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Press Release

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Westwood Branch Library to Commemorate 75th Anniversary on Saturday, December 2, Noon-4:00 p.m.

Teens check out books at the Westwood Branch Library shortly after opening in this photo taken by noted Cincinnati photographer Paul Briol in 1931.



The Westwood Branch Library, 3345 Epworth Avenue, is having a celebration! The branch is celebrating 75 years at its present location on Saturday, December 2 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. The event will include an afternoon of reminiscing with historic photo exhibits, a visit with The Cat in the Hat, an ongoing Monopoly Tournament for teens, birthday cake and punch, plus these special activities:

- 12:30 p.m. *Riverblend Barbershop Quartet* will provide old-fashioned entertainment.
- 1:00 p.m. Children's author Mary Ann Watson will discuss and sign copies of her book *Ethan's Barbershop Singing Family*.
- 2:00 p.m. Jim Gill will present a special *Concert of Music and Play* for children.
- 3:00 p.m.: Meet the Cat in the Hat!

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.**