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On the Same Page 2006: Panel Discussions on Asperger Syndrome and Autism

Experts from Children's Hospital Medical Center, Xavier University, and the Autism Society of Greater Cincinnati will be on hand for three free panel discussions at the Main Library and two branch libraries as part of **On the Same Page 2006**. The discussions are set for February 25 and March 8 & 18.

The community-wide reading program began February 4 and features related programming going on through March. While bringing people from around the Tri-State together to celebrate reading, an underlying goal of the program is to encourage them to experience a different worldview through literature. Now in its fifth year, **On The Same Page 2006** features a novel by Mark Haddon, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, for adult readers. Haddon's engaging story is told in the voice of 15-yearold Christopher Boone, who appears to have Asperger Syndrome, which is in the 'autistic spectrum' of neurological disorders. He relies on a sense of order within his environment to help him to deal with unpredictable events. Winner of the Whitbread Award in 2003.

Panel Discussions on Asperger Syndrome and Autism:

- o **Saturday, February 25, 2:00 p.m.:** College Hill Branch Library, 1400 W. North Bend Rd., (513) 369-6036
- o **Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.:** Sharonville Branch Library, 10980 Thornview Dr., (513) 369-6049
- o **Saturday, March 18, 2:00 p.m.:** Main Library, Atrium, 800 Vine Street, (513) 369-6945

Children's Hospital Medical Center, Kelly O'Leary Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders is a collaborative parent and professional program that provides diagnostic, treatment and support services. It was established when families advocated for a response to the needs of children with autism and their families.

The Autism Society of Greater Cincinnati is a local chapter that is part of the Autism Society of America. The Autism Society of America promotes the active and informed involvement of family members and the individual with autism in the planning of individualized, appropriate services and supports.

Xavier University was founded in 1831 and is a private coeducational university. The Department of Psychology endeavors to acquaint students thoroughly with the content and methods of scientific psychology.

On the Same Page Cincinnati is a project of the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County and is made possible in part by the Friends of the Public Library, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, *Cincinnati Magazine* and WVXU Radio. For more information about the On the Same Page program, visit www.cincinnatiLibrary.org/samepage/

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