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Climb Aboard “The Big Read” at Your Public Library!



Throughout October the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County invites everyone to share in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by participating in The Big Read. Designed by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to restore reading to the center of American culture and to address the decline of literary reading, especially among youth, The Big Read provides citizens across the nation the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities.

Hundreds of kids of all ages helped the Library kickoff The Big Read during “Tom Sawyer Day” in Eden Park’s Seasongood Pavilion on Sunday, October 4. During this family-fun event they...heard live music from Jake Speed and the Freddie’s...met Mark Twain...participated in games and a “Tom Sawyer” workshop with the Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati...and learned about Ohio River history and wildlife with naturalists from the Cincinnati Park Board!

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Catch “The Big Read” Programs at Your Local Library



Book and Reader's Guide Distribution Through Saturday, October 31

Stop by any Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County location to pick up your FREE copy of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer". While you're there, pick up reader's guides, audio guides and a list of The Big Read programming.

"The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" Online Book Discussion – Through Saturday, October 31

Visit www.cincinnatiLibrary.org for an online discussion of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer".

Big Read Contest – Through Saturday, October 31

Read "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer", pick up a reader's guide or attend one of The Big Read programs at your local Library to be entered to win two tickets good for a BB Riverboat cruise. One pair of tickets will be given away at each of the Library's 41 locations in Hamilton County courtesy of BB Riverboats.

For more information about The Big Read and associated programs, visit <http://www.cincinnatiLibrary.org/news/2009/bigread/>.



Photo Captions

Photo 1 – Mark Twain and Cincinnati City Councilwoman Roxanne Qualls "Tom Sawyer Day" at Eden Park's Seasongood Pavilion on October 4.

Photo 2 – From left, Adrianna Ewing, Nayomi Davidson, Dominic Ewing, and Diana Davidson holding little Nailah – all from Loveland – kick off The Big Read with Rufus the "Tom Sawyer" Dog at Eden Park's Seasongood Pavilion on October 4.

Photos 3 & 4 – Jake Speed and the Freddie's played a mix of river lovin' music to celebrate "Tom Sawyer Day" at Eden Park's Seasongood Pavilion on October 4. Jake and his son Finn are card carryin' fans of the Public Library!

Photo 5 – From left, Kim Fender, Executive Director of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and Mark Twain celebrate "Tom Sawyer Day" at Eden Park's Seasongood Pavilion on October 4.

Photo 6 – Deondra (Kamau) Means from the Children's Theatre of Cincinnati leads a "Tom Sawyer" workshop during "Tom Sawyer Day" at Eden Park's Seasongood Pavilion on October 4.

Photo 7 – Naturalists from the Cincinnati Park Board teach kids about Ohio River history and wildlife during "Tom Sawyer Day" at Eden Park's Seasongood Pavilion.