



THE
PUBLIC
LIBRARY
of Cincinnati
and
Hamilton County

LIBRARY LINKS

January/February 2003
VOLUME 10, ISSUE 1

A NEWSLETTER OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CINCINNATI AND HAMILTON COUNTY



CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING'S LEGACY

Share in a variety of free programs and cultural activities honoring civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as the many African-Americans whose accomplishments helped shape today's society. Be a part of the commemoration of Dr. King's birthday on January 20 and Black History Month throughout February ... at the Library.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Have some cake and some inspiration, too! Join us on Monday, January 20 for a special birthday celebration honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Children’s Learning Center at the Main Library. This fun tribute begins at 1:00 p.m. with a showing of the colorful video, *Martin’s Big Words*, for grades K-7. Emphasizing King’s immortal “big words” from his youth and on, the video is based on the picture book biography, *Martin’s Big Words: The Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Doreen Rappaport and illustrated by Bryan Collier. Featured on the front of LINKS and above are illustrations from the book. Whether reading the book or watching the video, King’s famous quotes remind us all that his words are very much alive today. Kids can remember the day and the “dream” by posting their own dreams on a cloud. Cincinnati’s very own Bucket Boyz will also drum up some amazing thundering rhythms on five-gallon bins and buckets at 2:00 p.m.

Readings of *Martin’s Big Words*, stories, make and take crafts, and other fun activities, including a Black Film Festival, pay tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. at various branches as well. Check with your local library branch and the program section or “What’s New” at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org to see what’s happening nearest you.

Bryan Collier, the nationally acclaimed illustrator of *Martin’s Big Words*, will demonstrate his art techniques at the Main Library on Tuesday, February 4 at 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Collier received the Coretta Scott King Honor for *Freedom River*, written by Doreen Rappaport, and won it again for his own book, *Uptown*. At the age of 15, he

began creating artwork in his signature style, a combination of collage and watercolor.



In illustrating the life of Dr. King, Collier’s inventive style comes alive through a montage of patterns and textures. “I wanted to bring a fresh spin to a story that’s been told many times.”

THE LEGACY CONTINUES ...

Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth will be at the Main Library on January 20 from 2:30– 3:30 p.m. to sign *A Fire You Can’t Put Out: The Civil Rights Life of Birmingham’s Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth* by Andrew Manis. The book is a compelling true-life story chronicling some of the greatest battles of the civil rights movement and the “fiery” heroics of the man Martin Luther King, Jr. called “one of the nation’s most courageous freedom fighters.” Prior to his book signing the Reverend will be at Music Hall as the keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition’s annual program.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition Chorus will perform at the Main Library on Wednesday, January 22, 7:00 p.m. as a special tribute to Dr. King. The coalition chorus is a diverse group of over 120 singers made up of men and women from various ethnic and religious backgrounds.

Black Roots: A Panel of Researchers Share Secrets of Their Success will be held at the Main Library on Saturday, February 1 at 11:00 a.m. in the Huenefeld Tower Room, third floor. Hosted by the History & Genealogy Department, this panel of avid researchers will share their own experiences and personal techniques for overcoming obstacles when conducting African American research and genealogy.

“**Journey Through Black History**,” a special lecture sponsored by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center featuring Keith Griffler, Assistant Professor of African American Studies at the University of Cincinnati, will be presented at the Main Library on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m.

CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is no wonder that we all take our Library for granted. Started on March 14, 1853, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County has been providing the best in library service for 150 years. This makes our Library one of the oldest in the country. In fact, according to Russell Ash, author of *Top Ten of Everything*, there are only three cities that established public libraries earlier than Cincinnati: Peterboro, NH; Boston, MA; and New Orleans, LA. It is astonishing to realize that our early community leaders recognized the need for a public library and set about establishing one far ahead of many major cities in other parts of the country. This progressive vision gave our Library a boost that has continued to propel it to the forefront of Library service. So many years later, Hamilton County residents are still demonstrating the value they place on the services of the Library. Usage of the Library system continues to grow keeping it among the highest circulating libraries in the country, despite a decline in the area's population.

Over the 150 years there has been tremendous change, both in our society and in the Library. A library employee from the 1850s would find a few familiar items in today's library but much more that is different. While books are still the core of our collection, new materials have been added and older, outdated materials dropped. At one time the Library circulated an extensive collection of stereoscopic slides. Enormously popular, these slides no longer circulate, although the collection has been preserved. Services to children, instituted as a new idea in 1900, are now a basic library service enjoyed by several generations of area children. Bookmobile service, once the way to serve a more

remote, less mobile population, began to decline many years ago and was finally discontinued in the 1990s. Many Library customers recall their early bookmobile experiences with great fondness and nostalgia, remembering the excitement and anticipation the bookmobile visit caused. Internet access, first available at the Library in 1997, is now one of the most heavily used of all Library services, providing free access to fee-based online reference resources at every Library location and from home, school, or workplace with a Library card. A librarian from the 1850s could not begin to imagine the impact these changes would have on the Library.

To celebrate this remarkable anniversary a book documenting the Library's history will become available in late January. *Free & Public* tells the story of the Library and the community in an interesting and entertaining style. Written by noted author John Fleischman, *Free & Public* is filled with fascinating historical photographs. Additional photographs and historical information will be on the Library's web page. An exciting program to be held on March 15 will celebrate the date the Library was established. While we celebrate the past we are also looking to the future. We remain committed to providing our community with excellent and innovative Library service as we look forward to our next 150 years. Be healthy, wealthy, and wise in 2003 by taking advantage of all the valuable services offered at your Public Library.

Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director



One of the first bookmobiles as pictured in *Free & Public: One Hundred and Fifty Years at the Public Library*. See back page for information on the Library's 150th Anniversary book launch.

WHAT'S NEW

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN CHAIN

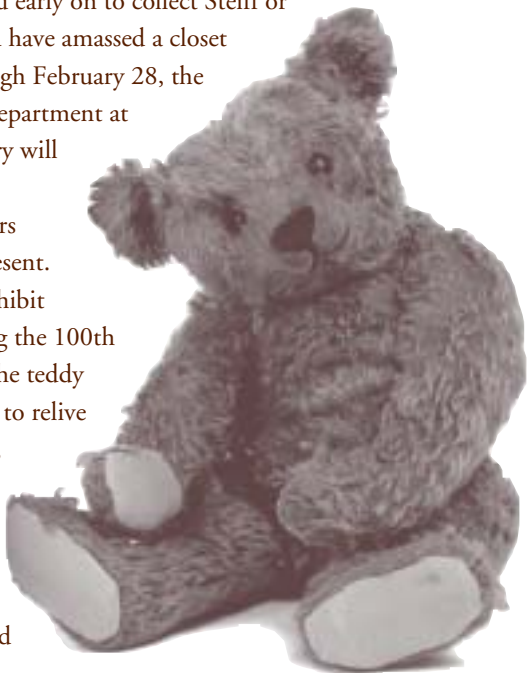
The National African American Read-In Chain will connect at the Public Library on Sunday, February 2 from 4:00–5:00 p.m. Along with special guest Michelle Hopkins of WLWT-TV5 and over a million readers nationwide, come to the Main Library to be part of the chain. Anyone can participate by reading a book written by an African American author. Sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English, the reading chain is one of America's largest and most significant.

IMAGEMAKER AWARDS EXHIBIT INSPIRATION

To celebrate excellence in the African American community a photo exhibit and profiles of recipients of the 13th Annual Imagemaker Lifetime Achiever and Emerging Leader Awards will be displayed at the Main Library in the Atrium during Black History Month. Created in 1989 by *Applause! Magazine*, the awards are given to African Americans who have made a difference in their chosen fields and positively influenced the Greater Cincinnati Community by their contributions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TEDDY: 100 YEARS WITH THE TEDDY BEAR

The Teddy Bear, named after President Theodore Roosevelt because he spared the life of an orphaned cub on a 1902 hunting trip, has served as a loyal companion for many a child at bedtime and naptime—and teatime, too—for a century. When remembering the teddy bear you grew up with you may think of one whose fur was worn thin by hugs. Your teddy may have been dressed as a favorite nursery-rhyme character. Or, perhaps you were encouraged early on to collect Steiff or Gund bears and have amassed a closet full. Now through February 28, the Art & Music Department at the Main Library will display cuddly examples of bears from past to present. This historic exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the teddy bear is a chance to relive your childhood, while taking a closer look at how these adorable toy creatures evolved into one of America's favorite novelties.



Michelle Hopkins of WLWT-TV5 to host Read-In Chain.

"NOVELS AT NOON" AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

For those who enjoy reading and discussing contemporary fiction, satisfy your hunger by indulging in "Novels at Noon." Join members of the Fiction Department on the first Monday of every month at 12 noon to discuss your favorite contemporary fiction and open your mind to something new. Come to Room 3B on the third floor of the Main Library. Bring your lunch, we'll provide dessert! Upcoming selections:

- January - *Montana, 1948* by Larry Watson
- February - Donna Woolfolk Cross, author of *Pope Joan*, will join us by phone! Learn firsthand how the novel was researched and written and how it's being adapted to screen.

- March - Since it's Academy Awards month along with our selection, *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* by Ruth Wells, be prepared for popcorn and Ju-Ju Bees!
- April - *The Fourth Hand* by John Irving
- May - *Empress of the Splendid Season* by Oscar Hijuelos



LIBRARY RESOURCES

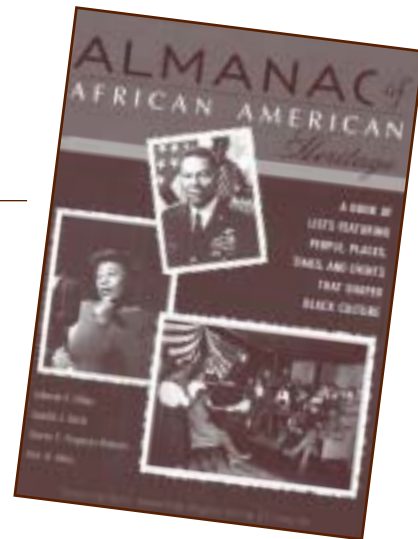
AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AT THE LIBRARY

Years before African American history was taught at most universities and when most public libraries only carried African American history books at their “black branches,” the Public Library had a significant collection at its Main Library. Today the Library boasts one of the strongest African American history collections in the state, if not the U.S. Materials range from children’s books, African American almanacs and encyclopedias to research sources used by scholars. Part of every department in the Library, the extensive collection offers information on African American history through books, microfilm, CD-ROM, audio and video tapes, as well as DVDs.

Among the special sources available at the Library are:

- Plantation records on 1,634 reels of microfilm, including slave registers, family groups, descriptions of slaves, freedom papers, runaway advertisements
- *Black Biography 1790–1950*, the most complete index to African American biographical dictionaries with full text of 297 works, covering nearly 31,000 names
- African American magazines and newspapers with current and historical coverage, including *Index to Black Periodicals (1950–present)*
- Histories of African American military regiments as well as record of the U.S. Colored Troops from the Civil War
- Historical materials on African Americans in Cincinnati
- Genealogies of African American families
- *International Dictionary of Black Composers*
- *Blacks in American Film and Television: An Encyclopedia*

- The WPA slave narratives, interviews during the Great Depression with former slaves
- *African American Firsts in Science and Technology*
- Selected titles from the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture



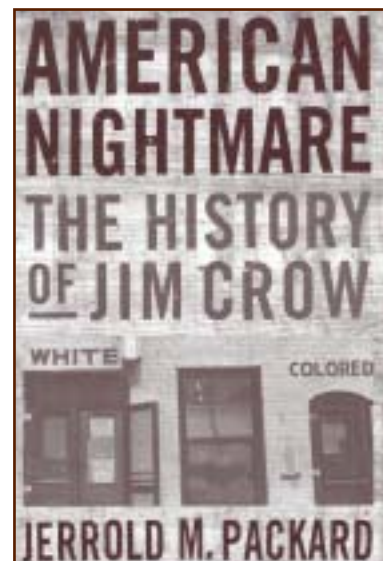
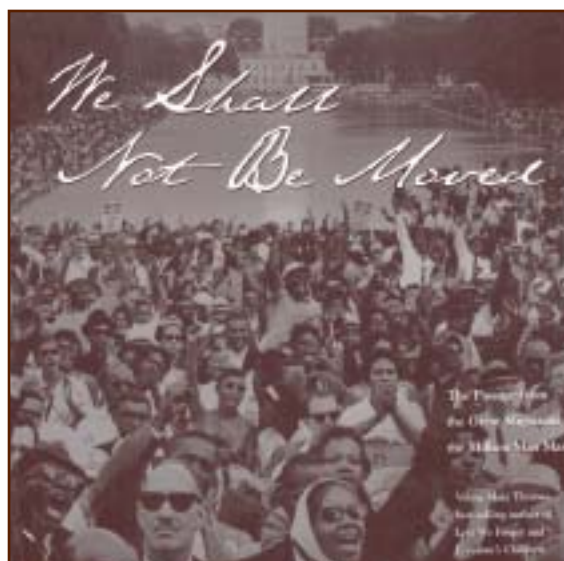
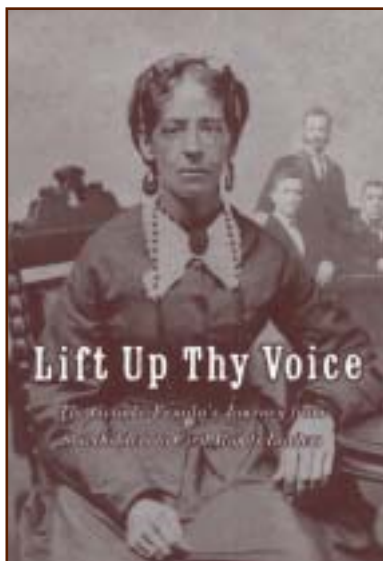
Plus, Civil Rights Research on microfilm in the Government & Business Department:

- Papers of the NAACP, including the Voting Rights Campaign, Scottsboro trials, and monitoring of Ku Klux Klan activities
- FBI files on Martin Luther King, the Black Panther Party, Jessie Jackson, Paul Robeson, and the National Negro Congress
- Records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference
- Civil rights during the Kennedy Administration, the Johnson Administration, and President Truman’s Committee on Civil Rights
- Federal Surveillance of Afro-Americans
- New Deal Agencies and Black Americans

The Library also offers several suggested reading lists including:

- *Family History Resources at the Public Library*
- *African American Lives on Video*
- *African American Fiction Writers: A Selected List*
- *Just Like Me: African American Novels for Teens*

Keep an eye on “What’s New” at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org for information on Black History Month and resources at the Library.



NEW IN THE FRIENDS' SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

Monday–Saturday 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00–4:00 p.m.

513-369-6920

Mini Gift Boxes

Small yet packed full of surprises. Choose from: "Party in a Box" for an instant celebration; "Joy Cooking Cookie Kit" for cookie making tips, even mini cookie cutters; "Wishing Stones" to keep positive energy in your pocket; and more.



Stained Glass Windows

Several shapes and sizes with colorful designs

Author Key Rings

Made of pewter and designed in the shape of a book, each adorned by a different author's name on one side, and a quote by that author on the other.

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

- I would like to join the Friends of the Public Library
- I would like to purchase a gift membership
- I would like information on volunteering

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Daytime Telephone (optional) _____

Gift from _____

Charge by phone at the Library Friends' Shop (513) 369-6920

MC or VISA _____ Exp. _____

- Students, Seniors (over 60),
Current and Retired Library Staff \$10
- 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 _____

Make Checks payable to: Friends of the Public Library
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.*

FRIENDS' MEMBERS

Special thanks to our members who renewed or joined in October and November:

Benefactor

Mrs. Robert M. Bergstein
Brenda Johns
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kloecker
Mr. & Mrs. John P. LaMacchia
Mr. & Mrs. Richard S. Wayne

Patron

Romola N. Allen
Barbara Hall Baxter
Mr. & Mrs. Jay DeWitt
Sheila M. Freyhof
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Friedlander
Jean F. Mulford
Eric S. Paternoster
Genevieve H. Pennington
Mr. & Mrs. Donald W. Pratt
Pat Schoettker
Mary Louise Schroth
Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Schwenker
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Shackelford
Stanley D. Shores, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Skidmore
Mr. & Mrs. Barry S. Stulberg

Sponsor

Julia H. Beers
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Connelly
Dr. Susan Einbinder
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore G. Hagen
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph V. Haile
Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Henley
Mary Jacqmin
Margie Joering
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Kolish
Marcia S. Korner
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Lamphear
Gretchen B. McCormick
James N. Myers
Mr. & Mrs. Morton W. Olman
Christine M. Rettig
William Strangfeld
J. Mack Swigert
Kate Thomas
Maria L. Viola
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wright

Non-Profit Organization

Dr. & Mrs. Donald R. Welti

Family/Dual

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Agee
Mr. & Mrs. John Alexander
R.M. Baker
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bauer
Mr. & Mrs. George W. Behymer
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Bertke
Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Black, Jr.
Heather Campbell

Mr. & Mrs. Russ Childers
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cody
Mr. & Mrs. Philip T. Cohen
Mr. & Mrs. Edward E. Colby
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cole
Mr. & Mrs. Michael C. Connelly
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Doebbling
Mr. & Mrs. Kent Eanes
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Farrar
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Forberg
Mr. & Mrs. Joel French
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gibbons
Dr. & Mrs. Marshall Ginsburg
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hartke
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Hils
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Hoffman
Anne N. Holzschuh
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Jacob
Renee Marie Joris
Mr. & Mrs. David J. Klotzkin
Mr. & Mrs. Carole Kuhlman
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lacker
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Langmeyer
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lehman
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel R. Lobar
Toniann Markle
Donna H. Meakin
Joyce A. Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Dean Moore
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Morgan
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence D. Mullaney
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Neiheisel
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan R. Newberry
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Niederhelman
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Oehlschlaeger
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel R. Ott
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Otting
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pennington
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph D. Ruttler
Mr. & Mrs. Milton J. Schloss
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Schwartz
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest D. Siders
Leigh Smith
Lewis Stoffel
Dr. & Mrs. Garfield L. Suder
Byron A. Tetric
Dr. & Mrs. Stanley Troup
Mr. & Mrs. William W. Victor
Mr. & Mrs. James M. Wamsley
Eric Weinberg
Dr. & Mrs. Bernard C. Wexler
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Wilhelmy
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. James R. Witte
Dr. Richard E. Wolf
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis B. Worthen
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Yasgur
Wallace Young

Individuals, Library Staff & One Family Member

Lois Ahlers
Harriet Anderson
Martha Ashman
Andrew Balterman
Charlene Bandurraga-Hole
Jeannine Barbeau
Jean Bechtold
Cynthia H. Bellson
Marni Blanken
Bina Bonnell
Daniel E. Bly
Kim Carroll
Jamal Choudhry
Ruth Corgan
Charlotte J. Decker
Karen S. Deye
Beth Druhan
Kathleen M. Due
Anne Eggers
Lisa M. Ellis
Mrs. John E. Fischer
Angela M. Garcia-Johnson
Norma Gentzler
Maureen Gerrein
Joan Gilmore
James Grado
Kimberly Hartley
Donna Hartman
Sallie Hilvers
Melcenia Hunter
Helen S. Hutchinson
Mary Lou Johnston
Loraine Kaestle
Kathleen A. Kandelson
Karen Kelley
Kathy King
E. Wyona King
Quvadás Kinney
Sharon Kissell
Mary Alice Lechler
Janet Lee
Mary Kay Levesay
Greg Loring
William J. Macke
Eileen Mallory
Lois M. Marples
Richard F. McNally
Tammie McQuinn
Jerry Merkel
A. Maureen Moorhead
Mary M. Moran
Nancy Morgan
Michael E. Morthorst
Richard N. Mosher
Mary Naylor
Ann Neuer
Debbie Newman
Gary Overmann
Michael H. Paganelli
Patricia J. Powell
Denise J. Prues
Susan Purvis
Pamela Rayome
Marianne Reynolds

Myra L. Rifkin
Anne Rittershofer-Neumann
Dr. Emmanuel Rivera
Terry Robertson
Karen J. Romme
Kate Rousmaniere
Mary F. Sanker
Bertha E. Schank
Eleanor J. Scott
Lloyd Shadley
Dorothy L. Siegel
John Sigler
Doris Simmons
Janet M. Smith
Kathy Stephan
Kathleen M. Stewart
Margaret Straub
Warren Sublette
Lynn Sumeler
Bethany A. Thomas
Engrid Emerson Vaughan
Kathleen Venter
Laura Vogel
Paul Wagner
Lonna Walker
Robynn Warner
Cheryl Whitmore
Gary Wilkins
Gary Wong

Students, Seniors, Current & Retired Library Staff

Joan Ahlers
Malinda Anderson
Marian Apking
Leah S. Aronoff
Gail Baer
Betty J. Baerveldt
Charles Baker
Elizabeth Barker
Maria E. Beissel
George Blakey
Dr. Alison C. Boyd
Thelma S. Buettinger
Gloria Chabot
Monte Chesko
Sonia J. Church
Ray Cunningham
Bobbie Dempwolf
Donna Denoon
Dorothy Dickerson
Dolores Eaton
Ursula Evans
Venus E. Fasce
Betty Fielman
Doris A. Fluck
Elaine Gillespie
Frances Goetz
Philip Golder
John Grady
Concetta Grove
Mary Ann Hamill
Irene Hammitt
David T. Harvey
Siva Heiman
Joyce M. Henn
Melva J. Henn
Norbert J. Henrich
John C. Hill
Barbara J. Hopkins
Annette Horwitz
Laurie Jacobs
Barbara Jenkins
Saralynsu Jervis
Elizabeth Kann
Barbara Kent
Charles H. Klein
Carole M. Klumb
Betty J. Lazaron
Frank M. Lee
Janet Lee
Dorothy A. Lenhart
Pat L. Ludeke
Sue Lumb
Dave Machnovitz
Jo Ann Mackey
June Magrish
Thomas W. Mahaney
Mary Linda Mahoney
Constance Mann
Carol Mann
Earl W. Mautz
William Joel McCray
Pat McKinney
Linda Meece
Elmer Michael
Thelma Morris
Jean H. Morrison
Kay C. Niklas
Janet M. O'Dell
Suzanne Olivero
Albert Otten
Margaret Penrod
Margaret F. Peters
Ruth M. Phelps
Michael A. Planicka
Odean Poindexter
Louis M. Prince
Aleen Ranz
David Richards
Robert L. Riehle
Ken Schoettmer
Deanna R. Schwer
JoAnn Shough
Gari Silverblatt
Joseph Simmons
Sharon J. Sindelar
Betty Spettel
Carol St. Andre
Nancy Tanner
Margaretha Teets
Joyce E. Thalheimer
Doris M. Thomson
Yvonne E. Tipper
Mary Ellen Welsh
Liz Wendelmoot
Joanne H. Wheeler
Lois B. Wilner
Ann F. Wingerberg
Marilyn Young

THANKS TO...



Photo: Amy Banister

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition presented its annual gift to the Library on November 12. The \$1,000 gift will be added to the trust fund that they established for the purchase of items relating to Dr. King's life and legacy of peace. Coalition President Maxwilliam SaekiLewis (standing center) along with members of the coalition presented the check to Executive Director Kimber L. Fender. Pictured are, from left to right, seated: Dr. Catherine Roma, Rev. Marcella E. Smith (Secretary), Catherine L. Daniels, Evelyn Johnson, Dan N. Griffith IV, Jennie L. Smith. Second row: Willa Carlock (Treasurer), Rabbi Gary P. Zola (Vice President), Kimber Fender, Maxwilliam J. SaekiLewis (President), Vanessa A. Perry, Y. Laketa Cole, Dr. Nancy Savage, Roy L. Goosbey, Janice Kagermeier. Back row: Byron D. Coaston, Mark Gable.

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is deeply grateful for the generosity of our community and welcomes gifts of all sizes. Your donations are essential to ensuring delivery of excellent Library service and availability of the widest possible range of informational resources for all ages. For any inquiries regarding contributions, please contact Sera Williams, Development Director, 513-369-4591.

SAVE THE LIBRARIES FUND

Shirley A. Rothfeld
 The Eden Family Foundation
 Carol A. Or
 Stephen & Lora Wolke
 Edwin Brott
 Mr. & Mrs. Norman S. Brown, Jr.

Nancy Hellman
 Vanessa Spans
 Richard A. Mashburn
 Shelley Richardson
 Christine Wilson
 Fred R. Locey, IV
 Thomas Niesen

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

An **Anonymous** donor has offered a gift of up to \$100,000 for the expansion of the Clifton Branch Library into the storefront next to the current rental space on Ludlow Avenue.

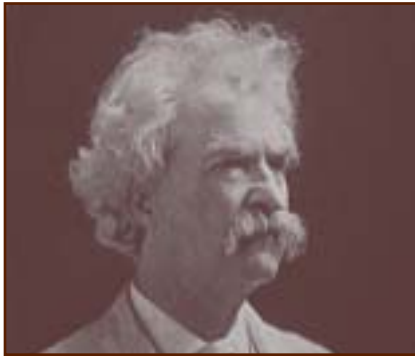
Charles E. Work Fund B Trust
 Montgomery Woman's Club, Inc.
 NAMS Foundation Inc.
 Kenneth & Margaret Knox
 Frances E. Siebel
 Martha E. Crew
 Clare Barnett
 Mr. & Mrs. James L. Mulhausen



Photo: Amy Banister

Michael J. Battoclette, Senior Principal of Champlin/Haupt Architects, Inc., presents a check for \$1,500 to Executive Director Kimber L. Fender for support of the book to be published in commemoration of the Library's 150th Anniversary.

THANKS TO...



Charles Fleischmann donated *The Writings of Mark Twain*, a 35-volume set of the works of Samuel Clemens published from 1922–25, to the Library. With its signature "S.L. Clemens, Mark Twain," in Volume 1 it is an important addition to the Clemens collection in the Rare Books & Special Collection Department.

GIFTS TO RARE BOOKS

Charles Fleischmann
J. Philip Schuette
John H. White, Jr.
Peter Thomas
Dr. Eric M. White
Andrew Hoyem
Anderson Library Committee

COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS

Mrs. Koben K. Hinman in memory of her mother, Mrs. Millison E. Kobenger Kelly.

Kathryn Stearns in memory of Gus Kutzko.

Gayle & Frank Lang in memory of Gustave Kutzko.

Richard & Phyllis Crawford in memory of Norman "Bud" Schweitzer.

Estelle Reisinger in memory of Charles Weast.

L. Patton Davis in memory of Betty Rellaham.

William R. Townley, Harry G. Herbst, Jr., and Lou & Ann Kroner in memory of Julia C. Berner.



Photo: Phyllis Hegner

David Seymore, Manager of the Colerain Wal-Mart, presents a \$1,000 check to Kathy Scahill, Literacy Coordinator for the Library, to support literacy in the community.

Mrs. Julius Schild in honor of Harry Hoffheimer's birthday.

OTHER/IN-KIND

Mariemont Garden Club
Addie Johnson
Jeanette & George Scanlon
Media Bridges
Waycross Community Video
Johnston Paper
Harold Huber
Jeff's Marathon
Hatting's SuperMarket
Bridgetown Finer Meats
Colerain High School

GIFTS OF MATERIALS

Fred Leymann
Janet Smith
Patricia Allen
Pam & Glenn Grosardt
Overeaters Anonymous of Greater Cincinnati Intergroup
Cincinnati Kennel Club
Mona Anna Mailhes
Owen Knight
Allen W. Bernard
Bruce T. Petrie
Linda Langlitz
Ruth Davis



Ashley Rankin, a fourth grade student at Loveland Elementary School, started a fundraiser this fall to benefit the Library. She organized a readathon where she and fellow classmates secured pledges of \$1.00 for each chapter they read. On October 22, Ashley's class presented a check for \$246 to Loveland Branch Manager Rosemary Ogg. Pictured are, from the left, Loveland Elementary teacher Brandy Carter, student Ashley Rankin, and Loveland Branch Manager Rosemary Ogg.

THANKS TO...

GIFTS OF MATERIALS

Alice F. & Harris K. Weston
Art Gallery
Kate Kern
Hebrew Union College Library
Phyllis Cohn
Kathleen Connick
Joan Eleanor Riddle Giles
Barbara J. Holub & Rev. Dr. John
Wesley Seay
James C. Gill
Albert Wilcox Savage
Thomas J. Craig
Jerry Pape
Paulette Hansel
Calvary Episcopal Church
Rusty Lyttleton
Joyce Kater
Vicki Newell
Alan Fothergill
Little Miami Publishing
Company

Maggie Bowling
Judy Stowers Siddoway
Church of Our Saviour
Kathy Steffey

GIFTS TO THE FRIENDS

Joseph A. & Susan E. Pichler
Fund of The Greater
Cincinnati Foundation.

Anonymous Donor of
The Greater Cincinnati
Foundation.

Ruth Burkart, Margaret
Long & Cathy Schlomer in
memory of Frances Rose.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert W.
Rodger in memory of
Frances Rose.



For the second consecutive year, the Westwood Woman's Garden Club decorated the Community Christmas Tree at the Main Library. Assisting were, from left to right: O. C. Cordes, Diane Barth, Mary Gardner, Nancy Schlemmer, and Caroline Bruckmann.



PET MEMORIALS

Lucille B. Cetrulo in memory of Bob & Marty Husman's dog Ginger.

Rick & Gwen Roesel in memory of Neil & Lori Bambrick's dog Chance and of Chan & Donna Dambaugh's dog Pudder.

Linda Seiter, Chuck Brown & Elliott in memory of Jackie Gruer & Gail Fiebig's dog Roxie.

Marcia & Paul Hendrick in memory of Jeannette Diehl's dog Rusty Ann.

Betsy & Paul Ott in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Evans' dogs Miller and Bentley.

Robin Lippelman & John Mezaraups in memory of Andrea Lippelman's cat Barney and Nancy Roach & Theo Feig's cat Mario.

Joe & Mary Jo McKibben in memory of their dog Dottie.

The Langhorst Family in memory of Jim & Joyce Hibbard's dog Elsa.

Kathy Lang in memory of Janice Lee's dog Cassie.

Donna Mattingly in memory of Dianne Bohmer's dog Murphy B.

Patti, Renie, Melissa, Robin, Diane & Cathy in memory of The Kirkpatrick Family's dog Cleo.

Ann & Robert Wesner in memory of Sue Pearson's dog Scout.

Kuliga Dog Training Club in memory of Ron Brockhoff's Becca.

Miami Animal Hospital in memory of Jan Morrill's cat Jingles.

Donald Fought in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fought, Sr.'s dog Trouble.

Michelle Browning in memory of Cynthia Whitt-Covalcine's dogs Sophie and Emma.

Jo Carroll in memory of Ray Simonson's cat Babycat.

ANNUAL FUND

Benefactor—\$5,000+

Mary & Joseph S. Stern, Jr.

Partner—\$1,000+

Margaret A. Mays

Sustaining—\$250+

Ruth Corgan

Barbara Lawrence

E.W. Marshall Tucker

Richard C. Usher

Westside Stories Bookclub

Contributor—\$100+

Joyce Baer

Jeanne Bauer-Nilsen

Christopher & Kathleen Carr

Mrs. Carter's Fourth Grade
Class-Loveland Elementary
School

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew
Chimsky

Luella Copp

Stephen L. Cox

Nancy L. Dinkelaker

Ruth Epstein

Mary Ann & Robert Faelten

Angela S. Farmer

George Ferguson

Tony Ferrarelli

Megan & Matthew Fitzpatrick

Kathryn M. Holm

Robert L. Jennings

Anne Tracy Koenig

Marcia S. Korner

Gretchen & Bob McCormick

Phyllis McElravy

Jean F. Mulford

Lee & Lisa Nordloh

Mary Sue Peters

Barbara A. Pray

Nancy Romes

Carol St. Andre

Michael A. Schwartz

Denise Sretchen

Pamela Temple & Spencer
Funk

Stan & Barbara Tyirich

Mr. & Mrs. William W.
Victor

Ruth W. Westheimer

Bookworm—\$50+

Dr. & Mrs. F. Jay Ach

Audrey Bazler

John Berndsen

Bianne L. Bobbitt

Jan Boone

Mark Brown

Kenny R. Burck

Ethel Cleaver

Lori B. Choudhury

Billie C. Combs

Deb Cyprych

Raymond Devine

Barbra Druffel

Mr. & Mrs. Randy C.
Gardner

Freddie Lee Gates

Mrs. Douglas P. Graf

Dorothy Groshon

Kristen Gruber & Christopher
Greene

Richard M. Hall

Joseph E. Hamrick

Andrea Hartenburg

Kelly L. Heaton

Mary Elizabeth Huey

Elizabeth Ann Jones

Carol & John Krehbiel

Helen L. Kropf

Bea V. Larsen

Carol J. Lowen

Marilyn Murphy

Don & Betty Nagel

National Child Support in
memory of Julia Berner

Kathy Schwegman

Anita Sengupta

Becky & Jim Shea

Mary Ruth Smyjunas

George & Jill Stump

Sue B. Straus

Carol Sturzenberger

Randa Suidan

Marilyn Wehri

Sue L. Woodruff

Francis & Margaret Wright

Browser—\$25+

Gary L. Allen

David Backman & Bonita
Malit

Joseph Bagby & Barbara Sliter

Virgil Basquette

Melvin & Kathleen Bedree

Katherine A. Biederman

Stuart Blersch

Mr. & Mrs. Leo M. Bozzuto

Joseph Costantini

Evelyn Faye Davis

Mr. & Mrs. David Dombar

Julia Doyle

D & S Painting and
Stephen D. Vice

Frank Dugan

John & Kathleen Erpelding

Jean A. Fehring

Mrs. John E. Fischer

Joseph Fischer

Chris Hall

Gwen E. Gregory

Katherine S. Hammett

Pamela Healy

Lewis Karpf

Shirley L. Kelly

Debbie Kiner

Mrs. Jamie W. Lanier

Mary Lenihan

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth K. Levy

Wan C. Lim (Markham)

Elaine P. Long

Theresa Lustik

Peter J. Marshall

Jeff Miskimens

Price Hill Branch staff

Deborah L. Richter

George & Donna Richter

Anne Rittershofer-Neumann

Rae M. Ryan

Joyce Salinger



Sarah Schellenger

Janet K. Schenk

Gerald & Mary Lou Schmidt

Georgia A. Stangel

Karen H. Stewart

Kathy Taylor

Marilyn Theis

Sheila M. Valerius

Douglas VanDerzee

Valerie Varwig

Judith Wachendorf

Ron & Vicki Weisbrod

Lenora Whiston-McCoy

Nicholas Wilberschied

Nell Wulff

Cliff & Barbara Zepf

Tracy K. Zimmerman

Other

Edith L. Curran

JoAnna Enderle

Lisa Ferguson

Sarah Kuczaj

Alana Johnson

Susan Lewis

Janet A. Morgan

Catherine Plichta

Sharon Rogers

Laura Rosenblum

Judy Scharborough

Kathy Telscher

Mike & Lisanne Thompson

Elvia Tuttle

Carrie Vale

Lance Vera & Stefanie

Thomas-Vera

Bev Wermeling

Alice Winters

Donna Yeager

LIBRARY NEWS

THREE BRANCH LIBRARIES RECEIVE AWARDS

Norwood Branch Renovation Receives Preservation Award—The Public Library was a winner of a Cincinnati Preservation Association 2002 Preservation Award for the extensive renovation completed in 2001 of the Norwood Branch Library. The second of nine Carnegie libraries built in Hamilton County, the Norwood Branch was completed in 1907 and is an example of the Italian Renaissance style. These awards are given every year to the most outstanding projects that contribute to historic preservation in the Greater Cincinnati area. The award was presented at the Preservation Association's annual meeting on November 10, held at Memorial Hall.

Harrison Branch Library Selected for Cincinnati Design Award—For the past six years the AIA Cincinnati (a Chapter of the American Institute of Architects), the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Cincinnati/Dayton City Center, and the Society of Environmental Graphic Design (SEGD) Midwest Ohio Region have joined together to celebrate and reward the best in regional environmental design at the Annual Cincinnati Design Awards (CDA). This year, the Harrison Branch Library was among those recognized at the CDA when the building's architects, Champlin/Haupt, received an Honor Award for Built Work for this project. This year's nineteen award winning CDA entries will be showcased in a traveling exhibit that will open in January at the Main Library and then move to the Carew Tower Lobby and the Museum Center Rotunda.

Westwood Branch Expansion Receives National Recognition—Moody/Nolan Ltd., Inc., architects for Westwood Branch Library expansion, recently captured a Merit Award from the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA). The award was announced at NOMA's Annual Meeting held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. When the \$1.9 million expanded and remodeled Westwood Branch Library was unveiled to the public on June 8, 2002, the 1930s style of the original building was retained while addressing the needs of 21st century users. With its beautiful Spanish Mission architecture, stone fireplace, balcony above the circulation desk, and solid oak shelving and trim, the branch is known for its unique décor and warmth, making it an inviting retreat for avid readers.

CLEARANCE-1/2 PRICE USED BOOK SALE — JANUARY 23–26 AT FRIENDS' WAREHOUSE

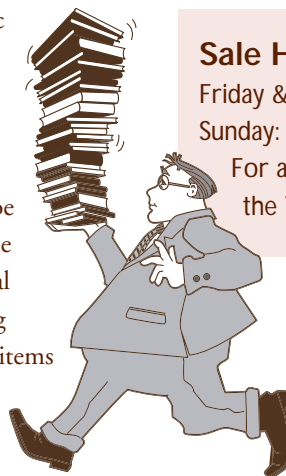
The entire collection of materials—over 100,000 books, CDs, cassettes, and videos—will be available for purchase at the Friends of the Public Library's seventh annual Clearance-1/2 Price Used Book Sale from January 24–26. A Preview Sale for Friends' members will take place on Thursday, January 23 from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

All categories of books will be available for purchase. There will also be a limited number of encyclopedia sets available. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Public Library in many ways by providing funds for special programming for children and adults; supporting the summer reading program and annual author events; and purchasing rare and valuable items for the collection not available through regular funding.



Photo: Amy Banister

Pictured with the Cincinnati Preservation Association (CPA) 2002 Preservation Award for the extensive renovation completed in 2001 of the Norwood Branch Library presented on November 10 are, from the left: CPA member Christopher Cain, Norwood Project Architect Joe Schwab of GBBN, the Library's Facilities & Securities Services Director Ray Hils, and CPA President Paul Muller.



Sale Hours:

Friday & Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

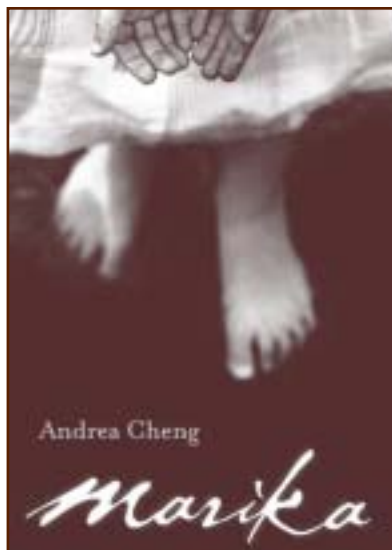
Sunday: 12:00–4:00 p.m.

For additional information, contact the Warehouse at (513) 369-6035.

LIBRARY NEWS

PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR 2003 "ON THE SAME PAGE"

Planning for the next installment of "On the Same Page," Cincinnati's citywide reading program is currently underway. Once again, the Library is partnering with *Cincinnati Magazine*, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, Cincinnati Public Schools, WCET48, and Joseph-Beth Booksellers to build upon the success of our first program this past spring. During that initial effort, Ernest J. Gaines' *A Lesson Before Dying* was the title used to foster a community dialogue about books, reading, and community issues, with impressive results: the book was the Library's highest circulating title for four months, and more than 5,000 local residents participated in programs and discussions. New to the 2003 program is the addition of a title for younger readers: *Marika* by Andrea Cheng. Ms. Cheng is a local author, and her



novel relates the story of a young Hungarian girl coming to grips with her Jewish heritage. Title selection for the adult title is still underway, with an announcement of the selected title slated for early 2003.



Author Andrea Cheng and her mother, Mary Kartal, who served as an inspiration for her moving novel *Marika*.

PASSPORT SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Beginning January 2, area residents will have one more reason to come to the Main Library. That's when the Library will begin processing passport applications as the newest member of the State Department's Passport Application Acceptance Program. The Library joins a network of state, county, township, and municipal offices and governmental units that serve as official application acceptance facilities. Because of its convenient service hours and excellent customer service, the Library is an outstanding place to provide this vital national service to U.S. citizens. As a member of the State Department's Passport Application Acceptance Program, the Library will:

- provide passport applications and information materials
- record and verify customers' identification
- review applications for completeness
- ensure customers submit proper photos, citizenship documentation, and fees
- administer oath and witness signatures
- forward applications to the State Department on a timely basis

Administered by the Public Documents & Patents Department at the Main Library, passport applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., and by appointment only on Sundays, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and Saturdays. A special phone line has been set up to field phone inquiries (369-6976), and a new page:

(<http://passports.cincinnati.library.org>) has been added to the Library's web site with information about the application process and what applicants need to submit, hours of operation, and links to a variety of passport-related government resources. Standard government application fees will apply; the Library will retain the execution fee of \$30.00 charged by all agencies that accept applications.



BEYOND BESTSELLERS

Mysteries and Suspense

Savage Run

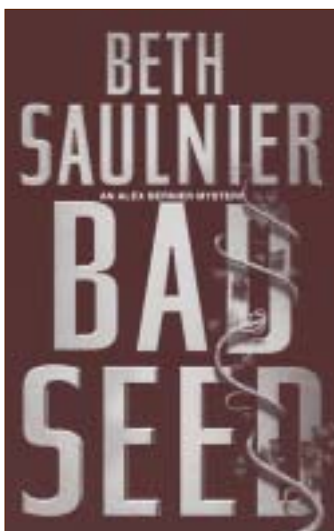
by C. J. Box

In his second outing (after *Open Season*), Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett is faced with a violent conflict between ecoterrorists and local ranchers. Can the competent but often bumbling warden rise to the occasion? The western setting, the appealing hero, and the balanced exploration of the environmental issues make for a fine mystery.

Vertical Burn

by Earl Emerson

With companies out battling a number of small fires around the city, Seattle's firefighters are undermanned when a skyscraper goes up in flames. Jack Finney of Company 10 thinks this is a bit too coincidental, but before he can prove his conspiracy theory, he'll have to avoid being set up for the crimes and arrested for arson in this blazing thriller.



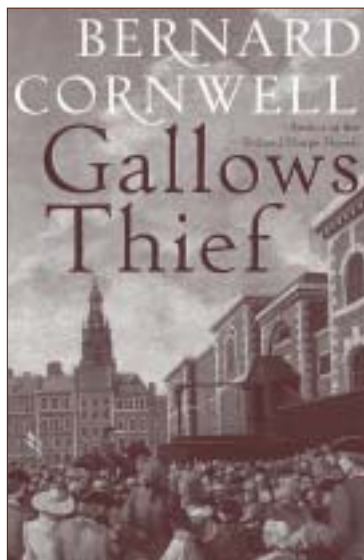
Bad Seed: An Alex Bernier Mystery

by Beth Saulnier

Reporter Alex Bernier is covering a convention of genetic scientists when

one of them, a woman passionately committed to using genetically modified crops to feed the world, is killed. Alex resolves to find her murderer, but suspects range from international protestors to colleagues and family. Alex is a great new series character, spirited, witty, and smart.

Historical Fiction



Gallows Thief

by Bernard Cornwell

Rider Sandman, a British officer who has had to sell his commission and now lives in a squalid London tavern, agrees to investigate the case of a convicted murderer. It takes him even deeper into London's filthy alleys—and its dirty politics. The author of the *Richard Sharpe* novels offers an unusually gritty view of Regency England in this new historical series.

The Broken Lands: A Novel of Arctic Disaster

by Robert Edric

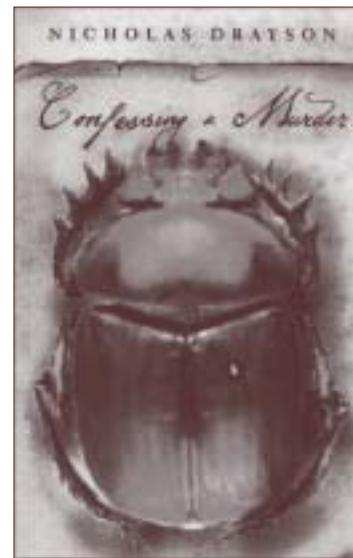
The doomed Arctic expedition of 1845, in which Sir John Franklin and his party searched for the Northwest Passage, receives a stirring fictional

treatment. Englishman Robert Edric expands upon the few facts known about the fate of the expedition, producing a fascinating novel of courage, adventure, and scientific exploration in the nineteenth century.

Ghost Warrior

by Lucia St. Clair Robson

Veteran historical novelist Robson recounts the last desperate years of the Indian wars in the Southwest through the eyes of Lozen, an Apache woman warrior and shaman who fought beside Geromino, and of fictional frontiersman Rafe Collins. Her unsentimental yet compassionate look at both sides of the conflict is the latest of her marvelous historical portraits.



Confessing a Murder

by Nicholas Drayson

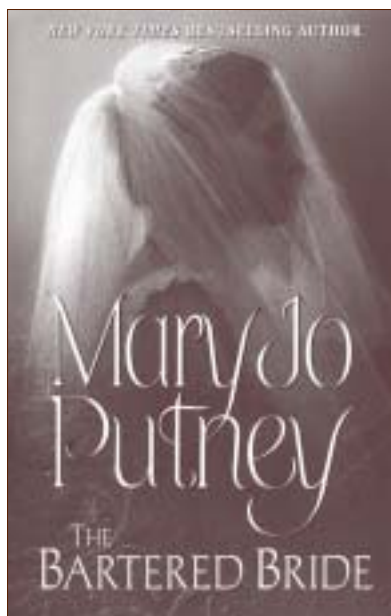
Drayson takes some of the richest conventions of adventure fiction (the found manuscript, the quest for fantastic treasure, the island castaway) and turns them into an intricate historical and philosophical fantasy, sure to appeal to fans of sophisticated fiction: the tale of a man who gave Darwin the idea for his theory of natural selection.

BEYOND BESTSELLERS

The Bartered Bride

by Mary Jo Putney

This is a treat for romance readers, with one of the most gallant heroes to come along in years and a charming, resourceful heroine. An American merchant in the East Indies, Gavin Elliott wins a series of chivalrous challenges to barter freedom for enslaved Alexandra Warren. She must rescue him in return back in London when he is framed for her murder.



Other Fiction

Lucky in the Corner

by Carol Anshaw

This is a deft and sweet novel about family relationships and people doing the best they can. Fern is still wary about her mother, Nora, since the time when Fern was twelve and Nora broke up the family to come out as a lesbian. Now in college, Fern is determined not to let her best friend make mistakes that will be equally devastating for her baby.

What We Won't Do: Stories

by Brock Clarke

Clarke, an assistant professor at the University of Cincinnati, won the 2000 Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction for this collection. Clarke's absorbing stories, mostly about men who struggle with midlife crises in work and relationships, have a wry, sometimes cynical tone and striking satirical edge.



The Making of June

by Annie Ward

In the harsh setting of 1990s Bulgaria, Ward tells the story of June, a spoiled Californian, who has accompanied her husband to the war-torn area. Their fragile marriage crumbles in this high-pressure situation, forcing June to rebuild her life. The intertwined stories of Bulgaria's recent dark days and of June's maturing are told in fascinating counterpoint.

At Swim, Two Boys: A Novel

by Jamie O'Neill

In 1915, the son of a Dublin shopkeeper and a boy from the slums renew their childhood friendship and acknowledge the tentative sexual attraction between them. O'Neill

draws direct parallels between the Irish quest for nationality and the gay quest for recognition and a "nation of the heart" in this accomplished and heartrending debut, resounding with Irish literary echoes.

CDs & Audio Books

Playboy Latin jazz Christmas

by various artist, CDJ 3116

Honorary Citizen

by Peter Tosh, CDP 6459



Become the Media

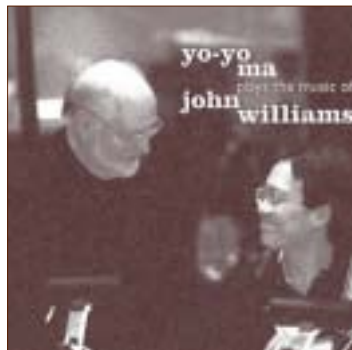
by Jello Biafra, CDP 6455

Fury

by Salman Rushdie, CDW 1273

Red Rabbit

by Tom Clancy, C 27169



Yo-Yo Ma Plays the Music of John Williams

by Yo-yo Ma, CD 10202



THE
PUBLIC
LIBRARY

of Cincinnati
and
Hamilton County

800 Vine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio
45202-2071

www.CincinnatiLibrary.org

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Cincinnati, Ohio
Permit No. 3221

This newsletter is a publication of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. It is mailed bi-monthly to the Friends of the Public Library as a benefit of membership. If you have comments or questions regarding material in this newsletter, please contact the Public Relations Office at the above address or telephone 513-369-6970.

Board of Trustees
Bailey W. Turner, *President*
Elizabeth H. LaMacchia, *Vice President*
Joseph S. Stern, Jr., *Secretary*

Charles W. Anness
Tara L. Khoury
Charles D. Lindberg
William J. Moran

Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director

FREE & PUBLIC FOR 150 YEARS

CELEBRATE THE LIBRARY'S ANNIVERSARY!



FREE & PUBLIC DAY - Come for the history and stay for the fun! Join us as we kickoff the Library's 150th Anniversary on Saturday, March 15 from 1:00–4:00 p.m. at the Main Library. Among one of the first public libraries in the nation, the Public Library began in March of 1853. To commemorate the day, local celebrities will host an afternoon full of festive music, lively dance, and fun-filled activities showcasing the Library and its collections through the ages. Stop by the Main Library or the branch nearest you after February 10 and "Remember Your Library." Be part of our celebration by creating a birthday card for the Library and/or recounting your favorite library moments. Your sentiments may be displayed as a community-wide backdrop for our kickoff event at your neighborhood branch. Get more details at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org and enjoy new experiences at one of the oldest and busiest libraries in the country.

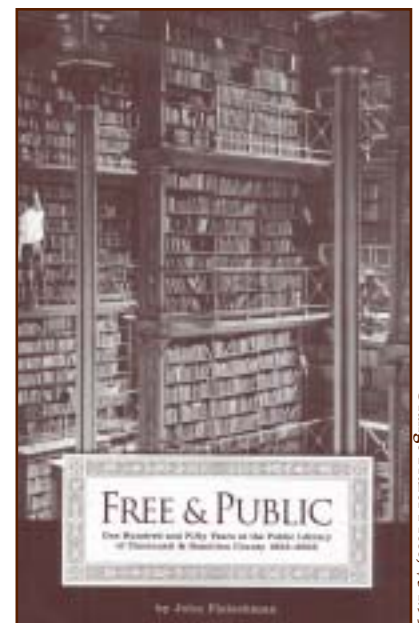
THE
PUBLIC
LIBRARY
of Cincinnati
and
Hamilton County



FREE & PUBLIC: A Journey Through the Library's Past is now on display through March 20 in the Rare Books & Special Collections Department at the Main Library. Highlighting the early days, the exhibit includes rare glimpses of the old Main Library, which opened in 1874 at 629 Vine Street. Housed in 19th century America's most advanced library building, original floor plans and photographs provide an inside view of how it all began. A map of early branches and book deposits, postcards of Carnegie branches, as well as historical photographs and documents are part of the nostalgia. From past administrations, the exhibit features business correspondence from some of America's most recognized professional librarians—William Frederick Poole, who set the framework for Cincinnati to become a national model and the forward thinking Librarian Carl Vitz, who brought the Library into the modern age with the construction of the 1955 building at 800 Vine Street.

FREE & PUBLIC Book Launch - Award-winning writer John Fleischman brings the history of Cincinnati's legendary library to life through *Free & Public: One Hundred and Fifty Years at the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County*. He takes readers through 150 years of the Library's greatest moments retracing how it took shape and how it help shape our community. Filled from cover to cover with 200 of the Library's best photographs, *Free & Public* will be released at a special book signing hosted by the Friends of the Public Library at the Main Library on Saturday, February 1 at 2:00 p.m. For more details on Free & Public Day and the book, call the 150th Anniversary Infoline at 513-369-6974.

Bonus: The first 50 persons to attend will receive a limited-edition, commemorative poster.



Orange Frazer Press, \$34.95