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Veterans History Project Underway at Public Library Call to Schedule an Interview Appointment

The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County is looking for a few good veterans. The Library is participating in the **Veterans History Project** (<http://www.loc.gov/vets/>) sponsored by the Library of Congress. The mission of this project, established by the United States Congress in 2000, is to collect and archive the personal recollections of U.S. wartime veterans. To accomplish this, the Library of Congress enlists organizations throughout the country to collect and archive the narratives of local veterans. The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County will start by focusing on World War II veterans and those who contributed to the war effort through support services.

After videotaping interviews, the Library will send the recordings and letters, diaries, photos, or other memorabilia, to the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. to be archived and included in a nationwide database of veterans. As an "Archive Partner" the Library will maintain a copy of the recording and accompanying material, which will be made available to the general public for research and review for years to come. The recordings will also be web streamed and available for viewing through the Library's homepage at www.cincinnatiLibrary.org later in 2006.

This project is particularly fitting since the Main Library that opened in 1955 at the corner of 8th & Vine downtown was dedicated to all Hamilton County veterans who died during conflicts from World War I to the present. The Book of Homage pays tributes to those veterans by listing their names, and includes updates through the Gulf War (an update is currently planned for this fall to include veterans who died in Afghanistan and Iraq).

The Main Library and many branches throughout Hamilton County are now scheduling interviews of area veterans. Any World War II veteran interested in being interviewed for the *Veterans History Project* can pick up a form at their local library. It can be returned to any of the Library's 42 locations or mailed to Public Library History & Genealogy Department, 800 Vine St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. For more information or to schedule an interview at the Main Library call (513) 369-6907 or email Denis.Daly@cincinnatiLibrary.org.

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BRANCH INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

- July 24-28: Westwood Branch, 3345 Epworth Avenue, 369-4474
- July 31-August 4: Miami Township, 8 North Miami, 369-6050
- August 14-18: Harrison, 10398 New Haven Road, 369-4442
- August 21-25: Corryville, 2802 Vine Street, 369-6026
- August 28-September 1; September 5-8: Anderson, 7450 State Road, 369-6030
- September 11-15: Walnut Hills, 2533 Kemper Lane, 369-6053
- September 25-29: Hyde Park, 2747 Erie Avenue, 369-4456
- October 2-6: Cheviot, 3711 Robb Avenue, 369-6015
- October 16-20: Sharonville, 10980 Thornview Drive, 369-6049
- October 23-27: Pleasant Ridge, 6233 Montgomery Road, 369-4488
- October 30-November 3: Blue Ash, 4911 Cooper Road, 369-6051
- November 13-17: North Central, 11109 Hamilton Avenue, 369-6068

- November 27-December 1: Wyoming, 500 Central Avenue, 369-6014
- December 4-8: Madeira, 7200 Miami Avenue, 369-6028
- December 18-22: Madisonville, 4830 Whetsel Avenue, 369-6029

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