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## **LFPL, JCPS promote *Literacy Empowerment* in March with a series of free programs and workshops at seven library locations**

**LOUISVILLE (February 29, 2016)** – A new initiative brings together the Louisville Free Public Library, Jefferson County Public Schools, and the community to demonstrate to local students the transformative—and enduring—power of literacy in their lives. *Literacy Empowerment Month* is the latest partnership between LFPL and JCPS, signifying the Library’s constant commitment to supporting literacy and our schools. The month of programming includes events for children, teens, and families, as well as events that highlight Louisville’s African American and immigrant communities, local artists and authors, and more!

Closing out the month, on Monday, March 28, join us for a special event featuring Mayor Greg Fischer, JCPS Superintendent Dr. Donna Hargens, and Louisville Urban League President and CEO Sadiqa Reynolds talking with third graders about the books that have influenced their lives. This free program – *Masterminds* – will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Main Library (301 York St.) and is open to the public.

*Literacy Empowerment Month* is part of the Louisville Free Public Library’s ongoing commitment to lifelong learning. To learn more, visit [LFPL.org](http://LFPL.org) or call (502) 574-1611. A complete list of related programs is listed below.

*Literacy Empowerment Month* partnership programs:

- **Helping Your Child Succeed – Cradle to College Planning for Elementary and Middle/High Students**, St. Matthews Library, Thursday, March 3, 6 p.m.
- **Voices of the Past – the African American Hometown Journey** with local authors Carrider Jones, Dan Withers, Mervin Aubespain, and Ken Clay, Western Library, Monday, March 7, 10:30 a.m.
- **Arts & Smarts – How Books Have Inspired Local Artists and Authors**, Southwest Library, Thursday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.
- **How Do You Say Family? – A Look at Immigrant & Refugee Families in Louisville**, Bon Air Library, Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.
- **New Homes, New Languages, New Books – Celebrating the Immigrant Journey Through Books**, Iroquois Library, Thursday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.
- **Masterminds** with Mayor Greg Fischer, JCPS Superintendent Dr. Donna Hargens, and Louisville Urban League President and CEO Sadiqa Reynolds, Main Library, Monday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.
- **Happy, Healthy, Together – the Importance of Healthy Living**, Newburg Library, Monday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.

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