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### **Passion for libraries leads to largest private gift**

**LOUISVILLE, CO – June 23, 2010** – Marian Madison was a long-time children’s librarian and cataloger, having received her Master’s in Library Science from Denver University in 1970. A former Louisville resident who frequently used the Louisville Public Library, Ms. Madison’s passion for libraries has resulted in the largest ever private gift to the Library. Following her death in March, a bequest of approximately \$130,000 has created the Madison Endowment, which will be managed by the Louisville Public Library Foundation. It will be used primarily to fund programming and service efforts that are otherwise beyond the scope of the current library budget.

“We are delighted and so very appreciative of Marian’s generosity,” said Beth Barrett, Director of Library and Museum Services. “Private gifts are even more critical in challenging economic times. Because of Ms. Madison’s generous endowment, the Library will be able to expand our reach into the community.”

A reception to honor Marian Madison and her family will be held on Sunday, August 1, 2010, at 4:00 at the Louisville Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, contact Louisville Public Library Foundation President Phil Barton at 303-664-1050.

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