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**Press Release**

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**CELEBRATE CINCINNATI JAZZ LEGEND OSCAR TREADWELL**  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS THE CHRISTMAS PARTY OF THE SEASON, DECEMBER 18th**

**◀Oscar Treadwell**



The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County cordially invites everyone to attend its two-part “Jazz with O.T. Christmas Party” on Friday, December 18, 2009.

The festivities begin at 12:00 p.m. at the Main Library with the unveiling of the revamped *Jazz with O.T. radio show collection* on compact disc, and the debut release of a new CD – *Remembering O.T.: A Celebration of Oscar Treadwell*. The radio show collection CDs have a new cover design, accompanied by a new CD index, which makes it extremely easy to find information on over 170 jazz and blues musicians.

The new CD, *Remembering O.T.: A Celebration of Oscar Treadwell*, was produced by the MacDowell Society and will be available for checkout exclusively at the Main Library, downtown.

The unveiling will feature a performance of holiday music by Cammy award winning pianist Steve Schmidt. The native Cincinnati is regionally and nationally known for his work with The Blue Wisp Big Band, of which he is a founding member, and for his tenure as the house pianist for the Blue Wisp Jazz Club. He has appeared on four CDs with The Cincinnati Pops Orchestra as well as many other Cincinnati artists' albums.

The second half of this celebration continues from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Blue Wisp Jazz Club, located at 318 Eighth Street. At this listening party guests will enjoy the *Jazz with O.T. Christmas Special*, which originally aired on WVXU in 1997.

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is hosting these two free events in collaboration with the MacDowell Society, and the Blue Wisp Jazz Club.

**More About Oscar Treadwell:**

Oscar Treadwell's career, which led him to become a DJ, jazz historian, radio personality, and Cincinnati legend began in 1947 and lasted over a half century. Treadwell began his career working at radio stations in New Jersey and Pennsylvania before moving to Cincinnati in 1960. He began broadcasting jazz in 1962 at WZIP and from 1965 to 1973 worked for WNOP, until the station switched its format and his jazz program moved to WGUC. Treadwell hosted *Jazz with OT* on WGUC from 1973 until 1995, when the station switched to an all-classical format. His show moved to WVXU, for about a year and a half, after which Treadwell hosted programs on WAVE and WMKV until his retirement in 2001. Treadwell returned to the airwaves on WVXU in the summer of 2005 and passed away on April 1, 2006. WVXU continues to broadcast *Jazz with OT* every Sunday at 9:00 p.m.

For further information about Oscar Treadwell and other notable people please visit:  
<http://www.cincinnatiLibrary.org/> and click on the “Research & Homework” tab. Select “Research Databases”

and then click on "Biographies." Click on "Biography Reference Bank" and then check the "Biography Reference Bank" box and enter the name "Oscar Treadwell."

The Biography Reference Bank is a searchable database that allows customers to search for people by name, birth or death date, profession and place of origin. This free database is available to anyone with a valid library card and can be accessed 24 hours a day seven days a week from anywhere.

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