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## Louisville Free Public Library again partners with Scripps National Spelling Bee to host regional competition

**Louisville, Ky. (March 2, 2026)** – Mayor Craig Greenburg and the Louisville Free Public Library are excited to announce the return of the Louisville Regional Spelling Bee – the Fleur de Bee. This Saturday, March 7, twenty finalists from elementary and middle schools in Louisville’s 28-county region will meet at the Southwest Regional Library to compete for a spot at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., in May.

This is the third year the Louisville Free Public Library (LFPL) has partnered with Scripps National Spelling Bee to be a regional host. The competition will begin at 10 a.m. in the Community Room of the Southwest Regional Library (9725 Dixie Highway). Participating schools in this year’s Regional Bee include: Holy Family Catholic School (New Albany, IN); Pope John XXIII School (Madison, IN); Saint Anthony Catholic School (Clarksville, IN); Crosby Middle School; Fern Creek Elementary School; Lowe Elementary School; Zachary Taylor Elementary School; Meyzeek Middle School; Johnson Traditional Middle School; Holy Trinity Parish School; Sacred Heart Model School; Whitefield Academy; South Oldham Middle School; Old Mill Elementary School; Kenwood Station Elementary School; Montessori School Of Louisville; Radcliff Elementary School; Immaculata Classical Academy; Shreve Academy; and Cleveland Christian Academy (Sellersburg, IN).

“I am so proud of the work our library system is doing every day to support literacy in our community – helping make Louisville safer, stronger, and healthier,” said Mayor Greenburg. “By sponsoring the Louisville Regional Spelling Bee, our Louisville Free Public Library is providing a stage for these amazing students to compete for a chance to represent our city in the Scripps

National Spelling Bee. That’s the kind of experience that stays with a young person for life – and it all starts at the library.”

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is the nation’s largest and longest-running educational program, reaching millions of students across the country. The winner of the very first National Spelling Bee in 1925, sponsored by the Courier-Journal, was from Louisville. By inspiring the exploration of words, the Bee encourages lifelong curiosity, celebrates academic achievement, and enriches communities.

“The Scripps Spelling Bee is a wonderful addition to the work our library system is doing every day to support early learning in our city,” said Library Executive Director Heather Lowe. “I am so grateful that the Library Foundation has once again stepped up to sponsor this year’s Fleur de Bee.”

LFPL’s regional sponsorship is made possible through the generous support of the Library Foundation. Look for more spelling bee information and updates on the Library’s social media.

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