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Mayor Greenberg announces Louisville Free Public Library, Louisville Ballet will bring holiday magic to libraries

Annual holiday tradition brings Brown-Forman Nutcracker dancers to Louisville libraries for special interactive storytimes

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (November 10, 2026) – Today Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg announced the Louisville Free Public Library and the Louisville Ballet are once again partnering to bring free Nutcracker Family Storytime to six Library locations this holiday season.

"The Nutcracker ballet is a holiday tradition here in Louisville, and thanks to an incredible partnership between our city's ballet and our libraries, we have a unique opportunity for every child in Louisville to experience the holiday magic at no cost to families," said Mayor Greenberg.

Beginning November 17, dancers from the Louisville Ballet's *The Brown-Forman Nutcracker* will lead special storytimes at Library branches. The dancers will come in costume to read to children and lead them in music and dance activities. The children will also make a Nutcracker-related craft.

"Nutcracker Family Storytime is a beloved holiday tradition, and we're grateful to the Louisville Ballet for the continued partnership," said Heather Lowe, executive director of LFPL. "It's a chance for children to see these talented ballet dancers up close and experience the magic of the Nutcracker for free in the comfort of their own library."

One lucky family at each event will even walk away with four tickets to see Louisville Ballet's full production of the Brown-Forman Nutcracker this winter.

"Nutcracker Family Storytime is one of our favorite community engagement programs at Louisville Ballet," said Stacey Blakeman, Louisville Ballet's director of community engagement. "Spreading holiday magic with families across our city through storytelling and dance, alongside a treasured community partner like the Louisville Free Public Library, is a wonderful reflection of our mission to make the art of ballet accessible to everyone–and being able to share free tickets to *The Brown-Forman Nutcracker* makes the experience even more special."

LFPL and Louisville Ballet's Nutcracker Family Storytime has been an annual event at libraries since 2013.

See below for the full schedule of Nutcracker Family Storytimes, or visit lfpl.org/nutcracker.

Tuesday, November 17 - South Central Regional Library
Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, November 23 - Shawnee Library
Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, November 30 - Southwest Regional Library
Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 1 - Northeast Regional Library
Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2 - St. Matthews Library
Two times available: 6-7 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 - Iroquois Library
Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

About Louisville Free Public Library

Louisville Free Public Library connects the residents of Louisville and Jefferson County to knowledge and information at our library locations and on the web at LFPL.org. Come on in, the whole world's inside.

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Founded in 1952, Louisville Ballet is Kentucky's official state ballet and a nationally recognized professional dance company. Committed to changing lives through dance, the company presents a diverse repertoire, from beloved classics to bold contemporary works, while engaging more than 80,000 people annually through performances, education, and outreach. With over 1,300 students enrolled at The Louisville Ballet School and more than 31,000 reached through community engagement programs, the Ballet is dedicated to making dance accessible to all, fostering creativity, wellness, and connection across generations. Louisville Ballet is led by Artistic Director Anthony Krutzkamp and Executive Director Felicia Swoope. Learn more at louisvilleballet.org.