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Book Event Co-Sponsored by Joseph-Beth Booksellers & The Public Library
**Author Nancy Pearl, Leading Book Reviewer & Creator
of Citywide Reading Program, Visits Cincinnati June 22**

Nancy Pearl isn't really a shusher. Even if the action figure modeled after her lifts finger to lip at the push of a button. Instead, the country's most famous librarian would rather get you conversing about books. As the author of *Book Lust* and *More Book Lust*, Ms. Pearl will help satisfy readers' desires to find the right book during her book signing and discussion at Joseph-Beth Booksellers (Rookwood Pavilion, 2692 Madison Road). The event, co-sponsored by the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, will be held on Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m.



As much as Ms. Pearl loves to read, she loves to encourage others to read. As a child she found refuge from an unhappy family life in her love of books. She spent many hours at her local public library. Later in life, it wasn't surprising that she became a librarian and served the public in her hometown of Detroit as well as in Tulsa and later in Seattle, where she became the mastermind behind *If All of Seattle Read the Same Book*, the prototype for other citywide reading programs across America.

Ms. Pearl became the Director of Library Programming and the Washington Center for the Book at the Seattle Public Library. She reviewed books weekly on Seattle's NPR affiliate KUOW. She is also the author of two books for librarians, *Now Read This: A Guide to Mainstream Fiction (1978–1998)* and *Now Read This II: A Guide to Mainstream Fiction 1998–2001*. She currently lives with her husband, Joe, in Seattle and continues to review books for both local and national publications.

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