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The Doolittle Raiders 1942

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE: "THE DOOLITTLE TOKYO RAIDERS"

48th Annual Veterans Day Program
Monday, November 11, 11:00 a.m.
Main Library Atrium, 800 Vine Street
Information: 369-6959

World War II veteran Thomas C. Griffin, one of
the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders" who participated in
the attack on Japan on April

18, 1942 led by
Lieutenant Colonel
Jimmy Doolittle, will
be the featured speaker
in the Library's 48th
Annual Veterans Day Program.

Mr. Griffin will discuss the secret planned attack
against major Japanese cities when he was a Second
Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps aboard one of
the 16 B-25's that participated in the attack.



Lt. Col. Doolittle



At dawn on April 18, 1942, a U.S. Navy task force was heading through rough Pacific seas toward Japan. One of the ships in the flotilla was the aircraft carrier *Hornet* with 16 Army Air Force B-25s on deck. Plans called for the B-25s to take off from the carrier when they were within 450 to 650 miles of Japan, bomb selected targets at such locations as Yokohama and Tokyo, and then fly another 1,200 miles to friendly airfields on mainland China.



Thomas C. Griffin in 1943

Unfortunately, an enemy patrol boat was sighted and, although it was sunk by U.S. gunfire, it was decided to launch the planes at once in case the patrol boat had been able to radio a warning to Japan. The 16 B-25s were launched while the task force was 800 miles from Japan, rather than the desired 450 to 650 miles. They all reached the Japanese islands, dropped their bombs on oil stores, factory areas, and military installations, and then headed out across the East China Sea. However, night was approaching, the planes began running low on fuel, and the weather was rapidly becoming worse. The crews realized they could not reach the Chinese airfields and had the choice of either bailing out, ditching at sea, or crash-landing, although one plane was able to divert to Vladivostok where its crew was interned by the Russians.

When the news of the raid was released, American morale zoomed from the depths to which it had plunged following Japan's successes. It also caused the Japanese to transfer back to the home islands fighter units that could have been used against the Allies. In comparison to the B-29 attacks against Japan two years later, the Tokyo Raid was a token effort. However, it was an example of brilliant tactics.

Cincinnatian Thomas C. Griffin was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, grew up in Chicago, but has called Cincinnati home since moving here in 1949. After he graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1939, he entered the U. S. Army (Coast Artillery) and transferred to the Army Air Corps in 1940, graduating from Navigator School. Lt. Colonel Griffin was a Navigator on Plane #9 as part of the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders" in the secret mission that targeted major Japanese cities.

"Jimmy Doolittle called for volunteers for a secret mission, and I answered the call," he said. "We trained for two months, studying maps of Japan and China so that we knew which areas of Japan to target. It was a top secret mission, and we lost a lot of planes, but it was considered a success." After the raid Griffin was transferred to North Africa and flew missions until July 1943, when he was shot down over Sicily and captured by the Germans. He was a prisoner of war for 22 months until the end of the war in 1945. "We have a reunion every year for the remaining Doolittle Raiders. It's like an extended family." Mr. Griffin is retired from his own accounting business, and resides in Western Hills with his wife Esther. They have two sons.



Thomas C. Griffin in 2002

OF NOTE

4-HOUR REDUCTION IN SERVICE HOURS

To lessen the severe impact of the hiring freeze (currently 113 vacant positions or 12% of total positions), the Library reduced the number of hours the Main Library and every branch library are open to the public by an average of four hours per week. This temporary reduction in service hours went into effect September 29 and will remain until a final decision concerning budget reduction options is made.

INCREASE IN FINES

To also address the severe funding reductions, daily overdue fines on library materials were increased effective October 8. The new overdue fines per day are:

- Juvenile (print, CDs, audiocassettes, recordings & AV sets)– \$.05 (from \$.03)
- Adult (print, CDs, audiocassettes, recordings & AV sets)– \$.20 (from \$.10)
- CD-ROMs– \$.20 (from \$.10)
- Videos & DVDs – \$2.00 (from \$1.00)

FRIENDS HELP WITH MORE THAN FUNDS

During July and August, 952 nearly new books were given by the Friends of the Public Library to the Library for addition to the collection. Of these titles, 410 were sent to the Art & Music Department. These gifts included new titles to the collection as well as added copies of titles of which the Library owned only reference copies. Both paperback and hardback books were given to the Library. Of particular interest and value was a complete set of *Grove's Dictionary of Music*. This total does not include the items that each branch has the opportunity of selecting from the gift barrel before the donated books are forwarded to the Friends.

The estimated value of these books is about \$19,000. The Friends expenditures for program support, rare book and occasional equipment purchases have always been carefully tracked. This was the first effort the Friends made to document and quantify the value of gift books to the Library. The result is impressive.

THE LIBRARY'S FUTURE

The Library continues to work to address the severe budget shortfall reported here in September. Community outcry over the proposed closing of five branch libraries prompted the Board of Trustees to reconsider that decision and hold a series of public hearings on the branch closings. Those hearings have now concluded. It is certainly clear from these hearings that libraries are an important resource. Highly valued, libraries are seen as critical to education and vital to the community's well being. Many area residents have described the devastating loss the community would experience if a branch library closed. The Library Board plans to make a final decision on branch closings at its November 11 meeting.

Postponing the branch libraries closings meant that the budget savings had to come from other cuts. In addition to a variety of operating cuts including reducing or eliminating security contracts, cutting supply and other purchases to critical or emergency items only, eliminating travel and training budgets, and delaying furniture, equipment and vehicle purchases. The hiring freeze originally put in place in June has been continued to the present. With more than 100 positions currently vacant, the Library was forced to make some reductions in services including cutting four hours from every Library location's hours of operation. Vacancies in children's librarian's positions at three branch libraries have meant that those communities saw services to children and schools virtually eliminated. Vacant positions throughout the system resulted in reductions in programs and services including school collection service that provides books for use in area classrooms. Of course, closing public service hours does not address vacancies in support services departments that have been expected to

provide the same level of service and

quantity of work despite vacant positions. As a further step to address the funding situation, the Library increased fines on October 7 in an attempt to generate more income. New fine amounts are \$.05 for juvenile materials, \$.20 per day for adult items, and \$2.00 per day for videos and DVDs. It is difficult to estimate how much impact this increase will have on the Library's revenues.

Recent estimates provided by the Ohio Library Council of the State's income indicate that the 2003 budget will require an additional reduction in funding for libraries. At the present we are planning for the total income for 2003 to be \$3 million less than the income received in 2002. The next step is to evaluate available options on cutting costs and increasing revenues to make the best decision on cuts for the entire Library system. Options under consideration include reducing hours of operation, cutting materials purchases, reducing or eliminating other Library services, a property tax levy, and delay or elimination of capital projects.

There are no easy answers. A loss of funding of this magnitude obviously hurts the Library's ability to provide the hours, services, collections and programs that have long been expected by Hamilton County residents. We thank the community and the staff for their support through this difficult time. We remain committed to providing excellent library service to all of Hamilton County despite the service reductions necessitated by our financial constraints.

Kimber L. Fender
Executive Director



NEW IN THE FRIENDS' SHOP

Annual Friends' Members Appreciation Sale November 17-23, 20% Off Entire Stock



Calendars Galore

A wide selection for every use: wall, desk, pocket, everyday, and engagement calendars in various themes.



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369-6920

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- Individuals, Library Staff
and One Family Member \$20
- Family/Dual \$25
- Non-Profit Organization \$25
- Sponsor \$50-99
- Patron \$100-249
- Benefactor \$250 and above
- Contribution _____

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8456 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45216

Benefits of Friends Membership: *Previews of used book sales. • 10% discount on items in the Library Friends' Shop. • Subscriptions to Library program calendars & newsletter mailed to your home each month. • Invitations to special events sponsored by the Friends. • Interesting volunteer opportunities for Friends' projects. • Good feeling of helping to spread the joy of reading.*

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WHAT'S NEW

LIBRARY LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE TEENSPACE <http://Teenspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org>

The latest addition to the Library's web page, **TEENSPACE** is a dynamic new site offering what teens want, when they want it. Created in collaboration with the Library's Teen Advisory Board, **TEENSPACE** was developed especially for teens to provide a different, more immediate way for them to stay connected 24/7 with the latest books and reading at the Library. Its bright, bold techno design, selected by and extensively tested by teens, makes it easy to navigate through a wide variety of teen-related topics as well as the most frequently requested resources. Highlighting books and reading, this new web page offers many great features including:

- ★ Book reviews written by and for teens
- ★ Annotated lists of award-winning and high-interest teen titles.
- ★ Ability to reserve high demand, new items in advance.
- ★ Great *Homework Help* resources including the reference tools teens use for everyday projects—from dictionaries and thesauruses to full text magazines
- ★ Access to *Seven Hills Review*, a creative writing ezine where teens can submit their own works and read those written by others.
- ★ An interactive portal called *Talk to Us* for teens to provide direct feedback about the web page and the Library.
- ★ Information about programs and events just for teens going on *At the Library*.
- ★ Interactive quizzes, polls, games, comics as well as information on health, volunteering, colleges, and more.
- ★ Virtual features to be regularly updated with topics of special interest to teens.
- ★ Plus, a guide to all the cool cultural happenings *Around Town*.



CHECK OUT OUR TWO USED BOOK SALES IN NOVEMBER!!

3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY & NEARLY NEW USED BOOK SALE

Sponsored by the Anderson Library Committee

November 8-10

Anderson Branch Library
Five Mile & State Road
Friday: 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Noon–4:00 p.m.

Proceeds benefit special projects of the Anderson & Mt. Washington Branch Libraries.
Information: (513) 369-6030



8TH ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library

NOVEMBER 15-17

Madeira Branch Library
7200 Miami Avenue (corner of Euclid Ave.)
Preview for Friends' members only
(join at the door):

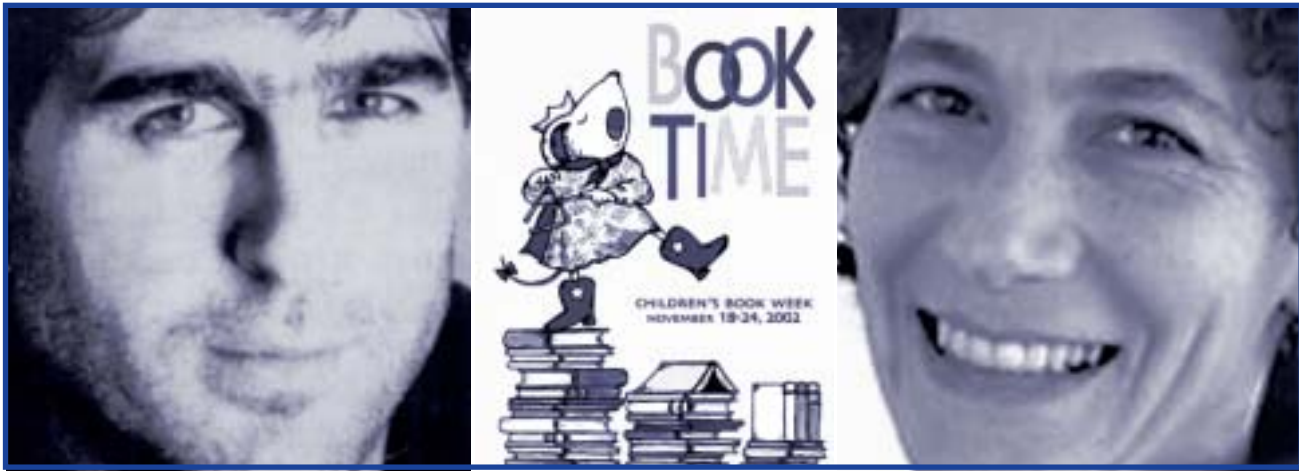
Thursday, November 14, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Public Hours:

Friday & Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Sunday: Noon–3:00 p.m.

Proceeds benefit special projects of the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County
Information: (513) 369-6035



CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Reading adds color to your day! **Book Time**, this year's theme for the 83rd observance of The Children's Book Council's Children's Book Week, encourages children, and the adults who care for them, to make time each day to spend with a favorite book. Children's Book Week 2002 is November 18-24. Celebrating this inspiring week of reading with area school kids, author/illustrator Peter Catalanotto will read and demonstrate his illustration talents, and author Andrea Cheng will read from her latest releases at:

PETER CATALANOTTO

Monday, November 18

Main Library

9:15 a.m., grades K-1

10:45 a.m., grades 4-6

1:15 p.m., grades 2-3

Tuesday, November 19

North Central Branch Library

9:15 a.m., grades K-1

10:45 a.m., grades 4-6

1:15 p.m., grades 2-3

ANDREA CHENG

Wednesday, November 20

Green Township Branch Library

9:00 a.m., ages 7-10;

Wyoming Branch Library

11:00 a.m., ages 11-14

Norwood Branch Library

1:30 p.m., ages 7-10

Check with your area branch library for more fun programs during **Book Time**.

OHIOANA AND THE LIBRARY: A LONG AND FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIP

The annual Ohioana reception for Hamilton County authors will be held on Sunday, November 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Huenefeld Tower Room, Main Library. Among the 100 authors invited to attend are Randy McNutt (*Too Hot to Handle*); Dorothy Weil (*The River Home*); Louise Borden, recipient of the 2002 Ohioana Award for Children's Literature; Bill Koch (shown right: *The Pride of Price Hill*); and Thomas R. Schiff (shown right: *Panoramic Ohio*).

Ohioana was founded in Columbus in 1929 by Mrs. Myers Y. Cooper, wife of the Governor. The first reception for Cincinnati authors was held in 1948 at the Taft Museum and then during the '60s and '70s it was held at the Cincinnati Art Museum. In 1985, the reception was moved to the Public Library. But the work of identifying the books, compiling the bibliography, and inviting the authors has always been done by Library staff. The first Chairman for Authors was branch librarian Clara Holbrook. Richard Abell, head of the History Department handled this job from 1966 until his retirement in 1982, when it was then assumed by Georgeanne Bradford of the Literature & Languages Department.

Over the past 50 years, the directors of the Public Library have likewise been supportive. *Ohio Authors and Their Books, 1796-1950* had its genesis under Chalmers Hadley and was continued under Carl Vitz, eventually appointed to the Ohioana State Board of Trustees. In 1980, James R. Hunt was given a citation by the Ohioana Library in recognition this Library's support of the Hamilton County Chapter. Today, it continues under Executive Director Kimber L. Fender, as we look forward to another exciting program in honor of Cincinnati authors and their books.



THANKS TO...

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY



The **Anderson Library Committee (ALC)** presented a generous donation of \$44,200 to the Library. Pictured are, left to right, standing: ALC co-chair Patricia Charles, Jeanne Sheppard, Chair of the June 22-24, 2003 ALC sale; Anderson Branch Manager Patricia Peterson. Seated: Mt. Washington Branch Manager Katie Greifenkamp and Dot Dumbacher, Chair of ALC Holiday Sale, November 8–10, 2002.

Charles H. Dater Foundation, Inc. for \$20,000 to support children's services and collections at the Westwood Branch Library

Hamilton County Genealogical Society for its donation to purchase microfilm copies of *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, Maryland 1820–1895*, reels 1–8

MapleKnoll Village for its gift in appreciation for a program presented by Outreach Services

Westwood United Methodist Church Homebuilders

Ignatius Gatalo

Diane Brown

Jeneene Brengelman

Southwest Butler County Genealogical Society

The Sycamore Auxiliary F.O.E. 1095 gave \$500 in honor of the **Fraternal Order of Eagles** to purchase large print books for the Reading Branch Library. Pictured from left to right are Reading Branch Manager Mary Piepmeier, and Eagles' Chaplain Regina Sims, President Mary Rose Engel, and Secretary Barb Cooper.



COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS

John & Deborah Rau in honor of **Ruby Kuhns**.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Anness in memory of **Willaim J. Seitz, Jr.**

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Rosemary & Jim Mahoney in memory of **Joan Hoffman**.

Jack & Rita Walther in memory of **Betty Hampson**.

Hyannis Technical Publications Group, Virginia Poulter, Howard & Kay Pitchon, Thomas & Catherine Austing, Marie M. Fitzgerald, Ann Thaler, Mick & Bonnie Goldberg, Meg & Giles Schroeder, Edith McCarthy, Harry & Kathie Hendy, Colleen P. Luther, Ruth & Carolyn O'Donnell, Bruce & Lynn Rasemont, Connie Lindemann,

Arlene Hope, Laura Jones, Kim Greenway, and Tricia, Renee & Michael in memory of **Dorothy Ruth Gleason** to purchase large print books for the Green Township Branch Library.

Milly & Wally Getty in memory of **Bess (Bunny) Dehner**.

Joan S. Reis in memory of **Madaline Landsman and H. Ben Fuller**.

Carl & Barbara Hall, David Luppert, Bill Steward, Joyce A. Baitz, Margo Hall, Anna May Finch, Phyllis Nieman, Jerry L. Kent, Val Becknell & Family, Barbara McMillin, Beverly B. Head, The Domino Group, David Morton, and "Your Friends from Paramount's Kings Island Maintenance and Construction Division" in memory of **Charles "Bud" Robert Weast** to purchase children's materials for the Price Hill Branch Library.

Laura Paulik in memory of **Gerald M. "Jerry" Galloway**.

Education & Religion Department Staff in memory of **Margaret Dolan**.

Staff Association in memory of **Sandra Bradley**.

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Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Shaner, Walter E. Geier, John P. March, Marianne O. Mercier, Eleanor Q. Delaplaine, Stuart & Lindsay McLean, The Opp Family, Robin & John Armstrong, Gene Payne, Mrs. Robert Taft, Jr., Genevieve Pennington, and Fifth Third Bank in memory of **John Edward "Pete" Peters, Sr.** to the **J. Richard Abell Genealogical Trust Fund**.

Jeff & Marsha Grady in memory of **Frank Agricola**.

Sarah & Jett Stevens in memory of **Barbara Pallone**.



Tim Combs, General Sales Manager, **Ikon Office Solutions**, presented a check to Executive Director Kimber L. Fender for \$1,500 to support publication of the Library's 150th Anniversary book.

GIFTS IN-KIND

Global Cloud, Ltd.

RARE BOOKS GIFTS

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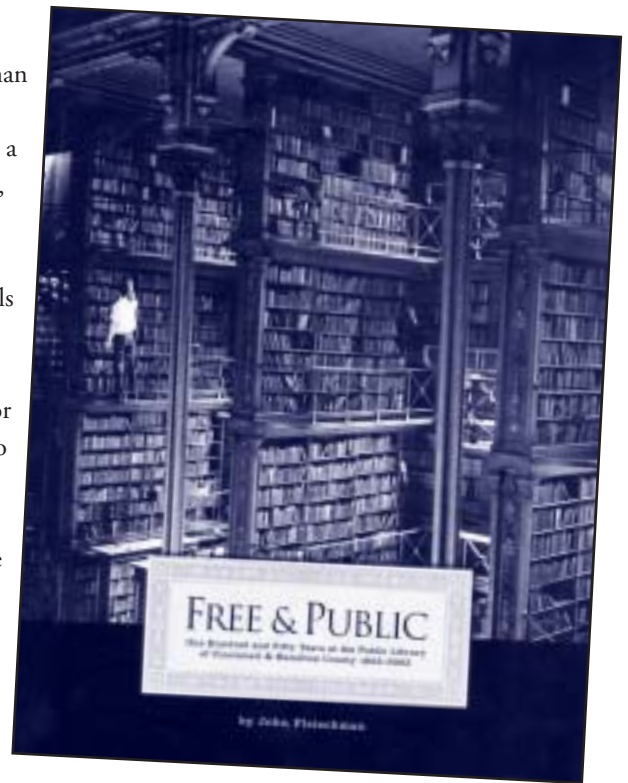
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