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Derby City Wrestling teams up with Louisville Free Public Library to bring first of its kind children's literacy event to the Southwest Regional Library

Louisville, KY (February 22, 2024) - The Louisville Free Public Library is partnering with Derby City Wrestling to think outside the box in promoting children's literacy. LFPL and DCW will host "Reading & Wristlocks" on Friday, March 22, 6 p.m., at the Southwest Regional Library.

This free community event will feature superstars from Derby City Wrestling reading to children, taking pictures, and signing autographs, before they lock up and square off inside the ring for a night of exciting pro wrestling action.

"Early reading is critical to a child's educational success and literacy is essential to being a successful adult. Libraries bring communities together and work creatively to spark intellectual curiosity," said Library Director Lee Burchfield. "I'm delighted to partner with DCW on this program that will bring families to the library to create positive learning experiences and memories that will last for a lifetime!"

Derby City Wrestling is a weekly episodic pro wrestling television series that airs Saturday at noon on MY58 in the Louisville/Southern Indiana media market and in syndication throughout Georgia, Nevada and Arizona. It is produced by Los Angeles based David Marquez productions, an Emmy Award-winning global media company that has provided full-service television production and distribution for more than 25 years in combat sports.

"When we launched Derby City last year we had a goal of being more than a television show. We like to use our platform as a vehicle to bring together, engage, and uplift the community," DMP President David Marquez said. "When the staff at LFPL reached out, it was a quick and easy yes from us because we're committed to the mission." "Reading & Wristlocks" is a free, non-televised live event and **space is extremely limited**. Seats must be reserved in advance online at <u>www.LFPL.org/Wrestling</u>.

Reading & Wristlocks

Friday, March 22, 2024 Southwest Regional Library 9725 Dixie Highway, Louisville, KY. 40272 Story Time: 6:00 p.m. Bell Time: 6:30 p.m.