Below: The alcoves of the Old Main Library at 629 Vine Street: "The first impression made upon the mind on entering this hall is the immense capacity for storing books in its five tiers of alcoves, and then the eye is attracted and gratified by its graceful and carefully studied architecture, which provides that no portion of the shelving is deprived of a proper amount of light." — Harper's Weekly

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF SERVICE
In Cincinnati a public library was authorized in March of 1853 and opened its first public reading room in 1856. That incredibly early start put Cincinnati well ahead in the public library leagues. As late as 1890, a government survey of America’s 16 largest cities found that only seven, Cincinnati included, had publicly-supported central libraries. Andrew Carnegie’s gifts would change that picture, but Cincinnati stayed in the public library major leagues into the 21st century. It was one of the first public libraries in America with special services for the blind, for children, and, as a countywide system after 1898, with services for people living in rural areas. The Library was a pioneer in children’s services, in circulating films and recordings, in putting libraries on wheels, in circulating a technology collection, and in computerization of its catalog. In celebration of 150 years of service, look for fascinating exhibits and programs throughout 2003 highlighting Cincinnati’s world-class library, then and now.
MARCH EXHIBITS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Children & the Library Through the Ages - Through vivid photographs showing one of the first children’s reading rooms in the nation, to reaching out to kids through turn-of-the-century “Home Library Clubs,” to bookmobiles serving rural communities, this exhibit highlights the smiles and the children behind them as they discovered their Library. On display in the Children’s Learning Center.

Cincinnati’s Legendary Library: 15 Decades in Collage
Featuring fascinating memorabilia and photographs from the stacks and beyond, this special Anniversary exhibit on the second floor walks you through 150 years of service at the Library.

A Model Library: Andrew Carnegie Sends Greetings to Cincinnati
Andrew Carnegie, the self-educated, self-made Scottish multimillionaire, who left behind a legacy of libraries, gave Cincinnati nine branch libraries. In the Art & Music Department view the Library’s magnificent “Carnegies” up close, yesterday and today, through a series of exceptional interior and exterior photographs, building layouts and blueprints, and even a letter from Carnegie himself.

150TH ANNIVERSARY
BOOK SIGNINGS

Author John Fleischman will sign FREE & PUBLIC: One Hundred and Fifty Years at the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County at the Main Library on March 15 (2:00–4:00 p.m.) along with Cincinnati Post editorial cartoonist Jeff Stahler and structural artist David Day, whose illustrations are also in the book. John will also talk at these branch libraries at 7:00 p.m.: Green Township on April 1; Norwood on April 7; and Blue Ash on April 8.

Director’s Message

I have been working in libraries for 25 years, ever since I worked at the university library while I was a student. Libraries have seen a tremendous amount of change in that length of time. How much greater then is the change that has been seen over the 150 years the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County has existed? First let’s look at the types of materials included in the Library’s collection. Early collections consisted of non-fiction books for adults. No novels. No children’s books. No audiovisuals. By comparison today’s library offers a comprehensive collection on many topics for all ages, including materials in a wide variety of formats and reading levels as well as an outstanding selection of bestselling fiction. In addition to offering books for children, many, many programs are offered each year to introduce children to books, reading, and the Library. While older adults may fondly recall their trips to the Library to borrow books from the children’s room and perhaps to attend a storytime, today’s children will have more diverse memories of their library ranging from meeting beloved authors and seeing magic and puppet shows to exploring new subjects on the PC-Pal CD-ROM stations and doing crafts. Audiovisual materials have also changed over the years moving from stereopticon and lantern slides at the turn of the century through 78 records, filmstrips, 16mm films, and beta videotapes, to the current collection of audiotapes, CDs, CD-ROMs, videos and DVDs. Early researchers had to visit the Library to get the information they needed. Researchers today have many options that include access to research databases 24/7 through computers outside the Library, the ability to request materials from any Library location and have them delivered to the most convenient branch library, as well as the ability to phone or email the Library for assistance. Technology has affected nearly every aspect of the Library’s operations and services by providing new resources, new ways to conduct research, allowing the Library’s resources to be accessed when the Library buildings are closed, and, of course, bringing the Internet to libraries. Clearly many things have changed over the past 150 years. What has remained the same is the Library’s commitment to providing free library service to all. It is this commitment that is at the heart of the public library and this must never change.

Kimber L. Fender
Executive Director
**POET LAUREATE VISITS**

**POET LAUREATE BILLY COLLINS HEADLINES “POETRY IN THE GARDEN”–APRIL 23**

Renowned Library of Congress Poet Laureate Consultant Billy Collins, best known for his humor and the surprising twists in his writing, will headline the Fifth Annual *Poetry in the Garden* Series. Every Wednesday evening in April at 7:00 p.m. join inspiring poets as they share their thoughts in prose and discuss their works in the Reading Garden at the Main Library. Mr. Collins will be featured on April 23 at the Aronoff Center for the Arts – Jarson-Kaplan Theater. The program is made possible by the Nolan Fund.

Collins’ poetry has appeared in anthologies, textbooks, and a variety of periodicals including *Poetry, The American Poetry Review, The American Scholar, Harper’s, The Paris Review,* and *The New Yorker.* His work has been featured in *The Best American Poetry,* 1992, 1993, and 1997. He has also published seven books of poetry, the most recent *Sailing Alone Around the Room* by Random House.

The Library of Congress appointed him the 11th Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry in 2001. Dr. James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress, said of Collins’ work that his poetry “is widely accessible. He writes in an original way about all manner of ordinary things and situations with both humor and a surprising, contemplative twist.”

Mr. Collins has received many honors including fellowships from the New York Foundation for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Guggenheim Foundation. He has also been awarded the Oscar Blumenthal Prize, the Bess Hokin Prize, the Frederick Bock Prize, and the Levinson Prize—all by *Poetry Magazine.* A Distinguished Professor of English at Lehman College, City University of New York, he has taught for the past 30 years, and is also a writer-in-residence at Sarah Lawrence, and served as a Literary Lion of the New York Public Library.

Billy Collins will read and discuss his poetry at the Aronoff Center for the Arts–Jarson-Kaplan Theater on Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. Call for free tickets: (513) 369-6945.
Enjoy “Poetry in the Garden” at the Main Library every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

APRIL 2
Norman Finkelstein & Kiril Merjanski & Holly Feldman Karapetkova

Norman Finkelstein
Professor of English, Xavier University
Published: Restless Messengers, Track, and Columns: Track, Volume II, Drones and Chants appears in The Best American Poetry 2001, Not One of Them in Place: Modern Poetry and Jewish American Identity

Holly Feldman Karapetkova
Pursuing Ph.D. at the University of Cincinnati
Published: Poems in The Formalist, Edge City Review, and Calyx

Kiril Merjanski
Published: Night Tide, Selected Epitaphs from the Decline of the Roman Empire, Land of Clouds, and The Myth of Odyssey-Contemporary Bucolic Poetry

APRIL 9
Pauletta Hansel & Jerry Roscoe

Pauletta Hansel
President/Managing Director of the Women Writing for (a) Change Foundation Divining
Published: Wind, Mountain Review, Adena, Pine Mountain Sand and Gravel, and Appalachian Journal Anthologized in A Gathering at the Forks and Old Wounds, New Words.
Honors: 2002 Ohio Poet of the Year by the Ohio Poetry Day Association

Jerry Roscoe
Poetry reviewer/columnist for The Columbus Dispatch, 1987–1997
Published: Mirror Lake, Ohio Review, New England Review, and South Carolina Review
Honors: Ohioana Book Award in Poetry, 2002 Two Individual Artist Fellowships, Ohio Arts Council

APRIL 16
Jennifer Bosveld & Jeffrey Hillard

Jennifer Bosveld
Owner and publisher of Pudding House Publications, largest small press in America
Honors: The Pioneer Award, The National Association for Poetry Therapy, Individual Artist Fellowship in Poetry from the Ohio Arts Council

Jeffery Hillard
Associate Professor of English, College of Mount St. Joseph Former editor of Cincinnati Poetry Review
Published: The Shadow Family, River Dwellers: Poems of the Settling of the Ohio River, Pieces of Fernald: Poems and Images of a Place, Havana Riffs: Poems on Cuba
Honors: Post-Corbett Award for Literary Artist Two Individual Artist grants, Ohio Arts Council Sister Adelle Clifford Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1998 2000 Writer-in-Residence, Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, Massachusetts

APRIL 30
Richard Taylor & David Sanders

Richard Taylor
Professor of English at Kentucky State University
Published: Girty (a novel), four collections of poems including Stone Eye, Three Kentucky Tragedies, and the text for Palisades of the Kentucky River
Honors: From 1999 to 2001, he served as Kentucky’s poet laureate

David Sanders
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CINCINNATI REDS & LIBRARY TEAM UP
From Opening Day (March 31) through National Library Week (April 6–12), “Get on Top of Your Game @ Your Library” by checking out five items. The more times you do, the more chances you’ll have to enter and win fun prizes from the Cincinnati Reds. As part of an ongoing partnership, the Reds and the Library share a common goal to encourage families and individuals to “get on base” with reading and literacy. Field the many choices you have to borrow the latest bestsellers, feature films on DVD or video, audio books on cassette or CD, and CD-ROMS all for free at the Main Library or any of the Library’s 41 branches. With over 10 million items in the collection the possibilities are endless.

As part of your game strategy log onto www.CincinnatiLibrary.org (click on “Staff Picks” under “In the Spotlight”) for suggested baseball reads, resources, and links to baseball-related websites. On the Library’s website under “What’s New” find out about other exciting events at your neighborhood branch in celebration of National Library Week.

Check Out 5 Items & Enter to Win:
● Cincinnati Reds Tickets
● Cincinnati Reds Baseball Caps
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Everyone who participates scores by enriching yourself through reading and reading-related activities.

STORYTIMES WITH NEW CINCINNATI REDS MASCOT “GAPPER”
He’s big, has a blue nose, and is “read” all over. He’s Gapper, the Cincinnati Reds’ new, fun-loving mascot. He doesn’t speak, but his jovial ways make him an instant hit wherever he goes. Look for Gapper to stop by baseball storytimes at the Main Library and various library branches during National Library Week (April 6–12). Visit the program section of www.CincinnatiLibrary.org to see if he’ll be at your neighborhood library.
BASEBALL PROGRAMS

LIBRARY STEPS UP TO THE PLATE WITH BATS INCREDIBLE! SCULPTURE
Artworks, a nonprofit organization that sponsored the Big Pig Gig, has launched another exciting public art project for 2003—Bats Incredible! where major league sports meet major league art. Area artists will design and construct three dimensional, freestanding “slugger” sculptures using genuine Louisville Slugger baseball bats. The sculptures will be displayed around Cincinnati, the home of America’s first professional baseball team, and Northern Kentucky.

The Library has joined the “fan-demonium” through a bat sponsorship purchased by the LaMacchia Family Foundation and will create its own book-related design to be one of the hundreds of major league “slugger” sculptures showcased around the city through October. Other sculptures will be displayed at the Library throughout the season. Visit www.batsincredible.com to find out more about Bats Incredible! sculptures and upcoming Walking Tours starting at the Main Library.

BATS INCREDIBLE! BATMOBILE TO MAKE LIBRARY ROUNDS
During National Library Week (April 6–12) watch for the Bats Incredible! Batmobile to roll up. It’s bright, bold, and ready to bring baseball on wheels to your neighborhood library. Lots of fun stuff about the game and local baseball traditions are built right into the design. So when you see it coming, stop by and enjoy this year’s baseball craze in an altogether new way.

BASEBALL & SOCIAL HISTORY 1850 TO 1960
Exhibits Cultural Connections
More than a game. To nationally recognized baseball historian and collector Richard L. Miller, baseball was a mirror through which we could view our past. To him it was a reflection of our culture from our westward movement to our tastes in what we eat and drink. Thanks to Helen Miller, who continues to share her late husband’s lifelong passion, others can revisit baseball’s past along with America’s. The first baseball parks brought with them peanuts and popcorn. Then came baseball cards, scorecards, and the World Series. The “Black Sox” scandal showed us our dark side, while the country survived World War I. Shibe Park reflects the concrete and steel monuments we build to the game. The advent of the “base,” the nighttime game, and the opening of the Baseball Hall of Fame—and, its heroes such as Jackie Robinson—reflect a country’s pride and awe.

Through April 24 in the Atrium at the Main Library, you can see how closely connected baseball is to the social aspects of our culture by viewing this insightful exhibit. Among the notable items to be displayed is a four-panel timeline created by Mr. Miller in collaboration with artist John Wilson. Images of bygone fields and stadiums such as Crosley Field from the ’40s, the Elysian Fields of 1846, the Polo Grounds of the 1880s, as well as photos from the Negro Leagues and the 1919 World Series are part of the display.

On Opening Day, with Helen Miller and baseball writer John Eradi, will be presented on Tuesday, April 1 (noon) at the Main Library in the Huenefeld Tower Room. This intriguing program about the legends and lore of Cincinnati’s longtime Opening Day tradition is a timely way to begin the baseball season.

PERFECT SEASON: THE CINCINNATI REDSTOCKINGS 1869
Kids and the rest of the family, too, will enjoy watching the Cincinnati Redstockings come to life through actor and storyteller Bob Kreidler. His dramatic portrayal of first baseman Charlie “The Bushel Basket” Gould highlights this one and only native Cincinnatian on the team. Learn of the gentleman’s game that gave birth to modern baseball on Tuesday, April 8 at College Hill Branch Library (6:30 p.m.), on Wednesday, April 9 at the Loveland (9:30 a.m.) and Monfort Heights (1:30 p.m.) branches.
Library Staff to March in Opening Day Parade

The Library staff is gearing up once again to march in the traditional Opening Day Parade on Monday, March 31. Last year, fifty marchers donned red baseball caps and Library logo shirts and paraded their way around town while carrying “Get on Top of Your Game @ Your Library” pennants and signs. This year a different selection process will take place to determine which groups will march in the parade. If the Library is selected the same theme will be used.

Author and Historian Greg Rhodes Talks Baseball

Local author Greg Rhodes will discuss Cincinnati baseball and the traditions surrounding the game. A native of Richmond, Indiana, Greg Rhodes has lived in Cincinnati since 1985. He founded Roadwest Publishing in 1994 and has written and published five books on the Cincinnati Reds, including Crosley Field and Big Red Dynasty (with John Erardi), Reds in Black and White (with Mark Stang) and Redleg Journal (with John Snyder).

Rhodes and Erardi are working on a new book, a history of Opening Day in Cincinnati, which will be published later in 2003. A consultant for the Reds Hall of Fame and Museum, Rhodes will discuss Cincinnati’s Opening Day: The Legends and Lore, based on his new book, at Green Township Branch Library (April 7, 7:00 p.m.) and Union Grounds to The Great American Ballpark: The History of Cincinnati Ballparks, at Norwood Branch Library (April 8, 6:30 p.m.).

Library “Pitches” Baseball Resources

The April Staff Picks section of the Library’s web page also features the great American pastime this month. Baseball has probably inspired more writers and moviemakers than any other sport, so the Library’s collection includes a full lineup of baseball fact, fiction, and films for all ages. Our staff has chosen some of the best to get you started. Go to http://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/spotlight/picks.asp and enjoy a long and winning season at the Library.
A TRIBUTE TO OSCAR TREADWELL AT THE BLUE WISP JAZZ CLUB

The Phil DeGreg Trio will perform at the Blue Wisp Jazz Club, 318 East Eighth Street, on Tuesday, March 11, 8:00 p.m. in A Tribute to Oscar Treadwell. The Films & Recordings Department at the Main Library is grateful to Mr. Treadwell both for his gift of over 250 recordings of his "Jazz with O.T." radio program that was originally broadcast on WGUC-FM and for his extensive gift of jazz CDs. Please join us in this tribute to a local jazz legend.

LIBRARY NEWS

THE LIBRARY AND WOMAN’S DAY TO HOST WRITING WORKSHOP

In celebration of National Library Week (April 6–12), Woman’s Day and the Public Library will host a free writer’s seminar led by Kathleen Heins, freelance writer for national publications such as Better Homes & Gardens, USA Weekend, Good Housekeeping and Runner’s World. Ms. Heins will conduct a two-hour session on how to get published, drawing from her own experiences and specialties. The free public seminar also showcases the wide variety of resources available in the Library to help writers break into the business, whether it’s taking a class, surfing the Web, or utilizing the Writer’s Manual, which lists the latest publishing houses and gives tips on submitting manuscripts. The seminar is designed to help aspiring writers throughout the Tristate achieve publishing dreams by learning more about how to get published. It will be held at the Main Library in the Huenefeld Tower Room on Tuesday, April 8, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by The American Library Association and Woman’s Day, the seminar is part of a national partnership called “Put It in Writing @ your library,” dedicated to teaching tomorrow’s writers and to increasing awareness of the valuable resources libraries have to offer. As part of the partnership the Public Library is also joining Woman’s Day to ask the question, “Is there a book that changed your life?” Women across the country are invited to submit 700 words or less about it to Woman’s Day for a chance to be featured in an upcoming issue of the magazine. Submissions can be sent to “The Book That Changed My Life,” Woman’s Day, 1633 Broadway, New York, NY 10019 or sent to WDwriting@hfmus.com. Name, address and phone number should be included. Five submissions will be selected to appear in the magazine. More information can be found at www.womansday.com under “Contest Central.”

READ ACROSS AMERICA WITH THE LIBRARY AND CINCINNATI MUSEUM CENTER

Celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday on Saturday, March 1 with Read Across America. Visit the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal and enjoy music, crafts, and stories read by children’s librarians. Show your Library card and receive one free admission to the Cinergy Children’s Museum with each paid adult admission. Don’t have a Library card? Sign up for one at the Museum Center that day!

EARTH DAY TREE GIVEAWAY–APRIL 4

Celebrate Earth Day and improve the environment and your mind by checking out any item from your local library on Friday, April 4 to receive a free White Oak seedling, courtesy of the Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship. While Supplies Last!!

FRIENDS’ ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR APRIL 25

The Annual Open Meeting of the Friends of the Public Library will be held on Friday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m. in the Huenefeld Tower Room, third floor of the Main Library. The annual report will be presented to members, and ballots for the election and re-election of new directors will be distributed. Please RSVP at (513) 369-6972.
LIBRARY PROGRAMS

LIBRARY GEARS UP FOR ON THE SAME PAGE CINCINNATI 2003

Everyone is invited to take part in the second annual On the Same Page Cincinnati, a community-wide project designed to build community and inspire discussion on tolerance, diversity, and race by reading together. Individuals and groups are encouraged throughout the region to read the selected book and participate in discussions and programs centered on that book. New to the 2003 program is the addition of a title for younger readers: *Marika* by Andrea Cheng. Ms. Cheng is a local author, whose novel relates the story of a young Hungarian girl coming to grips with her identity and heritage in the 1940s.

The selected adult title will be announced at a press conference on February 28 at 10:00 a.m. at WCET 48.

**Get the book!** Ask your librarians for a copy of the book(s), or pick it up at your local bookstore.

**Read!** During March, together with your family, friends or co-workers read the adult or the youth book or both.

**Talk!** Join one of the Public Library’s book discussions, or look for discussions groups at your community centers, neighborhood coffee shops, area bookstores, churches, synagogues, and other gathering places.

**Look!** Keep on the look out for more information on upcoming discussion groups and programs with a culminating event for each title. Log onto Cincinnati.com/samepage/ for the latest updates on this exciting reading program.

21ST ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION

Celtic dance and music will fill the Atrium of the Main Library on Monday, March 17, 12 noon for the Library’s 21st Annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration. The free event, sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library, will include music by Tom Scheidt and his group Chazz Lite, and Celtic dancing with the McGing Irish Dancers.

The McGing Irish Dancers have called Cincinnati their home for over 25 years, and have participated in the Library’s St. Patrick’s Day Celebration since day one. In addition to appearances in the tri-state area, they have also danced across the country as well as overseas.

Chazz Lite is the brainchild of Tom Scheidt of Time Machine Productions. It features the Celtic music of Scheidt, who plays guitar, bagpipes and vocals, and Kimberley G. on vocals and percussion.

WHO WANTS TO BE A MUSIC MILLIONAIRE? TAKE 3

Did you know that many musicians got their first big break by winning a radio contest? Have you ever thought, “I could do that” when you see someone performing, but never tried? *Who Wants to Be a Music Millionaire? Take 3* can help get your questions answered and put to rest those qualms you may have as you hear from experts in all aspects of the local music business, from rap to pop.

The free, two-part mini-series takes place at the Main Library (Huefelfeld Tower Room, 3rd floor), on Saturday, March 1 and Tuesday, March 11. Hosted by *The Cincinnati Enquirer’s* music critic Larry Nager, the program will include a chance to play a demo tape or perform live, and the ins and outs of starting a musical career.

**Saturday, March 1, 2:00–5:00 p.m.**

The IT Factor: Cincinnati Music Edition (Play a demo tape or perform live)

**Tuesday, March 11, 7:00–9:00 p.m.**

I Fought the Law (Questions answered about the music business)

Space is limited, so please register by calling 369-6955 or 369-6971.
LOVELAND BRANCH CELEBRATING QUILTS COMING IN MAY!

Once again the Loveland Branch Library, 649 Loveland-Madeira Road, will be hosting its quilting festival during the month of May. For generations, Americans have turned to quilting as a form of expression. In their quilts they have sewn their hopes, stitched through their sorrows, and pieced together connections and stories through fabric and thread. The branch will pay tribute to the long-standing family tradition of quilting with their Fifth Annual Celebrating Quilts.

The kickoff of the series will begin with an exhibition of quilts and an Open House on Saturday, May 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon for quilters and their guest. Exhibitors will include members of the Grailville Quilters, Ohio Valley Quilters Guild, Library staff members, and area residents.

Mark your calendar for these events:
- Saturday, May 3, 10:00 a.m.–12 noon: Open House for quilters and guests
- Saturday, May 10, 10:00 a.m.: Fabulous Flower Folding with Jan Doench of Best Friends Quilt Shoppe
- Friday, May 16, 7:00 p.m.: The Ohio Bicentennial Quilt with Rita Fishel of Creations Sewclever in Chillicothe
- Saturday, May 24, 10:00 a.m.: Quilters UFO Day

Celebrating Quilts is sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library. For more information, call the branch at (513) 369-4476.

“RUNNING ON READING” WITH THE FLYING PIG MARATHON

The Library is partnering with the Flying Pig Marathon (set for May 4) to help kids get a leg up on reading. During the Kahn’s Flying Piglet Kids Fun Run & Festival on Saturday, May 3 at Sawyer Point, stop by the Library’s booth from 9:00 a.m.–noon. Through fun storytimes and games like “pig toss,” children’s librarians will make reading come alive. Afterwards, come to the Main Library for a “Flying Piglet Super Saturday” at 2:00 p.m. in the Children’s Learning Center. Activities include making flying pigs crafts, pig “tales” and lively stories for ages 6–12. Look for bookmarks “26.2 Miles, 26 Great Kids’ Books” at your local neighborhood library. For more information call 513-721-PIGS or visit www.flyingpigmarathon.com.

PET DAY AT THE MAIN LIBRARY—MAY 10

Celebrate the 88th Annual Be Kind to Animals Week (May 4–10) at the Library. Then, “humans” of all ages are invited to bring their fuzzy, furry, even scaley pals to Pet Day at the Main Library. On Saturday, May 10, from 9:00–11:00 a.m., the Children’s Reading Garden will be transformed into a temporary “pet park” where pooch, feline, rodent, and amphibian find common ground. Sponsored by the Science & Technology Department, staff members have fetched some fun activities for you and your pet (as well as some book displays offering insight on animals and how to care for your pets). Pet “tales” will also be featured at the 10:00 a.m. Toddler Time and 11:00 a.m. Preschool Storytime. The Corryville Branch will also host a Pet Day on Saturday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m. Visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org for a complete listing of activities closer to the event or call (513) 369-6922.
THANKS TO…

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. The following gifts were received between November 18, 2002 and January 27, 2003.

Marion Allman (pictured above left with Executive Director Kimber L. Fender) donated a parcel of property approximately .4 acres at 2528 Kemper Road, located across the street from the Walnut Hills Branch Library. The property formerly belonged to the Art Institute of Cincinnati and is now available for Library parking.

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Harriet Lazarus resigned from the Friends of the Public Library Board after 25 years of devoted service. She was one of the founding members of the Friends in 1957, along with her husband, the late Simon Lazarus, Jr., who was one of its first presidents. Upon his death in 1976, Mrs. Lazarus stepped in the following year, and was very active at the Friends’ warehouse sorting and pricing books, as well as volunteering at the Fountain Square Book Sale. Among the committees she served on while a Board member was the Program Committee. Although Mrs. Lazarus has resigned from the Board, with her avid love of book collecting, she will continue to serve on the Acquisitions Committee, which reviews recommendations for Friends’ purchases of rare and valuable editions for the Library’s collection.

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Friends Purchase Two Major Items for Rare Books - Among the strengths of the Rare Books & Special Collections Department is its Americana and the Collection of English Language Dictionaries, the majority of which was donated by Louis Kahn. The Library Friends have recently purchased two important items that complement these parts of the collection. The first is a first English edition of part one of Alexis de Tocqueville’s Democracy in America, complete with a large folding map. Based on Tocqueville travels in the U.S. in 1831–32, this title remains one of the most influential works in American political and cultural analysis as it played a pivotal role in shaping the image of America in the eyes of the rest of the world. The Friends also purchased a rare second edition of a 32-page promotional booklet from 1755 describing Samuel Johnson’s plan for creating an English dictionary. The notable document showed the problem of establishing standardized English through the comprehensive plan formulated by Johnson, who presented two significant proposals: the carefully divided and ordered definition and the citation of authorities.

PET MEMORIALS
Geri & Don Doerger and Betsy & Paul Ott in memory of Chris & Julie Ott’s dog Sam.

Donna Mattingly & Kathy Lang in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Amerine’s cat Miss Ellie & dog Shelby.

Norma Walker & Beth Thomas in memory of Pat Dolan’s cat Louie.

Sally Moffitt in memory of Emily Grimm’s horse Tara.


Jennifer & Scott Brown in memory of The Buse Family’s dog Killian.

Donna Kim in memory of Lynn Fischer’s dog Samantha (Sammie).

Oak Crest Animal Hospital in memory of James & Jill Haf’s cat Miss Stripe; Joyce & Larry Reinersman’s dog Charlie Bean; Amy & Randy Smith’s dog Bailey; Kathleen Gilbert’s cat Baby; The Alan Hendy Family’s dog Maxine; Van & Nancy Cottengin’s dog Daisy, and David & Paula Fuller’s dog Electra.

Elizabeth, Leigh, Christian & Hugh Smith in memory of their dog Kep.

Richard & Joy Rushing in memory of Rhonda Rose’s dog Palmer.

The Arn Family in memory of Marilyn Arn’s dog Tillie.

Dr. Edward Todd Urbansky in memory of his cat Maggie & guinea pig Sam.
At one of the oldest libraries in the nation, past and present come together creating new experiences through old-time festivities including:

- a carnival in the Atrium complete with a midway of craft booths, balloons, and game booths (with no batteries) even one for building your own Bats Incredible! slugger sculpture
- lively bluegrass music by Katie Laur’s Band and nostalgic tunes by the Ron Purdon Quartet
- an old-fashioned ice cream social and Library birthday cake
- plus, your very own Library novelty photo portrait posed in front of an old-time painted Library backdrop to take home as a memento of the day.

Main Library
Saturday, March 15
1:00–4:00 p.m.
FREE & PUBLIC Family Fest.

The Library’s exciting “birthday blast from the past” is Saturday, March 15 at the Main Library. Step back through the ages and enjoy an afternoon full of fun birthday surprises for all ages as WCPO-TV9’s Carol Williams and Clyde Gray host the Library’s 150th Anniversary celebration, FREE & PUBLIC Family Fest. It’s only once every 150 years that so many fun activities come together for such an exciting event—the founding of Cincinnati’s legendary Public Library in March of 1853.

150th Anniversary Infoline: 513-369-6974 or visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org
Be part of the celebration by recounting your favorite library moments. Pick up and complete a “FREE & PUBLIC: Share Your Memories” survey at the Main Library and any of the Library’s 41 branch locations.

Researching Ancestors in 1850: Census Records, City Directories, Passenger Lists, Maps and More – A special program on Library resources for researching ancestors from the Cincinnati area will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Huenefeld Tower Room. Call 369-6905 for a reservation. Co-sponsored by the Hamilton County Genealogical Society.