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Free Tax Assistance at the Public Library

The Volunteer in Tax Assistance (VITA) program provided by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and American Association of Retired People (AARP) Tax Service will once again be available at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, for those taxpayers meeting certain requirements. AARP service will also be available for the first time at the Cheviot Branch Library, 3711 Robb Avenue. Hundreds of income tax forms for filing your return are available at the Main Library and 41 branch libraries throughout Hamilton County. AARP and VITA will offer free income tax preparation by appointment for those meeting the following requirements:

AARP Tax Service: Fridays, February 9– March 30, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Main Library, 800 Vine Street (downtown), (513) 369-6998

- o Open to those ages 50 and over
- o By appointment only
- o Call (513) 369-6998 anytime the Library is open for an appointment.

AARP Tax Service: Fridays, February 2-March 30, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Cheviot Branch Library, 3711 Robb Avenue, (513) 369-3260

- o Open to those ages 50 and over
- o By appointment only
- o Call (513) 369-3260 anytime the branch is open for an appointment.

VITA Service: Saturday February 3 – Saturday April 14, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

- o Main Library, 800 Vine Street (downtown)
- o Open to those with income below \$39,000 per year
- o 1040-EZ or 1040-A forms only
- o By appointment only
- o Call (513) 369-6971 on Thursdays at 9 a.m. to register.

What to Bring:

- o Valid picture ID
- o Social Security card for yourself, spouse, and all dependents claimed on your return
- o Copy of your 2005 tax return if available
- o Copies of ALL W-2s and other tax documents
- o Child/Dependent care provider's tax ID number
- o Student loan interest/college tuition paid forms
- o Form 8332 or divorce decree for non-custodial parents
- o Cancelled check or bank account/routing number if requesting direct deposit

For a list of the many other free tax preparation sites available, call the United Way's helpline at 211.

Last year the Public Library distributed hundreds of thousands of income tax forms. In addition to providing copies of many of the most commonly used forms and instructions, the Library is also a great resource for tax planning guides that will assist you with your return, as well as help in planning for the future. If you don't find a form you need, there is a reproducible copy available at the reference desk for photocopying.

Many times people need to file amended returns and need forms from previous years. The Library has most tax forms from 1977 to the present. The IRS allows you to make copies of any of its forms, including the most recent. In addition to the state of Ohio, there are also forms for the states of Indiana and Kentucky.

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