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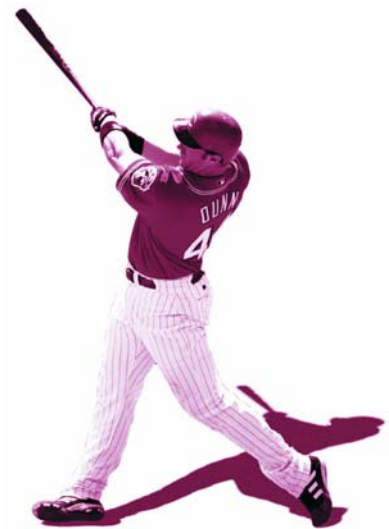
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### **Hey Kids! Swing Into *BOOKS & BASEBALL* (April 5 – 19) with the Public Library & Cincinnati Reds for Chances to Win Tickets to a Game at Great American Ball Park**

The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County and the Cincinnati Reds are teaming up to play a doubleheader for reading. From Opening Day (April 5) through April 19, any child (in grades 6 or under) can swing into the season with double the fun through *Books & Baseball*. By checking out any item or attending a Library program, children who “touch base” with reading can enter to win a pair of two Reds tickets—simply by filling out an entry form. The more times items are checked out or the more Library programs attended, the more chances to win. Children can enter as often as they like. One pair of tickets will be given away at the Main Library and at each of the Library’s 41 branches for a total of 84 tickets in all. Check the Library’s website at [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org) then click on programs from the homepage for baseball-oriented storytimes, book displays and craft making programs centered around these two great American pastimes, *Books & Baseball*.



**Baseball History: It’s in the Cards** – Revisit baseball’s past through a nostalgic exhibition of baseball cards on display in the Main Library Atrium from April 5 through April 24. The cards, issued from the late 1940s and early 1950s, were produced by Topps and Bowman and feature Hall of Famers: Stan Musial, Jackie Robinson, Ted Williams, Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle, Hank Aaron and other baseball greats. Cincinnati Reds manager Fred Hutchinson, and players Ted Kluszewski, Joe Nuxhall, Gus Bell, Johnny Vander Meer, Ernie Lombardi and others, will also be featured.

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