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CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: *Let's Book* at the Public Library (November 15–21)

Let's explore... let's imagine... let's explore... let's discover... let's fly... let's do it all... with children's books! Get ready for the 85th annual Children's Book Week celebration at the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County from November 15–21. Since 1919, educators, librarians, booksellers, and families have celebrated Children's Book Week. Through the Children's Book Council, Children's Book Week introduces young people to new authors and ideas in schools, libraries, homes and bookstores. This year's theme, *Let's Book*, is exemplified through the special programs the Library offers for children, including appearances by authors Andrea Cheng and Penny Colman and illustrator Chris Payne.

Andrea Cheng, author of several multicultural books for children and teens, will appear at the Forest Park Branch Library, 655 Waycross, on Monday, November 15 at 1:00 p.m. and at the Walnut Hills Branch Library, 2533 Kemper Rd., on Tuesday, November 16 at 1:00 p.m. She will also be presenting a teen program at the Harrison Branch Library, 10398 New Haven Road, on Friday, November 12 at 9:30 a.m. The Cincinnati native is currently a teacher of English as a Second Language at Cincinnati State. Born to Hungarian Jewish immigrants, Ms. Cheng grew up in a bilingual household in Avondale and later married a Chinese American. Her novel, *Marika*, is loosely based on her mother's story, while her most recently published book, *Honeysuckle House*, is based in part on the experiences of her children.

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Penny Colman, who traveled the country doing extensive research for her compelling study, *Girls! A History of Growing Up Female in America*, will visit several branches. She will be at the Wyoming, 500 Springfield Pike, (10:00 a.m.) and Loveland, 649 Loveland-Madeira Rd., (1:00 p.m.) branch libraries on Wednesday, November 17 and the College Hill, 1400 W. North Bend Rd., (10:00 a.m.) and Delhi Township, 5095 Foley Rd., (1:00 p.m.) branch libraries on Thursday, November 18. She was born in Denver, Colorado, and has always enjoyed the outdoors and a wide variety of interests. Ms. Colman's deep interest in women's history and social issues has led her to write numerous critically acclaimed works that introduce children to little known individuals and causes.

Chris Payne, an award-winning caricature artist, has illustrated several children's books written by John Lithgow such as *The Remarkable Farkle McBride* and *Micawber*, as well as *True Heart* by Marissa Moss. Payne has also illustrated a recent edition of *Casey at the Bat*. He will be at the Sharonville Branch Library, 10980 Thornview Dr., on Wednesday, November 17 at 1:00 p.m.

Storybook Characters Visit Library: A few of your favorite storybook characters will show up at your favorite storytimes! You never know who might pop up at branch near you! Don't miss Curious George, Wild Thing, and Maisy Mouse, and Lyle, Lyle Crocodile! Plus, there are many special programs being presented during Children's Book Week, made possible by the Library Programs Fund. Check it out on the Library's web site: www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

Meet Your Favorite Characters at the Library:

Curious George

- Saturday, November 13
Walnut Hills Branch Library, noon
2533 Kemper Lane
(513) 369-6053
- Wednesday, November 17
Norwood Branch Library, 10:30 a.m.
4325 Montgomery Road
(513) 369-6037
Cheviot Branch Library, 1:30 p.m.
3711 Robb Avenue
(513) 369-6015
- Thursday, November 18
Goesbeck Branch Library, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
2994 W. Galbraith
(513) 369-4454

Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

- Saturday, November 13
Green Township Branch Library, 2:00 p.m.
6525 Bridgetown Road
(513) 369-6095

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- Wednesday, November 17
College Hill Branch Library, 10:30 a.m.
1400 W. North Bend Road
(513) 369-6036

Maisy Mouse

- Tuesday, November 16
Sharonville Branch Library, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.
10980 Thornview Drive
(513) 369-6049
- Wednesday, November 17
Bond Hill Branch Library, 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.
1703 Dale Road
(513) 369-4445
Madeira Branch Library, 1:30 p.m.
7200 Miami Avenue
(513) 369-6028

Wild Thing

- Saturday, November 13
Green Township Branch Library, 2:00 p.m.
6525 Bridgetown Road
(513) 369-6095
- Monday, November 15
Corryville Branch Library, 10:00 a.m.
2802 Vine Street
(513) 369-6034
- Wednesday, November 17
Delhi Township Branch Library, 10:15 & 11:30 a.m.
5095 Foley Road
(513) 369- 6019
- Thursday, November 18
Blue Ash Branch Library, 7:00 p.m.
4911 Cooper Road
(513) 369-6051

Image caption: Maisy Mouse is one of four Storybook characters that will visit the Library during Children's Book Week.

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