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Louisville Free Public Library Director Craig Buthod recipient of CNPE's Pyramid Award for Excellence in the Art of Leadership

Cited for leadership on expansion, flood recovery and community response

Louisville, Ky. (September 9, 2010) – Louisville Free Public Library Director Craig Buthod is the recipient of the 2010 Center for Non-Profit Excellence (CNPE) Pyramid Award for Excellence in the Art of Leadership, sponsored by Dean, Dorton and Ford. The award is given annually to honor an individual in Greater Louisville for leadership in the nonprofit sector and is based on an ability to make mission- and value-consistent decisions, to rally people, to maximize the potential of staff and volunteers, and to achieve results.

“Library Director Craig Buthod epitomizes leadership,” said Library Foundation board member Rae Horton. “Even in the face of shrinking budgets and staff, Craig has managed to strengthen every area of programming and services, including building the library’s collections, enhancing technology – particularly in the area of public access to computers – and tenaciously pursuing the implementation of the Library’s Master Facilities Plan.”

In presenting this award, CNPE commends “Library Director Buthod’s leadership in a time of crisis and rebirth.” They recognize him for a series of successes, including:

- Response to the devastating flood of August 2009 resulting in more than \$7 million in damage to the Main Library which was able to re-open to the public in less than 23 days.
- Commitment to the library’s Master Capital Expansion Plan which resulted in the opening of the Newburg Library in August 2009, one of the most ecologically friendly and technologically advanced branch libraries in the nation.
- Unique partnerships with Louisville schools which provides Student Power Plus Cards to all students, including access to library services as well as access and discounts for many other goods and services including bus service, after school activities and GED and SAT test preparation.
- Being named 2010 Librarian of the Year by *Library Journal*, the country’s premier library publication.

“It’s an honor to be appreciated with this award, but it’s really the library as a whole that deserves it,” said Buthod. “None of the progress we’ve made would have been possible if we didn’t have a lot of good people working together.”

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence Pyramid Awards for Excellence will be presented on October 6 at the Galt House East during the 10th Anniversary Nonprofit Leadership Conference. CNPE is a nonprofit support management organization dedicated to being a resource for the success of nonprofits in the Greater Louisville and Southern Indiana area.

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