Each year, LFPL provides free ACT tutoring and test prep services to 1,000+ youth. Approximately half of program participants do not have the financial resources necessary to access these private services by any other means. That’s why the Taco Bell Foundation contributed $15,000 this year to remove barriers and expand LFPL’s programming to underserved youth who are pursuing their dreams of post-secondary education. Since 2020, the Taco Bell Foundation has contributed over $40,000 for free college readiness services at the Louisville Free Public Library.

“This sort of service is very important for our students, and they need to be aware of it. Their parents cannot afford expensive test prep courses and therefore LFPL is leveling the equitable access to this test prep by providing it at our public libraries.”

- Sylvia, Jefferson County Public Schools

“The evidence is unequivocal – investing in public libraries is a catalyst for healthier, better-connected communities. Louisville is headed in the right direction, but we must leverage the momentum and build upon it. The Library Foundation is committed to educating our community’s citizens and leaders as we advocate for stronger libraries.”

- Chandra Gordon, Library Foundation

Funded at just two-thirds the national average for cities our size, the Louisville Free Public Library requires increased public funding to effectively scale its efforts and respond to Louisville’s evolving needs. This year, the Library Foundation maintained its commitment to collaboration with community leaders and library supporters, communicating the need for this critical investment. The result of these collaborative efforts was a remarkable $1,290,000 increase in LFPL’s operating budget.

This critical funding helped expand LFPL’s severely under-resourced materials collection and increased library access by extending business hours at the Fairdale, Portland, and Western libraries.
After this year there is no doubt: Louisville loves our public libraries. There is a contagious energy bubbling up in neighborhoods throughout the city.

That energy was on full display this past April when 250 of Louisville’s top library advocates, thought leaders, and philanthropists gathered at the Main Library for Night at the Library, the Foundation’s first large scale fundraiser. The event garnered more than $75,000 in donations and fueled a wave of support that will soon bring new libraries, innovative programs, and so much more.

Please stay tuned – the momentum is building, and you won’t want to miss the results!

“So many great things are happening at the Library right now—work is underway on new and expanded branches, and attendance is up at programming, including our literacy programs for children that ensure kids are ready for kindergarten. Every day, we support teens and adults as they move from high school to college or want to develop skills for a new or better job. The support of the Library Foundation helps make all of that work possible. It empowers our outstanding staff to do amazing work that makes Louisville a vibrant and resilient city of life-long learners.”

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