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Downtown Residents Council Sponsors Downtown Art Programs for Children at the Main Library in Summer 2004

A \$2,000 sponsorship by the Downtown Residents Council (DRC) will enable the Children's Learning Center at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, to offer a *Fabulous Art* program for children ages 8-12 during the coming summer.

In a cooperative partnership, members of DRC will also have the opportunity to volunteer during the programs, which will be offered twice a week in June, July and August 2004—one program during a weekday morning, and the other on a Saturday morning. The programs will target children ages 8-12 to actively participate by producing a piece of artwork, through making music, and/or by participating in a movement program.

“We’re really excited by this generous gift,” said Lisa Hamrick, Manager of the Children’s Learning Center. “We hope that children will have a fun Library experience when they participate, as well as become more familiar with the Children’s Learning Center. At the same time they will enjoy working with adult volunteers from their neighborhood. An exhibit of the children’s artwork will be displayed throughout the summer at the Main Library.”

“What’s most exciting about this gift is the opportunity for children to actually create art,” said Kimber L. Fender, the Library’s Executive Director. “Because they will be active participants, the children will learn that everyone can be an artist.”

“One of the advantages of living downtown is being close to many of Cincinnati’s arts venues,” said Joseph Herr, Board Member of the Downtown Residents’ Council. “By sponsoring these programs, we want to build our community by insuring that arts are available to the children of the neighborhood.”

The Downtown Residents' Council was established in 1985 as a resource for residents of the Central Business District to exchange experiences and express their concerns. Members share a love for living downtown and a common interest in improving the overall quality of downtown life.

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

✓ **Information about the Downtown Residents’ Council is available on the Internet site: www.ilivedowntown.com.**