed and creative team, and we are grateful for all that the entire Louisville Free Public Library team does for our community. In these difficult budget times, Lee's deep knowledge of the system, its assets and challenges, as well his commitment and passion for its work and history, make him the absolute best person to lead it forward.

Sincerely,  
Chandra Gordon  
Executive Director, Louisville Library Foundation

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Lee Burchfield, Director of Louisville Free Public Library, has been with the Library since 1997. His previous positions included Assistant Branch Manager, Electronic Resources Supervisor, Manager of Computer Services, and Director of Strategic Planning & Technology. He has been Assistant Director since 2016. He earned his Bachelor of Arts at Samford University, where he also worked in the computer lab, circulation department, and serials department at the University Library. He earned his Master of Science in Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky, and earned an additional master's degree and a Ph.D. in Historical Studies from Southern Seminary. In 2014 he completed a strategic planning certification from George Washington University and the Balanced Scorecard Institute as a Balanced Scorecard Professional. He received Six Sigma Green Belt training and certification from Louisville Metro Government. He has published several biographical and historical articles, and has been active as a presenter and panelist at library and technology conferences.