“Europe Through the Back Door” with Rick Steves

Meet Rick Steves
Saturday, March 27
2:00 p.m.
Main Library
Reading Garden
You’ve read his European travel guidebooks and tuned into his popular travel shows on public television and public radio. Now get the latest in smart European travel in person with acclaimed travel expert Rick Steves on Saturday, March 27, at 2:00 p.m. in the Reading Garden at the Main Library. His 90-minute seminar is packed with tips to help you get the most out of every mile, minute, and dollar of your next trip.

Rick Steves grew up in Edmonds, Washington, and graduated from the University of Washington with degrees in business and European history. But his real education came from traveling Europe. Since 1973, he has spent 120 days a year exploring new places and revisiting familiar favorites across the continent. Spending one third of his adult life living out of a suitcase in Europe has shaped his thinking. He advocates smart, affordable, perspective-broadening travel and encourages Americans to travel as “temporary locals”. From his Europe Through the Back Door company headquarters in Edmonds, he produces guidebooks on European travel; “Rick Steves Europe,” the most popular travel series in America on public television; a weekly hour-long national public radio show; and a weekly column syndicated by the Chicago Tribune – all to help American travelers connect much more intimately and authentically with Europe and Europeans for a fraction of what mainstream tourists pay.

Don’t miss Rick Steves’ visit to Cincinnati! Before long, you, too, will know exactly how to stretch your travel dollar, avoid crowds, pack smart, eat and sleep well, and still enjoy a maximum of travel thrills.

**BOOKSIGNING:** After the program, meet Rick Steves, purchase his books, and have them signed. Choose from a variety of his latest travel books in the Library Friends’ Shop.

Rick Steves’ appearance was made possible by the Library Programs Fund. Special thanks to CET and 91.7 WVXU for partnering with the Library on this event.

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**Library’s Travel Collection Takes You Near & Far**

Rick Steves is the person to see for an insider’s take on European travel, and the Public Library is the place to go for access to his helpful guidebooks and all of your other travel information needs! Whether you are planning a romantic honeymoon, the cruise of a lifetime, or an affordable family vacation, the Library has the resources you need to plan the trip you want on a budget you can afford.

The Library’s extensive collection includes everything from the latest on travel – including Rick Steves’ 2009 release *Travel as a Political Act* – to specific topics like traveling with kids and pets or how to accommodate special needs while you’re away from home. Whether you want to travel by foot, air, land, or sea, the Library has books to help you get to your desired destinations far away in Europe and Asia or right here in Ohio. So whether you’re planning to go backpacking through China or ghost hunting in your hometown, check out the Library first. You won’t miss anything on your trip except the tourist traps.

The Public Library’s special travel collection is made possible by the Natalie Feld Trust Fund. Ms. Feld, a long-time Library supporter and member of the Friends of the Public Library, specified in her will that a portion of her estate be used to establish a trust fund for the Library. At her request, income from the fund is used to purchase and maintain a collection of books on travel and world affairs.
Dear Residents,

I’d like to start by thanking everyone in the community for approving Issue 7, voting to provide the funding the Library needs to keep its services available at a time when use is reaching record levels. So many donors and volunteers were needed to make this success possible and we thank you all. The Library has proven itself to be a good steward of public funding for the more than 150 years it’s been in existence and we will be good stewards of your local tax dollars as well.

While it is a huge relief to have some measure of financial security we have to remember that the funds generated by the levy only replace the funding lost as a result of declining State revenues. We will not be able to build or expand branch libraries, increase our hours of operation or take on additional operating expenses. Our funding from the State of Ohio continues to drop and is projected to drop even further in 2010, so we must be prudent with our expenditures if we are to continue to avoid future service reductions.

What we are planning to do in 2010 is update our Strategic Plan. This five–year plan, completed in 2004 identified four priorities: Relevant Services, Financial Strength, Community Awareness and Dynamic Organization. Despite the ongoing financial challenges, we have made many service changes to meet the goals and objectives stated in the Strategic Plan. To develop this plan, the Library will be gathering input from community leaders and library users across the county using one–on–one interviews, surveys, focus groups and any other means to determine how the Library’s services, collections and facilities should be changed to better meet the needs of our community today. We will also be reviewing our usage data and observing how people are using the Library.

To help with the completion of this task the Library Board has approved the formation of an Ad Hoc Planning Committee consisting of three members of the Board, the chairs of the Finance & Audit, Library Services & Administration and Facilities committees. The charge of this committee will be to oversee the development of a new Strategic Plan for the Library. In addition, an advisory committee of community leaders and library users will be created to provide additional guidance through the planning process.

Developing a good Strategic Plan is a time consuming process and we estimate that it will be 6–9 months before a new plan is presented to the full Library Board for approval. We look forward to spending the next few months planning for the Library’s future and are excited about the changes we will be making to better meet the ever–changing needs of our community.

Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director
black history month

On View at the Main Library

In *Letter from Birmingham City Jail*, acclaimed artist and author Faith Ringgold honors the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Her eight colorful serigraphs are the first illustrations ever done of the open letter King wrote while incarcerated for staging a peaceful civil rights demonstration in April 1963. Ringgold’s art is a lasting tribute to the work of Dr. King and his powerful letter, considered to be among the most eloquent and important documents of American history.

From January 18 to March 4, this limited edition artist book will be on display in the Main Library’s Cincinnati Room to commemorate one of the Civil Rights Movement’s greatest heroes. The Friends of the Public Library purchased *Letter from Birmingham City Jail* in 2009 for the Library. We are proud to have this work join the Library’s outstanding fine arts and African American culture collections.

Celebrating Creativity: African Americans in the Arts

With a rich history dating back to the nineteenth century, Cincinnati’s African American community has produced a dynamic arts scene. From the photographs of J.P. Ball and canvases of Robert S. Duncanson to the present day, Cincinnati’s African American artists have enriched the visual arts regionally and nationally. This vibrant art community continues to thrive.

The Future Is Now: Cincinnati’s African American Art Scene in the 21st Century
Saturday, February 6, 2:00 p.m.
Main Library, Huenefeld Tower Room

Join three local artists for *The Future is Now: Cincinnati’s African American Art Scene in the 21st Century*. Moderated by Dr. John Bryant, a pioneer in urban education, this discussion will examine the state of the local African American arts community with Brian Joiner, the 2009 Robert S. Duncanson Artist-in-Residence at the Taft Museum of Art; Anthony Stollings, a noted Cincinnati visual artist; and Troy Brown, a local artist and instructor at the Art Academy of Cincinnati.

Finding Frances: A Genealogist’s Journey Discovering the Life of Frances Ellen Watkins Harper
Saturday, February 13, 2:00 p.m.
Main Library, Huenefeld Tower Room

Growing up a free African American woman in the slave state of Maryland, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper surpassed the obstacles of race and gender and emerged as an educated, politically active writer. She became a popular poet and anti-slavery lecturer in the tumultuous period leading up to the Civil War and continued her professional and activist career with zeal after moving to Ohio in 1860.

Join genealogist Marilyn Armstrong for *Finding Frances: A Genealogist’s Journey Discovering the Life of Frances Ellen Watkins Harper*. She will discuss the research that led to her discovery of this published nineteenth century African American poet and crusader, and shed light on the creative and purposeful life of an African American artist living in a society tainted by slavery and segregation.

Coming in February – Weekly podcasts on African American genealogy on the Library’s website, [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org). For more information, call (513) 369-6905 or email history@cincinnatilibrary.org.
Cincinnati’s African American Jazz Artists
Saturday, February 20, 1:00 p.m. | Main Library, Reading Garden

Since the days of the 1930’s Cotton Club, the city’s first integrated night club, Cincinnati’s jazz musicians have played an influential role in the local and national music scenes. Learn more about accomplishments of African American jazz artists – including Cincinnati’s own Frank Foster and George Russell – with Reference Librarian Dan Aren. You will also hear a selection of jazz recordings from the Library’s collection.

Following this program, enjoy the February installment of the Jazz of the Month Club concert series featuring the CCM Jazz Combo. These gifted performers attend the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music’s award-winning Jazz Studies Program.

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day @ the Library

This January, the Library will honor the life and the dream of America’s greatest champion of racial justice, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with celebrations of art, music, stories, songs, and more!

The Main Library’s Children’s Learning Center invites children of all ages to Lift Up Your Voice: A Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 18, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Hear “Martin’s Dream” and sing freedom songs with Deondre (Kamau) Means from ArtReach, a division of the Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati. Enjoy crafts and other activities, too! Sponsored by the Downtown Residents Council.

For a complete list of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day programs at your local Library, visit us online at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/programs.
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**Rainy Day? Visit the Main Library for a good book and a new umbrella.**

Umbrellas: Push–button, open & close. $19.95 for round styles; $24.95 for shaped styles

**January Clearance Sale: Stop in and save!**

50% off all Christmas items; 50% off toys & games

 Clearance items marked with an additional 50% off the lowest price

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**The Library Friends’ Shop**

Hours: Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Main Library – Mezzanine Level

(513) 369–6920

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**Friends’ Members You’re Invited**

Library Friends’ Annual Meeting Friday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Main Library–Huenefeld Tower Room, 3rd floor south building

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**Library Links**
Main Library Exhibit Tells Story of Curious George Creators’ WWII Escape

More than three generations of Americans have grown up reading the stories of an irrepressible little brown monkey known in this country as “Curious George”. But few people know about the incredible journey made by his creators, Margret and H.A. Rey, to escape the Nazi invasion of Paris at the start of World War II. Stashing a few precious belongings and manuscripts in their knapsacks and the baskets of their bicycles, the Jewish couple fled Paris in June 1940, starting a five-month odyssey by bike, train, and boat that would eventually bring them to American shores in October 1940.

If you’re curious about this amazing true story and the creators behind Curious George, stop by the Main Library through March 10 to view The Wartime Escape: Margret and H.A. Rey’s Journey from France. This fascinating exhibit tells the story of the Reys’ journey with archival images from the extraordinary holdings of the DeGrummond Collection of Children’s Literature at the University of Southern Mississippi. The exhibit also includes 27-framed prints by artist Allan Drummond. The exhibit is based on The Journey that Saved Curious George: The True War-Time Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey, written by local author Louise Borden and illustrated by Allan Drummond.

Co-sponsored by the Center for Holocaust & Humanity Education.

Curious about our collection of stories about George? The Library’s collection includes copies of each of the original titles by Margret and H.A. Rey, including a few in Spanish, French and German! Curious George is also featured in board books to help children learn their ABC’s, colors, numbers, and shapes. You can also check out local author Louise Borden’s book about the wartime escape of Margret and H.A. Rey.

George’s adventures come in other formats, too. Curious George DVDs and audio books on CD are available for check out, and you can even download George’s adventures to your computer from our Virtual Library! Visit the Library’s homepage www.CincinnatiLibrary.org for more information about accessing digital materials like e-books, videos, and more.

Meet the UC Bearcats!

Come to the Main Library on Saturday, January 9, at 1:00 p.m. to meet athletes from the University of Cincinnati and the UC Bearcat! They will be in the Reading Garden to read with kids, take pictures, sign autographs, and talk about the importance of reading and doing well in school. The Bearcat is one of 12 college mascots competing for Capital One National Mascot of the Year!
On the Same Page 2010

In an effort to foster a sense of community through reading, the Library joined in partnership with area cultural organizations in 2002 to establish On the Same Page, a community-wide reading program. Since then, thousands of people from around Greater Cincinnati have come together each year in February and March to read and discuss great books.

To encourage intergenerational reading and discussion, the On the Same Page Selection Committee chose one title for both adults and teens, a first in the program’s nine-year history. This year’s selection, *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, is an award-winning teen science fiction novel. It is the first in a trilogy set in the postapocalyptic nation of Panem, a glittering Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying subjugged districts located in the ruins of a place once known as North America.

The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. The sole survivor gets food for life. In the poorest district, sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen volunteers to take her sister’s place in the Hunger Games. A fierce survivor, she has been close to dead before — and survival, for her, is second nature. But if she is to win, she will have to start making choices that weigh survival against humanity and life against love.

Acclaimed writer Suzanne Collins delivers equal parts suspense and philosophy, adventure and romance, in this searing novel set in a future with unsettling parallels to our present. Collins is the author of the *New York Times* bestselling *Underland Chronicles* series and also a successful writer for children’s television. She lives with her family in Connecticut.

**Hunger Games Day: Read It. Play It. Survive It! Saturday, March 20:** Readers of all ages are invited to Main Library on Saturday, March 20, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. for games, programs, book discussions, contests, and a prize lottery inspired by the On The Same Page 2010 selection, *The Hunger Games*. Come dressed as your favorite Panem citizen—and may the odds be ever in your favor! Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

**On the Same Page Website:** Library locations throughout Hamilton County are planning *Hunger Games* inspired discussions – including intergenerational book discussions – and programs for teens and adults. For more information, log onto [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/samepage/](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/samepage/).

On the Same Page Cincinnati is a project of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and is made possible in part by the Friends of the Public Library, The Kersten Fund, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, *Cincinnati Magazine*, 91.7 WVXU, and CET.
A New Chapter in Convenience: Playaway® Digital Audiobooks

As part of a free trial program offered by the manufacturer, the Library began offering Playaway® digital audiobooks in six Library locations on November 23. This 90-day trial run will provide an opportunity for the Library to gauge the interest and demand for the new format and selected titles. During this time customers are invited to check one out and inform Library staff whether they like this new way to listen to audiobooks.

What are Playaways®? At about half the size of a deck of cards, Playaways® come preloaded with an entire audiobook. You don’t need a separate player to listen to the book and you don’t have to worry about keeping track of several CDs or cassettes—just press play! Using clearly marked buttons, Playaway® makes it possible for you to move back and forth within or between chapters and alter the speed of the narrator’s voice. It even has an automatic bookmark feature that remembers where you left off. Weighing only two ounces, Playaway® is small enough to fit in the palm of your hand and goes anywhere you do!

The Library’s trial collection consists of approximately 100 fiction titles, including books by James Patterson, Nicholas Sparks, Jennifer Crusie, Stephen White, Harlan Coben, Sara Paretsky, Jean Auel, David Baldacci, and Lisa Kleypas. For more information about Playaways®, go to www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/news/2009/playaways.html.

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Tell Us What You Think About Library LINKS

We’re looking at ways to improve the way we communicate with our Library users. And, we need your help. Please tell us what you like and don’t like about our quarterly newsletter, Library LINKS. To take a 5-minute online survey log onto tinyurl.com/yd2szwk. Or, if you prefer a print copy of the survey, pick one up at any Library location, fill it out, and turn it in at any service desk.

Sampler Weekend at Main Library!

Be a part of the 2010 Fine Arts Fund Sampler Weekend, sponsored by Macy’s, and bring the entire family to the Main Library on Sunday, February 21, for two FREE performances.

At 1:00 p.m., everyone’s a winner in Jonathan Heart’s interactive visual arts game show. Then at 3:00 p.m., the Frisch Marionette Company takes the stage with its Variety Show! This lively, upbeat show features hand puppets and trick marionettes performing songs, dances, and comical routines.

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Beyond Bestsellers

Only a few books reach the top of the fiction bestseller charts, but there are many more terrific novels at the Library. Each month, staff from the Popular Library selects a variety of new additions to the collection that they’ve particularly enjoyed. These selections are published in Beyond Bestsellers, an online booklist that is part of the “Reading Recommendations” section of our website. Here are a few titles from our last edition:

*Homer and Langley*, E.L. Doctorow
An unforgettable novel by beloved and venerable Doctorow, featuring New York’s eccentric and reclusive Collyer brothers, found dead in 1947 in their Fifth Avenue brownstone packed with newspapers, Americana, science projects, and a Model A Ford. Haunted by the ghosts of WWI, Prohibition, the Depression, and the absurdities of modern life, the Collyers are portrayed with a sense of dignity, mythology, and reality in a novel the *New Yorker* calls “buoyant and entertaining.”

*Brooklyn*, Colm Tóibín
Set in early 1950s, Tóibín’s sixth novel follows Eilis Lacey, a talented young Irish woman, who leaves behind her frail mother and her sister to begin a new life in a neighborhood in Brooklyn. Eilis reinvents herself in the letters she sends to her family. And she seems to have found love with a young Italian American man, just as tragic news arrives from home to threaten her happiness. Brooklyn is a confident, beautifully written, and moving novel sure to expand Tóibín’s American readership.

*Look at the Birdie: Unpublished Short Fiction*, Kurt Vonnegut
Die-hard Vonnegut fans will eagerly follow the previously unpublished exploits of Fuzz Littler, K. Hollomon Weems, and other absurdly named characters in absurdist situations compiled in this new collection of vintage stories. Vonnegut’s longtime confidant Sidney Offit provides an insightful introduction, and Vonnegut’s drawings accompany tales that “track the development of his hugely influential mix of science fiction and black humor.”

**Oscar Treadwell Collection Updated**

One of the Library’s true treasures, Oscar Treadwell’s “Jazz with O.T.” Radio Show Collection, has a new look. Redesigned covers and a brand new CD index improve access to information on the 170 jazz and blues musicians Treadwell featured on his radio program. You can now hear Oscar’s in-depth profiles of almost every major jazz musician in the last half-century — legends like Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Red Garner, Louis Armstrong, and more. Additionally, a new CD, *Remembering O.T.: A Celebration of Oscar Treadwell*, produced by the Cincinnati MacDowell Society, is available to check out exclusively at the Main Library.

Oscar Treadwell, an institution among local jazz aficionados, hosted long-running radio jazz programs, first at WNOP and then later at WGUC. In the 1990s, Treadwell donated reel-to-reel recordings of his popular WGUC program “Jazz with O.T.,” which aired on in the 1970s and 1980s. O.T. went on to triple the size of the Library’s collection of recorded jazz music in 2001 with a donation of more than 6,000 CDs. After returning to the airwaves on WVXU in the summer of 2005, he passed away suddenly on April 1, 2006, at the age of 79. WVXU continues to broadcast “Jazz with O.T.” every Sunday at 9:00 p.m.
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 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 of $25 or more were received between July 10 and November 18, 2009.

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Commemorative Gifts to the Library

In memory of Charles W. Anness: Mr. William W. Victor
In memory of Helen Cranley: Marianne & Rick Roedersheimer

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, a long-time supporter of computer access in public libraries, included our Library in its most recent grant program. The Foundation’s Opportunity Online Hardware Grant will fund the purchase of additional public computers at 17 of our branch libraries. The Foundation awarded the grant to Library branches based on the percentage of residents in poverty and the age of the existing computer equipment. With online job applications, applications for assistance, resume writing, and homework drawing more people into the Library each day, the additional computers will be a welcome addition. Customers at the West End Branch, pictured here, were thrilled with the seven new computers, a new printer and print release station, and flat bed scanner that were installed in the branch on October 20.
Library Executive Director Kim Fender accepts a $1,000 donation from the Martin Luther King Jr. Coalition. Pictured with Ms. Fender, center, are front row, from left, Sha–Ron Wilson, Jasmine Coaston, Nina Jackson Gates, Rabbi Gary Zola, Cheryl Meadows, Ms. Fender, Bishop E. Lynn Brown, Edith Thrower, Rev. Marcella Smith, Robin Lee, Carol Carder Krehbiel, Roy Goosby, Rev. Anthony Collier; back row, from left, Dr. Erika King–Betts, Dan Griffith, Juwana Hall, Karen Dabdoub, Charles Davis, Jr., Dr. Nancy Savage, Verneida Britton, John Krehbiel, Jr., and Louise Lawarre.
The Downtown Residents Council (DRC) presented a check for $1,250 to the Children’s Learning Center at the Main Library for a 2010 Summer Arts Program. This series of programs is designed to expose area children to arts of all kinds – theatre, music, dance, puppetry, and visual arts. This was the 7th year that DRC has provided funding and volunteers for our Summer Arts Programs. Pictured at the check presentation are, from left, seated, DRC Board President Andy Chirch; standing, from left, DRC Board Member Linda Phillips and Communications Committee Chair Conrad Thiede; from the Main Library, Children's Learning Center Librarian Carolyn Janssen and Library Services Manager Greg Edwards; DRC Board Member Marty McGlinchey and members Lynne Smith and Mary Anne Pitman; DRC Board Member Alison Kamine, and member Julie Carpenter.

Author Rusty McClure recently donated 49 copies of his latest book *Cincinnatus: The Secret Plot to Save America* to the Library’s collection. Pictured from left are Sally Kramer, Collection Development Department Manager; author Rusty McClure; Susanne Wells, Collection Development Librarian; and Paula Brehm-Heeger, Library Services Manager – Central Region.

Andrea Lippelman in memory of Jeff Thomas’s dog Andy
Jean & Art McFaddin in memory of The Woeste Family’s dog Chip
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Beth Thomas & Norma Walker in memory of Laura Chapman’s dog Poppy; Dare Miller & Earlene Johnson’s cat Midnight; and Deb Cohen & Chris Wuet’s dog Mac
Judy Wacksman in memory of Kirby White’s cat Ophie

Gifts to the Friends
Paul G. Sittenfeld
St. Patrick’s Day Celebration at the Main Library—March 17

Enjoy the Library’s St. Patrick’s Day Celebration of Song and Dance featuring a performance by the McGing Irish Dancers on Wednesday, March 17, starting at 11:45 a.m., in the Main Library Atrium. The McGing Irish Dancers, a hallmark of the Library’s St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, have called Cincinnati home for almost 30 years. They have performed in Hollywood for the late Gene Kelly, danced in the Soviet Union, and toured with the Cincinnati Pops. The McGing dancers are most proud, however, of their local ties to Cincinnati’s libraries, hospitals, charities, and schools.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

The Year of the Tiger at the Main Library

Join the Children’s Learning Center for a Chinese New Year Celebration on Saturday, February 6, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to ring in the Year of the Tiger with activities, crafts, games, and more!

Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Friends of the Public Library Used Book Sales

All sales benefit the Friends of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

14th Annual Winter Warehouse Sale, January 15–18
Friday, January 15, 10:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 16, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 17, Noon–5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 18, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Friends Members’ Preview Sale Thursday, January 14, 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Thousands of classical musical LP records, with a huge selection of merchandise in new audiovisual section (CDs, DVDs, and VHS tapes). Cash, checks, Visa and MasterCard accepted.

The Friends’ Warehouse is located at 8456 Vine Street, Hartwell (5 blocks north of Galbraith Road). For more information, call 369–6035, email friendsofplch1@fuse.net, or visit Friends.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

February 12 & 13
Sharonville Branch Library, 10980 Thornview Drive
Friday, February 12, Noon–6:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 13, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

March 12 & 13
Green Township Branch Library, 6525 Bridgetown Road
Friday, March 12, Noon–6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 13, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

ONGOING FRIENDS’ SALES
Library Friends’ Shop
Main Library Mezzanine, 800 Vine Street, 369–6920
Monday–Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Friends’ Warehouse
8456 Vine Street, Hartwell
Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
2nd Monday of the month, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
4th Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

No sales will be conducted at the Warehouse until after the annual Winter Warehouse Sale (January 15–18). The Warehouse will resume the normal schedule of sales (above) beginning Saturday, January 23.
2010 author series

Two Ways to Enjoy Reading in 2010

Read more joy into your life with two series available at the Library. One highlights a variety of authors. One highlights a variety of books. Both have the same purpose: to encourage reading by featuring some well chosen titles of interest to readers looking for some fresh alternatives. All titles are available for checkout from the Library’s collection.

2010 Featured Book of the Month Series

The Library will ring in the New Year with a new edition of its Featured Book of the Month Series. Based on the success of the inaugural series for adults in 2009, the 2010 series will feature a selection for readers of all ages! One fiction or nonfiction title will be chosen for children, teens, and adults to read and enjoy each month. These well written books offer broad appeal, but you may not find them on a bestseller list. They represent the seemingly overlooked literary triumphs in the Library’s collection.

January’s selection for children is *The Underneath* by Kathi Appelt; for teens, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie; and for adults it’s, *Farewell, My Subaru* by Doug Fine, who will visit the Main Library on February 6 as part of the 2010 Author Series. Keep your eyes peeled for the Featured Books each month at your local branch!

2010 Author Series

In addition to Rick Steves’ visit on March 27, the Library will host intriguing discussions and book signings with other notable authors. Check your local branch or [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org) for times, specific locations, and more information. Meanwhile, save these dates!

- Saturday, February 6, 2:00 p.m.
  - Doug Fine, *Farewell, My Subaru*
- Saturday, March 27, 2:00 p.m.
  - Rick Steves, *Europe Through the Back Door Guidebook Series*
- Saturday, June 12, 2:00 p.m.
  - Catherine Hardwicke, *Twilight Director’s Notebook: The Story of How We Made the Movie*

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The Library’s Featured Book of the Month blog is a virtual book club where readers can meet anytime, from anywhere! To join Featured Book discussions, share your opinions, and suggest future title selections, visit [CincinnatiLibrarybooks.blogspot.com](http://CincinnatiLibrarybooks.blogspot.com).