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**Press Release**

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## The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County Wants to Hear from You! Making a Difference in Your Life Writing Competition Starts September 1

Since the beginning of your Public Library 155 years ago, making a difference in the lives of our customers and in our community has been at the forefront of what we strive to achieve. As the Library looks toward the future making a difference has never meant more than it does today. To honor this great tradition the Friends of the Public Library and the Library Foundation are sponsoring a writing competition. Win \$100 by telling us what the Library means to you! Help celebrate the value of libraries to you and your community by sharing your thoughts about the ways the Library makes a difference in your life. Visit [www.cincinnatiLibrary.org/news/2008/writingcompetition.html](http://www.cincinnatiLibrary.org/news/2008/writingcompetition.html) for more information.



Reference Librarian Jim Mainger leads students from the Otto Armleder Memorial Education Center in a program about inventions and patents. As a member of the Patent and Trademark Depository Library program, the Library has a full collection of U.S. patents and all the tools needed to do a patent search.

### **How to Enter the Make a Difference in Your Life Writing Competition:**

- **Competition Guidelines:** 450 words or less, no entry fee.
- **Contest Timeline:** September 1 through October 6.
- **Categories:** Age 6 & under, Ages 7–12, Ages 13–18, Ages 19 & up.
- **Prizes in each category:** \$100 first prize, \$50 second prize, and \$25 honorable mentions (up to 10 awarded).
- **To Enter:** Submit your entry along with your name, address, phone number, and age if under 18 to: Writing Contest, Main Library, 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202-2071. Entries may be dropped off, mailed in, or emailed to [Writing.Contest@cincinnatiLibrary.org](mailto:Writing.Contest@cincinnatiLibrary.org)
- **Winning entries:** will be published online at [www.cincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.cincinnatiLibrary.org). An awards ceremony and reception will be held at the Main Library to recognize competition winners on Sunday, November 9 at 2:00 p.m.
- **Sponsored by:** the Friends of the Public Library and the Library Foundation.