


Louisville Free Public Library

Established 1902



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Introduction

- LFPL was founded in 1902 and opened in 1905.
- The new Main Library opened on York Street in 1908.
- Currently there are 18 locations: Main Library, 3 Regional Libraries, 9 Community Branches, & 5 Neighborhood Branches.



Four Primary Public Service Programs

2.4 million visits per year

426,000 patrons in our database

143,870 active in past 12 months

- **Materials Collection**

1.54 million items in the collection

Total circulation in last 12 months = 3.7 million

Electronic materials circulation = 727,988

- **Programming**

11,176 programs in last 12 months

Total program attendance of 353,065

- **Digital Divide Services: Public Computers, Free Wi-Fi, Laptop Kiosks**

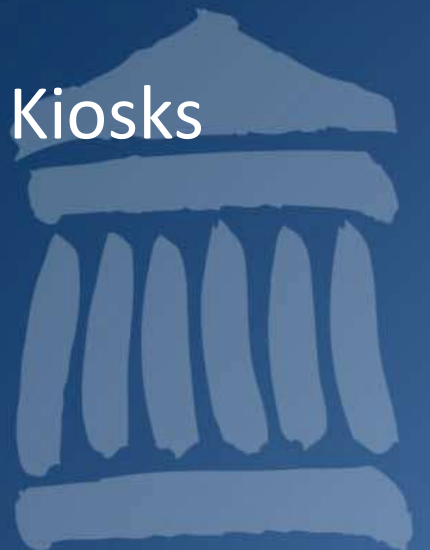
650,000 public computer sessions annually

185,000 wireless sessions annually

- **Community Meeting Spaces**

6,433 meetings hosted in the last 12 months

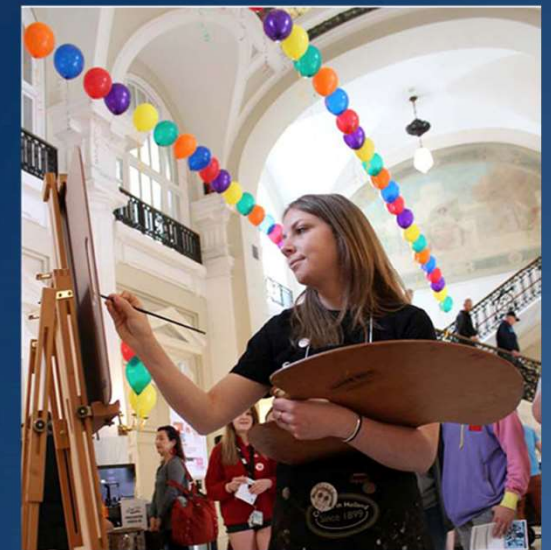
Total meetings attendance of 78,020



Program Highlights from FY2019



The 8th annual How-To Festival taught 2,200 people how to do more than 50 things in 5 hours—from Tai Chi to growing tomatoes to launching rockets.



26,000 children and teens completed last year's Summer Reading Program, reading more than 290,000 books.



The Southwest Regional Preschool Jamboree was attended by 985 people who enjoyed bluegrass music, live animals, and pancakes.



3,000 people attended South Central's annual Family S.T.E.A.M. Day to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.



3,500 fans of all ages celebrated all things Harry Potter at Potterpalooza 2018.



Historical Funding Challenges

- **Louisville Free Public Library** serves Jefferson County, KY

Service Area Population of 771,158

Total operating budget of \$20.7M

Per capita funding of \$26.84

- **Nashville Public Library** serves Davidson County, TN

Service Area Population of 691,243

Total operating budget of \$31.6M

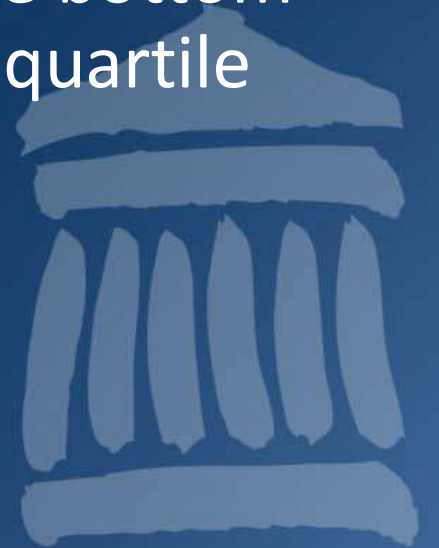
Per capita funding of \$45.80

- **Our staff provides library services at an incredible value!**



Regional Peer Benchmarking

- Total Operating Income per Capita
Cleveland Public Library--\$132
Indianapolis Public Library--\$54
Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Library--\$38
Louisville Free Public Library--\$27
- The FY 2016-2017 Benchmark Cities Report shows LFPL in the bottom quartile in 10 of 15 metrics; the 3rd quartile in 4, and the 2nd quartile in one metric (Beginning Librarian Salary).



Updated Master Plan (2008)

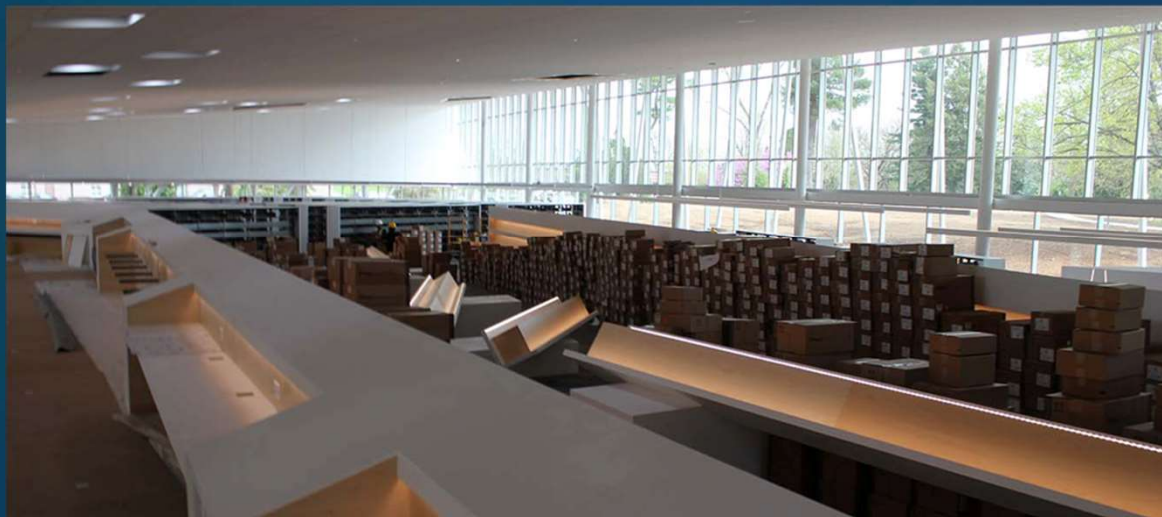
- Main Library
- 3 Regional Libraries
- 9 Community Libraries
- 5 Neighborhood Libraries
- Includes construction of 6 new library buildings:
 - ✓ Southwest Regional, ✓ South Central Regional,
 - ✓ Northeast Regional, ✓ Newburg, Shively, & Middletown.
 - A new library was also built in ✓ Fairdale.
- Projects operating budget needed by FY2020 = \$28.9M



Grand opening of the new St. Matthews Eline Library



Northeast Regional Library opens June 24th



South Central Regional Library opened July 21, 2017



Southwest Regional Library opened October 5, 2014



FY20 Budget Reductions

- Hours reductions at all locations except Main Library and Regionals.
Ex: Iroquois, now open 62 hours/week will be open 44 hours/week.
Ex: Portland, now open 48 hours/week will be open 40 hours/week.
- New hours will include rotating days/evenings, and rotating Fridays/Saturday, per attachment.
- Branch Closures: Fern Creek and Middletown will close.
- Closure scheduling: In order to be out of leased locations by July 1st and have staff available to open Northeast on June 24th, both will close starting June 3rd.
- Reductions will result in loss of 11 Full-Time Non-Union, 73 Part-Time Union, and 8 Library Substitute positions.



Successes

- Aaron Williams (Northeast Regional) was named a *Library Journal* Mover & Shaker for 2019.
- In March 2019 South Central Regional Library won a prestigious AIA/ALA Library Building Award.
- The *How-to-Festival* is a model for public libraries across the country: San Diego, Santa Monica, Bowling Green, Bloomington (IL), Charlottesville.
- *GonzoFest 2019* includes partnerships with The Frazier History Museum and The Speed Museum.



What's next?

- Summer Reading / Cultural Pass starts June 1st
- Northeast Opens June 24th
- GonzoFest is July 20th
- FY20 Strategic Plan Update
- New Library Master Plan



Questions?

