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***What's the Word? READ!* with Annie Ruth at the Public Library**

- Madisonville Branch (4830 Whetsel Avenue): November 12, 2004
- West End Branch Library (805 Ezzard Charles Drive): November 17, 2004
- Price Hill Branch Library (3204 Warsaw Avenue): January 15, 2005
- Corryville Branch Library (2802 Vine Street): March 12, 2005

What's the Word? Read! is a highly sought after program, emphasizing the value of reading, literacy, and positive self-expression designed by author Annie Ruth, who utilizes her visual art to help participants see beyond the surface of the lessons she imparts. Join this acclaimed visual artist/poet in an interactive performance of music, poetry, storytelling, and song at several branches starting November 12.

Ms. Ruth's first programs will take place at the Madisonville Branch Library on Friday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m. and the West End Branch Library on Wednesday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. Other programs will follow in 2005 at the Price Hill Branch on Saturday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m. and at the Corryville Branch Library on March 12 at 2:00 p.m. Recommended ages are grades K-6.

About Annie Ruth

Annie Ruth received her Bachelor of Arts degree with a Business Studies minor from National University in San Diego, California, and has received critical acclaim for her work as an artist and writer. She is the author and illustrator of five volumes of poetry, a collection of inspirational narratives, two children's books, numerous social commentaries, and recently an inspirational CD entitled *Soul of a Sister*.

Annie Ruth is an avid speaker in national forums such as Speaking of Women's Health, the National Council of Negro Women, African American Women on Tour, and numerous other civic and community venues, presenting sessions relevant to embracing positive self-esteem, sisterhood, and creativity. As the founder and president of Annie Ruth Creations, a unique fine arts company, she distributes her work across the globe.

PHOTO CAPTION: Through an interactive performance, Annie Ruth takes students on a creative and cultural journey emphasizing the value of reading and learning.

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

✓ **Our goal is to make our programs accessible to everyone. Please request ADA services one week in advance at 513-369-4406 (TTY 369-4409).**