As part of its commitment to present diverse programming for the community, the Public Library will commemorate Black History Month in February with Live! @ Your Library: Making Change, a series of programs and workshops for adults and teens. Acclaimed African-American poet Nikki Giovanni will open the series with a lecture and poetry reading on February 2 in the Main Library Atrium at 2:30 p.m.

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Library Programs

**POETS BRING RHYME & REASON TO LIBRARY DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Powerful poetry, used to express feelings, concerns, and ideas on race and race issues, is planned especially for *Live! @ Your Library: Making Change*. Noted African-American poet Nikki Giovanni will open the series on February 2 with a lecture and poetry reading followed by a program on February 17 with Herbert Woodward Martin, Poet-in-Residence at the University of Dayton and co-editor of a new book on acclaimed poet Paul Laurence Dunbar. The series will include two workshops for teens featuring Candace Roseman. The workshops (to be followed up with Teen Poetry Nights) will provide opportunities for young adults to explore and express their thoughts on race relations in Cincinnati.

**POETRY READING WITH NIKKI GIOVANNI**

Main Library  
February 2, 2:30 p.m.

Yolanda Cornelia "Nikki" Giovanni was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, and raised in Ohio. In 1960, she entered Fisk University, where she worked with the school’s Writer’s Workshop and edited the literary magazine. After receiving her B.A., she returned to Ohio where she organized the Black Arts Festival in Cincinnati before entering graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania.

In her first two poetry collections, *Black Feeling, Black Talk* (1968) and *Black Judgement* (1969), Giovanni reflects on the African American identity. Her most recent works are *Blues for All the Changes: New Poems* (1999), *Love Poems* (1997) and *Selected Poems of Nikki Giovanni* (1996). During her career, she has earned numerous honors including the NAACP Image Award for Literature in 1998, and the Langston Hughes award for Distinguished Contributions to Arts and Letters in 1996. In addition, several magazines (including *Essence, Mademoiselle,* and *Ladies Home Journal*) have named Giovanni Woman of the Year. Currently, she is Professor of English and Gloria D. Smith Professor of Black Studies at Virginia Tech.

**PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR: THE EYES OF A POET**

with Dr. Herbert Woodward Martin  
Main Library  
February 17, 2:00 p.m.

Growing up in Birmingham, Alabama, Herbert Martin’s classmates taunted him when he read aloud Paul Laurence Dunbar’s poetry. Despite that, Martin, who bore an uncanny resemblance to Dunbar, became an expert on the Dayton native and the first black American to achieve national eminence as a poet. Because the schoolchildren had to memorize Dunbar’s works, ”They took out their dislike for poetry on me,” remembers Martin.

Now himself a poet, Martin hears only applause when he reads Dunbar’s work today. Dressed in a turn-of-the-century morning coat and striped trousers, Martin ”borrows” Dunbar’s voice to bring the poet’s verse to life. At times, he exhibits the spiritual frenzy of a black preacher in a folk sermon. During other moments, he delivers Dunbar’s humorous refrains with the rat-a-tat speed and perfect timing of a successful late-night TV comedian. Juggling two “acting” engagements per week on top of his teaching load in the University of Dayton’s English department, Martin has taken his one-man show around the state to schools, clubs, libraries, and now here.
POETIC SELF EXPRESSION FOR TEENS WORKSHOPS
with Candace Roseman

Bond Hill Branch Library
February 6, 6:00 p.m. (workshop)
February 20, 6:00 p.m. (Teen Poetry Night)

Main Library
February 12, 7:00 p.m. (workshop)
February 26, 7:00 p.m. (Teen Poetry Night)

These workshops introduce teens to poetic expression with interactive games, exercises and activities. Each teen will create a poem with audiovisual tools that will record each participant’s writings, allowing the instructor to translate it into written format.

Candace Roseman has taught Super Saturday programs for younger children in narrative story writing. A former features and reviews freelance writer for The Cincinnati Enquirer, she has also designed promotional materials for clients. In addition as Arts & Education Director for the Arts Consortium, she has been involved with various types of programming design, implementation, and execution.

DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

As we look back at 2001, it’s amazing how much happened in just one year. Last January we talked about so many capital projects scheduled for 2001 and all have been completed. The new branch in Harrison opened in October to much fanfare and great success. We extended our Library’s reach by establishing a reciprocal borrowing agreement with our neighboring libraries in Dearborn County, Indiana, that lets residents of both counties enjoy free library service from the one another. The Westwood Branch, currently closed while a major expansion and renovation project is completed, will reopen this spring and planning is underway to begin construction on a new branch library in St. Bernard. Our thanks to the City of St. Bernard for its donation of the property on which the new branch library will be constructed.

Two new reading programs will build on last summer’s READfest program for adults. The first ever Winter READfest begins on January 2 and runs through March 31. For each book read, adults 18 and older can submit an entry form for a prize drawing. All entries will also be eligible for a grand prize drawing for a $250 bookstore gift certificate. Winter is the perfect time to stay in with a book. Be sure to get a good supply and start reading. Even if you don’t win you’ll get to enjoy reading a wonderful book.

A second new program for adults and teens is On the Same Page Cincinnati. This program will have readers in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky coming together as a community while we read the same book. A title will be announced shortly before the start of the program in March.

To keep our customer’s up-to-date on the many exciting events taking place at the Library we’re starting an email newsletter. Information on programs, books, your Library account and jobs at the Library will be mailed each week to the email address you specify. Watch the Library’s web page www.CincinnatiLibrary.org to sign up for this new service.

Also new in 2002 is an advertising campaign for the Library. In December the Board approved hiring Barefoot Advertising to help get the word out about the Library’s many services. Look for Library ads this summer.

Thanks for making 2001 a great year for the Library. Keep visiting and 2002 will be every bit as successful.

Kimber L. Fender
Executive Director

LIVE! @ your Library

is an initiative of the American Library Association, with major support from the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund and additional support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Library Program Fund. For more information on these programs and others to be held at the Library during Black History Month visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org
OLD CHARM BROUGHT BACK:

A fine example of Italian Renaissance style, the Norwood Branch Library was constructed in 1907 through a $23,000 grant from Andrew Carnegie on a lot donated by Edward Mills. Some of the historic charm of the old building, lost in the 1965 renovation, has been restored. This includes uncovering a window and raising the ceiling in the new periodical room; raising the ceiling height inside the front entrance to reveal an oak ceiling with hanging light fixtures; stripping and refinishing all of the oak trim to restore its natural finish; and matching new bookshelves, trim and furniture to the woodwork.

In addition, two Rookwood urns, that originally graced the front entrance and have been in storage since 1965, now sit in specially built nooks immediately inside the front doors. Two bas-reliefs, sculpted by local artist Clement Barnhorn, have also been restored and relocated near the beautifully detailed, wood-paneled checkout desk.

NEW STYLE BROUGHT FORTH:

To increase accessibility and add convenience further enhancements were made at the Norwood Branch. They include a periodical room with seating housing magazines, newspapers and books-on-tape, as well as a separate audiovisual area with videos, DVDs, and CDs. Another new feature is an expanded teen area with comfortable seating and books and magazines for young adults. Along with more programming and a bookclub for teens, the branch now features seven public computers with Internet access (previously there were two), and a CD-ROM station with interactive educational programs for kids. Regularly scheduled programs in the newly expanded children’s area features the weekly (Wednesday) storyhour for project in 1965. The Francis S. Hannaford Trust Fund, established by lifetime Norwood residents Francis S. and Mildred Kahle Hannaford in the 1960s, provided $200,000 of the costs for this project.

When the Norwood Branch Library reopened on December 14, library users became reacquainted with an old friend. Combining its early 20th century charm with technology of today, the branch is more aesthetically appealing as well as more accessible and efficient. The second of nine Carnegie libraries built in Hamilton County in the early 1900s, Norwood Branch had not undergone any major work since a renovation project in 1965. The Francis S. Hannaford Trust Fund, established by lifetime Norwood residents Francis S. and Mildred Kahle Hannaford in the 1960s, provided $200,000 of the costs for this project.

Norwood Branch staff (above), from the left: Susan Daley, Cathy Plichta, Branch Manager Lisa Hamrick, Jennifer Nunn, Kim Molloy, and Children’s Librarian Becky Mathey.
FIRST WINTER READFEST FOR ADULTS UNDERWAY

As the cold winds blow and snow begins to fall, there’s nothing more inviting than curling up with a good book. During the Public Library’s first annual Winter READfest for Adults, check out the hottest titles plus earn chances to win prizes.

It’s easy to participate. If you’re 18 years or older, simply pick up a READfest packet at the Main Library or any branch and begin reading on or after January 2.

(You may also sign up by visiting www.CincinnatiLibrary.org and clicking on the “Join READfest” icon.) Read or listen to any book. For each title you finish, complete an entry form found in the packet. Return completed entries to your Library by March 31, 2002.

Reading has its own rewards, but thanks to the Friends of the Public Library, now there’s even more incentive to read. Through Friends support, each location will have a prize drawing, plus all entries will be eligible for a Grand Prize drawing for a bookstore gift certificate.

READ, RECOMMEND, READ SOME MORE

During Winter READfest for Adults, the Public Library invites you to submit your comments about a suggested read, your favorite titles, or personal book reviews, as well as stories and/or comments about using your neighborhood library. Check out the Library’s special READfest web page at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org to give us your rap on reading or take in what others have to say.
Hand-carved African art works including bowls, candlesticks, and others in a variety of styles make a beautiful addition to any home.

Choose from beautiful African theme t-shirts including "Read Together" motifs.

Temporary Tattoos from Bodytalk that speak about something. Have fun with these tattoos that form poems, phrases, or just one word.

African-American greeting cards for birthdays, sympathy and other occasions in colorful, eye-catching designs are now available.

The Friends' Shop has recently added a collection of Dragons. These resin case beauties come in a variety of poses.

LIBRARY FRIENDS’ SHOP HOURS:
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It’s located at the Main Library, but has no public desk. It houses a vast selection of diverse materials including one of the most extensive collections of large print books in the country. Typically ranked as one of the Library’s busiest circulating agencies, it also presents more programs than any other department, agency or branch within the Public Library system. Yet, hidden away on the lower level of the south building, many people are unaware of the Institutions/Books-by-Mail Department (IBBM).

Over the years, the scope of the department has greatly expanded. So have the many far-reaching benefits it offers to those with special needs. To better describe its overall purpose, the Library has recently changed the name of IBBM to Outreach Services. Specifically designed to identify persons with special needs and assist them in gaining access to library materials, services, and resources, Outreach Services brings the Library to individuals (such as the elderly, sight impaired, and exceptional children) through a variety of programs helping them to maintain their independence and enhance personal growth.

Each year Outreach Services assists thousands of people by providing easy access to specialized services and library materials (as well as free delivery to nursing homes, senior apartments, retirement homes, community centers, adult education facilities, rehabilitation facilities, convents, correctional facilities, and daycare centers). The highly trained, motivated staff pay regular visits to numerous facilities throughout Hamilton County. For many who could not otherwise visit the Library, this vital link to free Library services means greater enrichment and a better quality of life. Through a multi-faceted approach (including delivery of materials, Books-by-Mail, service to Exceptional Children, teacher collection service, and distribution of large print materials) there are several ways Outreach Services reaches out to those with special needs within the community. For more information on Outreach Services, call 513-369-6963 (Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.).

EXHIBIT DISPLAYS STUDENTS’ PAST ART WORKS

An opening reception, An Art Teacher’s Legacy: The Students of Dr. John Michael to honor and meet Cincinnati Public Schools art teacher Dr. John Michael, will be held in the Main Library Atrium on January 6 from 2:00 –4:00 p.m. Some of Dr. Michael’s former students from the ‘40s, ‘50s, and ‘60s (whose work will be on display) are also to attend. The exhibit will be on display at the Main Library through February 8 with support from The Art League.
HAVE ANY OLD LIBRARY MEMORABILIA TO SHARE?

Every library has a story; it’s time we told ours. As the Library approaches its 150th birthday, a book will be published to help commemorate the Anniversary Celebration in 2003. We are searching for some of the more difficult items to find such as old photos, sketches or paintings of the Main Library or any of the 41 branch buildings or early deposit stations; special ceremonies held inside or outside the Library; librarians or staff members; and customer or family visits to their neighborhood branch during earlier times.

Memorabilia such as old Library cards and pencils from any era; pamphlets, bookmarks, brochures, flyers, or posters from an earlier time about the Library; and documents or papers stamped with early Library insignia or the actual rubber stamps that marked them; are some of the items the Library needs most. Suggestions and tips on key individuals to talk to about little known facts on the Main Library or your neighborhood branch would be helpful as well. If you or anyone you know has any old memorabilia, photos, or personal material that could be borrowed and returned about the Library that may help in completing the book, please contact the Public Relations Department at 513-369-4571.

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In addition to the printed version, soon Library Links will be available in a whole new way. For those who favor the web or simply the option to click on news when preferred, Library Links will be going online. Enjoy all the same news, same photographs, and same insight while sitting at your computer. Once up and ready, Links can be found under the “What’s New” section of the Library’s web site at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org. Discovering the Library to its fullest is about making the right connections.
Dr. Marcia L. Collins and Obstetrics 
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The Louis T. Block Family Foundation 
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memory of Ruth Guenther.

Jim & Nancy Bohannon for their 
donation in memory of Margie Smith for 
the Westwood Branch Library.

Patricia W. Slavey for her gift to purchase 
children’s books for the College Hill Branch 
Library in honor of her grandson, Peter, 
who is beginning his reading adventure and in appreciation for her sixty years of 
reading pleasure at the Library.

Barbara Beard, Karen Miyano, and 
Mrs. Harold Cook for their donation in 
memory of Rae B. Grisco to purchase 
materials and provide programming at the 
Madisonville Branch Library.

Howard Wright for his gift in memory of 
Kelly (Wright) Veder to purchase 
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donation in appreciation of the service 
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Ray & Mary Stuart for their donation in 
memory of Kristin L. Sollinger to 
purchase a book of poetry for the Madeira 
Branch Library.

Georgia Awig for her gift in memory of 
Thompson Buchanan which will be used 
to purchase the book American Poetry.

George & Jeanette Scanlon for hanging 
holiday wreaths in the Main Library.

Roger & Linda Worrell for their gift in 
memory of Marcella Cogswell for the 
Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped.

The Anderson Library Committee (ALC) 
made a generous donation of $40,800 to the 
Anderson and Mt. Washington branches. The 
gift was divided to provide $18,000 to Anderson 
Branch, $15,600 to Mt. Washington Branch, 
and $7,200 to the Anderson Trust Fund. 
These funds will benefit library customers by 
enhancing the collections, providing programs and 
supporting the facilities. Accepting the 
check from ALC Co-President Patricia 
Charles (right) were, from the left: Cathy 
Wilkymacky, Regional Manager-East, 
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and Barb Peterson, Mt. Washington 
Branch Children’s Librarian.
The Tri-County Wal-Mart and the Colerain Wal-Mart each for a grant of $1,000, through Wal-Mart Foundation’s Open Doors to Literacy campaign, which will be used to supplement the Adult New Reader and English as a Second Language collection in the Literature & Languages Department at the Main Library and to purchase materials for the GED Practice testing program at all Library locations.

John & Carol Carney for their donation in memory of Norm Brooks to purchase a golf book for the Monfort Heights Branch Library.

Kathleen J. Bunnell for her donation for the Sharonville Branch Library.

The Montgomery Women’s Club donated $2,000 to the Blue Ash Branch Library, which will be used for shelving in the newly configured audiovisual room. Pictured, left to right: Vera Doertling, Jean Blake, Roz Novak (President), Suzanne Hurst, Victoria Hackett, Barb Dunlap, Nancy Cleary, and Bob Burdick (Branch Manager)

Carmen F. Adevoso for her donation to the J. Richard Abell Genealogical Trust Fund.

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PET MEMORIALS

Rob Jefferson & Michelle Red Elk for their gift in memory of Jim & Audrey Benedict’s dog Chinook.

Dean & Becky Mathey for their gift in memory of their cat Kit.

Kathy Bach for her gift in memory of Karen, Jim & Dom Russo’s dog Shep.

Mary Threm for her gift in memory of her dog Brandy.

Sally Moffitt for her gift in memory of Ann Twinam & Andy Villalon’s cat Zorro.

Roger & Angie Schwab for their gift in memory of Jim Whitaker & Family’s dog Kelli.

Fred & Jo Anne Warren for their gift in memory of Jim Hall & Alison Reike’s beloved cats Ali & Petra.

Oak Crest Animal Hospital for their donation in memory of Doreen Heflin’s dog Elsie.

Jo Carroll for a donation in memory of Ray Simonson’s cat Simona.

Robin Lippelman & John Mezaraups for their donation in memory of Mrs. Andrew E. Lippelman’s cat Punkin.

Anonymous gift in memory of Linda Pelley’s cat Ace.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition recently presented its annual gift, which will be added to the trust fund that they established for the purchase of books relating to Dr. King’s life and legacy of peace. Coalition President Maxwilliam SaekiLewis (second from left) along with members of the coalition are pictured presenting the check to the Library’s Executive Director Kimber L. Fender.
Thanks To…

Edward & Chloe Colby for their donation in memory of Mack Malloy for the Julius Schild, Jr. SCORE Trust Fund.

Gifts to the Friends of the Public Library

The H.B., E.W., and F.R. Luther Charitable Foundation for its gift of $7,500.

The Crosset Family Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation for its gift.

The Jack & Moe Rouse Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation for its gift.

Gifts of Materials

Oscar Treadwell for his gift of over 6,000 jazz CDs.

John Wilson for his gift of 16 art books for the Art & Music Department.

The Ulster Historical Foundation for its gift of Researching Armagh Ancestors: A Practical Guide for the Family and Local Historian.

Diana Duncan Holmes & Timothy Riordan for their donation of Scrap by Edmondson, Holmes, and Riordan.


Anita Thomas for her gift of Oxcarts Through the Cumberland Gap, volumes 4a and 4b.

John Agnew for his donation of Painting the Secret World of Nature.

Elizabeth LaMacchia for her gift of Death in Holy Orders.


Edmund K. Swigart for his gift of An Emerson-Benson Saga.

Allen W. Bernard for his gift of “Heaven’s Garden” In Ohio—A History of the Himmelgarten Convent A Mission Center of the Society of the Precious Blood 1851-1901 and Purves Erath, County Texas.


Thomas E. Huenefeld for his gift of sheet music: Fitzmaurice, Von Huenefeld and Koehl by Jean Herbert, Sky Birds by August Koehl, and They Landed Over Here From Over There by Tom Kennedy.

Delia LaBarre for her gift of Lafacdio Hearn note cards.

Kageshiro Nishino for his donation of Lafacdio Hearn’s Life in Europe.

The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Ohio for their donation of two copies of Colonial War Trilogy VII.

Harry B. DeMaio for his donation of B2B and Beyond.


Holly Feist for her donation of a one year subscription of Air and Space Magazine for the Monfort Heights Branch Library.

The Reading Fire Department for its gifts of various Firefighting Trade Journals.

Sister Mary Ann Kramer for her donation of prints by the Cincinnati artist Caroline Williams.

Ethel Bell for her gift of Morse Lineage of James & Margaret.

Correction to the previous issue of LINKS: Kristin Spangenberg gave an exhibit catalog, Paintings from the Estate of Charles Salis Kaelin, not paintings from the Estate of Charles Salis Kaelin as listed.
Mysteries & Suspense

The Seeds of Time
by Carol Cail
Two women living a hundred years apart join forces to solve a series of murders in an 1881 Colorado mining town. Psychic archaeologist Anne Darrow communicates with saloon dancer Delia in a wonderfully gothic whodunit that deftly combines cozy and supernatural elements.

Concrete Desert
by Jon Talton
While pondering his future, ex-professor David Mapstone earns cash with a part-time job in the sheriff’s office. Though assigned cold cases, Mapstone is intrigued by a new murder—it shows startling similarities to a 1959 case. Talton’s debut is a fast-paced page turner.

The Jasmine Trade: A Novel of Suspense Introducing Eve Diamond
by Denise Hamilton
A carjacking turned murderous leads to larger criminal ties as investigative reporter Eve Diamond delves into the Asian community of Los Angeles. Secrets even uglier than “parachute kids” left to fend for themselves are uncovered in Hamilton’s strongly written debut.

Taxes, Death, & Trouble
by C. M. Miller
The murder of an attractive young teacher at the prestigious African American Rosemont Academy pushes financial advisor Audrey Wilson into the detective business to protect a client. Miller, a graduate of Taft High School, sets her debut mystery in a thinly disguised Indian Hill.

Other Fiction

Look to Windward
by Iain M. Banks
Illumination from the Twin Novae catastrophe, some 800 light-years away, is arriving at Masaq’ Orbital. A multitude will assemble for a commemorative symphony—and an assassin is coming to kill the composer, and, perhaps, a billion others. Dazzling science fiction intrigue.

Moon Women
by Pamela Duncan
With flawless pitch and pace, first-novelist Duncan tells a story of three generations of Southern women finding peace with each other and with their changing lives. The book’s appeal lies in its beautifully rendered Southern voice and moving depiction of relationships.

The Flight of the Maidens
by Jane Gardam
When three young Yorkshire women win college scholarships in 1946, the summer before leaving home becomes a preparation for the next phase of their lives. Vivid characters and clear, evocative prose mark this charming novel of life in England just after World War II.

Rhythms
by Donna Hill
Popular romance author Hill’s first hardcover is an engaging African American family saga that spans most of the twentieth century. Three women, from Cora in the 1920s to granddaughter Parris, endure trouble and heartbreak before finally learning to accept themselves and each other.

Dark
by Kenji Jasper
Thai Williams surprises his girl in the company of another man. By evening’s end, Thai has shot the man and fled to Charlotte, North Carolina, where a friend lives. The story of a troubled black youth starting over receives fresh treatment in its small, Southern city setting.

Niagara Falls All Over Again
by Elizabeth McCracken
This novel-as-memoir is narrated by Mose Sharp, star of vaudeville stage, radio, and screen. At the center of the story is his long partnership and troubled friendship with his comic co-star, Rocky Carter. McCracken paints a colorful picture of a vanished American lifestyle.
Lit Life: A Novel
by Kurt Wenzel
Kyle Clayton’s first novel made him a star, but after years of producing nothing but hangovers, he’s being pushed off the New York publishing carousel. Kyle plots revenge with an embittered literary writer in a satire that’s also an affecting portrait of self-destruction.

Biographies

Alexandra: The Last Tsarina
by Carolly Erickson
947.083092 A379Ze 2001

At the Alter of Speed: Fast Life and Tragic Death of Dale Earnhardt
by Leigh Montville
796.72092 E12Zm 2001

Ava’s Man
by Rick Bragg
975.042092 B942Zb 2001

The Girl From Purple Mountain: Love, Honor, War, and One Family’s Journey From China to America
by May-Lee Chai
973.049510092 C434Zc 2001

Life and Adventures of Henry Bibb: An American Slave
by Henry Bibb
976.900496 B581Zb 2001

The Lincoln Enigma: The Changing Faces of An American Icon
973.7092 L736Zl 2001

Memphis Tennessee Garrison: The Remarkable Story of a Black Appalachian Woman
by Memphis Tennessee Garrison
975.44900496 G242Zg 2001

No More Words: Journal of My Mother, Anne Morrow Lindbergh
by Reeve Lindbergh
818.5209 L742ZL 2001

History

Another Shot: How I Relived My Life in Less Than A Year
by Joe Kita
974.82043092 K62Zk 2001

The Assassin: A Story of Race and Rage in the Land of Apartheid
by Henk Van Woerden
968.05092 T877wmE 2001

Facies of Freedom Summer
by Herbert Randall
976.218 qM678Zr 2001

Before the Storm: Barry Goldwater and the Unmaking of the American Consensus
by Rick Perlstein
973.92092 G624Zp 2001

Bloody Mary’s Martyrs: The Story of England’s Terror
by Jasper Godwin Ridley
942.054 R545 2001

Other Nonfiction

Admissions Confidential: An Insider’s Account of the Elite College Selection Process
by Rachel Toor
378.161 T672 2001

Gut Feelings: From Fear and Despair to Health and Hope
by Carnie Wilson
362.196398 W747Zw 2001

Last Breath: Cautionary Tales From the Limits of Human Endurance
by Peter Stark
616.078 S795 2001
Managing Cancer: The African American’s Guide to Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment
by George Rawls
616.994008 R261 2001

The Radical Center: The Future of American Politics
by Ted Halstead and Michael Lind
320.5 H196 2001

Fields of Honor: The Golden Age of College Football and the Men Who Created It
by Sally Pont
796.33263 P811 2001

From the Soul: Stories of Great Black Parents and the Lives They Gave Us
by Phyllis Y. Harris
306.850899 H315 2001

Children's Books

Car Wash
by Sandra Steen
Easy

Dancing in the Wings
by Debbie Allen
Easy

Good Thing You’re Not an Octopus!
by Julie Markes
Easy

Lucky Pennies and Hot Chocolate
by Carol Diggory Shields
Easy

Lulu’s Birthday
by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard
Easy

Mirette & Bellini Cross Niagara Falls
by Emily Arnold McCully
Easy

Nutik, The Wolf Pup
by Jean Craighead George
Easy

Pepito the Brave
by Scott Beck
Easy

Sky, Sea, The Jetty, and Me
by Leonard Everett Fisher
Easy

Twilight
by Holly Young Huth
Easy

Dragon in the Sky: The Story of a Green Darner Dragonfly
by Laurence P. Pringle
595.733 qP957 2001

Legend of the Teddy Bear
by Frank Murphy
973.911092 qR781Zmu 2000

Mississippi
by Diane Siebert
976.2 qS571 2001

Pocketful of Poems
by Nikki Grimes
811.54 qG8621p 2001

Music CDs

Time (The Revelator)
by Gillian Welch
CDF 2593

Woody Herman and the Herd at Carnegie Hall, 1946
by Woody Herman
CDJ 2903

I, Hophead
by the Hopheads (Local Group)
CDP 5841

The Roaring 20’s
by Windscape
CD 9182

Audio Books

Comrades
by Stephen Ambrose
CDW 985

Roverandom
by J.R.R. Tolkien
C 26372

Natasha, The Biography of Natalie Wood
by Suzanne Finstad
C 26232
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