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Mary S. Stern gives \$1 million to Library Foundation to create annual lecture series

Our Library Foundation is the grateful beneficiary of a new annual lecture. This new program will be supported through a permanent endowment, with a generous \$1 million gift. The proceeds of this endowment fund will create and support an annual *Mary S. Stern Lecture*.

To select the lecture topic and presenter the Library will form the Mary S. Stern Lecture Committee. “Bringing important conversations and driving community dialogue has always been an important aspect of Library programming,” says Kimber L. Fender, the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe director. “Mrs. Stern’s desire to establish this endowment continues the life-long legacy of generous support of her family. We are thrilled to be able to create this new program.”

“Our public library is special,” says Mrs. Stern. “It has always been a place of inspiration and knowledge for everyone in our community—and it is important that it continues its work into the future.”

Mary S. Stern, and her late husband Joseph. S. Stern, Jr., made a lasting impact on the Library since his co-founding of the Friends of the Public Library in 1957. Mr. Stern was appointed to the Library Board of Trustees in 1961 and served until 2003. Upon his retirement, Library Trustees conferred upon him the honorary lifetime title of Trustee Emeritus, in recognition of his 42 years of service.

“The Stern family commitment to the library and the foundation is wonderful,” says Scott Richards, foundation board chair. “The dedication to creating accessible and purposeful programming is central to how the Library Foundation supports the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.”

The Library Foundation is dedicated to ensuring a great Library system by raising, managing and allocating funds to expand and enhance the collections, programs and services of the Library. For more information and to donate, visit **Foundation.CincinnatiLibrary.org**.

About The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is one of the oldest, largest, and busiest libraries in the United States, serving a population of over 800,000 with a collection of more than 9 million items. In support of its mission of connecting people with the world of ideas and information, the Library also offers a wide variety of services and more than 20,000 free programs each year. For more information, visit **CincinnatiLibrary.org**.