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CELEBRATE THE PAST AT THE LIBRARY

Share in a variety of cultural activities and free programs to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on January 19 and Black History Month throughout February at the Library. Plus, view fascinating exhibits highlighting many African Americans whose accomplishments helped shape today's society.

Portrait of "Drummer" Jackson who served as a drummer in the 79th United States Colored Troops during the American Civil War.

CELEBRATING OUR PAST

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY SERIES OFFERED IN FEBRUARY

To celebrate Black History month experts from the History & Genealogy Department will present a three-part lecture series on African American history in February on Tuesday evenings from 7:00–8:30 p.m. at the Main Library.

African American Soldiers from Ohio During the Civil War

February 3, Room 3A

Nearly 200,000 African American soldiers and sailors fought during the Civil War to abolish slavery. Recruited from the North and South, they served valiantly as depicted in the movie *Glory*, memorializing the Massachusetts' 54th Volunteer Infantry. The Library has many specialized sources describing the role of African American soldiers including regimental histories of the U.S. Colored Troops.

Albert Hallenberg will discuss the role of African American soldiers from this area. An active member of the Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable, Mr. Hallenberg has consulted on projects like *Family Tree Magazine's* special issue on the Civil War.

African American Genealogy on the Internet

February 10, Huenefeld Tower Room

African American family history faces unique challenges including the legacy of slavery. Learn how to conduct African American genealogy online using free Internet sites and the special databases *AncestryPlus* and *Heritage Quest* that can be searched for free at any Library location.

History & Genealogy Department Manager Patricia Van Skaik will join Library Services Assistant Evonne Franklin to demonstrate

strategies for searching general sites, as well as those specific to African American research. Ms. Franklin will share examples from her personal research, including information about her Civil War ancestor and other 19th century ancestors from Maysville, Kentucky, a nearby stop on the Underground Railroad.

Building a Free Community in the Shadow of Slavery: Cincinnati's Free Black Population, 1800–1860

February 17, Huenefeld Tower Room

As Cincinnati grew and prospered in the 19th century, part of its population was faced with the task of not only forging a life on the frontier, but also of forging freedom at the very gates of slavery. Cincinnati's free black population grew from a small, struggling group at the beginning of the century, to a thriving, integral segment of the city's population by the Civil War. Along the way, the population produced churches and schools, helped provide the backbone for the city's industry and trade, produced such individuals as author Eliza Potter and world famous photographer J.P. Ball, and built a community.

Join Denis Daly as he explores this community's growth and development. In addition to an MLS, Mr. Daly holds an MA in history with a specialization in African American history. He has lectured on the subject of African American genealogy and aided in the creation of the Library's first digital exhibit, *Three Voices from Cincinnati's Past*, featured on the website for Tall Stacks.



U. S. COLORED TROOPS IN THE CIVIL WAR RESOURCES.

From 1861 to 1865, the nation struggled to define itself and the meaning of freedom. These questions had no greater bearing on any segment of America's population than it did on African Americans. One of the best resources for learning the stories of these freedom fighters is housed in the History & Genealogy Department at the Main Library.

Civil War Unit Histories
Index–973.74 qH995 1992 (Book)
Microfiche–MFC973.74 C5821
United States Colored Troops
(fiche # FT82 through FT158)

This microfiche collection pulls together numerous unit histories, addresses, and dedications from a wide variety of sources and time periods. Often these histories

were written by members of the units, which allows for an interesting and intimate perspective. Of particular note are the unit histories of the U.S. Colored Troops. They include private letters, battle accounts, prison diaries, biographical sketches, and descriptions of daily life chronicling the experience of African Americans who served in the Union's Infantry and Cavalry.

CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S' BIRTHDAY AT THE LIBRARY

Over 40 years ago Martin Luther King, Jr. captured the spirit of the Civil Rights Movement on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial with his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. During January and February, the Library is commemorating Dr. King's birthday and Black History Month with inspirational exhibits, and programs for children and adults.

Join us for a special birthday celebration honoring Dr. King on Monday, January 19 at the Main Library in the Children's Learning Center. From 1:00–4:00 p.m., watch showings of *Martin's Big Words* (the video based on Doreen Rappoport's book of the same title), and participate in a Dream Clouds activity, Martin Had a Dream... Tell Us Yours! At 2:00 p.m. enjoy an exciting performance by Bi-Okoto

Drum & Dance Theatre, and from 2:00–4:00 p.m. make a magnet with Precious de la Bay.

Don't forget to check out the many special programs at various branches commemorating Dr. King's Birthday and Black History Month on the Library's web site: www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

29TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL MARCH & PROGRAM

Each year the Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition presents a gift to the Library to be added to the trust fund that they established for the purchase of items relating to Dr. King's life and legacy of peace. The Coalition raises funds through donations collected at their program held on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This year's program will be held on Monday, January 19 at noon following prayers at 11:15 a.m. on Fountain Square and a march to Music Hall. It will center around a piece of music entitled *Requiem for Brother Martin*, written for jazz orchestra and voices by Reverend Charles Walker, when he was a seminary student in the days right after Dr. King's assassination. The Philadelphia minister will discuss his piece, which will be performed under the direction of Dr. Catherine Roma by the Martin Luther King Chorale. The program, which will be emceed by Courtis Fuller, is free but contributions are requested.



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition presented its annual gift to the Library on November 11. Pictured from left to right: Steven Goosby, Reverend Marcella E. Smith, Janice Kagermeier, Rabbi Gary P. Zola, Willa Carlock, The Library's Executive Director Kimber L. Fender, Dr. Nancy Savage, Dr. Catherine Roma, Vanessa Perry, Nina M. Jackson, Byron Coaston, and Robin Lee.

ENJOY BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBITS

African Americans in Aviation

The Tuskegee Airmen were America's first black military pilots that flew during World War II, beginning as volunteers in the early 1940s amid military segregation and racism. Throughout February, an exhibit detailing their heroic efforts will be presented by the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. and Ancestral Ambassadors in the Atrium of the Main Library. On view will be material originally part of the Smithsonian Institute's *Black Wings* exhibit as well as items loaned by Tuskegee Airmen and other Black Aviators. Over 1,000 pilots were trained in Tuskegee, Alabama, and 10,000 maintenance personnel trained at Chanute Field in Illinois to support the American war effort in World War II.

Imagemaker Awards Exhibit Inspiration

To celebrate excellence in the African American community, a photo exhibit and profiles of recipients of the 14th annual Imagemaker Lifetime Achiever and Reach for the Stars! Emerging Leader Awards will be displayed in the Main Library Atrium during Black History Month (February). Sponsored by *Applause! Magazine*, the awards are given to African Americans who have made a significant impact in their chosen field and influenced the Greater Cincinnati community. Join us for the opening of the exhibit on Saturday, February 7 at 2:00 p.m.

WHAT'S NEW

ARE LIBRARIES NEEDED ANYMORE?

Absolutely. In fact they're needed more than ever as our statistics show. In 2003, despite a declining county population and a 10% reduction in service hours, the Library's circulation reached its highest level ever. It wasn't just circulation that increased; so did program attendance, reference questions, web page access, and use of online resources. Why is this happening? In an information age, information becomes the most valuable commodity. Libraries make information available, free of charge, to everyone in the community and in many formats—print, audio, and electronic. In addition, libraries provide the experts, our staff, to help you find the specific information you need quickly and you may depend that it will be as accurate and reliable as possible.

This free and ready access to information contributes to the literacy of the city, as shown by the recent study by Dr. John W. Miller, Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. In this study Miller

rated American cities with populations of 255,000 or more on five categories related to literacy: educational attainment, public libraries, periodicals published, newspaper circulation and booksellers. For each category several criteria were used. The cities were ranked in each category and then combined for an overall ranking of literacy. Cincinnati ranked 10th overall and was the only Ohio city to make the top ten listing. Literacy is a key element of personal success. Without literacy it is difficult to perform the day-to-day tasks we take for granted. Everything from reading the safety instructions on a package to correspondence from your child's school would be inaccessible if you could not read. The Library's contributions to literacy go beyond the extensive collections available in our 42 facilities throughout the county. Many Library staff members serve as adult literacy tutors. Hundreds of free programs scheduled throughout the year like the Library Babies programs and toddler and preschool

storytimes prepare our youngest users

for school and help them with reading readiness. Elementary and middle school readers keep skills sharp by participating in the Summer Reading program, reading incentive programs like Mighty Readers @ the Library, and even get to meet noted authors and illustrators during National Children's Book Week. In addition, each September the Library holds a Literacy Fair at the Main Library bringing together dozens of literacy service providers from across the region. These are just a few examples of the many contributions the Library makes toward literacy in our community. Education, booksellers, newspapers, periodicals and public libraries—together they spell literacy in Cincinnati.

Kimber L. Fender
Executive Director



SAMPLE THE FINE ARTS FEBRUARY 14

As part of the 18th annual Fine Arts Sampler Weekend, presented by the Fine Arts Fund to showcase local arts, the Main Library will present these free programs on Saturday, February 14:

Cincinnati Book Arts Society (CBAS)

9:00 a.m.– 6:00 p.m. (also on Sunday, February 15, 1:00–5:00 p.m.)

Members of CBAS operate an actual small printing press, which will print wood and lino blocks. They will also be printing and distributing bookmarks, and demonstrating and handing out examples of how to produce multi-page books from one sheet of paper.

Corryville Suzuki Project

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

The Corryville Suzuki Project is rooted in Dr. Shinichi Suzuki's belief that every child can learn, and that music is a universal language. Corryville Suzuki Project's 35 students are from all parts of Greater Cincinnati, and range in age from 4–17. The ensemble will perform a variety of music from classical to Appalachian fiddling.



Wild Carrot

1:00–2:00 p.m.

The award-winning folk duo will offer an edutainment program designed especially for kids from preschool through grade 5. They will describe the differences between various folk music instruments and answer such questions as "What is the origin of folk music in America?" and "Who are some important folk singers and their songs?"

LIBRARY NEWS



8TH ANNUAL WAREHOUSE BOOK SALE COMING JANUARY 23–25

Here's your chance to shop under one roof for the area's largest used book sale from January 23–25 at the Friends' Warehouse, 8456 Vine Street in Hartwell! The Friends of the Public Library 8th Annual Warehouse Used Book Sale is a once-a-year opportunity to select from over 100,000 used books, CDs, cassettes, and videos. A Preview Sale for Friends' members will be held on Thursday, January 22 from 6:00–

8:00 p.m. Memberships can be purchased at the door beginning at \$20 a year.

SALE HOURS

Friday, January 23, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 24, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 25 noon–4:00 p.m.

Phone: (513) 369-6035.

All categories of books will be available including fiction, nonfiction, cookbooks, children's books, and even a limited

number of encyclopedia sets. Your

purchase

supports the Library in many ways, including funding thousands of programs presented year-round, summer reading, author appearances, and the purchase of rare and valuable items for the Library's collection.

BUILDING YOUR BUSINESS ONE STEP AT A TIME

To help area small businesses succeed, a no-cost, multi-faceted workshop beginning January 31 will be offered by the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) in cooperation with the Library's Government & Business Department. This series of four workshops, to be held at the Main Library, is designed to help attendees gain skills, knowledge, tools and techniques for writing business plans and evaluating their businesses. A free workbook with course outline, case studies, reference sources, and examples will be included.

In addition, one to one counseling from an experienced SCORE counselor will be available at no cost. Plus, experienced reference librarians will show how attendees can benefit from using Library resources. Topics include: Management/Operations, Marketing,

Financing, Your Competition, Business Plan, and Next Steps.

Saturday, January 31, 2004, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 14, 2004, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 6, 2004, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 3, 2004, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Park all day on Saturdays for \$1.00 at the Garfield Garage at 13 W. 9th Street (1/2 block from the Library).

Each workshop builds on knowledge gained from previous workshops and participants are expected to attend the sessions in sequence. Attendance is limited to the first 50 people to register. To register—or to find out more—go to www.scorechapter34.org or call the Government & Business Department at 513-369-6934.

CLIFTON BRANCH CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY WITH FAMILY FUN

The recently expanded and remodeled Clifton Branch at 351 Ludlow Avenue is celebrating 50 years of service to the community with a Family Fun Day on Saturday, January 17 from 12:00–4:00 p.m. Festivities include a performance by local musician Jake Speed at 2:00 p.m., and refreshments and crafts sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library. Jake sings, picks guitar and banjo, blows harmonica, buzzes kazoo, and kicks the beat on a washboard. He will be performing songs from his latest CD, *The Cincinnati Legends of Jeremiah Schmidt*, based on fifty-year-old stories by Jeremiah Schmidt that Speed found in his Clifton Heights basement. "The stories tell tales of Cincinnati history, from the Flood of 1937 to the ghosts of the unused Cincinnati subway system," said Jake.

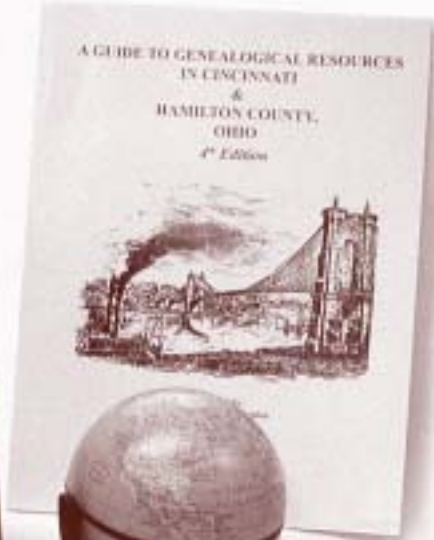
The Clifton Branch has been located in the Clifton business district since it opened in one small storefront on January 19, 1954. It grew to two store fronts in 1962, and was remodeled in 1971. Last summer a \$106,155 expansion added a third storefront, making the branch one-third larger with many new resources. All construction was paid for by donations from the public. Despite being one of the smallest of the 41 branches, circulation has been steadily increasing. In 2002 more than 225,000 books and other items were checked out, a 6% increase over 2001. Through November 2003, the number of items borrowed was up 17% for the year. Information: 513-369-4447.

NEW IN THE FRIENDS' SHOP



Air Glider 60—new concept model plane with adjustable wings for turns and loops with various launch abilities and easy assembly, \$26.99

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Each month *Links* will be highlighting a different volunteer that has served the Library. This month it is Tracey Heath, the Children's Learning Center's first volunteer. She began her duties by cutting out Ellison machine shapes for children's librarians throughout the system. This has proven to be an enormous time saver for staff who will no longer need to drive to the Main Library in order to cut out shapes for programs and displays.

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Mary Ficker in memory of Emory Zimmer.

North Dayton Old Boys Club in memory of Jeffrey Klosterman.

Education & Religion Department in memory of Charles Lang, Jr.

IN-KIND GIFTS & SERVICES

Oak Hills Carton Company

Thomas R. Schiff

United Dairy Farmers

Chiquita Brands, Inc.

Bigg's Foods

Officer West, Reading Police Department

Oak Hills High School Clown Band &

Conductor, Larry Welsh

Jacob Hooks

Griff Murphey

Jimmy Heath

Anthony Mahone

Lisa Britten

Howard Wells

Su Ready

James E. Herrmann

Village of Elmwood Place



Julie Kline and Jackie Rosenstengel, CEO of the Ohio Valley Chapter of Community Associations Institute (CAI), recently presented for the Library's collection \$1,000 worth of books and materials related to the successful operation of community associations. This was made possible through the CAI's Adopt-a-Library program.

GIFTS TO THE FRIENDS

John I. Von Lehman

Roselle Foundation

PET MEMORIALS

Linda Seiter & Chuck Brown in memory of Bonnie Henry and Chloe & Eric Williamson's dog Teddy.

Oak Crest Animal Hospital in memory of Julie Crutchleo's dog Smudgy and Diane Heiman's cat Alexander.

Virginia G. Moser in memory of Ursula Hassel's dog Lady, Ruth & Bill Grewe's dog Sammy, Christine Moran's cat Tigger and Betsy & David Pierce's dog T. J. Maxx.

Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra in memory of Debra Bell's dog Josie.

Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation in memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Meyer's dog Buster.

Lois & Hank Mayberry in memory of their dog Abby.

Gail Madden in memory of her cat Madden.

Carol & John Carney in memory of Angie Yaegel & Brenda Albert's cat IPO.

PROGRAMS



PASSPORT SERVICE MARKS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Applying for or renewing your passport has never been easier. Last January, the Public Documents & Patents Department at the Main Library began offering the service to the public. Not only is the service more convenient, it's time saving, since most passport applications can be completed in 30 minutes or less. The service is available Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and Monday–Wednesday from 5:00–9:00 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays, however, appointments are suggested. For information call: (513) 369-6976.

In 2003, over 650 passports were processed by the staff, generating over \$20,000 for the Library. So far the most popular traveling destination is Europe, with France having the most travelers of any country, followed by Mexico and the Caribbean. “Because the

Library is open until 9:00 p.m. some evenings and on the weekends, the service has become very popular, especially for those who work during the day,” said John Graham, Manager of the department. Applicants need only bring five items with them to get a new passport:

- Proof of U. S. Citizenship
- Proof of Identity
- Current Photograph
- Proper Fees
- Social Security Number

PROGRAMS OF NOTE

● IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Tax Preparation:

The VITA service that targets elderly and low-income individuals will once again be available at the Main Library. Volunteers will prepare forms 1040-A and 1040-EZ, as well as Earned Income Credit forms and schedules on Saturdays from 2:00–5:00 p.m. (February 7–April 10). Basic assistance will also be available for State of Ohio tax returns. Because of time constraints, volunteers will not be able to assist with business tax returns or complex forms beyond the basic 1040 series. Some volunteers will be trained to prepare the forms electronically and to file them online at no cost to taxpayers. Electronic filing is available only for those who use a VITA volunteer, and is a secure way to file taxes that usually results in faster refunds. For more information call (513) 369-6971.

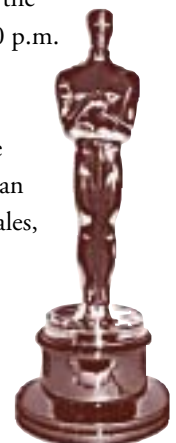
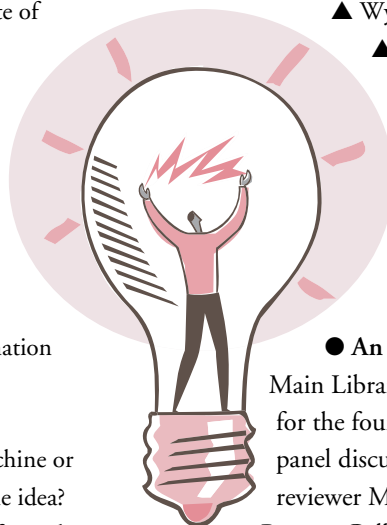
● **Power of Patents:** Have an idea for a new machine or product? Wondering if someone else has the same idea? Need to know how to protect your invention before taking it to the marketplace? Answers to questions like these can be found in a free program featuring an introduction to intellectual property, the nature of patents, patent searching strategies, and patent applications. All are held in Meeting Room 3A next to the Huenefeld Tower Room:

- ▲ Saturday, January 17, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday, March 27, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

● **From Dreams to Dollars: How to Make Money with Your Invention:** Once a patent on their inventions has been received, many inventors could use some tips on how to market them. These free branch programs can provide some help:

- ▲ Delhi Township, Saturday, February 21, 10:00 a.m.
- ▲ Wyoming, Thursday, February 26, 6:30 p.m.
- ▲ Forest Park, Monday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.
- ▲ Walnut Hills, Saturday, April 24, 2:00 p.m.
- ▲ Corryville, Saturday, May 1, 2:00 p.m.
- ▲ Groesbeck, Thursday, June 17, 7:00 p.m.
- ▲ Blue Ash, Thursday, September 27, 7:00 p.m.
- ▲ Harrison, Saturday, October 9, 10:30 a.m.
- ▲ Sharonville, Thursday, October 14, 7:00 p.m.

● **An Afternoon with Oscar:** Join us at the Main Library on Sunday, February 29 at 2:00 p.m. for the fourth annual Afternoon with Oscar panel discussion with *Cincinnati Enquirer* reviewer Margaret McGurk, *City Beat*'s Steve Ramos, College Hill Branch Reference Librarian Heidi Bullard, freelance writer T. T. Clinkscales, Northern Kentucky University professor Tom Zaniello, and *Artspike* editor Allen Scheidt. Fun facts and trivia about 76th Annual Academy Awards.



PROGRAMS

CONSTRUCTING THE BOOK: FROM MANUSCRIPT TO PRINT

The Rare Books & Special Collections Department has an extraordinary collection of early printed and rare books, as well as medieval manuscript fragments and codices, which will be highlighted throughout the year in a lecture series offered jointly by the Library and the Department of Literature & Language at Northern Kentucky University.

Constructing the Book: From Manuscript to Print will examine the history of the book, drawing directly from the holdings of Rare Books and the Library. All programs will be in the Main Library's Huenefeld Tower Room.

Faculty members from NKU will present seven lectures. An exhibit of the original books and manuscripts, which are the subject of the first four programs, will be on display in Rare Books & Special Collections from January 16 to May 10.

Presentations will follow a chronological order, from medieval manuscripts to 20th century books. In addition to the exhibit, the audiences will be able to see images from these books and manuscripts throughout the lectures through Power Point presentations.

Medieval Manuscripts: Fragments of the Past

Tuesday, January 20, 6:00 p.m.
& Saturday, January 24, 1:00 p.m.

by Dr. Tamara F. O'Callaghan.
Before paper and the printing press, "books" were produced by hand on scraped and lye-treated animal skin. Dr. O'Callaghan will examine the laborious production of the medieval manuscript, focusing on a book of hours and the unusual collection of manuscript fragments currently held by Rare Books. Scribal handwriting, parchment production, and illumination techniques in some of these texts will be analyzed to better understand the early history of the book.

From Stage to Page: 17th-Century Editions of Shakespeare's Works

Saturday, February 7, 3:00 p.m. &
Tuesday, February 24, 6:00 p.m.
by Dr. Barclay Green.

It was not until the early 17th century, seven years after Shakespeare's death, that a large collected edition of his plays was published. This presentation will discuss the significance of the First Folio edition and its seminal role in the foundation for modern editions of the texts. Dr. Green will also examine the production of later folio editions in the 17th century and explore how they helped establish Shakespeare's reputation as one of the great English playwrights.

**Other Upcoming Programs include:
The 18th-Century World Through**



the Eyes of Explorers

Saturday, March 13 3:00 p.m. &
Tuesday, March 16, 6:00 p.m.
Dr. Roxanne Kent-Drury

Wordsmiths and Lexicographers:

The Art of the Dictionary

Saturday, April 17, 3:00 p.m. &
Tuesday, April 20, 6:00 p.m.
Dr. Tamara F. O'Callaghan

Programs in the fall will include:

Rare Book Riches for a Melville Teacher and Scholar

Dr. Robert K. Wallace

Art and Memory in Holocaust Literature:

Tales of Horror and Hope

Ms. Nancy Kersell

We're Off to See the Wizard:

Visual Interpretations of Oz

Dr. Katherine C. Kurk

"GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET" SATURDAYS SERIES

One of the fastest growing hobbies, genealogy, can now be increasingly done using the Internet. The Library recently subscribed to *AncestryPlus*, a database that contains census indexes as well as images. This website, along with *HeritageQuest Online* and many others, will be covered in "Genealogy on the Internet" presented every Saturday in January at the Main Library and every Saturday in February at four branches. For more information, contact the History & Genealogy Department at 513-369-6905.



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ON THE SAME PAGE: 2004

In an effort to foster a sense of community through reading, a number of area organizations joined in partnership in 2002 to establish On the Same Page, a citywide reading project. Since that time, thousands of people from around the Tristate have come together to read *A Lesson Before Dying* (Ernest Gaines), *Savage Inequalities* (Jonathan Kozol), and *Marika* (Andrea Cheng).

We are pleased to announce that *Crossing the River* by Caryl Phillips will be one of two titles featured in On the Same Page 2004. This “resonant and deeply moving” (Publisher’s Weekly) novel was selected to encourage readers to think about and discuss the viewpoints of others, while encouraging an

understanding and appreciation of diversity and tolerance in society. An announcement will be made shortly about the 2004 title for middle school readers. Keep an eye on the On the Same Page website

<http://www.cincinnati.com/samepage/> for details. On the website, you’ll also find background information about the titles and the authors, news about upcoming special events and activities related to the project, and tips for getting involved in the project.



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CHINESE TEACHERS VISIT LIBRARY TO EXCHANGE CULTURE



Chinese teachers from Liuzhou, China are shown at the Main Library in a program room they decorated for the Children’s Learning Center. They have come here as part of the Cin-Liu Chinese Exchange Teacher Project. From left to right: Liu Min, Tang Lin, Zhu Qing, Zhao Xiaoxia, Li Zhihao, Huang Liu Fang, Pang Ping and Luo Ai Zhen.

As part of the Cin-Liu Chinese Exchange Teacher Project, the Library has been working with eight teachers from Liuzhou, China (one of Cincinnati’s Sister Cities). For several weeks in December the teachers regularly visited the Children’s Learning

Center to make use of the Library’s resources, observe children’s librarians, and to learn more about presenting programs and English/Chinese storytimes to students. On several Wednesdays in January, the Cin-Liu exchange teachers will be presenting *Books Alive! In China* to visiting classes in the Children’s Learning Center.

The Library’s involvement with the Cin-Liu exchange program began several years ago with another set of Chinese teachers, who came here to learn more about how the Public Library’s system operates. In China, there is no free and public library system, so they went back with much to share in their homeland. This year, teachers came back with gifts in hand from the last group. Many of these beautiful items are on display in the Children’s Learning Center. Plus, the teachers have decorated a program area with items representative of Chinese culture. Through

the Sister Cities Association of Greater Cincinnati, the Chinese teachers stay with host families and move around every three weeks. Some of them have also stayed with Library staff or families who have adopted Chinese children.

China for Kids – Presented by teachers from Liuzhou, China featuring crafts, displays demonstrations, and cultural information.

Saturday, January 10

Loveland Branch—10:00 a.m.
Monfort Heights Branch—1:00 p.m.
Main Library, Children’s Learning Center— 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 17

Elmwood Place Branch—2:00 p.m.
North Central Branch—2:00 p.m.
Westwood Branch—2:00 p.m.