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CINCINNATI — The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is showcasing the lives of two Cincinnati Reds during June in conjunction with the exhibit, *A Cincinnati Sesquicentennial: Celebrating 150 Years of the Cincinnati Reds*, on display at the Main Library.

On **Saturday, June 8, at 2 p.m.** in the Reading Garden Lounge, Reds historian Greg Rhodes will speak on the life of legendary Waite Hoyt, the popular Reds broadcaster who had a gift for storytelling and entertaining radio audiences with his vivid anecdotes from his days as a player. From the 1940s to the 1960s, Reds fans appreciated Hoyt’s smooth style, singular voice and insightful commentary. Hoyt had a 21-year career as a baseball pitcher, helping the Yankees win three World Series titles in the 1920s. His broadcasting career began in 1941 with the Reds. Hoyt was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1969.

On **Saturday, June 22, at 2 p.m.** in the Reading Garden Lounge, current Rosie Reds president Valerie Guthrie and recent past president, Dale Silver, present the remarkable history of this philanthropic and social organization that is focused on supporting the Cincinnati Reds. In 1964, a group of local Cincinnati women formed the Rosie Reds in response to the Reds’ then-owner Bill DeWitt’s proposal to move the team to San Diego. The organization campaigned for the team by attending games at home and on the road. Their efforts influenced the decision to keep the team in Cincinnati.

By 1971, membership in Rosie Reds grew to 3,000 and had a waitlist during most of the 1970s. The Rosie Reds continue to support the Reds, the Kid Glove Organization and conduct fundraising activities for endowments to nine local university baseball programs.

No registration is required for either event. The exhibit *A Cincinnati Sesquicentennial* is made possible through a partnership with the [Cincinnati Reds Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum presented by Dinsmore](https://www.cincinnatibaseball.org/). The exhibit runs through July 28 in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr., Cincinnati Room on the third floor.

For more information on these events or the exhibit, call 513-369-6900 or visit [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/).

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