

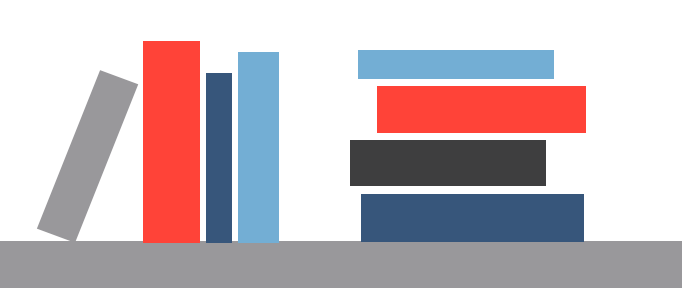


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REACHING THE TOP

FY22 Impact Report





Amazing possibilities are on the horizon for the Louisville Free Public Library!

Who could have imagined the possibilities of today when facing the stark challenges of the past few years? As LFPL met the needs of our city during the height of the pandemic, the Library Foundation remained a steady partner, ensuring public and private funding were available to help our Library meet challenges with ingenuity and resourcefulness. Now we embark on a new chapter that promises so much more for LFPL and Louisville – more libraries, more community, more resources, and more hope for our city.

We are excited to share what we've accomplished this year. Thanks to your generosity, the Foundation was able to support several innovative projects and opportunities in 2022, including:

- **Funding Once Upon an Orchestra**, a first-of-its-kind partnership between the Louisville Orchestra and the Louisville Free Public Library to bring free, literacy-themed orchestra performances to children at all 17 library branches.
- **Purchasing a new Book Bike** to bring the library directly to the community.
- **Adding over 16,000 ebooks/audiobooks to the LFPL collection**, a response to a 50% increase in the demand for digital resources.

This past year, the Library Foundation also took the time to set an exciting vision for supporting our public library by finalizing a new strategic plan. This included expanding capacity, hiring staff, and engaging new donors and volunteers.

The timing could not have been better.

An unprecedented opportunity emerged with the announcement of \$14.6 million in public funds to reopen the Parkland Branch, renovate and expand the Portland Branch, build a new Fern Creek Branch, and renovate our Main Library!

We can see a horizon that promises far more for Louisville's neighborhoods. As we reach toward that future, we must remind ourselves that our work is not complete. We cannot take our public library for granted. We must continue to grow the support to advance innovation and access across the library system, to raise the private funds needed to open the doors on these new libraries and fill them with books and resources, and to advocate for the public operational dollars to keep those doors open for generations to come.

Thank you for your steadfast belief in the Louisville Free Public Library. This is a space that embodies the radical idea that every person has a right to a safe place to immerse themselves in the collective brilliance and creativity of humanity – all at their own pace and in their own time – to make their lives the best they can be.



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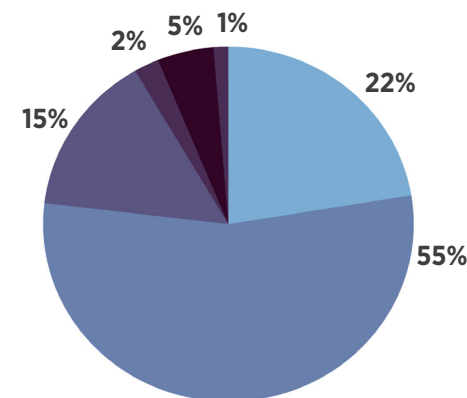
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2022 LIBRARY FOUNDATION GRANTS TO LFPL

- 55% Books, E-magazines & Downloadables
- 22% Children's Bookmobile
- 15% Children's & Teens Programs
- 5% Branch Support
- 2% Promotional Support
- 1% Other



YOUR GIFT COUNTS



2,000
visitors returned to
How-To Festival
in 2022



1,500
kids visited libraries
for Once Upon an
Orchestra



40,000
Louisville youth
participated in Summer
Reading Program

YOUR GIFT HELPS EXPAND AND ENHANCE LIBRARY PROGRAMS ALL YEAR LONG

One hesitant reader signed up for the LFPL Summer Reading Program at the suggestion of her school librarian. According to her mom:

“ Now we're at the library every 1-2 weeks to get new early readers and she's coming up on having read 30 books. My reluctant reader is an enthusiastic reader and I'm so excited to see her head into 1st grade! ”

FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

What a year it was for the Louisville Free Public Library. Though we were still dealing with COVID-19, its impact diminished with each passing month. By the end of June, our materials circulation was almost back to pre-COVID levels. And while people still are not getting out in numbers like we saw before the pandemic, our door counts continue to increase.

Library programming also made a big return. Highlights included a hugely successful Summer Reading Program, the return of the How-to Festival, and a new partnership with Louisville Orchestra that offered family programming at every library location. Notable author visits included Pulitzer Prize winner Geraldine Brooks, New York Times bestsellers E. Lockhart and Angeline Boulley, and a great evening of conversation with Emily Bingham and Crystal Wilkinson.

To cap off the year, we received absolutely stunning good news. The Library was allocated a total of \$14.6 million to fund four capital projects: the reopening of the long-closed Parkland Library; the expansion and renovation of the Portland Library; the building of a new Fern Creek Library; and \$8 million to renovate the Main Library.

All of this is possible because of incredible support for the Library from across Louisville. From the Mayor’s office, Metro Council, the Friends of the Library and the Western Support Association, and our thousands of regular users, people love the Library. One of the chief reasons for that support is the dedicated work of our staff who are out in the community every day helping people achieve their best. I am so thankful to have such a talented and committed group of people to work with.

And of course, the Library Foundation is essential to our success. The financial support we receive from the Foundation makes it possible for us to reach a high standard of excellence. And the Foundation now stands ready to help with raising additional funds to support these four outstanding capital improvements. As we close out one great year and look toward another, please know how very appreciative I and all the staff at LFPL are for all the support we receive from the Foundation staff, board, and donors. Thank you all.



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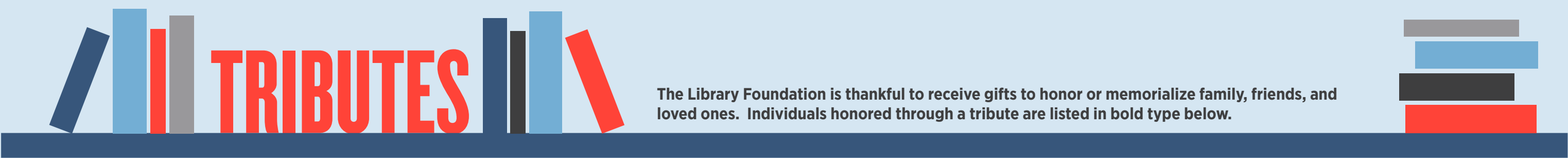
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The PNC Foundation generously provided support that not only allowed for the purchase of 40,000+ diverse “forever books” for toddlers, but also the purchase of Louisville’s first Book Bike!

Painted an eye-catching bright yellow, the Book Bike hit the streets and sidewalks last December with great fanfare as Louisville’s first-ever pedal-powered mobile library. The Book Bike is specially designed with an electric motor assist, a colorful umbrella, and lots of storage for books, allowing librarians to hand out free books and offer pop-up Storytime and other programming directly to children at parks, bus stops, community events, daycare centers—wherever it is flagged down!



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