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Architecture by Children (ABC) on Display at Main Library April 24-May 1

(Cincinnati, Ohio) Architecture by Children (ABC, www.architecturebychildren.com), an exhibition of work by area students, will be on view at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, from April 24 through May 1. This year's theme is "Sacred Spaces." More than 350 projects, selected from the 36 participating schools, will be on display in the atrium during normal library hours. Guest jurors from the local design community will choose winners in several categories from the projects. On Saturday, May 1, the winners of the design competition will be announced at a special reception at the Library from noon until 2:30 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be served.

ABC, a program sponsored by American Institute of Architects and the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati, gives students in grades K–12 the opportunity to learn about the field of architecture directly from local designers and architects. Architects speak and make presentations at participating schools each January. Through this free program, students can develop an understanding of the role of the architect and how architects affect all our lives, through the design and development of our shared environment.

The theme *Sacred Spaces* is intended to include all places, religious and secular, that can fall under the broadest definition of "sacred." These include monuments to individuals (Washington, Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Jr.), ideals (liberty, bravery, justice, peace), myths (Cincinnatus, Romulus & Remus), and deities (Allah, Athena, Buddha, Shiva, Yahweh), as well as spaces of refuge (a teen safe house), retreat (Grailville), meditation, and prayer. While churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, chapels, etc. are readily recognized as places that are sacred, a sacred place might also be the corner of a bedroom or any place that is very special - large or small, public or private.

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DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:

Saturday, April 24, 2:00 p.m.

Main Library, Children's Learning Center, 800 Vine Street, (513) 369-6922

Super Saturday: Kids Build! Architecture activities with Janet Cotner. How high can kids build a skyscraper with toothpicks and marshmallows? Ages 6–12

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