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We're Having a Party and We Need Your Help!!

The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County is having a birthday party and everyone is invited to participate! In preparation for its 150th birthday celebration **FREE & PUBLIC Family Fest** on Saturday, March 15, the Library would like children and adults to share their memories and write their birthday wishes for the Library.

Children can pick up a "Happy Birthday Library!" card at any library and write and draw their birthday wishes on the inside. All cards will be displayed at the March 15th event where there will be fun filled activities, games, music, cake and ice cream from 1-4 p.m.

The Library would also like you to share your fond memories of the Library by picking up a "Free & Public: Share Your Memories" survey at any branch or the Main Library downtown. Among information the Library would like to receive:

- Your favorite childhood book
- Your first public library visit and where
- How old you were when you first went to the library
- Who you went to the library with
- Favorite librarian's name
- Your favorite library memory

The memories will be included in the Library's 150th anniversary celebration on March 15.

✓ Information about the Main Library and 41 branch libraries is available on the Internet site: www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

FREE & PUBLIC: SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

Some of the comments we have received so far:

- “I was six years old when I made my first trip to the Westwood Branch Library in 1937. The Library truck also came to our school, Our Lady of Lourdes, each month. The branch seemed huge to me when I was small. It had a fireplace with a pretty mantel and wing chairs placed nearby. I thought it was a magical place.”
- “I was employed at the Old Main Library at 629 Vine Street from 1938 until 1941, just out of high school. I remember the beautiful marble steps and brass rail, which were shined every day. I checked out books in the little wooden booth in the main hall entrance. It’s where I met my husband. It was a beautiful place to work right out of high school. I still go to my branch in Groesbeck.”
- “My favorite Library memory was taking the bus downtown when I was 12 by myself or with my younger brother. I would catch the bus from the Madisonville Loop (Kenwood & Madison) and spend an entire summer day at the Main Library. I was amazed with the endless selection of books in the science area. I was six years old in 1960 when I made my first trip to the Madeira Branch Library, which was located in the City Hall at the time. Our family moved to Arizona in 1969, and I just moved back in 1996 and ‘rediscovered’ the Main Library.”
- “I first visited the Greenhills Branch Library in 1963 when I was seven years old. I loved how the librarians could recommend books because they know me so well. They still do.”