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Dig Up New Ideas for Gardening Explore New Destinations for Your Summer Vacation

Spring is well underway, and with it comes those warm months where there is plenty to do outside, from planting flowers and vegetables, to sprucing up the lawn or redoing your landscaping. Whatever your project is, from an indoor container garden to landscaping your yard, the Public Library has thousands of books, resources, and programs that will help!

Type in “gardening” on CINCH on the Library’s web site (www.CincinnatiLibrary.org) and you’ll come up with hundreds of entries ranging from books on gardening projects, to videos on landscaping, flower and vegetable gardening, greenhouse and organic gardening, as well as many other related topics. The Main Library’s Science & Technology Department, as well as all 41 branches, have extensive collections of gardening books and other materials that will point you in the right direction.

The Magazines & Newspapers Department at the Main Library also offers a wide array of magazines on gardening in the Home & Garden section, including *American Gardener*, *American Rose*, *Country Living Gardener*, *English Garden*, *Fine Gardening*, *Garden Design*, *Horticulture*, *Organic Gardening*, and *Plants and Garden News*. Except for current issues, gardening magazines may be checked out at most branch locations.

Check out the “**Sites by Subject—Home & Garden**” section on our web page where you’ll find links to *Buckeye Gardening*, with ideas specific to Ohio; *Garden Web*, which includes a wide variety of garden links; *Garden Mart*, a searchable database with bulletin boards and advice columns; and *Web Garden*, a site maintained by the Ohio State University Department of Horticulture and Crop Science for gardeners, horticulturists and agronomists with useful information for Ohio gardeners.

Of particular note is a popular series of gardening programs at the Monfort Heights Branch Library, 3825 West Fork Road. Specialists from the White Oak Garden Center have been presenting *Year Round Gardening* on a variety of seasonal topics for the past six years. Don’t

miss *Herbs for the Birds and the Bees* on Monday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m. Other programs include *Big Ideas for Small Spaces* on June 21 and *Water Garden Wonders* on July 12.

SELECTED GARDENING PROGRAMS AT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

- Anderson, 7450 State Road, 369-6030
 - *Flower Pot Painting: A Decoration for Home or Yard*, Wednesday, July 7, 6:30 p.m.
- Greenhills, 7 Endicott Street, 369-4441
 - A new adult monthly gardening group, *Greenhills Gardeners Share*, will share seeds, sprouts, and stories. Next meeting: Monday, June 21, 6:30 p.m., and Monday, July 19, 6:30 p.m.
- Green Township, 6525 Bridgetown Road, 369-6095
 - *Proper Plant Selection and Care* will be presented on Tuesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m. with Hack Hackman of Hackman Garden Center.
 - *Hip and Quick Ways to Use Herbs* on Wednesday, July 21, 10:30 a.m.
- Harrison, 10398 New Haven Road, 369-4442
 - *Seasons in Bloom series: Your Outdoor Deck - A Summer Room: Tips & Techniques* with Home Depot on Tuesday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m.
 - *The Beauty of Native Plants* with Scott Peak of Shaker Trace Seed Nursery will be presented on Tuesday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.
 - *Herbs: The Healing Plants* with Cynthia Welti of Growing Interest, Inc. on Tuesday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.
- Madeira, 7200 Miami Avenue, 369-6028: *Summer Gardening Series* for adults presented by Michael Benken of H.J. Benken Florist
 - Monday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.- *Container Gardening and Combination Pots*
 - Monday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.- *Summer Stress: How to Avoid the Pitfalls of a Burned-out Garden.*
- Mariemont, 3810 Pocahontas Avenue, 369-4467
 - *Garden Flowers: Lore and Legend*, a slide program on Saturday, June 19, 10:30 a.m. with Barbara Farber
- Reading, 9001 Reading Road, 369-4465
 - *Children's Fairy Garden*, Thursday, June 17, 1:30 p.m., for ages 6-12

Explore Vacation Destinations

Summer is typically the time when many Americans pack up their bags and head off to places unknown to get away from it all. You can plan your vacation from start to finish at your local library, from checking out travel guides and videos to accessing web sites that provide information on airfares, hotel rates, and places of interest, all at your fingertips.

All branches have circulating and reference materials on a wide range of subjects. If you start at the Main Library, check out the Travel Section in the History & Genealogy Department, third floor. The department maintains an extensive collection of travel guides, including indexes to hotels, bed and breakfast inns, campgrounds, and state and national parks.

The “**Sites by Subject—Travel**” on the Library’s web site links you to hundreds of general sites from A to Z, from Accommodations and Air Travel to Walking Tours and Waypoints. Looking to travel by train? Click on *Rail Travel* to find what’s available. Need help in finding a travel agent? *LocateaTravelAgent.com* can put you in touch with someone near your home or business. Want to bring the family pet along? There’s also information on what hotels and resorts welcome pets, not only in the United States but overseas.

Don’t forget the extensive collection of travel videos in the Films & Recordings Department at the Main Library. There are videos on adventure trips, the national parks, cities and states, as well as many countries overseas. Remember, you can look up a video at a branch or at home through the Library’s web site, and reserve that title and have it sent to any branch in the system. Travel videos, unlike feature films, can be checked out for seven days, and renewed for seven more if there are no reserves.

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✓ **Interpreter for the hearing impaired available upon request. Please call the ADA Coordinator at 369-4406 (TDD 369-4409) at least one week before program.**

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