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**Press Release**

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## **Treasures of the Public Library Series: An Afternoon of Audubon Main Library, Sunday, November 6, 1:30 p.m.**



John James Audubon was the first paid employee of the Natural History Museum in Cincinnati. From 1827 to 1838, he completed one of the most famous works of nature, *Birds of America*. DeVere Burt, artist and former president of the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History, will discuss Audubon and his work at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, on Sunday, November 6 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Huenefeld Tower Room (South building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor). Live avian guests courtesy of the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens will also be part of the program presented by The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Foundation.

A set of extremely rare, four-volume, double elephant folios by Audubon are considered to be one of the crown jewels of the Library's collection. Afterwards, come see the volumes up close in the Rare Books & Special Collections Department and view Audubon's prints as he saw them over 170 years ago. Drawings will be held for an Audubon first generation re-creation as well as the newly published books, *Under the Wild Sky* by William Souder and *Audubon's Elephant* by Duff Hart-Davis, which both detail the making of *Birds of America*.

Tickets for the program are \$50 each. All proceeds will benefit the Library Foundation and its endowment. Call (513) 369-4591 for reservations.

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