

Books Still Needed for Flood-Damaged Louisville Library, Author Susan Mallery Helps

As post-flood repairs near completion on the Main Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library, the need for books remains strong. New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery donates books, as well as funds to help the library rebuild.

Louisville, KY (prHWY.com) March 26, 2010 - Late next week, Louisville Free Public Library staff members are expected to move back into the Main Branch, nearly eight months after a flash flood caused extensive damage. Although the cost of repairs have been covered by flood insurance, metro capital improvements, and help from the Library Foundation, the Library still needs help to rebuild its collection, according to [New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery](#).

As part of the promotion for her May release, *Chasing Perfect*, the first book of her new [Fool's Gold](#), California romance series, Mallery asked her readers to nominate their favorite library to win a free copy of one of her books. Nominations poured in from all over the country. A fan of [Mallery's Facebook page](#) nominated the Louisville Free Public Library and told Mallery about the flood damage the library had suffered on August 4 of last year.

"As soon as I heard that the library had lost 50,000 books to the flood, I felt compelled to help," Mallery says. "When I was a child, librarians fostered a love of reading in me and guided me to books that surprised me, educated me, enthralled me and, book by book, expanded my concept of the world. Because of libraries, I am a writer."

Mallery has sent a donation of books to the library, as well as a donation of cash to the Library Foundation to help purchase children's books in honor of the librarians who touched her life.

"It is so heartwarming to know that people care," says Martha Geier, Manager of Collection Services. Geier says that Mallery's books circulate very well with the library patrons.

How to Help...

With books:

Library staff members are still going through the inventory list to determine exactly which books were destroyed and to determine the needs of the collection. Classics are always in demand, Geier says, as are popular children's books. The library system has a number of Susan Mallery books in their collection, which circulate well, according to Geier. A wish list has been created on Amazon.com with some of the titles that the library needs. To find the wish list, go to Amazon.com and click on "Gift & Wish Lists" at the top of the page, then search for "Louisville Free Public Library" in the right-hand column.

With money:

Often, because of library discounts, donations of money go farther than donations of books. The [Louisville Free Public Library Foundation](#) is happy to accept donations on behalf of the library. These donations are

tax-deductible. To donate online, enter an amount in the space provided in the middle of the Foundation's home page and then click the Donate button. To donate by mail, send a check to:

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