



On the Same Page Cincinnati 2007

“Read together, learn together!”

February 17 through March 31

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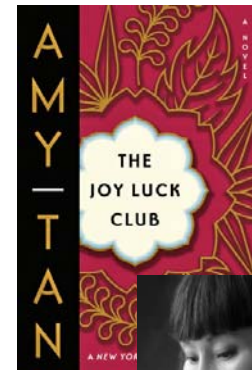
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On the Same Page “Shares the Joy”

Now in its sixth year, On the Same Page Cincinnati 2007 will feature Amy Tan’s best-selling novel, *The Joy Luck Club*. From February through March, this community-wide reading program invites readers to participate in engaging discussions and culturally enriching activities centered around the book. Originally published in 1989, *The Joy Luck Club* features four Chinese-American women who have been friends for many years, weaving together stories from the old world of China and the new world of America, embroidered with the experiences of two generations who see things in remarkably different ways. What results is an engaging depiction of a common human experience: seeking to find a balance between respecting the events of the past while also welcoming the possibilities of the present.



About the Author - Amy Tan is the author of several works of fiction and nonfiction, which have been translated into more than 30 languages. She was also the co-producer and co-screenwriter of the film version of *The Joy Luck Club*. Ms. Tan currently lives in San Francisco and New York with her husband and is the literary editor for the *Los Angeles Times* weekly magazine.

A Sample of What’s to Come...All Offered for FREE:

Launch Event – The Children’s Learning Center at the Main Library will host a Chinese New Year Celebration on Saturday, February 17 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. All ages are invited to come and enjoy Chinese music, crafts, and a dragon dance performed by Chinese teachers from Liuzhou, China, who have come to the U.S. as part of the Cin-Liu Exchange Teacher Project.

Book Discussions – More than 20 Library branches will host book discussions about *The Joy Luck Club*. Some will also show the movie version of the book.

Cooking Demos – Join the Library and Wild Oats on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. for *The Low Down on Lo Mein* (free pair of chopsticks included), February 21 and *Amazing Asian Sauces* March 21. Wild Oats Natural Marketplace, Rookwood Commons, 2693 Edmonson Road. Call (513) 981-0794 to register.

China Gourmet Gift Certificates – Check out the book and then enter to win one of three \$50 China Gourmet Restaurant gift certificates.

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Mother Daughter Multigenerational Tea Party – Not only is tea tasty, but it's also a significant part of the Chinese lifestyle. For ages 14 & up at the Walnut Hills Branch Library on Saturday, March 17, 2:00 p.m.

Calligraphy Workshops – Chinese calligraphy is an art form, and calligraphers are highly respected. Learn from expert calligraphers while practicing several styles of writing Chinese characters.

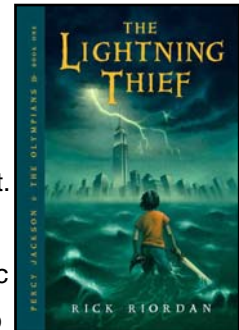
Mah-Jongg – Learn the basics of this ancient Chinese game played with 144 tiles. The goal is to collect a winning combination while keeping an eye on your opponents' chances of winning. Join in the fun at various Library locations.

Enjoy Chinese Music – The Greater Cincinnati Chinese Music Society has been introducing the community to Chinese culture through music and education since 1994. Performers will feature traditional and contemporary Chinese music at various Library locations during On the Same Page.

Youth Title Selection – This year's title for middle school readers (grades 4-8) is *The Lightning Thief*,



Book One of 'Percy Jackson and the Olympians', by Rick Riordan. In this humorous and adventurous tale, Percy Jackson is a good kid who manages to get kicked out of yet another school after he accidentally vaporizes his math teacher. Upon learning that his absent father is actually one of the gods from Mt. Olympus, Percy heads to Camp Half-Blood, a summer camp for demigods, and gets swept up in a quest to prevent a catastrophic war between the gods. The author will be coming to the library to



meet with students and talk about the book on March 20 and 21.

Information: For the complete list of upcoming events and On the Same Page news log onto www.cincinnati.library.org/samepage starting January 22.