



# Library Links

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## recognition speaks volumes

The Public Library is proud to announce that we have been recognized as one of only five libraries in the U.S. to receive the 2013 National Medal for Museum and Library Service.





# Recognition Speaks Volumes

On April 23 we learned that our Library is receiving a National Medal for Library Service from the Institute for Museum and Library Service (IMLS). What a thrill and a true honor for our Library to receive this national recognition. Medal winners were selected from nationwide nominations of institutions that demonstrate innovative approaches to public service, exceeding the expected levels of community outreach.

The National Medal will be presented during a celebration in Washington, D.C. on May 8. I will be attending the ceremony along with Amina Tuki, a Library customer selected by IMLS to attend. Amina uses the Library's Adult Learning Center to work on reading and writing English and computer skills. In the afternoons her daughter Hannah uses Homework Central. Amina attributes the Library with her success in completing an online job application and her daughter's excellent grades. Winners receive the national recognition for community impact, a \$5,000 prize and a visit from StoryCorps - a national nonprofit dedicated to recording, preserving, and sharing the stories of Americans - to document stories from the communities of the winning institutions.



Amina Tuki, native of Ethiopia, shares her Library experiences during a press conference to announce the IMLS award.

In our nomination, we highlighted several of our services that we feel are the best examples of our community impact. These include our homework central, brain camps, Kindergarten readiness programs, summer reading and programs to improve grade level reading. We also emphasized programs for adult learners like Amina. Additionally, we included data about the incredible use

our Library experiences in all aspects of services; items borrowed, programs offered and attendance, reference questions, library visits and computer use. Finally, we talked about the incredible support our community has for our Library including the overwhelming support for our tax levy approved in 2009. Without this funding our services would have been significantly reduced; a fact we never forget.

To celebrate this national recognition of our service to the community, we're planning a special event. On May 15, we will hold a Fine Amnesty Day. Fines will be forgiven for overdue items returned on this day. We will also be forgiving fines for anyone who visits a Library location on May 15.

This event is just one small way to thank our community for the use and support that resulted in this national recognition. Without our supportive community and wonderful staff our Library would not be the tremendous community asset it is. This award belongs to all of us. Thank you.

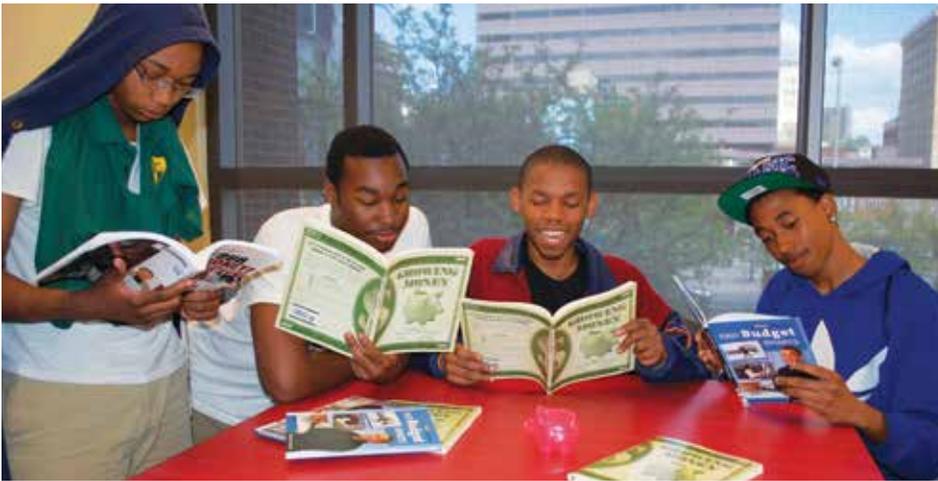
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## Sign Your Teen Up For Financial Literacy Program

Tired of struggling with your teenagers on the subject of allowance? Wish they could learn to save their money instead of spending it? Then sign them up for one of eight financial literacy workshops being offered this summer by the Library. Thanks to a generous grant from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Foundation, Teen Services staff members will conduct Smart Investing @ Your Library workshops at selected branches this June through August. The programs are designed to engage teens with hands-on activities, games, and materials for better understanding of personal finance topics. A related website will offer a booklist for teens, money tips, games, web comics and video blogs about the importance of saving money. Teens who attend a program will receive a prize pack of great stuff, including books.

### SMART INVESTING @ YOUR LIBRARY WORKSHOPS:

- Oakley Branch Library**  
Saturday, June 22 at 1:00 p.m.
- Wyoming Branch Library**  
Tuesday, July 9 at 1:00 p.m.
- Symmes Township Branch Library**  
Friday, July 12 at 11:00 a.m.
- Pleasant Ridge Branch Library**  
Thursday, July 25 at 1:00 p.m.
- TeenSpot-Main Library**  
Saturday, July 27 at 1:00 p.m.
- Westwood Branch Library**  
Friday, August 2 at 1:00 p.m.
- Blue Ash Branch Library**  
Tuesday, August 6 at 1:00 p.m.
- Harrison Branch Library**  
Saturday, August 10 at 1:00 p.m.

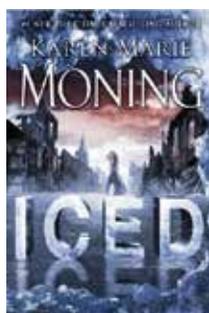
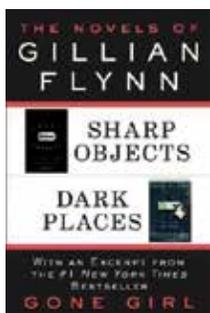
Visit [www.teenspace.cincinnati.library.org](http://www.teenspace.cincinnati.library.org) for more information.

### LIBRARY IN THE NEWS

## Library, CPS Serve Up Summer Lunches to Kids

The Library and Cincinnati Public Schools are once again offering free summer lunches at seven Library locations. The Summer Food Service Program for Children provides the opportunity to serve children in need in the community during the summer months when they are away from school. Children and teens ages 1-18 are eligible for daily nutritious lunches.

Library sites being served by the program are: the Main Library (in the Children's Learning Center and TeenSpot), Avondale, Bond Hill, College Hill, Madisonville, Northside and the West End Branch libraries. Service begins **Monday, June 10**, and ends **Friday, August 9**. The lunch program takes place every weekday except July 4.



## Hot Authors Expanded

Hot Authors, a service that gives our customers the opportunity to automatically receive the latest novels from popular fiction writers, has expanded! You can now have your name automatically added to the holds list for large-print titles by Harlan Coben, John Grisham, Iris Johansen, Amanda Quick, and Nora Roberts! In addition to this exciting change, we've added three new names to the list: Gillian Flynn, Karen Marie Moning, and James Rollins.

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Lou Kroner, *Paul's Blues*

## Bookworks 14-Cincinnati Book Arts Society's Annual Exhibit

### HANDMADE BOOKS, ARTISTS' BOOKS & FINE BINDINGS

The 14th annual Cincinnati Book Arts Society (CBAS) exhibit will be on view **June 11-August 18** in the atrium of the Main Library. CBAS is a nonprofit organization comprised of professional and amateur hand workers in the book arts. Held in partnership with the Library, "Bookworks," showcases a creative variety of books that have been turned into works of art by regional artists.

**Artist Walk-Throughs & Demo:** To learn more about the works in the exhibit and the artists who created them, Artist Walk-Throughs will take place on **Sunday, June 23** and **Sunday, August 11 at 2:00 p.m.** There will also be a hands-on bookmaking demonstration **Saturday, August 3 at 2:00 p.m.**

### ABOUT ALICE BALTERMAN



Artist Alice Heyn Balterman, a native Cincinnati, attended Smith College and the Art Institute of Chicago. During a 1954 visit to Cape Cod, she saw a decoupage by folk

artist Peter Hunt for the first time and realized it was an ideal medium for her art. Through the years her work grew more sophisticated and evolved to include collages and assemblages.

Balterman's artful syntheses of her collected objects and images, whether they're intended to be functional or purely ornamental, are unique embodiments of her memories, her views of life, and her mature craftsmanship.

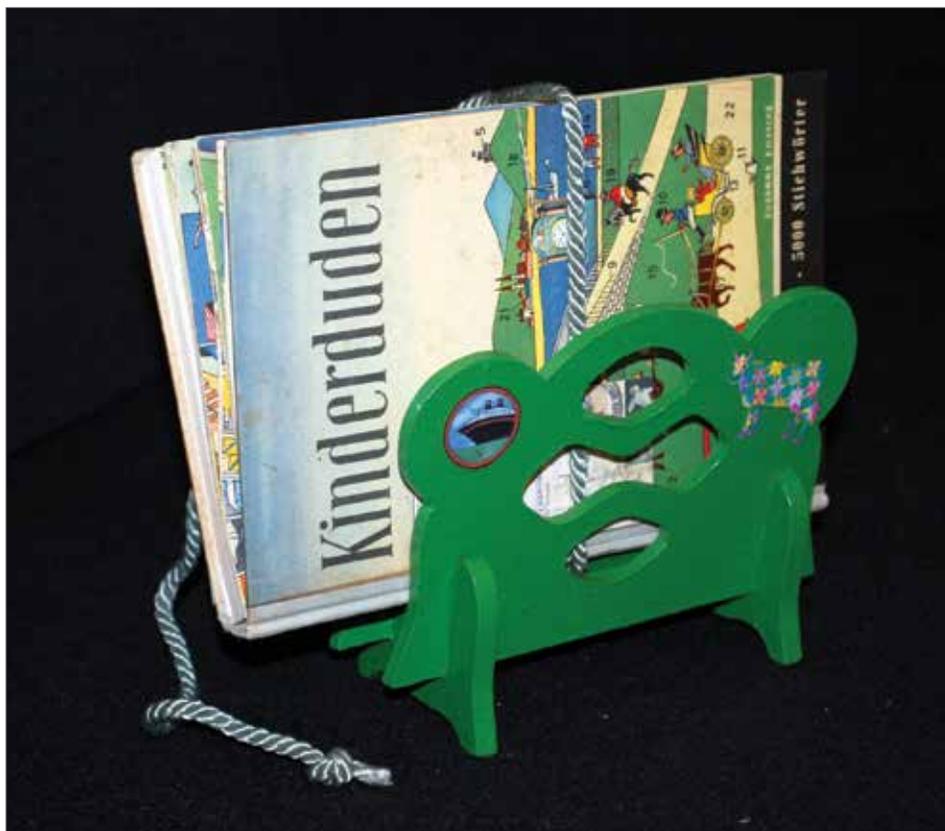
More importantly, her works are emissaries from the magical domains of antique shops and books, from the aura of foreign lands and dreams, from special moments in childhood and the history of art.

"It is far easier to express myself through my works than to express my work through words," Balterman said.

A longtime member and supporter of the Cincinnati Book Arts Society, Balterman hopes this special sense of curiosity and fantasy is conveyed to those who view the retrospective of her work at the Main Library.

## Keith Kuhn Memorial Exhibit Spotlights Works by Alice Balterman

The Keith Kuhn Memorial Exhibit is an annual display of artist-created books from the Library's collection. It is held in memory of former Library Services Director Keith Kuhn, under whose direction the collection grew to be widely admired by art and book lovers alike throughout the region. This year's exhibit is a retrospective of the works of Alice Balterman, a local collage and altered book artist who has contributed to the arts community throughout the years. The Keith Kuhn Memorial Exhibit will be on display **June 11-August 18** in cases next to the elevators on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Main Library.



Alice Balterman, *Kinderduden*

# 'United We Write' Teaches Different Genres of Writing

No matter what style of writing you want to try your hand at — fiction, non-fiction, humor, poetry, memoir — we've got a program for that. Come hear professional authors share their expertise during "United We Write" at the Main Library. All programs take place in the Popular Library Reading Lounge **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.**

## UPCOMING WRITING PROGRAMS



**May 21 Rick Sowash:** Memoir writing with humorous advice on organizing little stories into a larger narrative, engaging readers with suspense and humor, bringing characters to life, and delivering a satisfying ending.

Rick Sowash has earned most of his living by weaving the history and folklore of his native Ohio into books which he writes, publishes and markets. His newest book, *The Boy Who Would Be Famous*, is about the curious endeavors and comic pursuits of an adventurous lad growing up in America's heartland. His other titles include *Heroes of Ohio*, *Critters, Flitters & Spitters*, and *Ripsnorting Whoppers: A Book of Ohio Tall Tales*. Sowash also publishes his own sheet music, and has produced 15 CD recordings of his own compositions.



**June 18 Pauletta Hansel:** The (He)art of Poetry: a hands-on workshop on how to strengthen your poems, and make them resonant and uniquely your own.

Pauletta Hansel is Writer-in Residence at Thomas More College and leads community poetry workshops for the Urban Appalachian Council and at Grailville in Loveland, Ohio, among others. She is the author of four collections of poetry and co-editor of *Pine Mountain Sand & Gravel*, the literary journal of the Southern Appalachian Writers Cooperative.



**July 23 Bob Woodiwiss:** Humor writing with tips on getting published in magazines and newspapers.

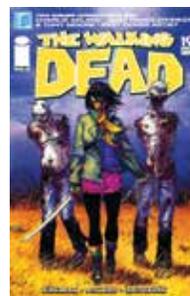
Bob Woodiwiss writes a humor column for *Cincinnati Magazine* and is a regular contributor to *McSweeney's Internet Tendency*. He is the author of *Keys to Uncomfortable Living: An Indulgence of My Peculiarities*, *An Indictment of Yours* and his work is included in *The McSweeney's Book of Politics and Musicals* as well as *Fifty Shades of Funny*. He is also the owner and "Director of Undirected Thinking" at Bob, The Agency, a creative boutique.



**August 6 Kathy Y. Wilson:** Learn tips on enhancing your non-fiction writing, generating ideas, and branding yourself as a writer.

Kathy Y. Wilson is a sentence-slinger/closet poet/teacher/playwright. She wrote the book *Your Negro Tour Guide: Truths In Black and White*, which was adapted into a one-woman multimedia monologue for the stage and is an award-winning column for *CityBeat* newspaper. Wilson also is a National Public Radio commentator on "All Things Considered," a contributing senior editor to *Cincinnati Magazine*, and a University of Cincinnati adjunct instructor of women's studies and journalism. The Associated Press Society of Ohio, the Cleveland Press Club, the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies, and the Society of Professional Journalists have all honored her work.

# Comic Book Artist Tony Moore Coming to Wyoming Branch



Tony Moore, the co-creator of *The Walking Dead*, *The Exterminators*, and *Fear Agent* comics, will visit the Wyoming Branch Library **Saturday, July 6 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Moore will talk about his process of creating a whole page and

book, and how he got started in the comic book business. A question-and-answer session will follow.

Moore studied drawing, painting, and printmaking at the University of Louisville while working on *Battle Pope*, though he left his studies before obtaining his degree to pursue his career as a comic book illustrator. He was a nominee for a Will Eisner Comic Industry Award in 2004 and 2005.

For more information about his visit, contact the Wyoming Branch at (513) 369-6014.

# Children's Theatre of Cincinnati Presents Summer Storytimes

Do you know a child who loves cupcakes and candy? Then bring them to the Library this summer to meet Pinkalicious or Willy Wonka!

The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati is bringing these beloved characters to a Library location near you. Join us for these special "sweet" storytimes, then get the chance to meet the characters and enter to win tickets to an upcoming Children's Theatre performance.

Look for the announcement of which storybook character will be joining us, as well as times, dates, and locations, at [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org).

# Reference USA Adds 'Data Visualization' Feature

**Reference USA**, one of the Library's most popular online resources for business information, has just added a new "Data Visualization" feature.

Reference USA offers detailed information on millions of U.S. and Canadian companies and households. Now, with the new "Data Visualization" feature, you can view Reference USA search results as pie charts, line graphs, and even heat maps. Being able to visualize the results gives you the ability to tell a story with the data.

With Reference USA, you can search the business database by company name, sales volume, SIC code, product line, or geographic region. The residential database can be searched by name, city, state, or phone number. Information about over 600,000 healthcare providers also is available.

From the search results page, simply select "Charts" or "Maps" and the results instantly appear in the new format. It's that easy! What's more, the results can be narrowed down even further within the chart view to filter out certain criteria.

Reference USA's new charts, graphs and maps can be printed or exported in JPG, PNG and GIF format for easy use in presentations, reports and marketing material. They take the hassle out of charting complicated spreadsheets, and make it easy for you to produce visuals for business meetings.

Visit the Library's online database page at [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/Resources](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/Resources).



## Arts @ Night Celebrates Ten Years of Family Fun

For the 10th straight year the Downtown Residents' Council is sponsoring Arts @ Night in the Main Library's Children's Learning Center. These fun-filled family programs are designed specifically to encourage art appreciation among youth. This summer on **Wednesday evenings, June 5-July 31, at 7:00 p.m.** a well-known artist's work will be spotlighted. And then, children will have a chance to create their own artworks in a similar style. Among the "super" artists to be featured are Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, creators of Superman; Diego Rivera, monumental muralist; and Jackson Pollock, super abstract expressionist. For more information call the Children's Learning Center public desk at (513) 369-6922.

## inklings

### What's New on Inklings

The Library's Tumblr blog, *Inklings*, is heating up! Along with new posts every week on the Library's hottest programs, newest exhibits, and hidden gems, our Virtual Library team has jumped on board with historic images from its digital collection. You never know what will pop up from our archives of Cincinnati postcards, lantern slides, World War II posters, Victorian-era cards and more. You can easily view it all by clicking the Virtual Library tab on the blog's top header.

Looking for a new sound to add to your music collection? Popular Library music geek/reference librarian Steve Kemple is starting a new *Inklings* feature called "Listen to This," where he'll suggest new music from our collection every Friday. You can also read every entry by clicking the "Listen To This" tab on the blog's top header. Check out every Tumblr update, and don't forget to leave a note!

# A Powerhouse of Reading, Viewing & Listening Options

From page to screen, superheroes are taking over summer. The Library has a “powerhouse” collection of comic books and graphic novels, popular superhero flicks, as well as the soundtracks behind the movies. To go along with this year’s Summer Reading theme, Power Up–READ, knowledgeable staff from our Popular Library and TeenSpot pulled together some of their top picks. Keep an eye on “Library News” at [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org) this summer for reading, viewing and listening suggestions to help you celebrate Summer Reading. Meanwhile, here’s a sample of what you can look forward to.

**For Teens:** Once discounted as “casual” reading, today’s graphic novels are on par with some of the best writing for young adults. Many teens have come to love graphic novels because of the strong, engaging plotlines, defined characters and vibrant pictures. But their popularity goes beyond superheroes; there are plenty of graphic novels with storylines of young adults dealing with issues, both commonplace and more weighted. Central characters in graphic novels come from all walks of life. Some like Jeremy Love’s *Bayou*, Gene Luen Yang’s *Level Up*, and *The Minx* series, are less likely to be found in mainstream media, but are in the Library’s collection.



**Comic Books & Graphic Novels Not Just for Teens:** The Library carries numerous adult-level superhero graphic novels featuring Batman, Heroes, Superman, and more! The Library also has a variety of superhero-themed TV shows and movies including Alphas, animated and feature films *Batman*, *The Cape*, *Flash Gordon*, *Heroes*, *Spiderman*, and *The X-Men*. There are also documentaries that explore superhero history, and soundtracks so you can tune into legendary cinematic moments.

## GRAPHIC NOVELS



**Alex Raymond’s *Flash Gordon: Volumes 1 & 2***,  
by Alex Raymond

***Batman: The Dark Knight Returns***,  
by Frank Miller

***Batman Deathblow: After the Fire***,  
by writer, Brian Azzarello

***Batman: Grendel***,  
story and art by Matt Wagner

***Batman: Noël***, story and art by Lee Bermejo

***Captain America: The Classic Years***,  
by Joe Simon and Jack Kirby

***The Dark Knight Strikes Again***,  
written and drawn by Frank Miller

***Hellboy: Volumes 6, 7, and 10-12***,  
by Mike Mignola

***Heroes: Volumes 1 & 2***,  
written by Aron Eli Coleite

***The Infinite***, written by Robert Kirkman

***The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen***,  
by Alan Moore

***Mike Mignola’s Hellboy: Weird Tales***,  
by Mike Mignola

***Superman: Earth One, Volumes 1 & 2***,  
written by J. Michael Straczynski

## DVDS

***Batman Begins*** / Warner Bros.

***Captain America: The First Avenger*** /  
Paramount Pictures and  
Marvel Entertainment



***Daredevil*** /  
Twentieth Century  
Fox and Regency

***Fantastic Four*** /  
Twentieth Century Fox

***Ghost Rider*** /  
Columbia Pictures

***The Green Hornet*** /  
Columbia Pictures

***Hellboy*** / Revolution Studios

***The Incredible Hulk*** / Universal Pictures  
and Marvel Entertainment

## CDS

It’s a Bird, It’s a plane, It’s Superman:  
Original Broadway cast

Batman: Motion Picture Soundtrack

Spider-Man 3: Music From and  
Inspired by the Motion Picture

Avengers: Assemble, Music From  
and Inspired by the Motion Picture

The Music of DC Comics:  
75th Anniversary Collection

## Celebrate Summer Reading at Home and Online

The 40th year of Summer Reading is nearly here, and we need you to help make it the most successful yet! The first step is to sign up so you can win prizes and challenge yourself to keep reading all summer long. Make sure to visit [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead) today to register yourself and your family!

The joy of Summer Reading doesn’t end there, though. Reading is a shared experience. You connect with the author, you connect with the characters . . . why not connect with your friends, too? Share your Summer Reading progress on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media sites, and you may discover some faces you already know on the holds shelf beside your next book. Here’s how you can start:

### 1. Register for Summer Reading.

Make sure to click ‘Yes’ to the option to share your registration on Facebook. This will automatically generate a status update that you can edit and share on your wall (why not ask your friends to join you?).

### 2. Once you’re signed up, post about the latest reads circulating in your home.

Remember, it can be books, magazines, comics or even audiobooks. Be sure to tag the Library in your posts. It’s simple: on Facebook or Google+ just type @Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County in your update and our name will be highlighted in blue. On Twitter, type @cincylibrary to give us a shout-out. We’d love to hear what you’re reading, and maybe we can recommend something new!

### 3. Take photos of your prizes.

Snap a quick shot on your smartphone when you pick up your Summer Reading prizes and share them on our Facebook wall. We’ve got great loot to win for preschoolers, kids, teens, and adults. We may even highlight you or your family photo on our Facebook banner!

### 4. Share feedback about what you read.

The Summer Reading website allows you to leave reviews that (after content approval) will help your fellow Summer Readers put a book they’re sure to love on hold.

Reading alone is reflection. Reading together is a celebration. Help us celebrate our 40th summer of reading across all of Cincinnati!

# POWER UP

## WITH SUMMER READING

### AT YOUR LIBRARY: JUNE 1-JULY 31

It's time to power up your reading skills this summer in order to earn prizes from the Library. The 40th annual Summer Reading Program runs **June 1-July 31** and this year's awesome theme is "superheroes."

And like superheroes, reading comes in all shapes and sizes.

Whether you're an adult reading to a small child or perusing your favorite magazine; whether you're a teen reading a graphic novel or a kid discovering chapter books; whether you download eBooks to your tablet, listen to audiobooks on your smartphone, or enjoy having a book in hand — it all counts!

So stretch those mental muscles and join us. Register online at [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead).

### KICKOFF PARTIES

Power Up for Summer Reading! On **Saturday, June 1, from 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**, children and their families are invited to stop by any Library location to decorate a superhero mask, while supplies last. Or visit one of these four locations for special performances and programs:

- **Wyoming Branch Library** Music with Zak Morgan at 1:00 p.m.
- **Delhi Township Branch Library** The Frisch Marionettes Variety Show at 2:00 p.m.
- **Symmes Township Branch Library** Meet superheroes from the Heroes Alliance Ohio at 2:00 p.m.
- **Anderson Township Branch Library** Enjoy juggling, face painting, and balloon animals from the Amazing Portable Circus at 2:00 p.m.

### TEEN TIME

Teens can blast off into Summer Reading at any one of the teen kickoff parties running **June 1-14**, featuring plenty of games, food and music! For times, days, and locations, go to [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead/Programs](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead/Programs).





## CHILIMOBILE PROVIDES TASTY INCENTIVES FOR SUMMER READING REGISTRATION

Even caped crusaders can't fight the urge to eat cheese coney from the Gold Star Chilimobile. Join us at selected branch locations to register for Summer Reading and get a free cheese coney:

- **Saturday, May 18**  
12:30-2:30 p.m. at Delhi Township Branch
- **Wednesday, June 26**  
12:30-2:30 p.m. at Corryville Branch
- **Monday, July 15**  
Noon-2:00 p.m. at Loveland Branch

## LEGENDARY PRIZES

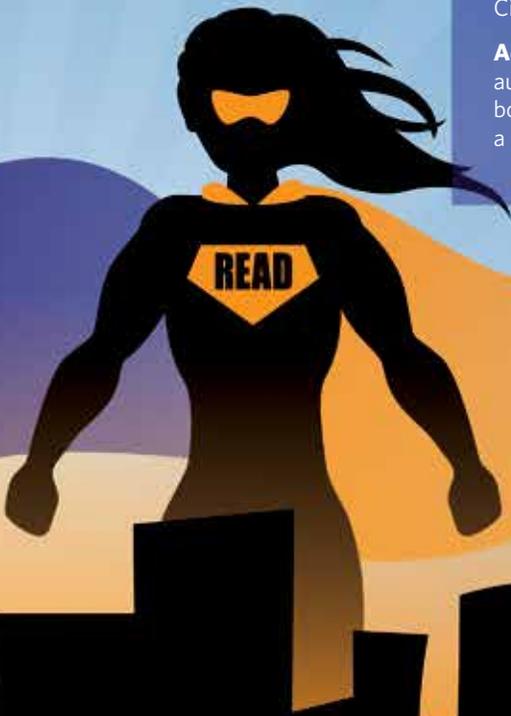
### Junior Justice League:

Prizes for our preschool-age readers (birth-age 5) include a book, superhero ducks, beach balls, superhero sunglasses, and an entry into the grand prize drawing for two Cincinnati Reds tickets or a LeapFrog LeapPad1 Explorer tablet.

**Caped-Crusading Kids:** Prizes for our young readers (grades K-5) include a book, a coupon for a free 3-Way from Gold Star Chili, sticky superheroes and superhero gliders, glow-in-the-dark cups, and an entry into the grand prize drawing for two Cincinnati Reds tickets, a \$25 Gold Star Chili gift card, or a Samsung Galaxy Tab 2 7.0.

**Teen Titans:** Prizes for our teen readers (grades 6-12) include a book, a coupon for a free 3-Way from Gold Star Chili, retractable earbuds, and an entry into the grand prize drawing for two Cincinnati Reds tickets, a \$25 Gold Star Chili gift card, or a Samsung Galaxy Tab 2 7.0.

**Adult Avengers:** Prizes for our adult readers are include a coupon for a free used book or audiovisual item up to \$3, at a Friends of the Public Library or Anderson Township Association book sale, a drink tumbler, and entry into the grand prize drawing for two Cincinnati Reds tickets, a \$25 Gold Star Chili gift card, or a \$100 Kroger gift card.



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## Cincinnati Reds Drive Home Summer Reading Fun

This summer the Cincinnati Reds will once again be teaming up with the Library to encourage kids to be major league readers. In addition to awarding two sets of tickets to a Cincinnati Reds game at all 41 Library locations as grand prizes for Power Up-Read, a discount for all Summer Readers will be available to selected Reds games.

In late July, Reds mascots and the Reds Rover will visit libraries around the county and present baseball-related programs during Redlegs Reading Week. As a culminating event, top readers will be recognized at Great American Ball Park in August as they participate in an on-field parade while receiving jumbotron recognition. Score big with this exciting line-up by reading every chance you get. Check for more details at [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead)

# Summer Reading Programs

## SUPERHEROES COMBAT BOREDOM

Take a superhero training course or create an insect-inspired superhero as part of a summer filled with superhero activity at your local library. It's the place to get a superhero caricature, participate in a superhero scavenger hunt, make your own cape or attend a superhero party. Some Library locations will have superhero movie screenings, play superhero Jeopardy or bingo and show you how to make your own superhero themed Summer Reading book bag and button.

Returning this summer to join forces in the superhero fight against boredom are: The Amazing Portable Circus, "Superhero Science" with Crystal Clear Science, Wings of Wonder, EchoBats, and "Creative Superheroes" with Happen Inc. as well as a wide variety of performers, including an awesome lineup of musicians, magicians, marionettes and more.

## CSO @ THE LIBRARY: SUPERHEROES!

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is excited to present a "super" fun-filled classical music experience for the entire family performed by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra's Brass Trio. Join us as they perform a superhero-themed concert **Saturday, June 29 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Main Library's Reading Garden Lounge. Sponsored by the Valerio Family Fund.

## EVERYDAY HEROES: LOCAL CHILDREN AND THE PEOPLE WHO INSPIRE THEM

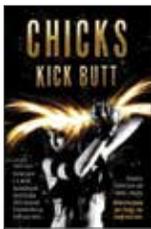
Visit any Library location this summer and tell us about your heroes. In partnership with local illustrator Will Hillenbrand, children are invited to draw a picture of their hero and submit it for possible inclusion in an e-book.

While activities vary, check with your local library for more Summer Reading events or go to [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead/Programs](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead/Programs)

# Reading Is a Super Power!

To go along with this year's Summer Reading theme, Power Up-READ, members of the Library staff have selected a wide variety of fun and interesting reads for all ages. Look for a list of specially selected titles geared toward the reading pleasure of each age level from preschoolers and kids to teens and adults at [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead). Here's a sample:

## Adult Book List



### **Chicks Kick Butt** edited by Rachel Caine and Kerrie L. Hughes

An anthology featuring strong, independent, and intelligent heroines who are quite capable of solving their own problems.

### **Masked** edited by Lou Anders

Features original stories and novellas from some of today's most exciting voices in comics, science fiction, and fantasy.

### **American Gods: A Novel** by Neil Gaiman

An adventure into American cultural myth and legend that delves into the very heart of the United States.

### **Superheroes and Gods: a Comparative Study from Babylonia to Batman** by Don LoCicero

Examines heroes and gods of different countries, modern descendants of the hero prototype, and several infamous anti-heroes.

### **The Many Lives of the Batman: Critical Approaches to a Superhero and His Media** edited by Roberta E. Pearson and William Uricchio

Academic exploration of the cultural phenomenon surrounding the enduring character of Batman.

## Teen Book List



### **Rise of Renegade X** by Chelsea M. Campbell

When Damien Locke finds out that his father is a superhero, not a supervillain like his mother, he realizes that he has to choose between the life of a villain or the life of a hero.

### **Super Human** by Michael Carroll

A group of teenagers learn about their abilities while fighting against a super human being from the past.

### **Artemis Fowl** by Eoin Colfer

A 12 year-old evil genius, Artemis Fowl, kidnaps a fairy and holds her for a large ransom of gold.

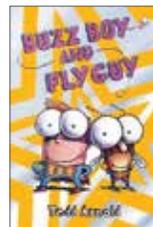
### **Dull Boy** by Sarah Cross

Fifteen-year-old Avery tries to hide his super powers until he befriends others with special abilities. Together, they learn about becoming heroes and try to figure out if they can trust a would-be mentor.

### **Hero** by Mike Lupica

Zach is a 14 year-old boy who discovers he has special abilities like his father, a man who completes missions for the president. Now Zach just has to decide how he wants to use those abilities.

## Kids Book List



### **Buzz Boy and Fly Guy** by Tedd Arnold

Buzz creates a comic book that features Buzz Boy and Fly Guy as the superheroes.

### **Sophie the Hero** by Lara Bergen

When little Ella ran out into the street in front of a car, Sophie swooped in to save the day. If that's not heroic, what is? But being a hero might be tougher than this third-grader expected. She's supposed to save the day-not cause more trouble!

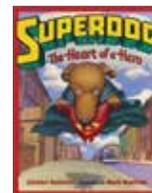
### **The Hero Revealed** by William Boniface

Ordinary Boy, the only resident of Superopolis without a superpower, uncovers and foils a sinister plot to destroy the town.

### **Sidekicks** by Dan Danko

Thirteen-year-old Guy Martin, also known as superhero Pumpkin Pete's sidekick Speedy, helps the League of Big Justice save the human race from being turned into puppets by Pinoh Keyoh and the Brotherhood of Rottenness.

## Preschool Book List



### **Superdog: the Heart of a Hero** by Caralyn Buehner

Tired of being overlooked because he is so small, a big-hearted dog named Dexter transforms himself

into a superhero.

### **The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man** by Michael Chabon

A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.

### **Do Super Heroes Have Teddy Bears?** by Carmela LaVigna Coyle

Follow along as two ragtag, everyday super heroes don capes to play in the mud, save their stuffed animals from certain peril, conquer the vegetables at dinner, and overcome darkness at night.

### **Max** by Bob Graham

Max, the young son of superheroes, is a late bloomer when it comes to flying, until he is inspired by the plight of a falling baby bird.



# There Are Many Ways to Help the Library Have a Strong Foundation



With a proud smile, I am delighted to tell people that it took me 44 years to find my perfect career—as Executive Director of The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

Foundation. The Library Foundation was created in 2004 by some very wise, passionate library lovers who wanted to ensure that funds would be available to continue all the fantastic programs being provided by the library.

Our Library network has 40 branches throughout Hamilton County, which are affiliated with our Main Library downtown. Last year 479,000 people attended more than 20,964 free programs. Tax dollars do not support the total costs of these programs, so private donations and grants are vital to their continuation.

Fundraising for the Library Foundation can definitely be challenging. With the economy in its current state, donors are more selective in their charitable gifts, and donors find their passion for a charity determines their choice of giving. Fortunately, the Cincinnati community realizes the importance of our libraries and has been very generous. We have many fundraising options to raise funds large and small. As I always say, “Every single dollar counts and they all add up.”

Being the first Executive Director of the Library Foundation has made for a career of great challenge but with so much reward. There are no blueprints to follow and every day is new and exciting as I continue to meet our new donors and realize how much the Public Library has meant to them or their loved ones during their lifetime.

Melissa Hendon Deters  
Executive Director of The Library Foundation



The Library Foundation is fortunate to have 20 directors who volunteer their time and talent to lead the organization. Most of the Library Foundation Directors are shown here.

Front row (left to right): Joseph J. Dehner Esq.; Jay DeWitt; Sarah Anness Evans; Moe Getz Rouse; Karen Smith; Missy H. Deters, Executive Director of the Library Foundation; Kimber L. Fender, The Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director for the Public Library. Back row (left to right): Paul G. Sittenfeld, Library Board Trustee; Allen G. Zaring IV, Library Board Trustee; Laura Randall; Charlie Powers; Peter J. Stern M.D.; Scott Richards.

## FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

- **Our Annual Fund** is our largest yearly fundraising effort. The Fall campaign relies heavily on the support from our library staff and our individual donors. This fund drive grows each year and staff support doubled last year.

- **The Permanent Endowment** has grown to over \$2.4 million, largely because of two \$1 million gifts: one from past Library Board Trustee, Joseph S. Stern, Jr., and the other being The Eva Jane Romaine Coombe gift naming the Library Executive Directors position. All other funds have been given through the Annual Fund drive and revenue generated from the Endowment investments.

- **A Torch Society** was established for our community of planned givers. Gifts given through estate planning are a great way to leave a lasting legacy. Classic examples are testamentary bequests and life insurance policies. The Foundation unveiled a new charitable gift annuity program that allows donors to support the Foundation while gaining a tax deduction, receiving income from the annuity, and experiencing the joy of giving in their lifetime.

- **Honor with Books** offers a distinctive way to acknowledge someone who has made a difference in your life while supporting the Library. Whether it is in memoriam or a birthday tribute, anniversary, or other special day, these donations enable the Library to buy books that will enrich the lives of all

Library customers. In return, the Library will send an acknowledgment of your gift to the family or individual of your choice and a personalized bookplate will be attached to the purchased materials.

- **The Pet Memorial Fund**, which honors and remembers loved ones or memorializes the loss of a beloved friend's pet, provides another opportunity to support the library. Donations of \$25 or more are used to purchase material about pets, pet care, or children's books. Each item is specially marked with a gift plate inscribed with the name of the pet and the donor.

- **Befriend a Branch** provides donors the opportunity to give a gift for one of our 41 branches. Yearly, each branch receives funds collected from their loyal customers to purchase supplies their branch needs to support their own community mission.

- **Periodic special events**, such as hosting noted author luncheons, supporting a branch through engraved brick sales, and our Night at the Ball Park are all one-time opportunities to raise additional funds for the Foundation.

- **Grant writing** has emerged as a new avenue for gaining funds for specific programs. Brain Camps, Afterschool Edge computer systems, and other programs were made possible with very generous corporate and private foundation grants.

# Thank you...

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 the availability of the widest possible range of informational resources for all ages. For inquiries regarding contributions, please contact Melissa H. Deters, Library Foundation Executive Director, at (513) 369-4595.

The following gifts of \$25 or more were received between February 1, 2013, and March 31, 2013. For more information about donating to your Library Foundation, visit our website at [CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org](http://CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org).

## GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY AND FOUNDATION

### Annual Fund Campaign

#### Patron \$500+

Dan McKenna

#### Contributor 100+

Carol A. Baker

Pamela M. Gossett

Rob Hardy

David Mason

Robert Varley

#### Bookworm \$50+

Amy and Ranjit Chima

John H. Scuterud

#### Matching Gifts (over \$25)

Gannett Foundation matching gift for Janette M. Rolcik

GE Foundation matching gift for Allan Beach, Stephen N. Pucher, Robert W. Saul, and Theresa Zeug

Macy's Foundation Gifts Program matching gift for Ellen H. Baker

#### Grants

Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trusts, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee-New Clifton Branch Renovation Grant (\$250,000)

FINRA Investor Education Foundation-Financial Literacy Grant for Teens (\$34,711)

#### Honor and Memorial Gifts (over \$25)

Sarah Anness Evans in memory of Tim D. Jordan and in memory of Richard H. Evans, MD "Doc"

Richard and Donna O'Brien in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sotiras

Mr. and Mrs. Jon B. Boss in memory of Dr. Ferdinand Jay Ach

Ann Casey in memory of Jane Heimlich

Rita and Philip Edlin in memory of Jane Heimlich

Kimber Fender in memory of Catherine Sheanshang



## SPONSORS HELP KIDS OVERCOME SUMMER BRAIN DRAIN

Active summer, active brains! Who knew learning could be so much fun during those long, hot months away from school. Thanks to major funding from Duke Energy Foundation, P&G Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, and a grant received from the Maxwell Weaver Foundation, students can sharpen their minds in more ways than ever before during the Library's Summer Brain Camp.

Held each week in the Main Library's Homework Central (starting June 3 through August 9), Brain Camp engages students grades 1-8 in activities that boost the mind as well as the imagination. Where else could "campers" design their own superheroes, build LEGO robots, explore the depths of space, embark on a scavenger hunt, discover a land where dinosaurs once roamed, or encounter wildlife close-up? Brain Camp takes students on these mentally inspiring missions for free Monday-Friday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Register for Summer Brain Camp by calling (513) 369-3121. Registrations are taken on a first-come, first serve basis, until class limits are reached. Summer Camps are organized by theme and grade levels.

Mr. George E. Ferguson in memory of Ute Bestehorn, Charlotte Decker, Hermina Griewe, Linda Jones, George Niederhelman, and Catherine Sheanshang

Sally Haffner in memory of Ms. La Veron Fite

Mary Kay Levesay in memory of Catherine Sheanshang by the "Friday Stitchers" group: Lynette Armstrong, Jane Brent, Connie Burger, Ann Cox, Mary Kay Levesay, Cay O'Bryan, Louise Seldon, Mary Streid, and Joyce Whalen

Barb Matthey in memory of Catherine A. Sheanshang

Montgomery Woman's Club in honor of Barbara Duncan, Don Hava, Keith Harrison, Karen Vanover, Peggy Reynolds, Frances Young, Rosemary Pender, and Evelyn Baumann

Laura Paulik in honor of Kylie Luehrmann's 1st Birthday

Louis M. Prince in memory of William F. Stern

Phyllis Robertson in memory of Frances Young

Raman J. and Sharon R. Singh in memory of Catherine A. Sheanshang

Arash and Zohreh Zandvakili in memory of Mrs. Aryani

**Pet Memorial Gifts (over \$25)**  
PJ Abell in memory of Sadie, beloved pet of Janine and Nick Denlinger

Angela, Chris, Holbrook, Maria and Andy in memory of Whiskers the cat

Caracole, Inc. in memory of Snickers, beloved ferret of Jennifer Vanlandingham and in memory of Chloe, beloved dog of Chrissy and Francisco Rademacher

J.A. and Cecie Cheewing in memory of Sadie, beloved dog of Janice Kagermeier

Constance Fox in memory of Benny, beloved golden retriever of Dr. and Mrs. Brain Wong

Doug and Carolyn Goldberg in memory of Rosie, beloved pet of Bill and Sandy Kirkham

Janice Kagermeier in memory of Sadie, her beloved poodle

Charlie and Kathy Kelsch in memory of Boone, beloved dog of Nancy and Dennis Gates

Shannon, Taylor, and Peyton Kirkland in memory of Quigley, beloved pet of Scott and Julie Frey

Scott E. Knox in memory of Milo, beloved pet of Brian Culp and Scott Hack

Mary Kay Levesay in memory of Sadie, beloved poodle of Janice Kagermeier

David B. Siders in memory of Rusty Buckles, beloved cat of Timothy Leslie and in memory of Grover, beloved dog of Tricia Spaite

Barbara Stough in memory of Rocky, beloved dog of Cynthia Baylis and in memory of Saturn, beloved cat of Sally Wald

Lori Verbryke and Steve Sells in memory of Buster Buzz, beloved pet of Dawna Schleger

Diane Wright in memory of Stella, beloved pet of Ken and Katherine Staggs

#### Befriend a Branch

Matthew Neumann for the Pleasant Ridge Branch in honor of Ethan Boron's 5th Birthday

Mary Ellen D. Gilcrese for supplies for the Anderson Township Branch

Daniel Boron and Shannon Conrey for the Pleasant Ridge Branch

**Hyde Park Commemorative Brick Fund (gifts over \$125)**  
Anne Aiken

Ellen Feld in memory of Ross Feld, author

Laurel Johnson

Frances Josephic

Karen McGee

Karen Miday in memory of Greg Miday, MD

Pat Mills

Anne Marie Newman

Cole Ollinger

Len Sauers

Carlos Zavala

**Gifts to Benefit Specific Programs and Library Services**

Barbara Backer in appreciation for reference service from staff in the Information & Reference Department

Kate A. Harvey and Mary Grover for the Susan Alexander Nature Education Wildlife Program

**Alexander McCall Smith Reception (gifts over \$125)**

Kimber Fender

Mariam Irwin

Patricia Leo

Renita Lovell

Elaine Ward

Julie Zavon

# Upcoming Used Book Sales

## FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### The 41st Annual Main Library Used Book Sale

8th & Vine streets, (513) 369-6900

**Saturday, June 1, 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 2, 1:00–5:00 p.m.**

**Monday, June 3, 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, June 4, 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 5, 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, June 6, 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**

**Friday, June 7, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

The giant, annual downtown sale at the Main Library is ONE DAY LONGER this year! That gives you more time to browse tables full of books, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs for your summer vacation or some poolside reading. Plus, don't forget our specials. Friends of the Library members will receive a 50% off coupon to be used only once on their choice of days — Monday, June 3, Tuesday, June 4, or Wednesday, June 5. Then on Thursday, June 6, all merchandise will be half-off for both Friends members and non-members, Friday, June 7 is Bag Day! Buy a Friends shopping bag for \$10 and everything you can get into it is yours.



### Friends' Summer Warehouse Used Book Sale

8456 Vine Street (Hartwell), (513) 369-6035

**Thursday, August 15, 10:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m.**

**Friday, August 16, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 18, Noon–5:00 p.m.**

Note: There is NO BAG DAY at this sale. Items at Friends of the Public Library book sales may be purchased with cash, check, MasterCard, or Visa.

## Books & Burgers: Shop the Friends Sale and Enjoy a Taste of Findlay Market

S&J Bakery & Cafe is bringing a taste of Findlay Market to the 41st Annual Main Library Used Book Sale June 1-7. Not only will the S&J Café expand its weekday hours to mirror the book sale hours, but staff members will be firing up the grill outside the Walnut Street entrance. Some of the Findlay Market vendors who will be at the grill are Eckerlin Meats, Mackie Meats, Bender Meats, Daisy Mae's Market and Churchill's Fine Teas. Menu items include grilled sausage, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chips, cookies, and bottled water and soda. Prices for items range from \$1 to \$7. The outdoor grill will be open 10:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. every day of the book sale.

## ANDERSON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

### Used Book Sale

Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road, Anderson Township, (513) 369-6030

**Friday, June 21, 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 22, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, June 23, Noon–3:00 p.m.**

Join us for the Anderson Township Library Association's annual summer used book sale, a sale so large it fills Nagel Middle School's gymnasium and entrance way. Besides popular fiction and non-fiction titles, the sale features rare books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, cookbooks, gardening books, and children's books. Funds raised by these sales are used to support adult and children's programs, and to purchase books, audiovisual material, and special equipment for the Anderson Township and Mt. Washington branch libraries. ATLA accepts cash and check but NO credit cards. For additional information about ATLA or their book sales, call (513) 369-6030.



Anderson Township  
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## Top Five Reasons To Go To A Friends' Used Book Sale

- 1. Bargains, bargains, bargains:** Most items are priced from \$1-\$4, checked for condition, and carefully sorted. Tens of thousands of books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and more are available under one roof.
- 2. Support the Friends, and ultimately, the Library.** The Friends raise more than \$300,000 each year to provide for thousands of free adult and children's programs at the Main Library and branches, as well as host special events such as Veterans Day and author appearances, and to support Summer Reading and buy items for the Library's collection.
- 3. Save green by going green:** Approximately 30 million trees are cut down each year for new books. Buying a gently used book helps reduce that amount. When you're finished with it, pass it on to a friend or donate it back to the Friends for another book sale.
- 4. Great for vacations:** How many times have you left a good novel in a hotel hundreds of miles from your home? Instead of leaving a fabulous copy behind, why not buy used books to take on your next vacation? That way if you leave the novel behind you won't feel as bad, because it didn't cost much.
- 5. Try a new author or band:** Check out a new author or music genre at a fraction of the cost of a new book or CD.



## Friends' Shop the Headquarters for 'Super' Wallets

What's tougher than Superman, more water-resistant than Aquaman and can expand like Mr. Fantastic? It's the Mighty Wallet®! Now available at the Friends' Shop at the Main Library, the Mighty Wallet is constructed from Tyvek®, a very thin material that's durable enough to be used in airmail envelopes and water-resistant enough to keep homes across America dry.

The stitchless design of the Mighty Wallet reinforces the material's own strength and allows the slim wallets to instantly expand and adapt to your storage needs. Because of the slim, lightweight, and water-resistant features, you can take these cool wallets anywhere. And the writable surface conveniently acts as a quick notepad on the go.

Produced by Dynamighty Design, some of the Mighty Wallets available in the Friends' Shop include Superman, Batman, Spiderman and Captain America. Other popular selections are the NYC subway map and a dollar bill design. All wallets cost \$13.99.



## WorryWoo Books and Plush Toys Now Available at Shop

The newest arrival at the Friends' Shop is a selection of plush animals and storybooks

from the WorryWoos collection. The *WorryWoo Monsters* is an award-winning series of books by Andi Green. In each book a quirky, lovable character tackles a different emotion. The Friends Shop is carrying Nola the Monster of Loneliness, Wince the Monster of Worry along with his WorryBug, and Twitch the Monster of Frustration. The books are designed to promote emotional wellness and build confidence in young readers through play, reading, and discussion. Large plush monsters are \$19.99, the WorryBug is \$14.99, and all of the WorryWoo books are \$14.99 each.

**Shop Hours: Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**  
**(513) 369-6920, libraryfriendsshop@hotmail.com**

## Friends' Volunteers Talk About Their Experience



Volunteer **Dave Edmundson** of Glendale has worked at the warehouse for 15 years. He began volunteering while still teaching full-time for Butler County Schools when he was approached to volunteer by a retired librarian. Now that he himself is retired, he enjoys coming in once or twice a week to unpack, sort, and price books at the warehouse.



**Rick Cook** of North Avondale has worked as a volunteer in the Friends' Shop since October 2012. "Volunteering is the best way I have found to get past the Chamber of Commerce taglines and develop a genuine understanding of my community, to really see what it's all about," he said. "The staff and volunteers with the Friends are among the most interesting folks I've met in Cincinnati. They're fun to be around, and they really care about this community."



**Susan McHugh** of Roselawn has volunteered at the shop for over three years. "I had some time in between jobs and I was hoping that I could get some experience that would be useful in getting employment in the future. My favorite thing about volunteering is the diversity of the work I do and the different people that I come in contact with. I like volunteering in two different places — the warehouse and the Friends' Shop — and doing a variety of things. I learn a lot about books and subjects from all the different people that I come in contact with. It is always interesting and not routine like some jobs. I get a lot of good bargains as well from all the interesting books that are donated to the Friends."



**Diana McBride** of College Hill enjoys working with vintage and classic children's books at the warehouse. It is her job to sort and price the books, including some that may be valuable first editions. But oftentimes, she said, even though some of the books are classics or more than 100 years old, that doesn't necessarily make them valuable but just good values for someone who wants a vintage copy of an old classic.

**Interested in volunteering?** It's easy! Just email The Friends at [friendsofplchvolunteer@fuse.net](mailto:friendsofplchvolunteer@fuse.net) and tell us how you'd like to volunteer. Be sure to include your name and phone number in the email. An individual from Friends staff will contact you to discuss your interests and our opportunities in more detail.



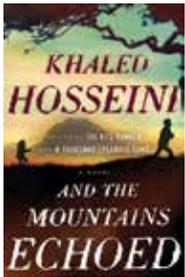
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## Upcoming Author Visits at the Main Library

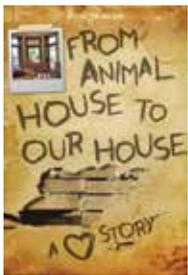


### Khaled Hosseini Discusses His Latest Book

In 2003, Khaled Hosseini took the literary world by storm when his first novel, *The Kite Runner*, became an international bestseller and Hollywood film. Six years later he followed it up with *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, which debuted at No. 1 on the *New York Times* bestseller list.

Now, thanks to our partner, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Hosseini will be at the Main Library **Friday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m.** just days after the May 21 publication of his much-awaited third novel, *And the Mountains Echoed*. A multigenerational family story, *And the Mountains Echoed* is an emotional, provocative, and unforgettable novel about how we love, how we take care of one another, and how the choices we make resonate through generations.

This event is free and open to the public. Following his presentation, Joseph-Beth Booksellers will be selling copies of *And the Mountains Echoed* to be signed by the author. This signing portion of the evening is ticketed. Line tickets are free with the purchase of *And the Mountains Echoed* at Joseph-Beth Booksellers. Joseph-Beth Gives Back program members receive first-come, first-served access for a limited number of front-of-line VIP line tickets. Pre-order vouchers for *And the Mountains Echoed* are on sale at Joseph-Beth Booksellers. Line tickets will also be available at the Main Library on the evening of the event. **Please note:** You must have purchased a copy of *And the Mountains Echoed* from Joseph-Beth Booksellers to stand in the book signing line.



### Writer Transforms Old House into New Book

Most guys would buy the girl they liked candy, flowers, or even a ring. Award-winning writer Ron Tanner bought his girlfriend a house. That house would become the inspiration for his book *From Animal House to Our House: A Love Story*. Tanner will discuss his book at the Main Library **Saturday, June 22 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Reading Garden Lounge.

In 1999, Tanner met Jill Eicher, and six months later the couple bought a nearly destroyed fraternity house in Baltimore's historic Charles Village. Together, they renovated the Victorian brownstone and, five years later, got married in the house. In 2008, their remarkable rehab work was featured in *This Old House* magazine in a story titled "From Animal House to Our House." The work is ongoing and can be seen at their website, [Houselove.org](http://Houselove.org).

Tanner teaches writing at Loyola University in Baltimore, and directs the Marshall Islands Story Project, which aims to preserve the story-telling culture of the Marshallese people. He is also the author of *Kiss Me, Stranger: An Illustrated Novel*, *A Bed of Nails* and *Nana Gragg's Long Journey Home*. The author will be available to sign books, and copies of his books will be available at the Main Library courtesy of Joseph-Beth Booksellers and the Friends of the Public Library. Presented in partnership with the Cincinnati Preservation Association.

Save the Date!



**Saturday, October 12**  
**10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Free Admission**

**Duke Energy  
Convention Center**