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NOTORIOUS P.O.W. CAMP

49TH ANNUAL  
VETERANS DAY PROGRAM  
NOVEMBER 11



Americans liberated from Omori P.O.W. camp on August 29, 1945. Hap Halloran circled and in 2001.

## FREEDOM IS NOT FREE: SURVIVING JAPAN'S NOTORIOUS P.O.W. CAMP

49TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY  
NOVEMBER 11, 10:45 A.M.  
MAIN LIBRARY, ATRIUM

Shot down 32,000 feet over Tokyo in January 1945, B-29 navigator Ray “Hap” Halloran survived over seven months at Japan’s most notorious P.O.W. camp. The World War II veteran will speak about his incredible story at the Library’s annual Veterans Day Program on November 11 recounting his ultimate victory over the 40-year trial he calls “Hap’s War.” In Japanese captivity, Mr. Halloran endured brutal beatings, starvation, solitary confinement, torture, and public humiliation being displayed naked in a cage at the zoo. For 39 years after liberation, nightmares of Hap’s War continued. Memories of falling through space or being beaten and always hungry kept recurring, causing him to wake up screaming for help. The 81 year-old former Army Air Corpsman will share how he finally triumphed over the crushing adversity of his wartime experiences.

### HAP’S WAR BEGINS

Hap’s War began in earnest at about 3:00 p.m. on January 27, 1945. A twin engine Toryu attacked the “Rover Boys Express” B-29 flying at 32,000 feet over Mount Fuji near Tokyo, Japan. With three engines on fire and all the controls out, Captain Smith ordered the crew to bailout. Five of the eleven airmen

survived the shoot down. Immediately after hitting the ground, his face and hands frozen from the high altitude, Hap Halloran was surrounded by hundreds of Japanese. He was hit with sticks, punched, kicked, and stoned. Finally he was “rescued” by four Japanese soldiers who bound his hands and ankles before tossing him into a truck, which drove him to Tokyo’s notorious torture prison, Kempei Tai. For six days he was in a 4’x5’ cell with two Japanese criminals where he was interrogated, threatened, beaten, and starved. He was then dragged through the snow to a stable where he was locked up. After 67 days in solitary confinement he was taken to the Ueno Zoo, stripped, and put on display in an animal cage. Around April 1, 1945 he was moved to Omori P.O.W. camp in Tokyo, where he was incarcerated with other captured B-29 crewmen who were also slated to be executed.

### P.O.W.s FREED

On August 29, 1945, two weeks after the fighting stopped and four days before the Armistice was signed, Omori was the first P.O.W. camp to be liberated. Hap Halloran was released, having gone from 212 pounds to 115. He was boarded on a Navy craft bound for the USS Benevolence Hospital Ship in Tokyo Bay, where his medical treatment began immediately. After stops at a number of hospitals in the U.S., he spent months in

recovery at a hospital in West Virginia. In September 1946, Hap Halloran was discharged from the service after serving four years in the U.S. Army Air Force, including combat in the Pacific Theatre.

Upon returning home to his native Cincinnati, Mr. Halloran attended the University of Cincinnati. He worked for several railroads and motor carrier companies. In 1958, he joined Consolidated Freightways, a major transportation company in Menlo Park, California, where he currently lives. He held various executive positions in the company, retiring as Senior Vice President—Emeritus. Mr. Halloran is author of *Hap’s War*, a book chronicling his life and the lasting impact of World War II experiences.

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library. All are invited to attend this free program which includes:

- Keynote Speaker: WWII Veteran Ray “Hap” Halloran, who served as a B-29 navigator
  - Presentation of commemorative wreaths by a number of area Veterans organizations
  - Lighting of the Flame of Remembrance
  - Western Hills Jr. ROTC Color Guard
  - The Brian Buerkle Brass Quartet
- Information: (513) 369-6959

# LIBRARY NEWS



## DELIAAN A. GETTLER APPOINTED PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Deliaan A. Gettler was sworn in as a Trustee of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees on October 14, 2003. Mrs. Gettler will serve as Chairman of the Development Committee and also on the Community & Public Relations and Finance & Audit Committees. She was appointed to the Board of Library Trustees by the Hamilton County Commissioners for a seven-year term through September 30, 2010.

Mrs. Gettler is the Chairman of Vulcan Corporation, a rubber, plastics, foam manufacturing firm based in Clarksville, Tennessee. She is also President of Trusthouse, Inc., a privately held investment company.

A graduate of the College of William and Mary with a BA in Political Science, Mrs. Gettler also did post graduate work at Georgetown University and American University. Since moving to Cincinnati in 1972, she has been involved in numerous civic activities. Mrs. Gettler is currently serving on the Board of the Museum Center at Union Terminal and is a lifetime member of Hadassah.

For many years Mrs. Gettler was a member of the Anderson Library Committee, which raises money through used book sales to assist the Anderson and Mt. Washington branch libraries. She has served on the boards of The Buckeye Institute for Public Policy, as well as the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing, United Home Care (now the Visiting Nurses

Association), and is past Chairman of the Board of the Ohio Council of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. She is a past president of both the Parents Organization for Anderson High School and the Umbrella Board for The Seven Hills School. Mrs. Gettler also served as a member of the Advisory Council for Indian Hill Schools. Her prior involvement in the arts includes serving as Chairman of the Women's Committee for the Cincinnati Ballet, Business Manager of Conversation in the Arts, and Out of Town Chairman for the Cincinnati Opera.

Her philanthropic activities include chairing the University of Cincinnati President's Ball and the Charity Ball. Mrs. Gettler is a resident of Mt. Adams.

## SECOND ANNUAL FUND HELPS KEEP LIBRARY OPERATING

The Library has only been in the fundraising business for about one year now. Prior to that time we had applied for and received several grants. But it's only recently that we've actually asked the public to make contributions to the Library. For years, the funds received from the State were sufficient to operate the Library and enough to construct some new facilities as well. That all changed in 2002 when the Library saw its funding cut by \$4.8 million dollars. The situation has worsened in 2003 with the Library's funding down about \$5 million, when compared with 2001. In fact, the level of funding received in 2003 is about the same as the amount received in 1998. To counter this major reduction the Library has taken several steps both to cut costs and to increase revenues. In cost cutting measures, we've tightened our belts. Hours across the system have been reduced 10% and the size of the staff was cut about 9%. Planned capital projects have been either postponed or canceled completely. Security at branch libraries has been reduced and the materials budget was also reduced. Expenditures on everything from pencils to insurance have been carefully scrutinized and reduced whenever possible. Fines were also increased as a way to increase revenue. The Friends of the Public Library and Anderson Library Committee have continued their extremely successful book sales and combined, contribute about \$200,000 to the Library annually. Finally, the Library began asking for donations to help

support its operations. Initiated in 2002, the Annual Fund seeks donations from private donors to be included in the Library's operating budget. Funds raised are used to support everything from book purchases and salaries to utilities and repairs. These operating costs have continued to increase at a time when the Library's income is decreasing. This makes the funds raised through the Annual Fund campaign even more important to our Library system. Donations to the Fund can be made anytime through the end of 2003. Donations are tax deductible as a charitable contribution. In addition, donors who give \$100 or more will receive a free individual, one-year membership to the Friends of the Public Library. Donors making a gift of \$250 or more will also receive a free copy of *Free & Public* by local author John Fleischman, chronicling the 150-year history of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. We know these are tough times for everyone but we hope you will find it possible to make a gift, no matter how small, to the Library's Annual Fund. We thank you for your support.



Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director

# LIBRARY NEWS

## LIBRARY TRUSTEE JOSEPH S. STERN, JR. HONORED FOR 42 YEARS OF SERVICE PLEDGES \$1 MILLION IN LIBRARY SUPPORT

On September 30, Joseph S. Stern, Jr. retired from the Library Board of Trustees after 42 years of service. As an active Board member, Mr. Stern used his business acumen, intellect, personal ties to the community, and lifelong love of books to provide guidance and input in making key decisions and setting policies that made and kept the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County one of the premier public libraries in the United States.

At the last Board meeting Mr. Stern attended as a Library Trustee on September 8, the Board of Trustees conferred upon him the lifetime honorary title of Trustee Emeritus in recognition for devoted service. He was also honored by both Congressmen Steve Chabot and Rob Portman with congratulatory letters, and further recognized by the Mayor of the City of Cincinnati and by the Board of Hamilton County Commissioners with proclamations declaring September 8 as Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Day.

As a strong affirmation of his continued support of the Library and its future, Mr. Stern pledged a planned gift of \$1 million for the Library's Foundation when its establishment is completed. He stated, "In making this lead gift, I hope it will encourage other individuals, companies and foundations to support and contribute to the Public Library Foundation." In speaking on behalf of the Board and staff, the Library's Executive Director Kimber L. Fender said, "We are deeply grateful for Mr. Stern's remarkable tenure on the Board and for his pledge of this spectacular gift. It will provide a lasting legacy to help ensure continuation of the Library's work to which he is so committed."

Mr. Stern was first appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Public Library in October 1961 by the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, and served as President in 1983, 1991 and 1998. He served as chairman and member of the various outstanding

special committees of the Board and was appointed and served as the first Chairman of the Development Committee. A great lover of books and Library supporter, Mr. Stern was one of the organizing members of the Friends of the Public Library in 1957, serving as its first Vice President and as President for two years. That fledgling group has grown to over 2,000 members, raising money for the Library through annual used book sales, membership fees, and the Friends' Shop at the Main Library.

During his six seven-year terms of office, the Public Library has undergone phenomenal growth and successfully improved the collection, services, programs, and facilities of the Library for the benefit of all area residents by providing ideas, knowledge and information supporting research, popular needs and lifelong learning. From his appointment in 1961, the Library's collection has grown from two million books to a collection of over 10.2 million items in many formats. Circulation has skyrocketed from under 6 million a year to over 14.4 millions items borrowed in 2002. Library services have changed dramatically with the growth of technology. The Library is now completely computerized, has free Internet access available systemwide, and offers 250 research databases online. Programs once limited to weekly story hours have expanded to nearly 14,000 diverse free offerings serving nearly 300,000 of all ages.

Since Mr. Stern joined the Library Board, the Library has built 16 entirely new branches, built and later expanded five branches, tripled the size of the Main Library in two expansions in 1982 and 1997, enlarged six branch rental facilities, and totally renovated five branches. Despite a decline in the county's population over the past 40 years, the number of active library card holders is up nearly 70% since 1961. Services for teens have expanded, with many branches offering separate teen areas and collections. The summer reading program, which just completed its 30th year, is open not only to children but teens and adults as well, with nearly 16,000 completing Readquest 2003.



Joseph S. Stern, Jr.



Joseph S. Stern, Jr. helped kick off the 1998 Summer Reading Program at the Main Library.

# LIBRARY NEWS

## CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

"Free to Read," the theme for the 84th observance of The Children's Book Council's Children's Book Week, encourages children and their parents to spend some quality time together reading each day. From November 17–23, the Library will be celebrating the joys of reading with many inspiring programs and events, including eight programs focusing on the work of children's author Eileen Christelow. Through a generous grant from Target Stores, eight branches will be hosting programs based on Ms. Christelow's series of *Five Little Monkeys*. The author will also be appearing at the Main Library on Tuesday, November 18 and the Sharonville Branch Library on Wednesday, November 19. Visit [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org), then click on the programs section for times and locations of *Five Little Monkey* reading events, as well as a wide variety of other reading related activities including making pop-up books, family fun nights, kids' book parties, puppet shows, dressing as your favorite book character, cooking, book swaps, and more.

**Children's Librarians to Visit Schools**—Watch for Children's Librarians to stop by your school to promote the many wonderful ways to "get connected" at your library by signing up for a library card. As they visit as many classes in Hamilton County schools (K–5) as possible during November, they'll come with free goody bags to hand out. Each one contains a library card application, Kidspac bookmark, and a coupon for a pencil or eraser that can be redeemed anytime through December 31 at any of the Library's 42 locations by applying for, renewing, or replacing a card and/or checking on card status or checking out books.

**Monkey Fest Comes to Green Township Branch**—Join the Green Township Branch staff as they go bananas over beloved children's book character Curious George. This special salute takes place Saturday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m. Highlights include:

- Curious George (handing out free bananas courtesy of Chiquita)
- Performances by the Oak Hills High School Clown Band
- Banana relays & coconut bowling; guest readers & Curious George trivia
- Barrel of Monkey & banana flip contests



**Library's Book Battalion Goes Up for Auction** Join the Bats Incredible! home team for a night of food, fun and major league bidding at the Cincinnati Museum Center on Thursday, November 6. Bid on your favorite bat creation from among the many sculptures you've seen around town this summer including the Library's own *Book Battalion*, which was sponsored by The LaMacchia Family Foundation. The Library will receive half of the proceeds of the sale of *Book Battalion*. Call 333-0388 for more information.



## MAIN LIBRARY HOSTS ANNUAL OHIOANA RECEPTION

The annual Ohioana Tea and Reception for local authors will be held on Sunday, November 16, 1:30–4:30 p.m. in the Huenefeld Tower Room at the Main Library. Hosted by the Hamilton County Committee of the Ohioana Library and the Public Library, this event brings together Cincinnati-area authors who talk about their recently published books and share their writing experiences. This year's roster of invitees includes such luminaries as Peter Bronson *Cincinnati For Pete's Sake*, Walt Burton and Owen Findsen *The Wright Brothers Legacy*, Cathal Liam *Forever Green: Ireland Now & Again*, and John Fleischman *Free & Public: 150 years at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County*. Other intriguing books on the list are *The Vampire Hound* by Garfield the Cat author Jim Kraft, *Running From the Devil: A Memoir of a Boy Possessed* by Steve Kissing and *Killing Is Murder* by Pleiades, a group of six women and one man

from the local Sisters in Crime chapter.

**Andrea Cheng to Be Honored**—A special award will be presented to children's author Andrea Cheng (*Marika, The Key Collection, Chrysanthemums* and *Goldfish*) for her outstanding contributions to Cincinnati's community-wide reading program, On The Same Page.



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Two used book sales in November will give readers the opportunity to get a head start on the holidays. Both the Friends of the Public Library and the Anderson Library Committee will be hosting used book sales with a special emphasis on “gently used” coffee table books suitable for gift giving.

### 4th Annual Holiday & Nearly New Used Book Sale

The Sale will be held at the Anderson Branch Library, 7450 State Road, the weekend of November 7–9. It will offer a good selection of fiction and children’s book, as well as art books, collectibles, first editions, and specialty books. Proceeds benefit special projects for the Anderson and Mt. Washington branch libraries.

#### Book Sale Hours

- Friday: 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
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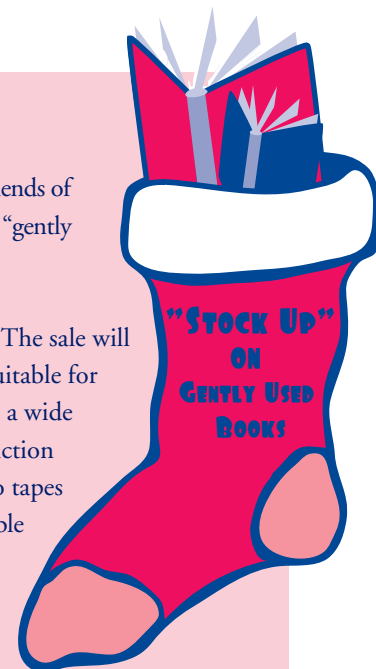
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The sale will be held at the Madeira Branch Library, 7200 Miami Avenue, from November 14–15, with a Preview Sale on Thursday,

November 13 for Friends’ members. The sale will include high quality books that are suitable for holiday gift giving. There will also be a wide variety of coffee table books, recent fiction hardbacks, CDs and videos (no audio tapes or records), and some art prints suitable for framing. Proceeds benefit special projects of the Library.

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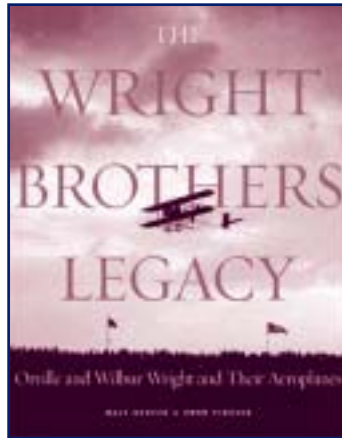
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A Book Discussion and Signing  
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Amanda Wright Lane, the great, great grandniece of Wilbur & Orville Wright, talks about growing up in a famous family. She will recount some of her father's anecdotes about the famous brothers, who never lost their curiosity for how the world works—and their childlike way of testing how to make it better.

### ● World War I: Introduction to Aerial Combat

Saturday, December 6, 2:00–4:00 p.m.  
Huenefeld Tower Room, third floor

World War I aviation history will be explored with this panel discussion, presented by staff of the leading World War I magazine, *Over the Front*, published locally by the League of World War I Aviation Historians.

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with Amanda Wright Lane  
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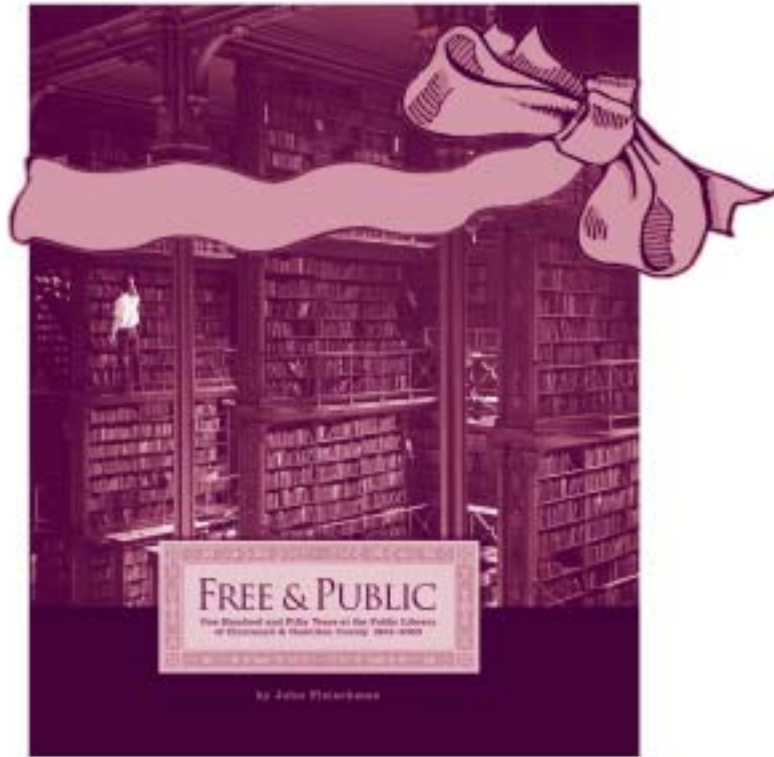
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