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“The Great Flood” - remarkable stories remembered, 75 years later

Main Library, Tuesday, February 7, 7 p.m.

LOUISVILLE (January 20, 2012) – Seventy-five years ago next week, the city of Louisville was literally underwater. Dubbed “The Great Flood,” the flood of 1937 was Louisville’s worst natural disaster of the 20th century. A panel discussion at the Main Library will highlight some of the extraordinary measures taken during the flood and discuss how Louisville recovered from the destruction left in its wake.

The panel will be led by Rick Bell, historian and author of the book *The Great Flood of 1937*. He will share images and stories from the disaster. Joining him is Keith Runyon, Courier Journal Editorial Page Editor, discussing the role of the local media; Kelley Dearing-Smith of Louisville Water and Jay Ferguson, historian, sharing the story of how a group of men fired up the old steam engines to provide the city with drinking water; and LFPL’s Kentucky History Librarian Joe Hardesty, talking about how to research information on the Great Flood at the Louisville Free Public Library.

Join us for *The Great Flood: Remarkable Stories of How Louisville Managed*, Tuesday, February 7, 7 p.m., at the Main Library, 301 York Street. The program is free and open to the public. For more information visit LFPL.org, or call 574-1611.

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