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

**Louisville, Ky. (December 7, 2023)** – The Louisville Free Public Library (LFPL) has partnered with Scripps National Spelling Bee to be a regional host of the Spelling Bee in 2024. The regional competition will be held at the Main Library, 301 York Street, on Saturday, March 9, and will bring together students from local elementary and middle school to compete for a spot in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May.

Launched in 1925, the Scripps National Spelling Bee is the nation’s largest and longest-running educational program, reaching millions of students across the country. By inspiring the exploration of words, the Bee encourages lifelong curiosity, celebrates academic achievement, and enriches communities.

The winner of the very first National Spelling Bee in 1925, sponsored by the Courier-Journal, was from Louisville. For years, the Louisville region has been without a local sponsor and host. LFPL’s regional sponsorship this year is made possible through the generous support of the Library Foundation.

“The Scripps Spelling Bee is a fantastic complement to the Library’s ongoing work to develop kids’ reading skills. When we found out we had the opportunity to host the regional competition we knew we had to do it,” said Library Director Lee Burchfield. “I’m so appreciative that the Library Foundation leadership felt the same way and stepped up to ensure we could make it happen. I can’t wait.”

The Louisville region encompasses 28 counties in north-central Kentucky and southern Indiana. Schools interested in competing should register online through Scripps National Spelling Bee at [spellingbee.com](https://spellingbee.com). Individuals and organizations interested in supporting the Library’s participation in the Bee can donate to the Library Foundation online at [LFPLFoundation.org](https://LFPLFoundation.org), or by calling (502) 754-1702.

Look for more spelling bee information and updates on the Library’s website – [LFPL.org](https://LFPL.org) – and on social media in the coming weeks.