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The campaign for the Northeast Regional Library

As we look back over the year, we can see how far we have come. In May 2019, the new Northeast Regional Library opened to the public on June 24. Since then, it has proved to be a huge success. Its first full month open, St. Matthews set a new system-wide record for circulation, with 60,493 items being checked out in a single month. And when the beautiful new Northeast Regional Library opened in late June, it took just a few days to see the new regional library poised to become by far the busiest library in the system.

The public has responded exuberantly. In July 2019, the first fully open month, total circulation at Northeast Regional was 81,177 items. The previous record for one month was 60,493 with the re-opening in May 2019 of the newly remodeled St. Matthews Library. 

It is not enough to just add a branch and expect the magic to happen. A library system is the result of the hard work and dedication of many people, including elected officials, staff, volunteers, and other stakeholders. And we must be continuously mindful of the needs of our community as we plan for the future. Our success is due in large part to the generosity of our supporters.

Who We Are

The Library Foundation staff is dedicated to supporting the Louisville Free Public Library. Our mission is to support the work of the Library Foundation by increasing awareness of the library’s needs and opportunities, building relationships with business and corporate partners, raising funds through events and special projects, and managing the Endowment.

What We Do

We support LFPL in several ways:

1. By increasing awareness of the library’s needs and opportunities
2. By building relationships with business and corporate partners
3. By raising funds through events and special projects
4. By managing the Endowment

Our Future

The campaign for the Northeast Regional Library is another successful chapter for the Library Foundation. Our vision is to create world-class facilities, and the community’s willingness to provide financial support resulted in this amazing addition to Louisville’s library landscape.

Together, the LFPL and the Library Foundation are committed to providing a library system that meets the needs of our community. As we look ahead, we see many opportunities to build on the success of the Northeast Regional Library and continue to provide resources that help our community thrive.

Keep the Pages Turning with Your Monthly Gift!

The Library Foundation needs your support to keep the pages turning. By donating to the Library Foundation, you are making a difference in the lives of the people who use our libraries.

Our Year: Another Successful Chapter for the Library Foundation

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“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” Those words from author Helen Keller perfectly sum up the Library Foundation’s campaign to raise $3.8 million of the $17.8 million that was needed to build the new Northeast Regional Library, which opened to the public on June 24.

Together, the Louisville Free Public Library’s vision of creating world-class facilities, the Library Foundation’s management of the capital campaign, and the community’s willingness to provide financial support resulted in this amazing addition to Louisville’s library resources. Not one of those entities could have accomplished this project without the support of the other. That’s why we’re announcing a campaign that we hope to be successful.

Campaign funds provided 123,374 books, CDs, DVDs, and other items patrons can borrow; furnishings and technology to complement $14 million in construction funds from Louisville Metro Government and the State of Kentucky. The Northeast Regional Library brings resources for education, cultural entertainment, and lifelong learning to an area of Louisville in which the demand for library services had outstripped its resources.

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Thank you for your efforts in helping the Louisville Metro Council better appreciate the value of our public libraries during a tough budget climate. Your phone calls, letters, and appearances at budget hearings had a meaningful impact. We ask that you continue to donate your time and your treasure. Your advocacy is more important than ever; please continue to remind our elected officials how vital our public library system is to the community.

Because of your generous donations to the Library Foundation, we are able to provide that all-important margin of excellence in our library system that the community deserves.

Our Year: Another Successful Chapter for the Library Foundation

The Campaign for the Northeast Regional Library

Lynn Huffman, Director of Corporate Development, is the new executive of the Library Foundation. Lynn comes to the Foundation with 30 years of experience in nonprofit development. As Director of Corporate Development, Lynn works with business and corporate partners to help increase support for LFPL. LFPL hosts thousands of interesting, educational, and fun events and programs throughout the year. The Foundation is excited to announce that corporate sponsorships of some of these amazing programs are now available at LFPL. Consistently engaging our vibrant and well-attended community events like the How-To Festival, Family S.T.E.A.M. Day, Books & Brews 502, the Craig Buthod Author Series, AnimeCon, and more...

Companies can also show their ongoing support of the Library by becoming an annual donor. Annual corporate giving programs can be designed for businesses, large and small, and offer networking and marketing opportunities, among other benefits. Contributions support the work of LFPL. For more information, contact Lynn at 502-574-0942 or lynn.huffman@lfpl.org

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Fiscal Year 2019

Support and Revenue* Contributions $1,695,563 Interest and Dividends $316,114 Realized and Unrealized Gifts on Investments $146,202 Total $2,149,929 Grants and Expenses Program Expenses $3,264,019 Grants to the Library $3,701,155 Fundraising Expenses $3,301,805 Administration $230,663 Total $9,396,440

*Grants to the Library are funded by contributions raised during the current fiscal year as well as funds raised in previous years.

Page Turners - New Monthly Giving Program

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There are clear signs of positive change. The second half of the year our circulation numbers began trending upward despite our busiest location, the St. Matthews Library, being closed for expansion. And when St. Matthews reopened in May 2019, it proved to be a huge success. Its first full-month open, St. Matthews set a system-wide record for circulation, with 60,493 items being checked out in a single month. And when the beautiful new Northeast Regional Library opened in late June, it took just a few days to see that the new location was poised to become the busiest library in the system.

This year also saw thousands of people attend annual events like the How-To-Festival and Family S.T.E.A.M. Day. A number of great authors also made appearances at LFPL, including Glenn H. Morris, Celeste Ng, Donna Leon, Francie McCormac, and Susan Orlean. And Summer Reading proved once again to be a huge success with 35,867 children and teens completing the program by reading at least 10 books during the summer.

But there are also some serious challenges ahead. The pressures on the Metro Government budget, driven largely by the increased pension obligations placed on us by state government, threaten the well-being of our library system. The Middletown and Fern Creek branches were both closed during the lack of funding. And while Metro Council did fund the reopening of Middletown in 2019, the budget outlook for future years is daunting.

One very encouraging sign is that everywhere I go around the county and no matter who I talk to, there is clear support for our library. Everyone agrees that a vibrant and healthy library system is critical to our community. Everyone agrees that we need more libraries, more books, more staff, and more open hours. So I will continue to work with elected officials, library patrons, the Library Foundation, Friends of the Library, and other supporters and stakeholders to find a permanent solution to our long-term funding challenges. And my great expectation is that LFPL will rally around the threat to our library system and that we will emerge from this with increased funding, more resources, and a stronger Library.

Finally, to those of you who gave your time, your energy, or your wealth to support the LFPL this year, I want to say “Thank You.” Our Library and our community are better because of you, and I am sincerely and deeply appreciative.

Lee Burchfield, Library Director

Our Year: New Branches, New Friends, and New Challenges Ahead

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Welcome to the new Northeast Regional Library

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Financials and Statement of Activities

Foundation Grants to LFPL
Foundation Expenses

Support and Revenue*

Contributions

Realized

Unrealized

$148,252

$236,663

$85,019

$,019

42%

$85,019

$85,019

23%

$85,019

8%

$85,019

Other Library Support

Administration

Total

Grants

Expenses

85%

7%

3%

$236,663

$148,252

$85,019

$236,663

$148,252

$85,019

*Excludes the release of restricted dollars from fiscal year 2019.
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