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## TAX TIME MEANS GETTING THE RIGHT FORMS Visit Your Local Library

A valuable and free service provided by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County will make filing your 2004 income tax return a snap. Hundreds of income tax forms are available at the Main Library and 41 branches for filing your return. Additionally, the Main Library will offer help from two local groups to assist elderly and low-income taxpayers with their returns:

- **The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** program provides a free tax preparation service. IRS-trained volunteers prepare basic income tax returns free of charge for taxpayers filing the 1040A or 1040EZ federal form. Volunteers will also assist in State of Ohio returns for those who qualify. E filing may be available for state and federal returns free of charge. However, no tax assistance is available for the longer 1040 form or schedules or business tax returns. VITA service is available during schedule hours in the Public Documents & Patents Department on Saturdays from January 29 through April 9. Visit the department on the second floor or call (513) 369-6971 for more information.
- New this year, **AARP** will be sending volunteers to the Main Library to prepare tax returns for eligible taxpayers on Fridays, from February 11-April 9 (except March 25), 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. To make an appointment, call AARP representative Joe Voss at (513) 481-3160.

Last year the Public Library distributed hundreds of thousands of income tax forms. In addition to providing copies of many of the most commonly used forms and instructions, the Public Library is also a great resource for tax planning guides that will assist you with your return, as well as help in planning for the future. If you don't find a form you need, there is a reproducible copy available at the reference desk for photocopying.

Many times people need to file amended returns and need forms from previous years. The Library has most tax forms from 1977 to the present. The IRS allows you to make copies of any of its forms, including the most recent. In addition to the state of Ohio, there are also forms for the states of Indiana and Kentucky.

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