Date adjusted for Stern Lecture series
inaugural speaker Bryan Stevenson

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CINCINNATI — The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County invites the public to celebrate the first Mary S. Stern lecture, made possible through an endowment to The Library Foundation of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The inaugural speaker for the lecture series is Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Ala., and author of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*.

An Evening with Bryan Stevenson will now happen at 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Oct. 2**, in Procter & Gamble Hall at the Aronoff Center for the Arts. The event was previously scheduled for Oct. 8. Tickets for the lecture are $5 and will go on sale later this summer.

“We are thrilled to announce Bryan Stevenson as the first speaker in the Mary S. Stern Lecture Series. His work and advocacy is fundamental to how my mom viewed the world,” said Dr. Peter Stern, chair of the Mary S. Stern Lecture Committee and Library Foundation board member.

ABOUT BRYAN STEVENSON
Stevenson is a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned. His work fighting poverty and challenging racial discrimination in the criminal justice system has won him numerous awards including the prestigious MacArthur Foundation “Genius” Prize. Stevenson has received 29 honorary doctoral degrees including degrees from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and Oxford University. He is the author of the critically acclaimed *New York Times* bestseller *Just Mercy*, which was has been awarded several honors including the Carnegie Medal by the American Library Association for the best nonfiction book of 2014 and a 2015 NAACP Image Award. For more information on this speaker, visit [www.prhspeakers.org](http://www.prhspeakers.org).

ABOUT THE MARY S. STERN LECTURE
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