



# Read Together, Learn Together Through On the Same Page Cincinnati 2009

Community Reading Program (February 8–March 31)

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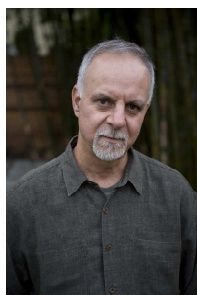
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## This Year's Reading Selection

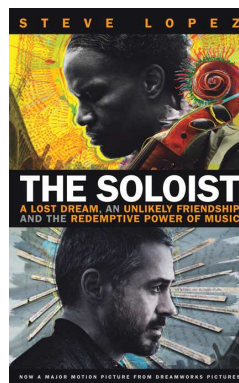
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## *The Soloist* Author Steve Lopez to Visit Main Library

*A Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship and the Redemptive Power of Music*



On the Same Page Cincinnati, the Library's community-wide reading program, is now in its 8th year. The idea behind the program, which takes place every year from February through March, is to promote reading and community dialogue through one book everyone is invited to read together at the same time. This year's title, *The Soloist*, is a moving composition that brings new meaning to the concept of "harmony." It's a true story about an extraordinary bond between a journalist and a homeless man named Nathaniel Ayers. Once a promising classical bass student at the Juilliard School, Nathaniel becomes overcome with schizophrenia and gradually loses his ability to function, but glimpses of his brilliant talent remain.



## Meet the Author at the On the Same Page Launch February 8:

Steve Lopez, the author of *The Soloist*, is a columnist for the *Los Angeles Times*, where he wrote a series of enormously popular columns about Mr. Ayers. As part of the launch event for On the Same Page 2009, meet Mr. Lopez as he discusses his book at the Main Library on Sunday, February 8 at 2:00 p.m. A book signing will follow his talk. Books will be available for purchase in the Friends' Shop.

Other Launch Event Activities – February 8: During the kickoff enjoy a music performance by students from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music (CCM) and refreshments, courtesy of Panera Bread. In addition, representatives from community and public service organizations related to the causes and the needs brought to light in this book will also be at the event. Free admission.

## Other Author Appearances – February 8 & 9:

- On Sunday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m., Steve Lopez will be discussing and signing his book at Joseph-Beth Booksellers (located in the Rookwood Pavilion). Free admission.
- On Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m., Steve Lopez will be discussing and signing his book in the Great Hall in Tangeman University Center. Free admission.

Performances by the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music: Students, faculty and alumni from the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music will perform classical music selections, tied in with the On The Same Page 2009 selection, *The Soloist*. Bring your musical instruments to donate to CCM's LINKS (Lonely Instruments for Needy Kids) program.

- Main Library, February 8, 2:00 p.m.; Green Township Branch, February 10, 7:00 p.m.; Anderson Branch, February 24, 7:00 p.m.; Harrison Branch, March 11, 7:00 p.m.



[www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/samepage/](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/samepage/) - Log onto to the On the Same Page website for book discussions and related activities throughout the program as well as links to community resources.

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