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### CELEBRATE AVIATION'S CENTENNIAL AT THE LIBRARY

The Main Library, 800 Vine Street, will be offering several programs to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of flight.

- **The Wright Brothers' Legacy: A Book Discussion and Signing**  
with Owen Findsen  
Saturday, November 1, 2:00 p.m.  
Atrium, first floor

Former *Cincinnati Enquirer* reporter Owen Findsen discusses his new book on the Wright Brothers, *The Wright Brothers Legacy: Orville and Wilbur Wright and Their Aeroplanes*. The book is an in-depth photographic portrait of their monumental work in aviation--and the world's reaction to the invention of flight. From their early experiments with gliders to the first flight of a heavier-than-air aircraft, from their tours of European and American air shows to their development of a military aircraft, to the final installation of the Kitty Hawk Flyer at the Smithsonian Institution in 1948, this book celebrates an invention that changed the world.

Findsen grew up in Cincinnati and majored in advertising design. Although he began his career at the *Enquirer* as a staff artist, he shifted his talents to feature writing about art and artists, architecture, and tristate history. Copies of his book will be available for purchase through the Library Friends' Shop, and a book signing will follow.

- **The Wright Brothers: A Family Perspective**  
with Amanda Wright Lane  
Saturday, November 15, 2:00 p.m.  
Huenefeld Tower Room, third floor

Amanda Wright Lane, the great, great grandniece of Wilbur & Orville Wright, talks about growing up in a famous family. For the past two years she and her brother have devoured family histories and Wright brother reading materials, preserving their uncles' legacy with their "celebrity by association." Ms. Lane will recount some of her father's anecdotes about the famous brothers, who never lost their curiosity for how the world works—and their childlike way of testing how to make it better.

#### *Did you know?*

The Wright Brothers early fascination with flight was prompted by their father, Bishop Wright, who was in the habit of bringing small toys home to his children after traveling on church business. The Penaud helicopter that Milton Wright brought home in 1878 was a variation of one of Europe's oldest mechanical toys.

Although known for their contributions to aviation, printing was one of the brothers' first interests as children. By the time that he was 16, Orville had worked summers in a print shop, learned the printing business from the ground up, and designed and built his own press. In 1889, he began publishing *The West Side News*, a weekly paper intended for the residents of West Dayton. By April of that year, Wilbur was involved in the printing business and was soon listed on the newspaper masthead as editor, with Orville listed as printer and publisher.

The brothers' bicycle shop provided them with the income they needed to pursue their aeronautical work. It opened in 1892, expanding from one of the best sales and repair shops in the region to manufacturing their own line of hand-built, made-to-order bicycles.

- **49<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Program: *Freedom Is Not Free: Surviving Japan's Notorious P.O.W. Camp*** with World War II veteran Ray "Hap" Halloran Author of *Hap's War: The Incredible Survival Story of a P.O.W. Slated for Execution*  
Tuesday, November 11, 10:45 a.m.  
Atrium, first floor

Shot down 32,000 feet over Tokyo in January 1945, B-29 navigator Ray "Hap" Halloran survived over seven months at Japan's most notorious P.O.W. camp. The World War II veteran will recount his ultimate victory over the 40-year trial he calls "Hap's War." In Japanese captivity, Mr. Halloran endured brutal beatings, starvation, solitary confinement, torture, and public humiliation being displayed naked in an animal cage at the zoo. For 39 years after liberation, Hap's War continued with weekly and sometimes daily nightmares. Memories of falling through space or being beaten and always hungry kept recurring, causing him to wake up screaming for help. The 81 year-old former Army Air Corpsman will share how he finally triumphed over the crushing adversity of his wartime experiences.

In addition to Mr. Halloran's keynote remarks, the program will include the presentation of commemorative wreaths by a number of area Veterans organizations and the Lighting of the Flame of Remembrance. The Western Hills Jr. ROTC Color Guard will also participate in the program along with the Brian Buerkle Brass Quartet. The free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library. All are invited to attend.

- **World War I: Introduction to Aerial Combat**  
Saturday, December 6, 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Huenefeld Tower Room, third floor

World War I aviation history will be explored with this panel discussion, presented by staff of the leading World War I magazine, *Over the Front*, published locally by the League of World War I Aviation Historians.

For more information, call (513) 369-3358.

- ✓ **Information about the Main Library and 41 branch libraries is available on the Internet site: [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org).**
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