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Children’s Book Week—A Storybook Celebration!

- **Kick-Off May 10-11:** Storybook Characters at the Cincinnati Zoo during Zoo Babies!

A national celebration of the written word, Children’s Book Week has been introducing youth to books, authors, illustrators and ideas through a variety of fun ways since 1919. Previously held in November, this annual celebration has moved to May 12-18. But it still features storytimes and related activities, as well as fun displays, to encourage reading and set the groundwork for lifelong enjoyment of books.



Costumed characters like Madeline and Rufus the Library Reading Dog will visit many Library locations during Children’s Book Week, May 12-18.

This year some of the most popular storybook characters will be visiting various Library locations for hugs, stories, and photos. As a kick-off to Children’s Book Week, Max the Bunny will be at the Cincinnati Zoo during Zoo Babies on May 10 and 11 from 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Besides Max, Corduroy Bear, Pokey Little Puppy, Madeline and Rufus the Library Reading Dog will be making branch visits. Watch for details in May and the complete list of programs at CincinnatiLibrary.org or at <http://kidspace.cincinnatiLibrary.org/>

Schedule of Costumed Character Visits:

Max the Bunny

Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden	Saturday, May 10	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Green Township Branch	Tuesday, May 13	10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Avondale Branch	Wednesday, May 14	9:45 a.m.
Sharonville Branch	Thursday, May 15	1:30 p.m.
Pleasant Ridge Branch	Saturday, May 17	2:00 p.m.

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Madeline

Westwood Branch	Tuesday, May 13	6:30 p.m.
Blue Ash Branch	Wednesday, May 14	10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Cheviot Branch	Thursday, May 15	4:00 p.m.

Corduroy Bear

Delhi Township Branch	Saturday, May 10	1:00 a.m.
Covedale Branch	Monday, May 12	6:30 p.m.
Elmwood Place Branch	Tuesday, May 13	3:30 p.m.
Oakley Branch	Wednesday, May 14	11:30 a.m.
Bond Hill Branch	Thursday, May 15	call for times
Walnut Hills Branch	Saturday, May 17	11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pokey Little Puppy

Greenhills Branch	Tuesday, May 13	6:30 p.m.
Forest Park Branch	Wednesday, May 14	10:30 a.m.
Symmes Township Branch	Saturday, May 17	10:30 a.m.

All Ages

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