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Teens Are *SLAMMIN'* @ Your Library During Teen Read Week (October 19–25)

What do music lyrics, writing, poetry slams, and open mic nights have in common? They encourage teens to read poetry for the fun of it! The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is celebrating Teen Read Week 2003 (October 19–25) with *SLAMMIN' @ Your Library*, featuring a great line-up of programs and special author appearances.

TWO RENOWNED TEEN AUTHORS HEADLINE THE SERIES:

Ellen Schreiber will appear at:

- Mt. Washington Branch Library
October 21, 6:30 p.m.
- Covedale Branch Library
October 23, 4:00 p.m.

Ellen Schreiber is a local author who recently published her first book, *Teenage Mermaid*. A resident of Oakley, Ms. Schreiber majored in theater at Northern Kentucky University and is a former stand-up comedian. *Teenage Mermaid* is the humorous tale of a young mermaid who saves a surfer from drowning. Her kiss revives him and they fall instantly in love.

Angela Johnson will appear at:

- Main Library
Wednesday, October 22
9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m.

Angela Johnson, born in Tuskagee, Alabama, knew in grade school that she wanted to become a writer. In high school she wrote free-form poetry, which eventually led her to write books for children and teens and to win the Coretta Scott King Award for *When I Am Old with You*. Her stories, which feature African American characters, highlight the value of close and affectionate family ties. Her new teen book, *First Part Last*, is the story of a sixteen-year-old boy trying to raise his newborn son alone.



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Other Teen Read Week programs include:

- **Poetry Slam**—Read your poem and win! Check out the rules at www.cincinnati.library.org: Pleasant Ridge, October 20, 6:30 p.m.; West End, October 21, 7:00 p.m.; Blue Ash, October 22, 4:00 p.m.; College Hill, October 23, 7:00 p.m.; Forest Park, October 25, 1:30 p.m.; and Main Library, October 28, 7:00 p.m.
- **Henna Body Art**—Join John Rapach and the Bliss Art Group for temporary tattoos and information about Henna body art: Clifton, October 20, 6:00 p.m.; Loveland, October 21, 6:00 p.m.; Westwood, October 22, 4:00 p.m.; and Mt. Healthy, October 23, 6:00 p.m.
- **Teen Rhythm & Rhyme**—Steve Hayes offers a dynamic view on poetry and rhyming: Sharonville, October 21, 7:00 p.m.; Groesbeck, October 22, 7:00 p.m.; and Corryville, October 25, 1:00 p.m.
- **Poetry Workshop**—young poets and teens get tips on creating and crafting their art with poet Richard Hague: Monfort Heights, October 21, 4:30 p.m.; Hyde Park, October 23, 6:30 p.m.; and Norwood, October 25, 1:00 p.m.