**Krayon Kiosks spark learning through technology for youngest Library users**

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CINCINNATI — With help from a donation from Betsy and John LaMacchia to The Library Foundation of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, the Library recently purchased and installed innovative iPad kiosks, called Krayon Kiosks. Krayon Kiosks develop early literacy skills in young children by making learning fun and interactive.

Each kiosk can accommodate four children who can use fun reading apps to learn about sounds, phonics, spelling and more. The generous $10,000 donation from the LaMacchia’s allowed the Library to purchase Krayon Kiosks for the following locations: Main Library’s Children’s Learning Center and the Avondale, College Hills and Walnut Hills Branch Library.

Mrs. LaMacchia has served as a Trustee of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County since 1998. She has also served on the board of directors for the Friends of the Public Library and has chaired numerous fundraisers in the past.

“Early childhood literacy is vital to the mission of the Library,” says Paula Brehm-Heeger, the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe director of the Library. “These kiosks are a fun and safe way to introduce young children to the joy of reading and other educational activities. It’s a joy to watch our young cardholders discover a love for learning through this modern learning tool.”

The Library is dedicated to the mission of supporting early literacy and will also install additional Krayon Kiosks at the following branch libraries: Bond Hill, Covedale, Delhi Township, Forest Park, Green Township, Groesbeck, Harrison, Madeira, Madisonville, Monfort Heights, North Central, Northside, Norwood, Oakley, Pleasant Ridge, Reading, Sharonville, St. Bernard, Symmes Township, Westwood and West End.

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