An excerpt from
“A Cowboy’s Hat”
by Baxter Black
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The rules of the range are simple at best
Should you venture in that habitat.
Don’t cuss a man’s dog, be good to the cook
And don’t mess with a cowboy’s hat.

Now I’ll admit there’s dogs that need cussin’
And when Cookie starts out in the spring
His grub ain’t fit for buzzard consumption
But a hat? That’s a personal thing!
cowboy poet Baxter Black

Wednesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

If the idea of National Poetry Month brings thoughts of quiet readings in the local coffee shop, or recitations of works by long-dead thinkers and lovers...it’s time to brush those thoughts right off you like the three-day old dust from a trail ride!

The Library, along with 91.7 WVXU, celebrates National Poetry Month with a true renaissance man. Baxter Black is a cowboy poet, ex-veterinarian, and sorry team roper. He can shoe a horse, string a “bob wire” fence, and bang out a Bob Wills classic on his flat top guitar. And he’ll be presenting some of his favorite stories and poems in the Jarson–Kaplan Theatre at the Aronoff Center on Wednesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Since 1982, Baxter Black has been rhyming his way into the national spotlight, and now stands as the best-selling cowboy poet in the world. He’s written several books (including a rodeo novel), recorded over a dozen audio and videotapes, and achieved notoriety as a syndicated columnist and radio commentator. From “The Tonight Show” to NPR to PBS, Baxter’s wacko verse has been seen and heard by millions.

Despite this fame and success, Baxter still doesn’t own a television or cellular phone, hasn’t changed a thing about his subject matter or delivery. He continues to focus on the day-to-day ups and downs of everyday people who live with livestock and work the land.

Baxter’s philosophy is simple enough...in spite of all the computerized, digitized, high-tech innovations now available to mankind, there will always be a need for someone who can “think up stuff.”

For information call 513-369-6974 or e-mail Programs@CincinnatiLibrary.org

Private Reception with Baxter Black

Mosey on down, have some vittles and be neighborly with cowboy poet Baxter Black. Receive a signed copy of Baxter’s latest book, Hey, Cowgirl, Need a Ride?, a light buffet and a ticket for VIP seating at the Jarson-Kaplan Theater event. Tickets are $75. For more information or reservations, call (513) 369-4591. Tickets are limited and all proceeds will benefit The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County Foundation.

Wednesday, April 26, 5:15 p.m.
Huenefeld Tower Room
Main Library, 800 Vine Street
April Is National Poetry Month

Celebrate National Poetry Month with poetic license. Visit your local branch and pick up a poetry anthology, go to a poetry program, or read poetry to your kids. There are plenty of resources at your library, or visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

**Monday, April 3**
Walnut Hills
2533 Kemper Lane, 369-6053
**Walnut Hills Poetry Café:** Join Benjamin Hughes as he reads his poetry, and read your own during our open mic! 6:30 p.m., Ages 14 & up

**Wednesday, April 5**
Westwood
3345 Epworth Ave., 369-4474
**Magnetic Poetry:** Create your own set of magnetic poetry for your locker or refrigerator, 4:00 p.m., Ages 11-18

**Saturday, April 8**
Mt. Healthy
7608 Hamilton Ave., 369-4469
**Poetry Slam:** 2:00 p.m., Ages 6-18

**Thursday, April 13**
Corryville, 2802 Vine St., 369-6034
**Poetry Reading:** Share your favorite poems with us. 6:00 p.m., Ages 12-18

**Thursday, April 13**
Mt. Washington
2049 Beechmont Ave., 369-6033
**Teens Get Real with Poetry:** Pizza, poetry and fun with local poet Richard Hague! 6:30 p.m., Ages 12-18
Sponsored by the Anderson Township Library Association.

**Wednesday, April 19**
Main Library
800 Vine St., 369-6945
**Publish Your Poetry** with Nancy Breen, editor of Poet’s Market, 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 20**
College Hill
1400 W. North Bend Rd., 369-6036
**Poetry Party!** Come join the fun as we read our poems and announce the winners of the National Poetry Month writing contest, 2:30-4:30 p.m., All ages

**Tuesday, April 25**
Blue Ash
4911 Cooper Rd., 369-6051
**Poetry Café:** 6:00 p.m., Ages 12-18

**Wednesday, April 26**
Delhi Township
5095 Foley Rd., 369-6019
**Coffee-House Poetry:** Whether you like to read it or write it, join us for an evening of poetry reading, cappuccino and pastries. 7:00-8:30 p.m., Ages 14-19

**Friday, April 28**
Green Township
6525 Bridgetown Rd., 369-6095
**Poetry Café: Calling all Teen Poets!** Bring your original poetry for an open reading. Prizes given to the top 3 original works! 7:00 p.m., Ages 12-18
Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library

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**Cowboy Poetry Contest**

April 1–17

Send us your best Cowboy Poetry for a chance to win prizes! Every entry receives a Cowboy Boot Keychain! Ten prizewinners will be drawn randomly. 1st Prize Winners will receive a chance to meet Baxter Black, a signed copy of his book, *Hey, Cowgirl, Need A Ride?*, and a VIP ticket to the April 26 event at the Jarson-Kaplan Theater. 2nd Prize Winners will receive a Gene Autry Alarm Clock. Registration forms can be obtained at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org or from any Library location.
Top Ten Reasons To Turn Off Your TV and Turn On Your Library

1. **You’ve seen the movie, so why not read the novel?** Find it in print, in audio or visit our website to download digital books.

2. **Are you a news junky?** Instead of just a brief update that skims an issue, get more in-depth knowledge at your Library.

3. **Want to find out about your ancestry?** Learn how at the Library. Then make use of some of the best resources available in the country to research your family lineage.

4. **Plan your summer vacation.** Browse through a phenomenal collection of travel guides at your Library. Get specific, too. Traveling with pets? Find out which accommodations will work. Going it alone? Explore who has the best deals for individual travelers or how to connect with others to save. Looking for adventure? Check out the many guides for rock climbing, diving, rafting, hiking, and more. Plus, get ready for that long vacation drive by checking out your favorites audio books.

5. **Cook up a healthy meal** for you and your family or a romantic dinner for just the two of you. Need help? Check out a menu of best-selling cookbooks available at your Library. Or, get first hand instruction as the Library and Wild Oats present cooking classes through June 21.

6. **Now that spring is here, take a walk while listening to your favorite author.** Try a book on tape or CD. Or, download a novel to your MP3 player at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org. You don’t even have to worry about returning it on time.

7. **Interested in your neighborhood history?** Amaze your friends with the background you’ve uncovered on your hometown at your Library.

8. **Take your baby, toddler or preschooler to a storytime that comes alive through the talented staff at your local Library.** Or, go to a program for adults on a topic that interests you most. The Library hosts over 15,000 free programs a year featuring authors you know and speakers who will get you in the know.

9. **For the sports buff, improve your game at your Library.** Check out a video or DVD that offers tips and advice from the experts. Or, get the printed guides that show you how to excel step-by-step.

10. **Learn a new hobby.** Check out the latest resources on knitting, scrapbooking, photography and lots more at your Library. Then check out the program calendar at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org for an upcoming workshop or gathering of enthusiasts at your local branch.

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Get Cooking with the Library and Wild Oats Markets

Cooking classes meet at 7:00 p.m. at Wild Oats Natural Marketplace in Rookwood Commons. Classes are free, but call 981-0794 to register.

**Tuesday, April 25**—Get the whole family cooking together for TV Turn Off Week!

**Wednesday, May 17**—Improve your Asian Cooking Skills for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

**Wednesday, June 21**—Kids Can Cook! Behind the scenes tour and snack making for kids ages 7 and up.
Reds & Reading for Kids & Teens  
April 3–May 3

Win Cincinnati Reds tickets and a chance to be in a “READ” poster with a Reds player! To enter, anyone age 18 and under is invited to write a 25–50 word review of a favorite book. Kids ages 6 and under can write a 10-word review with help from their parents. For a book review form, log onto the Library’s website at http://cincinnatilibrary.org/news/2006/redsandreading.html or pick up one at any of the Library’s 42 locations. Enter as often as you like. A random drawing of the book reviews will be held for four “READ” poster winners and 84 sets of four tickets to a Cincinnati Reds game courtesy of the Reds.

Red Legs and Black Sox: Edd Roush and the Untold Story of the 1919 World Series

Bring your lunch and come hear Susan Dellinger, PhD and granddaughter of Hall-of-Fame outfielder Edd Roush talk about her book and the story behind it. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and Dr. Dellinger will also sign copies.

Comic Book Basics: Getting Started with Writing and Drawing Comics

Whether you like drawing cartoons or have a passion for comic book art, this series of interactive workshops will super-charge your imagination. Learn more about how the pages come alive through internationally known, award-winning cartoon artist Carol Tyler, who has taught drawing for over 20 years. These interactive workshops are designed for ages 14 and up (including adults) and are a great way to learn more about this visually exciting art form. Workshops are limited, so please call to reserve your spot.

Oakley Branch Library
(513) 369-6038
Saturday, April 29, 3:30–5:00 p.m.
Follow-up: Saturday, May 6, 3:30–5:00 p.m.

Bond Hill Branch Library
(513) 369-4445
Thursday, April 20, 4:00–5:30 p.m.
Follow-up: Thursday, April 27, 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Corryville Branch Library
(513) 369-6034
Thursday, April 27, 6:30–8:00 p.m.
Follow-up: Thursday, May 4, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Pleasant Ridge Branch Library
(513) 369-4488
Saturday, April 29, 1:00–2:30 p.m.
Follow-up: Saturday, May 6, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Walnut Hills Branch Library
(513) 369-6053
Wednesday, May 10, 3:00–4:30 p.m.
Follow-up: Wednesday, May 17, 3:00–4:30 p.m.
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This architectural treasure is a fitting home to the real treasures it stores inside. Library staff, collection, and the many programs offered serve the community in a time-honored fashion. Many times adults inform us that they received their first library card as a child at Walnut Hills. Older customers tell us with pride about how they have come to the branch for decades. The Library serves as a community center for the neighborhood and strongly supports neighborhood schools through class visits and outreach to teachers.

I mentioned that Walnut Hills is one of our seven remaining Carnegie libraries. But what is a Carnegie library? Andrew Carnegie is the greatest benefactor to public libraries in history. Starting in 1883 with the funding of a library in his native Scotland, Carnegie donated more than $40,000,000 for the construction of public libraries. In the United States alone, Carnegie is credited with constructing 3,000 libraries with additional libraries built in Canada, Britain, Ireland, Scotland, West Indies, Fiji, and New Zealand. Libraries commonly refer to the buildings built through his generosity as Carnegie libraries or Carnegie branches.

In addition to Walnut Hills our Library’s Carnegie branches include:

- Avondale Branch, built in 1913
- Corryville (North Cincinnati) Branch, built in 1907
- Hyde Park Branch, built in 1912
- Northside (Cumminsville) Branch, built in 1908
- Norwood Branch, built in 1907
- Price Hill Branch, built in 1909

The Library is proud to have been a part of the Walnut Hills neighborhood for the past 100 years. Please stop by the Walnut Hills Branch and wish it a happy birthday.

Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director
The Cincinnati Book Arts Society (CBAS) will hold its 7th annual exhibit in the Atrium of the Main Library. Composed of a group of professional and amateur book artists, as well as archivists, this nonprofit organization promotes a spirit of community among hand workers in the book arts and those who love books. This year’s exhibit will feature some of the finest traditional and contemporary bookworks from around the Cincinnati area, and will be on view from May 5 - June 19. Concurrent with the exhibit, the Art & Music Department will profile artists’ books in its display cases from April 1 - June 30.

**Book Artist Karen Hanmer Emphasizes Personal Connections—April 1 – June 30**

Karen Hanmer’s intimate, playful artworks present vignettes from personal and cultural memory that allow viewers to connect personally to her pieces. She often incorporates archival photographs and text into books that fragment and layer images to mirror the experience of memory. Her books often evoke the experience of looking through an album, a diary, or the belongings of a loved one. However, they often have a playful presentation as well—taking the form of puzzles, games, or decks of cards, and many include tongue-in-cheek text.

The exhibit, on display in the Art & Music Department at the Main Library from April 1 - June 30, features works from several series she’s created. Her Farm Series connects the viewer to the rural Midwestern landscape. Another series of work links the creative process of the artist with that of the inventor, explorer or engineer through first person accounts and archival photographs and artifacts. Other work comes straight from popular culture.

Ms. Hanmer holds a degree in Economics from Northwestern University. She has studied at the Columbia College Chicago Center for Book and Paper Arts and with several Chicago photographers and bookbinders. She serves on the editorial board of The Bonefolder, a peer-reviewed online book arts journal. She is an officer of Chicago Hand Bookbinders and Guild of Book Workers, Midwest Chapter. She lectures and teaches workshops on book arts and digital printing. Her work is exhibited widely and is included in collections ranging from Tate Britain and the Denver Public Library to Virginia Commonwealth University and Graceland. A complete catalog of her work is available online at www.karenhanmer.com.

**Workshops & Gallery Walk**

Meet Karen Hanmer during her visit with the Public Library from Friday, May 19 - Sunday May 21. She will present a gallery walk and discussion at the Main Library about her work on Saturday, May 20, 11:00 a.m., and a children’s workshop at 2:00 p.m. in the Children’s Learning Center. CBAS will also host a workshop at the Main Library on Sunday, May 21. Watch for more details, times and locations by logging onto www.CincinnatiLibrary.org and then clicking on “What’s New.”
Celebrate El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros—April 25-30

Francisco X. Alarcón, award-winning bilingual poet from the University of California, Davis, will join four area libraries including the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County and eight other literacy partners in Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati to celebrate El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Children’s Day/Book Day) from April 25-30.

Professor Alarcón, Chicano poet and educator, will share his dreams and special insight on family, community, culture, and the natural world in three public library presentations during the last week of April and will be the featured guest at a culminating fiesta at Centro de Amistad in Erlanger, Kentucky, on Sunday, April 30, from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Meet author Francisco X. Alarcón during the week of El Día activities in Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. Alarcón’s books will be available for purchase and signing at all public events. All events are free and are designed to provide families with an opportunity to enjoy bilingual poetry for children and adults as well as Professor Alarcón’s special view of family, community, and the world.

- **Tuesday, April 25**, 6:30 p.m.—Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Norwood Branch Library, 4325 Montgomery Rd., (513) 369-6037.
- **Wednesday, April 26**, 7:00 p.m.—Kenton County Public Library, Erlanger Branch, 401 Kenton Lands Road, (859) 962-4003.
- **Thursday, April 27**, 7:00 p.m.—Boone County Public Library, Florence Branch, 7425 US 42, (859) 384-5550, ext. 31.
- **Saturday, April 29**, 10:00 a.m.—The Blue Marble Children’s Bookstore, 1356 South Ft. Thomas Avenue., (859) 781-0602
- **Sunday, April 30**, 1:00-4:00 p.m.—Centro de Amistad, 947 Donaldson Highway, (859) 962-4077 (Mary Ann Mongan Library) or (859) 538-1175 (Centro de Amistad).

El Día Fiesta on April 30

Since 1925, Día del Niño, or Day of the Child, has been celebrated in Mexico. In 1996, award-winning author Pat Mora suggested a celebration of children’s literacy in conjunction with the Day of the Children. This year’s celebration of El Día in the Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati area is the second time public libraries and other literacy partners in the area have worked together to promote this event, which emphasizes the importance of advocating literacy for every child regardless of linguistic and cultural background. The celebration features free books for children (while they last); bilingual storytimes; open mic for bilingual poetry readings; and Latino music, crafts, games, dancing, and food. For information, call (513) 369-6945.

Library Shares in Grant for *A Lion in the House*

Through a partnership with CET, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Cancer Family Care, and the Cincinnati Health Department, the Library will participate in a grant project to develop local outreach efforts in connection with the groundbreaking PBS mini-series *A Lion in the House* to debut in June 2006. This compelling program, filmed with the cooperation of Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, follows the journeys of five young cancer patients and their families over a period of six years. *A Lion in the House* will air nationally on the Emmy award-winning PBS documentary series Independent Lens on June 21 and 22. Funded jointly by the Independent Television Service (ITVS) and the Lance Armstrong Foundation, it was one of 16 films competing for documentary honors at this year’s Sundance Film Festival.

Family Health Fair on Childhood Cancer - Prior to the film’s PBS premiere, the Main Library will host a free cancer health fair for families on Saturday, May 20 from 2:00–4:00 p.m. Participating in the fair will be organizations in Greater Cincinnati that:
- provide childhood cancer resources for treatment, survivorship, end-of-life, and bereavement for patients and for families,
- help educators and youth leaders address issues of childhood cancer in their settings,
- help bring childhood cancer resources to underserved populations. For information call 369-6945.
it’s spring, let’s garden

Dig Up Gardening Ideas @ Your Library—Online & on the Shelves

Whether you’re making that first attempt to beautify the backyard or are already a horticultural master, you can harvest all sorts of ideas from the Library’s plentiful crop of gardening resources. To celebrate the growing season, members of the Library staff have put together a great list of helpful references and reading materials. To grow more in the know, find the complete list at http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/booklists/?id=gardening.

Backyard Conversation with our Library staff – Share in some homegrown gardening stories with our very own Library staff. This spring we’re featuring a few personal accounts of how their thumbs turned green.

My passion for gardening sprung from the Library. In 1993, when I was promoted to Head of the History Department, my parents gave me the makings of a garden. They provided me with plant catalogs and I pored over landscaping books from the Library for my design. A few weeks later on a glorious spring day, my parents arrived with a tiller and a trailer full of topsoil and mulch. From my plans we established the beds and planted the flowers and bushes. My next breakthrough came when I found my garden mentor, a friend and Library employee. She had one of the most beautiful gardens in town. She taught me when and how various plants thrived and showed me that texture, foliage and placement were as important to a garden’s beauty as colorful flowers. Gardening excursions included trips to greenhouses often in her Austin Healey convertible, returning in the butterscotch sports car filled with flowers. My boyfriend, dubbed me “garden crazy” when I turned him down for a date and instead went to a horse farm to shovel manure for my garden. Gardening is in my blood. It’s part of my English/Scottish heritage. Three of my four grandparents were avid gardeners as were many of their ancestors (who I can trace through the collections in my department). I have passed it on to my son, who has gardened since age two. In more than ten years, my love of gardening has not diminished. As with genealogy, you are never finished. I’ve yet to find a more satisfying creative outlet.

Patricia Van Skaik, Manager of History & Genealogy

Thank heavens the seed catalogs appear in my mailbox earlier and earlier every year. It makes the long cold days of winter more bearable knowing that spring will eventually arrive. I have always enjoyed gardening and now that I have children, I like to get them involved in it too. Of course it is never too difficult to encourage two little boys to play in the mud! When my youngest was 5 we were busily planting seeds in the garden. He ran into the house, came out and started planting something in the ground. I went over and asked him what he was doing and there in his hand was a packet of M&Ms. “I am planting an M&M plant!” Unfortunately we didn’t have a bumper crop of M&Ms. I have since found Skittles and Starburst “planted” in the garden. Maybe one day...!

Cindy Hauenstein, Science & Technology Department

This spring the staff at the Avondale Branch Library and I are helping young minds grow. We decided that growing a vegetable garden with the help of neighborhood kids would not only help them learn about gardening, but also about healthy eating. We’ll be growing lettuce, sunflowers, snap beans, and other kid-friendly veggies. Plus, we may even spice it up a bit by tossing in a few herbs. To reward their efforts, there are plans for a Harvest Feast toward the end of the growing season. For more, call (513) 369-4440. Mary Sanker, Avondale Branch Manager
The Library is deeply grateful for the generosity of our community and welcomes gifts of all sizes. Your donations are essential to ensuring delivery of the excellent Library service and availability of the widest possible range of informational resources for all ages. For inquiries regarding contributions, please contact John Reusing, Development Director, at (513) 369-4591. The following gifts were received between January 20 and February 20.

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Customers of the St. Bernard Branch have been the beneficiaries of a generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wayne. The $11,000 gift was used to replace the tables, chairs and other furniture. Located in the city’s community center, the branch has been a presence in St. Bernard for over 100 years when its first collection was housed in a deposit station at a local store. The new furnishings include a small couch and easy chairs, accented by sleek shelving and slat wall display ware.
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Mascot Thanks
Thanks to the 130 volunteers and Library staff members, representatives from 20 community organizations, 22 mascots and our sponsors who helped make this year’s Family Fun Fest – Mascot Mania an enormous success enjoyed by over 1,500 people of all ages. The event was co-presented by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.
- Chiquita Brands International
- Cincinnati Family Magazine
- Cincinnati Reds
- Cincinnati Bengals & National City
- Friends of the Public Library
- Hamburger Mary’s
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- United Dairy Farmers
- WARM 98 Radio & Jeff Davis
- WCPO-TV9 & Cindy Matthews

Mary DeCourcy: A Friend Among Friends

Mention the name Mary DeCourcy at the Friends of the Public Library’s Warehouse, and immediately, everyone knows who you are talking about. The official greeter and chief cashier at the warehouse sales, Mary has established such a personal relationship with so many regulars that when customers don’t see her, they immediately ask, “Where’s Mary?”

Mary began her “career” with the Friends as a volunteer at the Main Library Friends’ Shop in 1987. She served as both a warehouse and a shop volunteer until 1999, when she assumed full responsibility at the warehouse for sorting, pricing and packing all the books that go to the Shop and the Duck Creek Antique Mall Friends’ booth. She was also elected to the Friends’ Board in April 1996.

As Mary begins her 20th year with the Friends, we can think of no other volunteer who represents us so well! From Madeira to Green Township, booklovers recognize Mary from sales across Hamilton County. Her fellow volunteers are always greeted with a smile and a hearty “thankyou” for their work at the end of the day. Mary has an uncanny ability to bring out the best in everyone. Her hard work and positive attitude raise the bar for all of the Friends volunteers, staff and patrons.

“Mary epitomizes the sprit of volunteerism and the mission of the Friends,” said long-time Friends member Mary Lu Aft, also Chair of the book sales. “She is tireless and always has a positive attitude no matter what.”
Medicare Rx: Medicare’s Prescription Drug Program

Are you confused about Medicare Part D? You’re not alone! Learn who’s eligible, what’s covered, how to pick a plan and more with ProSeniors.

Caregivers welcome!

Wednesday, April 5, 10:30 a.m.
Main Library–Huenefeld Tower Room
800 Vine Street (downtown), 369-6999

Thursday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.
Harrison Branch Library
10398 New Haven Road, 369-4442

Thursday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.
Madeira Branch Library
7200 Miami Avenue, 369-6028

Wednesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.
Northside Branch Library
4219 Hamilton Avenue, 369-4449

Online Library Card Application

Applying for a library card just got a little easier! We’ve adding a new feature to our website that makes it possible for customers to submit a library card application online. In a wired world where self-service is a given, it is increasingly important to make it as easy as possible for people to use the library from the comfort of their home, office, school, etc. We’re very excited about the addition of this convenient new feature to our website! The link to the online application can be found in “My Account” section of CincinnatiLibrary.org.

WHAT’S NEW—GROLIER ONLINE

The Library is pleased to announce that Grolier Online, from Scholastic Publishing, has been added to our collection of online resources for students.

Grolier Online offers students three different online encyclopedias (America the Beautiful, Lands and Peoples, and The New Book of Popular Science), news-related stories, magazine articles, websites, dictionaries, and an interactive atlas. Educators will find professional development resources, including lesson plans, discussion questions, activities, and articles about current events.

Two “environments”, each aimed at supporting students of different ages and abilities, are available. Grolier Online Kids has been designed for younger students, those in grades three through five, while Grolier Online Passport was created for older, more sophisticated students, and adults. Check out the online tutorial for a helpful overview of the features and resources of each homepage.

Remote (home, office, etc.) access to Grolier Online is available. Please take a few minutes to explore this exciting new addition to our collection.

34th Annual Friends June Used Book Sale

Due to the construction on Fountain Square, the sale will be held at the Main Library.

June 5-9
Main Library Atrium
800 Vine Street
(513) 369-6035

Friends’ Members Preview Sale:
Sunday, June 4, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Public Sale Hours:
Monday–Wednesday:
9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Thursday:
9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Friday (Bag Day):
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Purchase a Friends shopping bag for $5.00 and fill it up.)
Walnut Hills Branch Library
Centennial Celebration:

Saturday, April 8, Noon–4:00 p.m.: 
Join us for an afternoon of fun and reminiscing:
- Noon: Bubble & balloon parade
- 1:00 p.m.: Special guest Mayor Mark Mallory.
- 2:00 p.m.: A special performance for children featuring the Madcap Puppets
- 2:00 p.m.: For adults, author Allen Singer will discuss his recent book, Stepping Out in Cincinnati: Queen City Entertainment 1900-1960
- Music, historic photo exhibits, birthday cake, punch, and more. All free!
- Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library

Mark your calendar for these other key events:

- Saturday, April 22, 2:00 p.m.: Walnut Hills author Mary-Cabirini Durkin presents her new book, Angela Merici’s Journey of the Heart. A spiritual quest by a creative woman of the 1500s, with thoughts on a spiritual quest by women today
- Saturday, May 13, 2:00 p.m.: The Power of Slave Narratives: History Comes Alive with Dramatics and Gospel Interludes
- Saturday, June 10, 2:00 p.m.: Carnegie Libraries of Ohio: A slide presentation by Mary Ellen Armentrout
- Watch for additional events throughout the year

David Siders, Walnut Hills Branch Manager, with Centennial Celebration speaker Mayor Mark Mallory.