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**Press Release**

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## **Westwood Branch Library Needs Your Help to Celebrate 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



Westwood Branch Today

What were you doing in 1931? More than likely, you weren't even born yet. But if you were or if you have recollections about going to the Westwood Branch Library (3345 Epworth Avenue) during any of the ensuing 75 years, the Public Library would like to talk to you.

In order to celebrate the branch's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary at its present location, staff is asking anyone who has recollections of using the branch during those early days to either stop by or send in those memories through email or in a letter.

"We're having a celebration on Saturday, December 2, and want to include as much as we can," said Westwood Branch Manager Joyce Baer. "We are also gathering items to put on public display. Do you have an old Library card? A picture taken at the branch? Did you used to work at the branch, perhaps as a high school student? If so, we want to talk to you."

Send in your memories to the branch at 3345 Epworth Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211, or telephone (513) 369-4474. You can also email at [joyce.baer@cincinnatilibrary.org](mailto:joyce.baer@cincinnatilibrary.org).

### **About the Westwood Branch Library**

Although the present building is 75 years old, Library service to Westwood actually began 32 years earlier (in 1899) when a deposit station opened in the neighborhood. Ten years later, a small library substation opened at Westwood School, where it remained until a new building opened on May 25, 1931. Notable features of the Spanish Mission style facility include a stone fireplace, a balcony above the circulation desk, and solid oak shelving and trim throughout the building. The Westwood Branch was added to the National Register of Historic Buildings in 1974. In 2002, the branch underwent an extensive renovation and expansion project that respects and preserves the character of the original design, yet includes a number of modern conveniences such as an entrance tower equipped with a wheel chair lift and reading areas for teens and children.

✓ **Information about events at the Main Library and 41 branch libraries is available on the Internet site: [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org).**