Readquest programs are made possible through support provided by the Friends of the Public Library, the H.G., H.F. & L.T. Dornette Foundation, the Kersten Fund, and the Anderson Library Committee.
The Summer Reading Club continues to grow stronger every year. The Library’s pride and joy for 30 summers, this dynamic reading program, now Readquest, faithfully attracts thousands of participants. The Library’s alternative to video games and movies, there’s always a great lineup of lively literature and quality programs to enrich lives at each of the Library’s locations. Adding to its success, the Library recently expanded the scope of summer reading to include activities for teens and adults, as well as children. While bringing kids, parents, grandparents, and even great grandparentstogether to read, nearly 100,000 people participated over the last few summers. From yesterday to today, this favorite pastime has been brought to life through a well-chosen central theme—each one different, and each one full of new surprises.
The Library’s 30th annual summer reading program has a new name, Readquest, and new ways to make reading fun for everyone. From May 31–July 31, whether you’re seven, seventeen or seventy-seven, share in this exciting adventure by participating in reading and reading-related activities, while enjoying the Library’s superb selection of free programs. The more you do, the further you’ll journey to new heights and become eligible to win prizes.

**READ**: Log the number of books you’ve read or the amount of time you’ve spent reading on your Readquest Game Piece. Every time you complete 3 hours of reading or read 5 books have your Game Piece stamped and move to the next level. The more you participate, the higher the level you’ll reach—all the way through four levels. Plus, attend Library programs to earn time, too. Either way, it’s up to you how far to take your Readquest.

**WIN**: Take your Game Piece to any library location to be stamped and to receive your first prize. In addition to your prize, you’ll receive an entry form for the weekly prize drawing. Weekly prize drawing entry forms are awarded upon completion of each level. You may continue reading after the 4th level. For each additional increment of 5 books or 3 hours of time, you’re eligible to receive an entry form for the weekly prize drawing. So keep Reading! For more information, visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

**MAKE A READING BOX**: Don’t forget to stop by your favorite Library on Saturday, May 31 from 1:00–4:00 p.m. for Make a Reading Box Day to help kick-off Readquest 2003! Decorate a box to use in your home to keep your books and other items you check out from your local Library. Details can be found on our web site: www.CincinnatiLibrary.org, as well as information on the thousands of free programs for children and adults all summer long.

**Special Guest Appearance**: Children’s author and illustrator Will Hillenbrand will be stopping by the Harrison (1:00 p.m.) and Groesbeck (3:00 p.m.) branch libraries on May 31 to share ideas for decorating your own reading box.

**DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE**

As a child I always looked forward to the start of the summer reading program. An avid reader, achieving the 25 books needed to receive a special prize was never a problem for me. Some summers I completed the program multiple times. The prizes then consisted of stickers to be applied to a paper; I remember in particular the space theme the library had one year. I spent many pleasurable summers rereading the works of favorite authors like Madeleine L’Engle and Marguerite Henry as well as experiencing new authors unfamiliar to me. Their writing left me with a love of reading that has never diminished. Today’s children have so many more activities to take their time away from reading, but I would argue that few, if any, activities provide as much benefit as reading. Readquest, the Library’s summer reading program for 2003, is designed to appeal to readers of all ages. Continuing our new tradition of summer reading programs not just for children but also for teens and adults, Readquest 2003 promises a summer full of reading fun. Kicking off the program will be a special event to decorate reading boxes. The boxes are the idea of local illustrator Will Hillenbrand who uses a reading box at home to keep his library materials together in a special place. Our thanks to Will for this great idea of how to make reading a part of everyday life by keeping your books in a box you made yourself. Programs throughout the summer will provide some free summer fun and will feature popular presenters including The Storybook Puppeteers, Live Animals with a Hamilton County Park Naturalist, and Magic Wanda. And of course, there will be prizes for participating in the summer reading program. Today I enjoy reading just as much as I did thirty years ago, but finding the time to read 25 books in one summer isn’t too likely. But whether you read one book or 25 do take the time to read and enjoy the wonderful world you can only experience through books.

Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director
Winners of Cincinnati Reds Prizes Selected

During National Library Week, the Cincinnati Reds & Reading teamed up to inspire customers to “Get on Top of Your Game @ Your Library.” From Opening Day through April 12, anyone who checked out five or more items at the Library became eligible to win Reds’ prizes. Through programs with Gapper (the Reds new mascot), sports writers Greg Rhodes and John Erardi, as well as, booklists, book displays and fascinating exhibits, and even appearances by the Bats Incredible! Bat Mobile, baseball was the central theme of this year’s celebration.

Prizes, donated courtesy of the Cincinnati Reds, were awarded to the following individuals:

- **Cincinnati Reds Tickets**: Kristina Wissel, Scott Nullmeier, Rita Miller, Vida L. Goshefi, Joe Enzor, Joshua Culbreath, Valerie Stice, Betty Cassady, Nancy Savage, Frank Liang.
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Bats Incredible! Slugger Sculptures on Display at the Main Library

First it was flying pigs. Next it was flowerpots. Now it’s baseball bats. With the opening of Great American Ball Park what “batter” way to celebrate baseball than through art? Genuine 34” wood baseball bats made into three-dimensional slugger sculptures are being showcased on a “playing field” encompassing downtown Cincinnati, Newport and Covington. Directed by Artworks, this new and exciting public art project in play since Opening Day will be on view until October 2003.

The Book Battalion, the Library’s own slugger sculpture sponsored by The LaMacchia Family Foundation, is on display in the lobby of 312 Walnut Street. Inspired by Library staff, who also added clever puns used as book titles, the “batty” book theme was brilliantly executed by artist Trudy Brown. Join the fan-demonium and stop by the Main Library to see the fantastic lineup of slugger sculptures on display. Throughout the baseball season different designs will be rotated in and out for you to view.

Extending the Promise—Library Embarks on Developing a Strategic Plan

For 150 years the Library has been at the heart of the community. The Library has fostered a love of books and reading, enriched and empowered millions of people through free access to information, and supported lifelong learning in a nurturing environment. It has dynamically changed with the times, supplementing time-honored books with the newest audiovisual formats and the latest computer technology. As one of the most cost-effective urban libraries in the nation, it has been a careful steward of tax dollars.

The Library is committed to providing excellent customer service and the best possible outstanding collection and resources. But as revenues shrink, the Library must continue to make wise and responsible decisions regarding where to focus its limited staff, energy and funds. In order to best meet the community’s changing information needs, the Library is embarking on developing a strategic plan. This is a very exciting project that will provide the Library with a critically important tool to guide decision-making so that we can allocate our resources and overcome constraints to achieve our goals and objectives in the most effective way possible. Extensive community and staff input will be gathered as part of this process using numerous focus groups, a web-survey, a mail survey to 3,000 area households, and personal interviews. Your comments and thoughts will be invaluable in assisting with this process. Watch for more updates on this project.
Thanks to the generous contribution from two anonymous donors, the dream to expand the Clifton Branch is becoming a reality. The branch will be "condensing" into a single room during the upcoming months to allow for the work. The project will add some much needed floor space by expanding into the vacant storefront next to the branch and to make a number of improvements to the existing facility. Although the quarters will be tight, it is hoped the inconvenience to customers will be minimal.

During the first phase of the project, all regular adult print materials has been stored off site and will not be available for customers to access. However, the staff will be more than happy to order materials from other locations for pick-up at Clifton within a few days. New adult books, newspapers, magazines, and the extensive AV collection will still be available at the branch, as will the children’s books and children’s CDs, videos and DVDs. Access to Internet computers will also be available.

What can Clifton customers look forward to? When the renovation is completed, the newly acquired space will be the expanded children’s area, complete with books, CDs, videos, and DVDs, a PC Pal educational CD-ROM station, Internet computers, and a program space. The branch will have a new entrance point in the middle section of the branch, not the corner space. As you enter the branch you will see the popular adult AV collection and a new service desk. Behind the circulation desk will be a work area for staff—a marvelous space that will allow staff to process materials and conduct their normal work duties without sharing one desk. The space that was formerly occupied by the desk will become the new adult area, which will include books, reading areas, and Internet computers. Additionally, the branch will be ADA accessible and will have public restrooms.

Construction work began on March 31 and should last a little over four months. During that time, the staff at the Clifton Branch is dedicated to serving the community’s needs as they always do, but ask that the community overlook the mess and noise with patience. It will be worth the wait!

**Clifton Branch Undergoes Renovation & Expansion**

**On the Same Page**, Cincinnati’s second annual community-wide reading club, has been going strong for several months. The authors of the two books selected for 2003 will be appearing on live call-in shows to air on WCET48 in May. Jonathan Kozol’s *Savage Inequalities: Children in America’s Schools*, a nonfiction account that examines the actual conditions of schools across the nation, is the adult selection. New this year is the addition of a youth title, Andrea Cheng’s *Marika*, a fictional story of a young Hungarian girl coming to grips with her identity and heritage in the 1940s. If you haven’t done so already check out a copy of these thought-provoking books at your neighborhood library and start reading and sharing your viewpoints with other community members. Plus, don’t miss these upcoming programs on WCET48:

- Andrea Cheng’s *Marika* (live call-in show for students) on WCET48 on May 9, 11:00 a.m. Students may call in or email questions.
- Ordinary Resurrections (a student program taped with Jonathan Kozol in fall 2002) on Time Warner Cable channel 19 on: May 12–9:00 a.m., May 13–noon, and May 14–10:00 a.m., May 15–1:00 p.m., May 16–11:00 a.m.
- Children In America’s Schools airs on WCET48 on Sunday, May 18 at 3:00 p.m. This is a program based on the book *Savage Inequalities* and moderated by Bill Moyers. The first hour of the program is a documentary in which Ohio schools are featured; the second half is a town hall meeting.
- Savage Inequalities Author Jonathan Kozol will be featured in a live program on Tuesday, May 20 at 8:00 p.m. on WCET48. Viewers will be able to call in and ask Mr. Kozol questions. If you prefer, WCET48 will have a small studio audience for the program. To attend, contact: focus@wcet.pbs.org or 345-6522.

Visit [http://cincinnati.com/samepage/](http://cincinnati.com/samepage/) for more information about On the Same Page book discussions and events. For more about WCET programs, contact Laura Dell (laura_dell@wcet.pbs.org).

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Skip Schulte checks out a book and gets a free tree from public service assistant Kendall Boesken of the Price Hill Branch.

Miami Township Animal Hospital in memory of Madelyn Aronoff’s dog Mazik.
On Saturday, March 15, over 2,000 people came to the Main Library to be part of FREE & PUBLIC Family Fest. Thanks to the support of the Friends of the Public Library and many other contributors, this special afternoon to commemorate the Library’s 150th Anniversary was a tremendous success. Filled with booths for games, crafts and food, the Atrium was transformed into an indoor festival with striped tents, balloons, and party streamers. As Library Staff manned the booths, Girl Scout Troop #8224 (see photo on right) handed out cups of ice cream from a vintage freezer cart supplied by United Dairy Farmers, while Girl Scout Troop #567 served guests from the popcorn wagon. Birthday cake, cookies, and lemonade were also served compliments of Kroger Food Stores. While enjoying lively music from two bands and Warm 98’s Warm Wheels van, kids and parents alike tested their skills at carnival games. Challenging all ages, hula hooping (provided by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission) became a popular sideshow hosted by WCPO-TV9’s Carol Williams and Clyde Gray. Programs featuring juggling and live animals from the Hamilton County Park District, as well as an interactive display from Bats Incredible!—a city-wide art project sponsored by Artworks—were also part of the fun.

Members from the Hamilton County Genealogical Society also co-hosted a workshop with the History & Genealogy Department on researching ancestors from the 1850s. Strollers dressed in period costumes from the Cincinnati Museum Center’s History Museum added ambiance. Those seeking more historical significance took in exhibits displaying memorabilia from the Library’s past. Others found fascination with the Library’s new Anniversary book, FREE & PUBLIC: 150 Years at the Public Library. On hand to sign it were author John Fleischman, along with Cincinnati Post editorial cartoonist Jeff Stahler and artist David Day (whose illustrations are also featured in the book). One young girl featured in the book came all the way from Harrison with her parents to get her copy signed. Others left with different souvenirs—painted faces and “I Love My Library” balloons and stickers. A few lucky winners left with passes to Paramount’s Kings Island and The Beach Waterpark. An old-time painted backdrop, where staff members took snapshots and printed out instant digital candid, attracted nostalgia seekers. Many created their own Library tributes by designing birthday cards and filling out a FREE & PUBLIC: Share Your Memories survey. One man, so thrilled by the event, wrote out a check on the spot for $150 to the Library—a sure sign this special event was a gratifying way to remember the founding of the Library in March of 1853.

### Ben Rosen Photography Collection

In 1927 at age 14, Ben Rosen took photos of Charles Lindberg at Lunken Airport. Over 75 years later, he is still recording Cincinnati’s history (such as photographing Yavneh Day School’s 50th Anniversary celebration in 2001). He became an apprentice with Dan Morganthaler in 1928 and was a photographer for the U.S. Army 34th Photo Recon Squadron—9th Army Air Force from 1943–1946. After the war he resumed his commercial photo career as a staff photographer for the Catholic Telegraph (1947–1980) and a contributing photographer for the Jewish Federation’s newspaper The Israelite (1960–1980.)

A selection of photos spanning Mr. Rosen’s career was given to the Library through the generous donation of Ben Rosen and Bob Clements, who has purchased the rights to the photographs. The photos include the flood of 1937, famous people that visited Cincinnati (such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.), Cincinnati sports, movie theaters, and famous companies and buildings that no longer exist. Additional images will be added as Mr. Rosen’s photos are digitalized.
THE TWO LARGEST SALES OF THE YEAR

Friends of the Public Library
Used Book Sale on Fountain Square: June 2–6
Once the tents go up on June 2 until June 6, it’s time once again to head for Fountain Square (Fifth & Vine, downtown) to take advantage of the thousands upon thousands of fabulous bargains on used books, sets, CDs, cassettes, DVDs, videos, and books-on-tape during the Friends’ 31st annual sale. For your convenience, there’s plenty of time for browsing. Hours are Monday, 9:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.; Friday, 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. (Friday is Bag Day. Purchase a Library shopping bag for $5.00 and fill it with as many items as you want.)

Your purchase helps the Friends add items to the Library’s collection, and provide funding for special children and adult programs at the Main Library and 41 branches, as well as support the Summer Reading Program for all ages. The Fountain Square sale is the Friends’ biggest fundraiser. (Next Book Sale: End of Summer Sale at the Friends’ Warehouse, August 21–24 with Friends’ members Preview August 20).

Anderson Library Committee
Used Book Sale: June 20–22
From June 20 through 22, shop for more items than ever before during Anderson Library Committee’s major sale at Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road at State Road. The 23rd annual sale will feature over 90,000 used books, sets, CDs, cassettes, DVDs, videos, and books-on-tape. Hours are Friday, 10:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.; Sunday, 12:00–3:00 p.m. (Remember, books and other items are generally marked half-price on Saturday afternoon.)

Your purchase helps the Anderson Library Committee buy books and other items, as well as provide special programs for children and adults, for the Anderson and Mt. Washington branches. (Next book sale: Holiday Nearly New Book Sale at the Anderson Branch, 7450 State Road, November 7–9).

NEW FRIENDS’ BOOK OUTLET OPENS IN DUCK CREEK ANTIQUE MALL

Although it’s one of 170 sellers in this 22,000 sq. ft. “antique” mall, the majority of the stock offered at the Friends’ new book booth is made up of current fiction and children’s books in excellent condition. Part of a three-month pilot project, it’s an opportunity to reach new audiences with an outstanding selection of gently used books including recent nonfiction hardbacks, bestsellers, and paperbacks in all genres. As more stock is added, surveys will be taken to identify interest. The Duck Creek Antique Mall is located at 3715 Madison Road. Hours are Monday–Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5:00 p.m.
Design/Construct/Engage, an exhibition of handmade books by Edward H. Hutchins, demonstrates how paper animation, inventive structures, unusual folds, unexpected materials, and imaginative design can be used to deliver a message in a book format. Hutchins approaches bookmaking as a unique opportunity to reshape common object books. “Heaven knows I’ve tried to make conventional books,” he explains, “but every time I start illustrations pop off the page, pages unfold like origami and type takes three-dimensional shape. Since I don’t have a traditional printing press, I have turned to non-traditional methods of printing such as carved erasers, cast images and flash-bulb stencils. In the end every book has its share of pop-ups, pockets, folds, tucks and pivots; and the pages spring away from the spine to take on a life of their own.”

Among the 60 books to be exhibited through May 23 at the Main Library in the Art & Music Department will be: Flights of Fancy, designed by using over 60 stencils; El taco de ojo (Easy on the Eye), a cardboard taco shell filled with seven foamy pages shaped as food with sayings about food, hunger and desire in both Spanish and English; and New York City Transit, tourist postcards cut out and assembled so when expanded it creates a diorama of major Manhattan landmarks.

Born in Arizona, Hutchins studied at the Center for Book Arts in New York City and now lives in Mt. Vernon, New York. For the uniqueness of his art, Hutchins credits his experiences as door-to-door egg vendor, soda jerk, silk screener, rodeo official, infantry soldier, graphic designer, clown, company president, tour guide, tax clerk, and teacher. Hutchins has exhibited in numerous group and solo shows in the U.S., England, Canada and Mexico and was the founder (and director in 1998/1999) of the Book Arts Jamboree.

**Meet Book Artist Ed Hutchins At:**

**Hyde Park Branch Library**—Saturday, May 3, *Make Pictures That Move* 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Ages 9–12, Free but preregistration is required, call 369-4456.

Create an action storybook with pictures that move and pop-up in unexpected ways. Start simple and work your way up to more dramatic folds and constructions. Before you’re finished heads will wiggle, houses will float above the page, pictures will change, objects will fly across the page, and maybe even a ghost will appear. It’s easy, and when you are finished, you’ll have a great book to show your friends!

**Main Library**—Sunday, May 4

*Design. Construct. Engage. The Unfolding Nature of Books*—lecture in Room 3A, third floor. 2:00 p.m., free

How does a professional drifter from Arizona end up as a book artist and proprietor of Editions, a studio for producing artist books? Come and learn how the book arts have unfolded in one artist’s life: how an editioned artist book unfolds from idea, through production, to final product; and finally, how folding and unfolding can be used to deliver the message in a book format. See a single sheet of paper transform before your eyes into a 56-page book with a pop-up, foldout panels, and a box to hold all the connected parts. After the slide presentation examine and manipulate some of the books discussed.

Both programs are sponsored by the Library Programs Fund.

**Cincinnati Book Arts Society Exhibits Bookworks 4 at Main Library**

The Cincinnati Book Arts Society will present its fourth annual exhibit at the Main Library through May 31. The exhibit will feature some of the finest of traditional and contemporary bookworks made by artists from around the Cincinnati area.
LIBRARY EXHIBITS

Including Everyone: Price Hill Youth Art Show

Including Everyone is part of the Urban Appalachian Council’s Appalachian Arts Sampler, which enables young people in Lower, East and West Price Hill to study with noted Appalachian artists. On display through May 25 at the Price Hill Branch Library, the sampler includes photographs, collage, quilts, masks, and tiles. To encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans, The Ohio Arts Council helped fund this program with state tax dollars. Additional support comes from the United Way, Save the Children’s Federation, Appalachian Fund, Appalachian Community Development Association, Americorps, and the Commission on Religion in Appalachia. Groups contributing artwork to the show include The Women’s Connection, Santa Maria Community Services, Urban Appalachian Council, West Price Hill’s Circle of Friendship (group of girls 8-11), East Price Hill Homework Club, Sedamsville, and Lower Price Hill Youth Environmental Project.

From Ohio to the White House: Ohioans Who Served the Nation as President

This year marks the 200th anniversary of Ohio’s statehood. To celebrate this special event, the Rare Book & Special Collections Department has gathered together materials from its collections to exhibit From Ohio to the White House: Ohioans Who Served the Nation as President. Ohio boasts that eight U.S. Presidents were at one time in their life residents of the Buckeye State. Seven of these men were born in Ohio: Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William Howard Taft, and Warren G. Harding. While one, William Henry Harrison, a Virginian by birth, lived most of his life along the Ohio River at North Bend. Through books, pamphlets, engravings, and political memorabilia, important events in the lives of these men are illustrated. Of special interest is a banner from the 1840 presidential campaign of William Henry Harrison, an invitation to the 1881 inaugural reception promenade concert of James A. Garfield, and a commemorative plate from the 1908 presidential campaign of William Howard Taft. From Ohio to the White House will be on view in the Rare Books & Special Collections Department, third floor of the Main Library through June 10.
BEYOND BESTSELLERS

MYSTERIES AND SUSPENSE

Bayou Moon
C. L. Bevill

Artist Mignon Thibeaux returns to her small Louisiana hometown to find out the truth about her mother’s long-ago disappearance. Bevill’s debut, with its steamy, deep-South setting, ghostly presences, tightly held secrets, and touch of romance, is perfect gothic suspense.

Out of the Dark
Natasha Cooper

The boy hit by a car outside her home should mean nothing to London barrister Trish Maguire, but her name and address in his clothes and the uncanny resemblance between them suggest otherwise. Although struggling with a big, complicated case, Trish tries to discover just who David is in this tautly written psychological thriller.

Clutch of Phantoms
Clare Layton

There’s a tabloid frenzy when Cass meets her grandmother—Livia has just finished a prison term for the murder of her husband and his mistress. Cass cautiously attempts to get to know Livia, who is living under an alias in a quiet English town. But there’s a third woman whose life is intertwined with theirs—Julia, the murdered woman’s daughter.

The Drift
John Ridley

In this brutally honest thriller, Charles Hanson is a million miles away from the world he once knew as an African American living the middle-class dream. Charlie is now a drifter, riding the rails in a haze of alcohol, drugs, and dementia. Looking for a missing girl, Charlie is inescapably drawn even further into that dangerous world.

White Apples
Jonathan Carroll

Vincent Ettrich awakens one morning with a shocking realization—he is dead! Brought back to life by his lover Isabelle to help raise their unborn child, Vincent soon realizes that his small family, especially baby Anjo, will play a major role in saving humanity. First in a new trilogy by a master of the surreal.

Not All Tarts Are Apple
Pip Granger

Seven-year-old Rosie lives with her aunt and uncle over a small London café. She knows that the woman she thinks of as “the Perfume Lady” is really her mother, but her life is wrapped up in her working-class Soho neighborhood—until her mother’s wealthy family tries to take her away. Granger draws a marvelous picture of central London in the 1950s.

OTHER FICTION

Jane Austen in Boca
Paula Marantz Cohen

Cohen spoofs Pride and Prejudice in this amusing satire set in a retirement community in Boca Raton, Florida. Like the inhabitants of Austen’s English village, the New York Jewish transplants in this community are avidly interested in each other’s matrimonial prospects. After all, any widower in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.
**Dark Passage**  
Junius Podrug

An unlikely trio of heroes—an American actor, an Israeli engineer, and a French prostitute—are sent to thwart a pair of modern-day terrorists who have traveled in time to first century Palestine to kill Jesus. A wildly entertaining read for fans of suspense and historical fantasy novels.

**Getting Out**  
Gwendolen Gross

Hannah needs to escape—from her boring job, from her demanding boyfriend, and from her needy family. She decides to join a coworker’s Adventurers Club. Communing with nature is decidedly painful at first, as Hannah is out of shape and under-equipped. But she persists, and readers will cheer her through her trials on her voyage to self-discovery.

**A Miracle for St. Cecilia’s**  
Katherine Valentine

When the archdiocese says that St. Cecilia’s Catholic Church must be disbanded the day after Easter, the faithful parishioners pray for a miracle. Their prayers are answered, though in quite an unexpected manner. With its likeable characters, small-town setting, and inspirational message, this charming debut will win the hearts of Jan Karon fans.

**The Revenant**  
Michael Punke

On an expedition in the Rocky Mountains in 1823, hunter Hugh Glass is attacked by a grizzly bear and horribly mauled. Stripped of his weapons and left alone to die by his comrades, Glass drags himself hundreds of miles to civilization in an amazing story of survival and revenge, which is based on a historical account.

**Westerfields’ Chain**  
Jack Clark

From the moment he steps into the weirdly abandoned Westerfield pharmacy in Chicago’s ravaged west side, former cop turned private eye Nick Acropolis realizes that the disappearance of a promising medical student and the equally odd vanishing of Eugene Westerfield are somehow linked. Clark debuts with this gritty, noir whodunit.

**A Girl, in Parts**  
Jasmine Paul

Dottie, the narrator of this debut novel, is one of those wary, scowling little girls. She has good reason: her parents are divorced, her stepfather drinks, and they’re all being moved across the country for her stepfather’s new job, where of course Dottie will be the new kid at school. This anxious, observant, fierce child comes to life for the reader from the first page.

**A Parchment of Leaves**  
Silas House

Saul falls hard for Vine when he sees her on their Kentucky mountain. They face prejudice (she is Cherokee), family trouble, and separation by World War I, but their hard-won marriage becomes emblematic of the stubbornly surviving mountain culture in this beautifully crafted novel, a paean to Appalachia and its people.
Volunteer Opportunities at the Library

Since 1957 the Friends of the Public Library have played a vital role in supporting the Library by raising money to support programs and buy valuable Library materials. Over the years they have devoted their time and energy to conducting used book sales and operating the Library Friends’ Shop. While the Friends always need help with these ongoing tasks, for the first time the Library is establishing its own volunteer program. The Library is looking for people willing to donate a few hours of their time either on an ongoing basis or for one-time projects. To keep pace with ever-growing demands, the Library currently needs volunteers to assist with various tasks. If you like to help children, work with books or surf the Internet, below are some descriptions of current volunteer opportunities that might best suit you:

- **shelf reading**—making sure books and audio-visual materials are in the right place on the shelves, covering and cleaning books, replenishing and straightening public distribution items

- **program support**—craft preparation and assisting Children’s Librarians with program presentation (may also help with adult programs)

- **computer/Internet support**—signing up customers to use computers and log onto the Internet, help with logging on and finding web sites

The volunteer program, which is being piloted in the 14 branches on the eastside of the county, will be used as a model throughout the system. As needs are assessed, the program will be executed in other branches with full implementation expected in the fall.

Volunteer! Get Connected! Library volunteers enjoy knowing they contribute to one of the most-used library systems in the country.

- To become a Friends’ volunteer, contact Anne Keller at 513-369-6035.
- To learn more about becoming a Library volunteer, contact Lisa Denham at 513-369-6946 or volunteers@cincinnatilib.org. Orientation and on the job training will be provided.