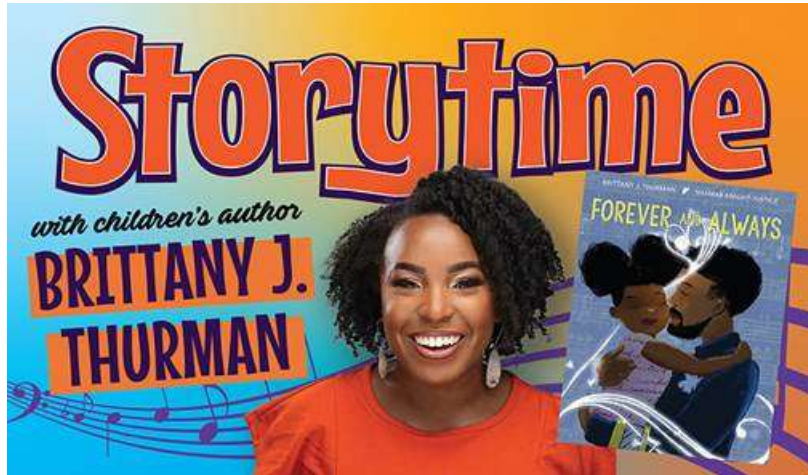




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Author Brittany Thurman to visit three Louisville Free Public Library locations this month

*Expanding the Celebration of the National Book Festival to
Kentucky*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (August 12, 2024) – The Louisville Free Public Library and Kentucky Humanities announce three special family storytimes from acclaimed children’s author Brittany Thurman at LFPL locations. Celebrated for her captivating storytelling and engaging children’s books, Thurman will read from her book *Forever and Always* at the Jeffersontown, Western, and Iroquois libraries in August. Each storytime will be followed by a meet-and-greet with the author.

- [Jeffersontown Library](#) - Monday, August 19, 10:15 a.m.
- [Western Library](#) - Monday, August 26, 6 p.m.
- [Iroquois Library](#) - Thursday, August 29, 6:30 p.m.

Thurman is the author of several books, and her works often highlight themes of self-discovery, resilience, and the joy of reading. Her most recent book, *Forever and Always*, has enchanted young readers with its heartwarming tale and vibrant illustrations.

“We are excited to bring Brittany Thurman to the Louisville Free Public Library,” said Kentucky Humanities Executive Director Bill Goodman. “Brittany is an award-winning author who has tremendous talent for writing stories for children. This is a great opportunity for children and families to celebrate a love of reading together and for Kentuckians to see firsthand the literary talent we are so fortunate to have in the Commonwealth.”

This program is an expansion of the National Book Festival held in Washington, D.C. each year and organized by the Library of Congress.

The National Book Festival’s Roadmap to Reading is made possible by generous support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the National Endowment for the Humanities with additional support from Chief Officers of State Library Agencies. The tour in Kentucky was developed as a partnership with the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, the Kentucky Book Festival, the Kentucky Center for the Book, and Kentucky Humanities.

The Louisville Free Public Library is a cornerstone of education, culture, and community engagement, offering an extensive range of resources and programs to residents. With a vast collection of books, eBooks, audiobooks, and multimedia resources, the library caters to diverse interests and age groups. LFPL is renowned for its innovative programming, which includes early-literacy initiatives, nationally-bestselling author talks, cultural events, and the annual How-To Festival, all designed to promote lifelong learning and community connection. Learn more about the library at www.LFPL.org.

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