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# Chinese New Year Celebrations @ Your Public Library

## Children's Learning Center Welcomes Teachers from Liuzhou, China

Ring in the Year of the Ox at the Main Library's (800 Vine Street) Chinese New Year Celebration on Saturday, January 31, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Children's Learning Center. Children of all ages are invited to meet teachers visiting from Liuzhou, China – one of Cincinnati's Sister Cities – and have fun with Chinese calligraphy, crafts, games, music, a dragon dance, and more! Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

- ☑ 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).

### About the Cin-Liu Chinese Teachers Exchange Project

Six Chinese teachers have been learning about American culture and language with the help of librarians from the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. These exchange-teachers from our Sister City, Lizhou, China, have been visiting the Library since 2001 when the first group of teachers came to learn more about how our Public Library system works. In China, there is no free and public library system.



At the end of the celebration, families are invited to march in the Dragon Dance!



Pictured here with Rufus the Library Reading Dog, from left to right: Chen Yusong (Warren), Tang Xinyan (Amy), Chen Jie (Jam), Lisa Hamrick (Children's Learning Center Manager), Luo Jing (Jenny), Li Xiya (Cici), Luo Mengxue (Snow), and Bob Drew (Children's Librarian, Children's Learning Center).

Since then, new groups of teachers have followed suit, bringing with them beautiful gifts of hospitality like dragons and paper lanterns, many of which are on display in the Main Library's Children's Learning Center.

- ☑ For a complete list of Chinese New Year Celebrations at your local Library visit <http://www.cincinnatiLibrary.org/programs/calendar.html>.