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# Not Just Books at the Library

## Exhibits on Display at the Main Library This Fall

### *River Romance: Maritime Artists Michael Blaser and John Stobart* **THROUGH MID-DECEMBER**

#### ABOUT THE EXHIBIT

This year's annual Inland Rivers Library exhibit at the Main Library (800 Vine Street) is *River Romance: Maritime Artists Michael Blaser and John Stobart*. It showcases limited edition prints by noted maritime artists Michael Blaser and John Stobart, who have both created several paintings of river life featuring steamboats. Michael Blaser, who has lived along the Mississippi River most of his life, specializes in rendering western river steamboats and vessels on the Great Lakes. John Stobart is British by birth and came to fame painting seafaring ships. He now resides in Massachusetts and has an extensive client base for his river town paintings in addition to oceanic port paintings. This exhibit will appear in the Rare Books & Special Collections Department from now to mid-December.



(Above) *Old Cincinnati Just Before the Second World War*, by Michael Blaser, & *Cincinnati, The Public Landing By Moonlight in 1884*, by John Stobart (below).

### *Cincinnati's Storybook Treasures*

**OCTOBER 5 – JANUARY 6**

#### ABOUT THE EXHIBIT



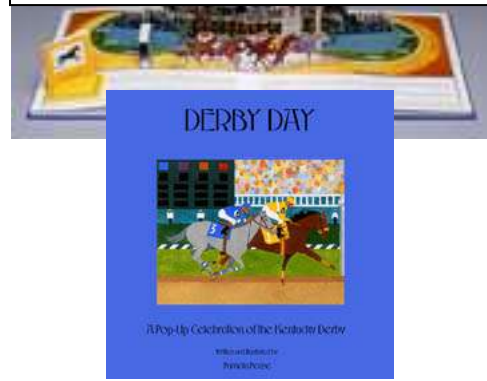
Local author and illustrator Will Hillenbrand.

Take advantage of this rare chance to view original artwork illustrated by 11 well-known book artists with Cincinnati ties. See how these artists fill up the pages from process through completion. A wide range of styles from a wide range of talent—including Will Hillenbrand (pictured left), Carol Schwartz, Jon Muth, Annie Ruth, Pamela Pease, Andrea Cheng— will be on display at the Main Library from October 5—January 6.

## RELATED PROGRAMS

Storybook Illustrator Book Signing—Meet many of these talented illustrators upclose during a special book signing event on Saturday, November 17 starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Main Library. Books will be available for purchase through the Library Friends' Shop. Have them signed for personalized gifts—just in time for holiday giving.

Pop-up book author and illustrator Pamela Pease's *Derby Day*.



## Art Shapes Us

**OCTOBER 8 – NOVEMBER 4**

### ABOUT THE EXHIBIT

The second annual *Art Shapes Us* – a part of *The Blast* Urban Arts & Cultural Festival – is a five-week teen arts project for young artists to explore creative writing and collage art. Led by visual artist Cedric Cox and poet Elament, *Art Shapes Us* gives area high school students the chance to create art that will be exhibited at the Main Library from October 20<sup>th</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup>.

*The Blast* creates an ongoing social and cultural experience that celebrates the many facets of urban culture - and the art inspired by that culture - by providing educational outreach opportunities to Cincinnati's underserved communities and by creating artistic and social events that have diversity at their core.

## Hope & Strength Through Art: Talking About Mental Wellness

**OCTOBER 9 – NOVEMBER 19**

### ABOUT THE EXHIBIT

From October 9 – November 19 in the Main Library's Atrium, Library-goers can experience the intense energy that real-life recovery from mental illness brought to adults and children who experienced it through *Hope and Strength Through Art: Talking About Mental Wellness*. This exhibit's two large-scale, three-panel murals deliver a message of hope, strength, and, ultimately, mental wellness.



*Crossing the Bridge: The Journey of Mental Wellness* (left) & *Mixed Emotions – A Child's Perspective on Mental Illness*.

*Crossing the Bridge: The Journey of Mental Wellness*, created in 2002 by individuals receiving help from Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (GCB), examines the process to recovery from an adult perspective. *Mixed Emotions – A Child's Perspective on Mental Illness* was created through MindPeace – a project of the Junior League of Cincinnati in collaboration with Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center – by children receiving help from Cincinnati Children's – College Hill, St. Aloysius Orphanage, and St. Joseph Orphanage. In addition to the murals, the exhibit will include a selection of paintings by artists from The Recovery Center of Hamilton County.

## RELATED PROGRAMS

Walnut Hills Branch Library, 2533 Kemper Lane

Artist Night Out – Join an artist from Visionaries & Voices for an art discussion and an art-making project, Monday, October 1, 6:00 p.m.

Main Library, 800 Vine Street – Children’s Learning Center

Family Storytelling – Hear stories and sing songs about feelings, Saturday, October 13, 10:30 a.m., Ages 3-6

Main Library, 800 Vine Street – Reading Garden

Sunday Talk: Positive Strategies for Dealing with Depression and Suicide Risk - A panel of people affected by depression /suicide and prominent local psychiatrist Dr. John Hawkins. Educational information will be available.

Mental health volunteers will be available for questions, Sunday, October 21, 1:00- 2:15 p.m.

- To learn more visit <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/>
- Our goal is to make our programs accessible to everyone. Please request ADA services one week in advance at 513-369-4400 (TTY 369-4409).