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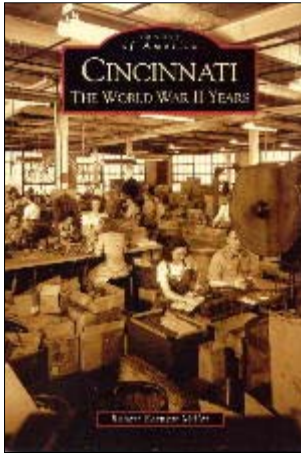
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***Cincinnati: The World War II Years* Explores the City's Role
with Author Dr. Robert Miller
December 7 at the Main Library**

How did World War II affect Cincinnati? What local wartime efforts helped America win the war? Find out as author Dr. Robert Earnest Miller discusses *Commemorating Cincinnati's World War II Home Front Experience* in a program and book signing at the Main Library (800 Vine Street, Huenefeld Tower Room) on Tuesday, December 7 (Pearl Harbor Day). Dr. Miller, author of the newly released *Cincinnati: The World War II Years*, will cover prewar priorities in the city, the debate between interventionists and isolationists, Cincinnati's role as a wartime producer, volunteer efforts including scrap drives, air raid drills, USO centers, and the return to peace and postwar prosperity.

Cincinnati: The World War II Years explores a significant chapter in the history of Greater Cincinnati: the time before, during, and immediately after World War II. The book, spanning from 1937 to 1955, examines trends in the social, political, and cultural history of the city and surrounding communities. Events transpiring in Cincinnati mirrored changes that the United States experienced during this pivotal period—the Great Depression, isolationist impulses, the mobilization for war, and the postwar economic boom. Because Cincinnati's war years so closely reflect larger national trends of the time, the story of this city's home front experience serves as an insightful case study of the national war experience.

Copies of Dr. Miller's book will be available for purchase through the Library Friends' Shop, and a book signing will follow the program.

About the Author: Dr. Robert Earnest Miller earned his Ph.D. in History from the University of Cincinnati in 1991, and has since worked there as an adjunct professor of American History. He also worked as a project historian for the Cincinnati Historical Society's exhibit entitled "Cincinnati Goes to War: A Community Responds to World War II."

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