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Press Release

Celebrate Valentine's Day @ Your Public Library

Victorian Valentines Online and Un-Valentine's Day Parties

SEND YOUR SWEETHEART A VICTORIAN ERA VALENTINE

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County's Victorian Valentines Collection Wiki showcases the Library's collection of more than 300 Victorian Valentines. As a special feature, the Library's Digital Services team used Graphics Interchange Format to animate ten of the 300. These animated greetings have moveable parts, and some reveal special Valentine's Day messages. In addition to the animated Valentines, the Wiki divides the collection into the following categories: caricature, cherubs, children, floral, friendship, humorous, poetic, and romantic. View them online at

http://wiki.cincinnatiLibrary.org/index.php/Victorian_Valentines_Collection.

The Victorian Valentines Wiki joins two others – the Inland Riverboats Photograph Collection and the Lincoln Letters Wikis – on the Library's website. Wikis are collaborative websites that allow anyone with access to the site to contribute information to it. The Inland Rivers Wiki includes the thousands of photos from the Library's Inland Rivers collection. The Lincoln Letters Wiki includes Lincoln letters from the Library's collection and letters from several local collectors. All of the Library's Wikis are on the website at <http://wiki.cincinnatiLibrary.org>. Take a look at these remarkable documents and photographs and share your knowledge with the rest of the world!



Copy and past the link into an e-mail and send a Victorian Valentine to your sweetheart!

UN-VALENTINE'S DAY AND OTHER EVENTS

Teens looking for an alternative to candy hearts and flowers can celebrate Un-Valentine's Day. Wear black and make un-valentines at your local branch library!

Teen Events

Thursday 7

Hyde Park Branch Library, 2747 Erie Ave., 369-4456
Calligraphy Cards: Make Valentine's Day cards using beautiful calligraphy techniques! 6:00 p.m.
* Advance registration is required.
* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Loveland Branch Library, 649 Loveland-Madeira Rd., 369-4476
Un-Valentine's Day Party: An un-celebration for teens! Goth crafts & great snacks! Wear black - misery loves company! 6:00 p.m.
* Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.
* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Tuesday, February 12

Norwood Branch Library, 4325 Montgomery Rd., 369-6037
Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating! 3:30 p.m., Ages 10-18.
* Advance registration is required.
* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Walnut Hills Branch Library, 2533 Kemper Ln., 369-6053

Teen Valentine's Party: Make a valentine for your sweetie! Snacks & fun! 6:00 p.m., Ages 12 & up.

* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Wednesday, February 13

Blue Ash Branch Library, 4911 Cooper Rd., 369-6051

Teen Valentine Crafts, 3:30 p.m.

* Advance registration is required.

* Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

Reading Branch Library, 9001 Reading Rd., 369-4465

Beaded Heart Keychain Craft: Keep it for yourself or give it to your special Valentine! 3:00 p.m., Ages 11-17.

* Advance registration is required.

* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Thursday, February 14

Harrison Branch Library, 10398 New Haven Rd., 369-4442

Broken Hearts Bash! Tired of Valentine's Day? So are we! Don't spend the night alone...have fun with us! 7:00 p.m.

* Advance registration is required.

* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Madeira Branch Library, 7200 Miami Ave., 369-6028

Un-Valentine's Day Party: Decorate cookies & make un-valentines! 5:00 p.m., Ages 11-18.

* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Westwood Branch Library, 3345 Epworth Ave., 369-4474

Club Teen: Un-Valentine's Day Party, 6:30 p.m., Ages 11-18

* Sponsored by the Dater Fund.

Wyoming Branch Library, 500 Springfield Pike, 369-6014

Teen Chocolate Party: Make chocolate candy! Play chocolate games! Win chocolate prizes! 3:30 p.m., Ages 12 & up.

* Advance registration is required.

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Children's Events

Tuesday, February 5

Forest Park Branch Library, 655 Waycross Rd., 369-4478

Be My Valentine: Bring the family for Valentine's stories & make a special Valentine's craft.

6:30 p.m., Ages 3 & up (with adult)

* Advance registration is required.

* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Hyde Park Branch Library, 2747 Erie Ave., 369-4456

Family Fun Night: Over the Top Valentine's Stories & Crafts, 7:00 p.m., All ages

* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Thursday, February 7

Corryville Branch Library, 2802 Vine St., 369-6034

Corryville Kids Create: Make Valentines & gifts for those you love! 4:00 p.m.

* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Elmwood Place Branch Library, 6120 Vine St., 369-4452

Afterschool Adventures: Valentine Crafts & Fun! 3:30 p.m., Ages 5-12

* Advance registration is required.

* Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

Monfort Heights Branch Library, 3825 West Fork Rd., 369-4472

Valentine's Day Craft: Make a fun craft for your sweetie! 6:30 p.m.

* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Reading Branch Library, 9001 Reading Rd., 369-4465

Valentine's Day Fun: Crafts with Miss Blossom, 3:00 p.m., Ages 8-12

- * Advance registration is required.
- * Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Saturday, February 9

Price Hill Branch Library, 3215 Warsaw Ave., 369-4490
Make a Valentine's Day Card! 1:00 p.m., Ages 3-12
* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Sharonville Branch Library, 10980 Thornview Dr., 369-6049
Princess Valentine Party: Come make a valentine card with hearts & flowers and celebrate just like your favorite princess.
11:00 a.m., Ages 6-10
* Advance registration is required.
* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Symmes Township Branch Library, 11850 East Enyart Rd., 369-6001
Valentine's Storytime: Stories, cookies & craft! 10:30 a.m., Ages 3-8
* Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

Monday, February 11

Walnut Hills Branch Library, 2533 Kemper Ln., 369-6053
Pinky Chocolate Valentine Party: Wear the colors, eat the flavor!, 3:30 p.m., Ages 12 & under
* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Tuesday, February 12

Avondale Branch Library, 3566 Reading Rd., 369-4440
Valentine Crafts: Make something special for your sweetheart! 4:00 p.m., All ages
* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Harrison Branch Library, 10398 New Haven Rd., 369-4442
Family Fun Night: Valentine stories & make a Valentine's Day heart monkey! 7:00 p.m., All ages
* Advance registration is required.
* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Mariemont Branch Library, 3810 Pocahontas Ave., 369-4467
Valentine's Day Craft: Make a gift for someone special, 4:00 p.m., Ages 6-10
* Advance registration is required.
* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Oakley Branch Library, 4033 Gilmore Ave., 369-6038
Craft Time: Create a Valentine for someone special, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Pleasant Ridge Branch Library, 6233 Montgomery Rd., 369-4488
Valentine's Crafts: Design a card or make a heartfelt wreath for someone special!
6:30 p.m., All ages
* Registration suggested or available, but not required.
* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Wednesday, February 13

Covedale Branch Library, 4980 Glenway Ave., 369-4460
Valentine Crafts! Enjoy a treat and make a card for someone special! 4:00 p.m.
* Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

Thursday, February 14

Bond Hill Branch Library, 1740 Langdon Farm Rd., 369-4445
Afternoon Art: Make a valentine for someone special! 4:30 p.m., Ages 6 & up
* Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

College Hill Branch Library, 1400 W. North Bend Rd., 369-6036
Valentine's Day crafts, 2:30 p.m., Ages 6 & up
* Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Delhi Township Branch Library, 5095 Foley Rd., 369-6019
Share the Love! Spread some Valentine's Day cheer with fun stories & games! 4:00 p.m.

Elmwood Place Branch Library, 6120 Vine St., 369-4452
Afterschool Adventures: Valentine Bingo! 3:30 p.m., Ages 5-12
* Advance registration is required.
*Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

Madisonville Branch Library, 4830 Whetsel Ave., 369-6029
Valentine's Day Party, 4:00 p.m., Ages 5-12