When the Clifton Branch opens this fall it will be: bigger with one-third more space; brighter with an exciting new layout; and better with lots of new features— all bringing it into the 21st century, while still restoring its original charm. More ➤

Expanded Clifton Branch to be …
Bigger, Brighter & Better Than Ever Before

Library Director Carl Vitz (third from left) was on hand for the festivities at the opening of the new Clifton Branch. The original entrance on Ludlow Avenue (pictured) will be relocated as it was in 1954 when the branch first opened.
No Public Funds Used for Clifton Expansion

None of the construction costs of the $106,155 Clifton Branch expansion and renovation have come from public funds—thanks to the generosity of several anonymous donors and use of in-house personnel for some of the work, the project is totally paid for. For the first time in the Library’s history, the heating, ventilation and air conditioning work was done by mechanics from the Library’s HVAC Department. “Using qualified staff to do this work has saved us half of what it would have cost had we used a subcontractor,” said Ray Hils, Facilities Services & Securities Director. “Because we were able to do the HVAC work ourselves, the savings allowed restoration of a charming tin ceiling that was formerly hidden.”

Customers Come First

Despite its small size, avid readers have always taken advantage of the personalized service by the staff. “We have one of the oldest, longest-running bookclubs,” said Clifton Branch Manager Jenny Gomien. “We’ve had regular book club meetings here since 1969. The branch also has a strong collection of abridged books-on-tape, children’s book and cassette kits, and children’s easy books and easy readers. We are also proud of our wide selection of biographies, and the Clifton history files, which track major happenings in the Clifton area since it was incorporated as a village in 1850.”

“With the increase in space, more of our collection will be accessible to the reading public,” continued Ms. Gomien. “We hope area residents take advantage of this long-awaited change. We’re really excited about seeing our dream become a reality.”

Branch Remained Open During Project

Gerald Harley of Harley Associates Architects, J. B. Schmitt Company, Inc. (general construction), Mech Spec, Inc. (plumbing), and T. J. Boesken Enterprises, Inc. (electrical) are part of the team of contractors that helped expand the branch. For several months the branch was “condensed” into half its space to allow for the renovation of the existing buildings and addition of the storefront space next door. “It’s kind of ironic that we operated in such a small area for several months and were so crowded, when the original branch was exactly that size when it first opened nearly 50 years ago,” said Branch Manager Jenny Gomien. “We think the inconvenience was well worth it, because it will allow us to add many new features and provide a more attractive, larger facility.”

Branch Enhancements

When finished, there will be an expanded children’s area, complete with books, CDs, videos, and DVDs, a PC Pal educational CD-ROM workstation, Internet computers, and a program space. The book drop will be relocated to the corner where the old entrance used to be. At the new entrance in the center of the building will be the new service desk, and nearby the adult audiovisual collection of DVDs, CDs, and videos. An expanded work area for staff allows the processing of materials in a centralized location, and a new adult...
Think you know everything there is to know about the Library? You may be right. But just in case, we’ve developed a “Library Top Ten.” The items on this list are things that we think everyone should know about their Library. To test your Library knowledge read through the “Library Top Ten” and find out how much there really is to know about the Library.

1. **FREE Library card**—for all residents of Ohio; Dearborn County, IN; and Boone, Campbell & Kenton Counties in KY—that gives you FREE access to all the Library’s resources & services

2. **Convenience**—42 locations throughout the county—even have 4 drive-up windows. Open 7 days a week at the Main Library and 6 days a week at all 41 branch libraries

3. **Books and more**—over 10 million items available for use including DVDs, videos, books-on-tape and on CD, magazines, music CDs, CD-ROMs—all for FREE—and can reserve & request most of these items to be sent to your closest branch for easy pick up

4. **FREE Internet Access at all locations with nearly 500 computers available**

5. **Outstanding web site**—[www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org)—Offering enormous range of electronic resources 24/7 including over 250 research databases, recommended sites by subject, plus Kidspace & Teenspace to meet special needs of younger users. Use the Library from anywhere—home, work or school

6. **The Answer Place**—get answers quickly to all kinds of questions by phone, fax, email & snail mail, in-person—for FREE

7. **Excellent staff**—here to help you, whether to find information, answer questions, suggest books or music you might like

8. **Great Free Programs for all ages—adults, teens & kids, even for babies—last year nearly 14,000 to choose from at the Main Library and all branch libraries ranging from jugglers, puppet shows, movies, magic, book clubs, crafts, author visits & much more—all for FREE

9. **Amazing Range of Services—Outreach Services to schools, nursing homes, Voter Registration, Tax Forms, Unclaimed Funds and more—all for FREE

10. **Open to all—the Library’s services are available to everyone**

Surprised? The Library has a lot to offer. To use any of these many free services visit or call a Library location today. Or visit us online at [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org). Now that you know the variety of services the Library offers, try something new. It’s your Library – please use it.

Kimber L. Fender,
Executive Director

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**Clifton Branch Rededication Ceremony**

Customers and members of the community, as well as civic leaders and Library staff members, are all invited to take a look at their newly expanded library during a rededication ceremony for the Clifton Branch Library. Look for information about the upcoming reception and updates on the branch’s progress in the “What’s New” section of the Library’s webpage at [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org).

**Fun Facts About The Clifton Branch**

- Circulation has been steadily increasing despite being one of the smallest of the 41 branches. Last year more than 225,000 books and other items were checked out, a 6% increase over 2001.
- The branch has been located in the Clifton business district since it opened on January 19, 1954. It grew to two store fronts in 1962, and was remodeled in 1971.
- Before it opened in 1954, the storefront was used as a barber and beauty shop.
- A movement for a branch library in Clifton was spearheaded by the Clifton Kiwanis Club, Mrs. Fred Hoffman, and Mrs. Charles P. Taft, according to newspaper reports at the time.
- Clifton merchants and the Clifton Kiwanis Club were so happy to have the library in the community that they paid for a quarter page ad in the local Clifton newspaper, welcoming the branch to the community.
- The branch initially was only open to the public for 25.5 hours a week. Today it is open 48 hours a week.
- A flooded basement in 2000 threatened the branch’s historical files, including many photographs from the branch’s opening. All of the items were rescued and restored by the Library’s Processing Department.
NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR APPOINTED

John R. Reusing has been appointed Development Director for the Public Library. John joins the Library after a distinguished career in banking. Most recently he was President and Chairman of the Board of Centennial Bank. He has also been an executive with Fidelity Federal Savings Bank, Charter Oak Federal Savings Bank, and Cincinnati Federal Savings & Loan. John is past President of the Tri-State Education and Technology Foundation, a non-profit organization that serves 25,000 children annually, a trustee for PACE Telecommunications, and a former member of the Citizens Advisory Board for Milford Exempted Schools. He attended the University of Cincinnati, the Institute of Financial Education, and the University of Texas Graduate School of Banking.

Q&A WITH JOHN REUSING

To help you get to know him better, John Reusing shares insights about the Library and how his background can make a difference.

What is it about the Library that attracted you to this job?
Its reputation as one of the finest systems in the country & the opportunity to be on the ground floor of a new library foundation.

How do you think your background in banking can make a difference for the Library?
Financial and banking contacts over thirty years should benefit the process of targeting the major donors for the Library.

What do you bring to the Library that an insider doesn’t?
Again, I think having been head of a publicly traded financial institution in the private sector should help in the foundation forming process.

What is your first priority?
First and foremost, the establishment of the new library foundation.

What are some of your long-term goals?
In the end, I hope to have a large enough endowment foundation to fund any shortfalls from state funding and to provide for additional expansion of the library. This may take some time, but I enjoy a challenge.

How difficult do you think it will be to make the transition from working in the private sector to the public sector? Why did you make the switch?
Certainly there are major cultural differences, but I believe over time one can acclimate to the changes. I decided to move in a different direction to hopefully leave a legacy for the overall public good in helping work for and fund the foundation. In the private sector, I helped a number of stockholders achieve a very nice return on their investment.

With all the other nonprofit institutions in the area, how difficult is it in today’s financial climate to compete for charitable dollars?
It certainly won’t be easy with the number of nonprofits looking for funds, but the story of the Library is compelling. The free service that it provides to all cross sections of our population is really quite remarkable. There is nothing else that is comparable.

Is there anything about the Library that has surprised you so far?
The Library’s state of the art Intranet. As a new employee, the information, policies, procedures, and forms that are contained there have been a lifesaver.

What are some of your personal interests and how might you relate them to the Library?
I do collect early Lincoln publications and have done extensive genealogical research over the last twenty-five years. The Library’s collection is one of the best in the country.

What else would you like others to know about you that hasn’t been asked?
I believe in the Public Library and its key importance in each and every community. My wife worked extremely hard to obtain her MLS, so I know the dedication that everyone commits to serving the public, especially in a library setting.

USING THE LIBRARY’S WEB PAGE NOW EASIER

As information has been added exponentially to the Library’s web site, some users have found it more time consuming and frustrating to find what they are looking for. The recent addition of a Google web search tool has now made using the Library’s web site a snap. A key word or phrase can be entered into the search input box to pull up a list of locations where the subject in which you are interested appears on the site. The Library used a Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Mini-grant to purchase the Google search tool making the web site more intuitive, more inviting and easier to use.
ANDREW CARNEGIE AWARD PRESENTED TO OHIO SENATOR MARK MALLORY

Ohio Senator Mark Mallory joined the ranks of Ohio Governor Bob Taft, U.S. Senator George Voinovich, State Senator Randy Gardner, former Senate Presidents Stan Aronoff and Richard Finan when he was presented the 2003 Andrew Carnegie Award on June 9 at the Main Library.

The Andrew Carnegie Award is presented annually by the Ohio Library Council on behalf of all the state’s public libraries to an Ohio government official in recognition of support of the ideals and challenges to public libraries. The award is named after Andrew Carnegie, the industrialist who gave over $55 million of his wealth to build 1,679 libraries in the U.S. Carnegie is often referred to as the “Patron Saint of Libraries.”

A native and life-long resident of Cincinnati, Senator Mallory has served in the State Legislature for nine years, first for two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives from 1994 to 1998, and in the Ohio Senate since his election in November of 1998. He has a thorough understanding of the role and operations of public libraries obtained through his service as a staff member of the Public Library for over thirteen years.

Flanking Ohio Senator Mark Mallory are Library Board President Elizabeth H. LaMacchia and Ohio Library Council Executive Director Douglas S. Evans.

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Development of the Library’s strategic plan began in mid-March and is progressing on a “robust” schedule to meet its targeted completion date in mid-October. The portion of the process to gather community input is well underway. This consists of interviews with a sampling of community leaders, focus groups, a written survey, and a web survey. Approximately 70 focus groups will be held, with at least one at each of the 41 branch libraries and at the Main Library. These began on May 19 and will be completed in mid-July. The focus groups thus far have been well attended and people have been eager to talk about the Library. A 6-page survey was mailed to 3,000 area households in mid-June. A similar survey will be posted on the Library’s homepage and will remain available for about two weeks. This may be filled out by anyone wishing to participate. The online survey will help provide the planning committee with responses from a broader range of the community in a very cost-effective way.

If you would like to offer input to assist with the strategic planning process, please be sure to check out the Library’s website in early July to complete the survey. Your input will help provide the Library with a critically important tool to guide decision-making so that we can continue to meet changing community needs for free access to information and to support literacy and lifelong learning.

STATUS OF LIBRARY FUNDING

The Library receives the majority of its funding—95%—from the State through the Library and Local Government Fund (LLGSF), which is 5.7% of the personal income tax collection. Because personal income tax collections have been down, library funding has also been reduced. Funding received in 2002 was $4.1 million or 8.2% less than was received in 2001. The Ohio Department of Taxation has reported that there will be no LLGSF distribution in July 2003—a $4.5 million reduction to what the Library has received in previous years. This adjustment to eliminate the LLGSF tax distribution for July is being made as a result of two budget corrections bills passed earlier by the General Assembly. These budget corrections bills were passed to respond to the State’s continuing budget problem as Ohio’s constitution does not allow the State to operate without a balanced budget. 2003 funding for the Library is estimated now at $4.7 million or 9% less than 2001 funding.

The most recent information on the pending State biennium budget bill which will go into effect July 2003, is that the LLGSF would be distributed at 5.7% of personal income tax revenue or frozen at FY 2001 levels, whichever is less. Under this scenario, 2004 Library funding would remain at a level consistent with 2003 anticipated revenue. As costs keep increasing but the amount of funds coming to the Library from the State continue to be reduced, the Library will maintain its shortened hours of operation, smaller staffing levels, reduced materials, and continue other economies put in place after the first major funding cutbacks in 2002.
Madisonville Garden Club members Caroline Winstead, left, and Janice Sheatzley, right, recently took on as a community project the flowerbed in front of the Madisonville Branch Library entrance. They will be pruning and weeding the existing landscaping as well as adding annuals.

**LIBRARY’S VOLUNTEER PROGRAM DRAWS COMMUNITY INTEREST**

The Library’s volunteer program, which was piloted this spring in 14 branches on the eastside of the county, has brought an enthusiastic response! Numerous phone calls to the Volunteer Infoline, as well as emails, were received from community members expressing interest. Fliers were distributed at the pilot branches with several locations requesting more copies only a few days after the program began. Volunteer information was also made available at the Friends’ Used Book Sale on Fountain Square in June, where several eager candidates signed up. The Library plans to expand the program to the Main Library and the rest of the branches in the fall. The Library encourages students 16 years of age and older, who need service credit for school as well as groups, such as the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, to consider volunteering at the Library. Applications may be picked up at eastside branches or requested by calling 513-369-4406 or emailing volunteers@CincinnatiLibrary.org. Information about the volunteer program is also now on the Library’s homepage at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org under “Support the Library.”

**LE’S CAFE NOW OPEN AT MAIN LIBRARY**

“A classic café with an exotic flair” is how Hai Bui describes his newly-opened Le’s Café. Located in the Main Library on the mezzanine near the Vine Street entrance, the coffee shop and deli is the place to curb your appetite before or after satisfying your hunger for knowledge. Start your day in the café with breakfast muffins, doughnuts, bagels or delicious pastries from Cézanne’s Bakery. Or, for an early to late lunch, along with traditional deli sandwiches like the Turkey Sensation, the menu has a Vietnamese twist, including Hai’s favorite “Banh Mi Thit Ngoui.” Other menu mainstays include soups of the day and fresh salads, such as the popular Sesame Chicken, as well as egg rolls and chicken wings, “seasoned” with Hai’s experience as a former operator of Dragon Le Restaurant (Norwood) and Main Street Wok. Call ahead to place your order and beat the lunch crowd. The café has seating or you can carry out.

Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; Saturday: 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Telephone: (513) 665-3339

Noted illustrator C.F. Payne in the Art & Music Department next to one of the display cases presenting an exhibit of his original illustrations for *Casey at the Bat*.

**C.F. PAYNE ILLUSTRATES CASEY AT THE BAT**

C.F. Payne grew up with baseball and with *Casey at the Bat*. Being asked to illustrate this great American tale has been “one of the great pleasures of my professional career, but it was also one of my biggest challenges.” By juxtaposing finished illustrations with photographs of the models he worked from, *C.F. Payne Illustrates Casey at the Bat* clearly shows the illustrator’s working process. It will be on view at the Main Library in the Art & Music Department through August 29.

Mr. Payne, who graduated from Miami University, has developed an impressive client list, including *Time*, *Rolling Stone*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Esquire*, *GQ*, *National Geographic*, *Spy*, *NFL*, U.S. Postal Service, and others. He has won numerous awards for his work and has taught at East Texas State University and Miami University. He lives in Cincinnati with his wife, Paula, and their sons Trevor and Evan.

C. F. Payne will present a talk, “The World of Today’s Illustrator,” along with slides on Saturday, July 19 (1:00 p.m.) at the Main Library in the Huenefeld Tower Room (3rd floor, south building). The program will be followed by a gallery talk of his work currently on display.
Patricia King was recently elected President of the Friends of the Public Library. She succeeds Mary Lu Aft, who was President for the past six years and will remain active in the group as Booksale Chair. Also elected to office were Jeffrey P. Waltz, Vice President; Bonnie Cuneo, Treasurer; and Jay DeWitt, Secretary.

Ms. King, a native Cincinnatian, attended the University of Cincinnati where she earned a bachelor’s in Personnel Administration and a master’s in Industrial Relations, and is a graduate of the Salmon P. Chase College of Law. She has worked for the City of Cincinnati for the past 25 years, and is currently a Senior Development Officer in Community Development and Planning.

A member of the Duncanson Society at the Taft Museum of Art, Ms. King is past chair of the Donald P. Sowell Committee at the Cincinnati Art Museum, and has also served on the Friends’ board.

“The Friends will continue to provide support to the Library, especially in adding valuable books to the collection and for the thousands of programs that take place year-round for adults as well as children,” Mrs. King said. “We will continue to grow not only with our annual book sales, but with new ventures such as the Duck Creek Antique Mall outlet where we now have a booth, and opening up a select store in our warehouse once a week later this summer.” Last year the Friends provided nearly $120,000 in support of free programs presented at the Main Library and 41 branches.

Outgoing Friends President Mary Lu Aft, left, is pictured with newly elected President Patricia King and Friends Executive Director Anne Keller.

Also elected at the annual meeting were eight directors for the 2003-2006 term: Bonnie Cuneo (re-elected) David Edmundson (re-elected) Elaine Liller (re-elected) Zach Logan Keith Stewart (re-elected) Jeff Waltz (re-elected) Karen Wilson (re-elected) Jim Witte (re-elected)

Elected for the 2002-2005 term were Tom Law and Sarah Shackelford, while Tonia Moorman was elected for the 2001-2004 term.

Friends’ End of Summer Warehouse Sale – August 21–24

Browse through over 100,000 books, videos, CDs, books-on-tape, and cassettes, August 21–24 as the Library Friends host their second annual End of Summer Warehouse Sale at 8456 Vine Street in Hartwell. Prices begin at 50¢ for paperbacks and cassette tapes, with videos, DVDs, and CDs priced at $4.00. CD-ROMs, hardback books, and encyclopedia sets will be individually marked.

Sale Hours:
Wednesday, August 20, 6:00–8:00 p.m. (Preview Sale for Friends’ members); Thursday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m.; Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Sunday, August 24, 12:00–3:00 p.m.
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Community of the Transfiguration

The Montgomery Woman’s Club recently presented the Blue Ash Branch Library with a copy of Mort Kunstler’s limited edition print of *Morgan’s Ohio Raid*, considered one of the longest Calvary operations of the Civil War in July 1863. The raid took place in the heart of what is now the Montgomery business district on Montgomery Road. Shown presenting the print to Blue Ash Branch Manager Bob Burdick are, from left to right, Roz Novak (past President), Beth Pulliam (first Vice President), Vera Doertling (President), and Bob Burdick.

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**Commemorative Gifts**

Margaret Haenel in honor of the birthday of Nancy Schild.

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Charles & Irene Schauer, and Lisa McCormick in memory of Dexter Balterman.

Mary Ann Abermathy in memory of John Pitman.

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Anderson Library Committee in memory of Florence Makepeace.

Alma C. Ryan in memory of Marion Riggs.

Pamela & Simon Newman in memory of Allen Paul.
**First Mt. Healthy Book Sale Held**

With the help of community volunteers led by Mt. Healthy resident and business owner Janet Curley, the Library Friends participated for the first time in the annual Heritage Days Celebration with a three-day sale in the Mt. Healthy Community Center. Despite heavy rains, a total of $4,200 was grossed. In addition, Mt. Healthy volunteers strongly promoted Friends membership and urged those area families who bought memberships to support the Mt. Healthy Branch. This resulted in more than $1,000 generated by over a dozen new memberships, including those of the Mt. Healthy Business Association and Women’s Business Association.

Jack & Rita Walther in memory of Dorothy Smith.

Nancy Hanger in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hauser.

Jill A. Grisco in memory of Rae B. Grisco.

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**In-Kind Gifts & Services**

Panera Bread, Westwood

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**Gifts to the Friends**

A major gift was received from the H.G., H.F. & L.T. Dornette Foundation, Fifth Third Bank for support of the summer reading program, *Readquest 2003*.

Gifts in memory of Dexter Balterman:

Dr. Edward B. Silberstein, Mr. & Mrs. John Benjamin, Mr. & Mrs. J.K. Smith, Patricia Magnafichi, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lanzit.

**Pet Memorials**

Geri & Don Doerger in memory of their dog Taz and Jennifer, Tim, Rachael & Elizabeth Klein’s dog George.

Betsy & Paul Ott and John & Carol Carney in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Don Doerger’s dog Taz.

Hank, Tina & Brandon Zureick in memory of Nicole Bock’s dog Jasmine.

Gretchen Erhardt in memory of Sheri Cusick’s cat Buffy.

Carolyn Rand in memory of Jon F. Hoskins dog Roxanne.

Linda Parker & Linda Seiter in memory of Jack, Lyn & Emily Martin’s cat Jones.

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Michelle Snyder in memory of Helen & Tom Hurley’s cat Sweet Pea.

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Gael Fischer in memory of Justin & Kathy Fischer’s dog Li Po.

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Molly Leonard in memory of Marion Hochbein’s dog Daisy.

Oak Crest Animal Hospital in memory of The Taylor Family’s cat Augie and John & Jeanne Helmes’ dog Boomer.

Bob & Gayle Bruner in memory of The Silverman Family’s dog Sasha.

Alice & Larry Sills in memory of Jeff, Mary & Erin Roweckamp’s dog Miles.

Susan B. Williams in memory of her dog Augusta “Augie.”

Carol Ann Bussey in memory of her cat Petey.
Readquest: Rated ‘E’ for Everyone Continues

Plenty of Prizes & Programs Through July

Immanuel Adams, who frequents the West End Branch, is one of 42 lucky teen winners for the first weekly prize drawing during Readquest. Children and adults can also win prizes every week through July.

parents to grandparents, can share in the journey of Readquest. Summer is also about time to enjoy great free programs. For kids, it’s puppets, storytimes, magicians, crafts, music, juggling, live animals, Harry Potter games, and more. For teens, it’s game nights, writing contests, tie-dying, henna tattoos, anime film festivals, teen talent nights, and even an alien autopsy. For adults, it’s gardening, Internet training, yoga, genealogy, golf tips, and more. It’s all at your local Library. Be part of the fun.

Log onto www.CincinnatiLibrary.org, then click on the “Programs” section from the homepage for a complete listing of fun-filled activities or pick up a program calendar at any library location.

Readquest 2003 kicked off on Saturday, May 31 with a program entitled Make a Reading Box Day. Each branch and the Children’s Learning Center invited people to sign up for Readquest and to make their own reading box to hold their library books over the summer. Children’s book author/illustrator Will Hillenbrand created special artwork for Make a Reading Box Day, and presented this artwork to excited crowds at the Harrison Branch and the Groesbeck Branch, where he is pictured.

Summer Reading is about FUN! This year’s program, Readquest: Rated ‘E’ for Everyone, has a new name and new ways to keep more fun coming your way. The more you participate in reading and reading-related activities, the more chances you’ll have to win weekly prizes ranging from coupons for pizza and ice cream to gift certificates for movies passes and books. Entire families, from tots to toddlers, preteens to teens, and