The Library Foundation celebrates 40 years of community support!

Four years ago, several forward-thinking Louisville residents created the Louisville Free Public Library Foundation to raise private dollars and advocate for public dollars to ensure that our public library system could be a great library system. They wanted to support the Library’s efforts to inspire an active learning community that results in an engaged citizen, vibrant neighborhoods, and a sustainable platform of economic success. And they understood that for these things to happen the library would need more funding that is provided in the city budget.

We were right! Since 1980, through contributions from private individuals, foundations, and businesses, the Library Foundation has raised $43.6 million to LFPL for books and materials, new libraries, technology, librarian scholarships, author events, Summer Reading, How-To Festivals, and much more!

As LFPL continues to face scarcity of public dollars—a scarcity that threatens to humanize and materialize and close branches. Currently, budget pressures are compelling LFPL to provide more for the libraries’ base operations, making availability of public dollars for donation of private contributions more important than ever.

As LFPL and the Library Foundation work to address challenges and take advantage of opportunities, 2020 will bring a new vision for the Library. Join us as we envision our vibrant public library system of the future and how we will make it happen! Help us celebrate the Library Foundation 40th Anniversary!

Save the dates of June 13 and 15. The Library Foundation is bringing Eric Ulbricht, author of Paper for the People, to Louisville to help celebrate our birthday and the Library we support. LFPL Director Lee Buechel will address our vision for the future of the Library. More details to come!

Would you like to help plan a party, donate to support LFPL or advocate for the Library? Your gifts of time and treasure will launch the Library Foundation and LFPL on the road to success for the next 40 years! Contact us at 502-574-1504.

For information on how you can support the Louisville Free Public Library, contact the Library Foundation at (502) 574-1644, or log on to LFPLFoundation.org.