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China for Kids with Cin-Liu Chinese Exchange Teachers Project

PHOTO CAPTION: As part of the Cin-Liu Chinese Exchange Teacher Project, the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County is working with six teachers and one translator from Liuzhou, China (one of Cincinnati's Sister Cities). They are, from left to right, back row: **Jane Wang** xianyan, **Vicky Lu** Mei yan, **Nora Tang** Hui, **Linda Lin** Shu guang, Barb Childers (Librarian from the Children's Learning Center). Front row: **Shirley Wei** dong ping, **Joe Cao** Xing wang, **Daphne Zhong** jie.

Chinese New Year Celebration (January 28) - The Children's Learning Center at the Main Library will host a Chinese New Year Celebration on Saturday, January 28 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. All ages are invited to come and enjoy Chinese music and dancing (including a dragon dance, a fan dance, & a bamboo dance performed by the Chinese teachers), chopstick races & a Chinese Shuttlecock game, fan making, Tai Chi demos, and more activities.

Since their arrival on October 27, 2005, seven visitors to America have been exploring Cincinnati and especially the Public Library. As part of the Cin-Liu Chinese Exchange Teacher Project, the Library is working with six teachers and one translator from Liuzhou, China (one of Cincinnati's Sister Cities). The exchange teachers are English language instructors and have been using the Library's facilities for language and culture lessons. During December, the visitors reported to the Children's Learning Center at the Main Library, making use of the Library's resources, observing children's librarians, and learning more about presenting programs and English-Chinese story times to students. Part of their experience during that time included job shadowing in Main Library departments. In January, the Cin-Liu exchange teachers will be presenting "China for Kids" to visiting classes from area schools in the branches and the Children's Learning Center. On Saturday, January 28, the teachers will be part of a Chinese New Year Celebration from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Children's Learning Center at the Main Library, featuring Chinese music and many other activities designed for children and their families.

The Library's involvement with the Cin-Liu exchange program began in 2001 with the first set of Chinese teachers, who came here to learn more about how the Public Library's system operates. In China, there is no free and public library system, so they went back with much to share in their homeland. Over the ensuing years, new groups of teachers came back with gifts in hand. From dragons to paper lanterns, many of these beautiful items are on display in the Children's Learning Center. Through the Sister Cities Association of Greater Cincinnati, the Chinese teachers stay with host families and move around every three weeks.

✓ **Our goal is to make our programs accessible to everyone. Please request ADA services one week in advance at 513-369-4400 (TTY 369-4409).**

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