

STRONGER LIBRARY STRONGER LOUISVILLE

ADVOCACY PLATFORM



2025 PUBLIC FUNDING PRIORITIES

Empowering Louisville Through Enhanced Library Support

Libraries are essential in our ongoing effort to make Louisville a safer, stronger, and healthier city. The Louisville Free Public Library (LFPL) is a cornerstone of our community, playing a pivotal role in the well-being of our citizens, families, and businesses. To fully realize the vision of a thriving and forward-moving city, increased financial support for the library is crucial.

Investing in libraries is investing in Louisvillians. It ensures every community member possesses the tools, resources, and information necessary to flourish. Adequate funding allows libraries to expand their reach and impact, contributing significantly to the overall quality of life in Louisville. To keep our city on a path to success, the Library Foundation supports an additional \$7 Million in library funding in the next fiscal year.

OPERATIONAL FUNDING \$2.5 MILLION

\$500,000 STAFF PARKLAND & PORTLAND LIBRARIES



An increase of \$500,000 in operational funds will facilitate the hiring of essential staff, enabling the reopening of the expanded and renovated Parkland and Portland libraries in Fiscal Year 2025. These dedicated staff members play a pivotal role in bringing these vital spaces to life.

\$2 MILLION GROW OUR COLLECTION, CUT WAIT TIMES



The average wait time for materials at the Louisville Free Public Library has doubled in the last two years, soaring from 12 to 24 days. Concurrently, the materials budget has remained stagnant. An increase of \$2 million in the materials budget will help address this disparity.

CAPITAL FUNDING \$4.5 MILLION

\$4.5 MILLION INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE



\$4.5 million is needed to complete the projects underway at the Parkland, Portland, Fern Creek, and Main libraries. The Library Foundation is committed to working with legislators, community leaders, and citizens to identify and secure the public and private funds needed to invest in our public library infrastructure and provide equitable services across neighborhoods.

PEER CITY COMPARISON

Louisville ranks 87th out of 128 in library spending per capita among libraries serving 400,000 people or more.

NATIONAL
AVERAGE



WHAT YOU CAN DO

The Library Foundation of Louisville dedicates itself to providing the Louisville Free Public Library with the necessary resources to serve our community effectively. Empowering our citizens, enriching the lives of our families, and contributing to the prosperity of our businesses depends on the library's ability to receive appropriate funding and support.

We invite community leaders and citizens of Louisville to join us in advocating for these much-needed library funds.

You can help ensure that everyone in our city has access to the tools, resources, and information needed to flourish. **Together, we can build a stronger library AND a stronger Louisville.**

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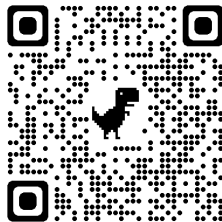
Visit a library, use services, and share with your friends and family all LFPL has to offer.

ADVOCATE

Talk to your Louisville Metro Councilperson and tell them why public libraries matter to you and our community. Let them know you support this year's public funding priorities.

DONATE

Donate to the Library Foundation to support library programs, materials, and more.



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