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# FREE & FUN

## Family Fest 2004

**FREE & FUN FAMILY FEST 2004**

At the Main Library on  
Saturday, March 20 1:00-4:00 p.m.

(see page 2 for details)

# SNEAK PREVIEW



## MAIN LIBRARY, SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Break out of those wintertime blahs. Bring the entire family to the 2nd annual Free & Fun Family Fest. On Saturday, March 20 from 1:00-4:00 p.m., the Main Library's Atrium will once again be transformed into a carnival midway sporting all sorts of free and fun activities. Last year over 2,000 fun-seekers found the sunshine *inside!* This year, there's even more excitement in store for all ages. Plus, meet some of your favorite personalities from WCPO-TV9 as they challenge you to some lively games and contests of skill and luck. It's all part of a super fantastic way to celebrate community service sponsored by the Public Library and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission—plus, it's all FREE & FUN!

- Carnival Midway with Games Galore & Prizes!
- Contests hosted by WCPO-TV9
- Music from Warm 98 Radio & Oak Hills Jazz Band
- Crafts, Walk-About Puppets, Magic Shows
- Chiquita bananas, Kroger treats & United Dairy Farmers ice cream
- And lots more fun ... all for FREE!

Parking is only \$1 all day on Saturdays at the Garfield Garage (just one block from the Main Library at 13 West 9th Street, between Vine & Race). For more information visit [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org) or call the Family Fest Infoline at 513-369-6974.

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR

## WHY LIBRARIES MATTER

The cover of the January 2004 *American Libraries* featured an article entitled “Why Libraries Matter.” Reading the article gave me one perspective and made me think about why libraries are such a vital part of America. Libraries do matter. They matter a lot. The absence of a library signals the absence of information and in today’s society information is a necessity. Not a luxury for the few who can afford to purchase any information they may need but a necessity available to anyone who seeks it. While libraries do provide the information needed to be an active participant in our society as a whole, not every person who uses the library has an urgent need for information. Some love reading and expect the Library to supply them with wonderful new books on all topics. Others enjoy the movies or music they can watch or listen to free of charge through the Library’s collections. I remember as a student at the University of Kentucky hearing a fellow student talking about the controversy in her community over the opening of a public library. She stated that many fought the formation of the library because new ideas would be brought into their community. This fear of new ideas and the changes that might occur as a result is nothing new. Yet those new ideas are crucial to our growth as individuals and communities. How wonderful to be providing library service to a community that so actively supports its public libraries—one that fights to keep libraries open rather than fighting to shut them down. It is surprising to learn that even those who do not use the Library still support it as being good for the community. And they’re right. A thriving library system provides so much in support of community needs. Perhaps most importantly, public libraries support the provision of information on all topics and viewpoints and deliver that information to any who seek it, without regard for economic status, age, race, or religion. This is why libraries matter.

Kimber L. Fender, *Executive Director*



## HIGHLIGHTS OF LIBRARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2003

What a wonderful year the Library had in 2003, its 150th anniversary! Library use was up despite so many factors that should have had the opposite effect—a 10% reduction in service hours, declining population, fewer registered borrowers, and reduced funding. Not only did the Library see a modest increase in circulation, up 3% to 14.8 million, but also increases in the use of online resources (up 33%), the Library’s web page (up 26%), the number of programs offered (16,169) and attendance at those programs (337,247). Changes made in the teacher collection service paid off with more circulation in this critical service as did the exhaustive efforts of our children’s librarians who visited thousands of elementary classrooms in the county to promote Library use.

New services including the passport application service have been a tremendous success and, in this case, actually earned money for the Library. Through new services and more usage, in 2003 the Library continued the tradition of service to the County evidenced throughout its 150-year history. To celebrate the 150-year milestone a number of special events were held throughout the year. In January a very special book, *Free & Public*, documenting the distinguished history of the Library became available. To celebrate the Library’s anniversary, Free & Public Family Fest was held at the Main Library on March 15. Nearly 2,000 people attended this spectacular event and many donors contributed to making it a success. The year long

celebration came to a close on October 4 with the dedication of an Ohio Historical Society plaque honoring the Library’s 150 years of service.

2003 was not just a time for celebrating the past. We worked to plan for the future, too. Two major projects were started in



2003 and are continuing in 2004. First, was the completion of Phase I of the Library’s strategic plan. This extensive planning process gathered data from county residents through a variety of surveys and focus groups resulting in identification of four priority areas: Relevant Services, Financial Strength, Community Awareness, and Dynamic Organization. 2004 will see the completion of an action plan and work commencing on initial activities identified in the plan. The second major project is the replacement of the current CINCH system with an Integrated Library System. This new computer system will greatly improve the Library’s services to the public by providing user-friendly information in the familiar web-based interface.



# APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

## SIXTH ANNUAL POETRY IN THE GARDEN SERIES

### Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Several years ago, National Poetry Month was established as a nationwide awareness campaign that highlights the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets. As part of National Poetry Month, the Main Library will host its sixth annual Poetry in the Garden series, kicking off with Ohio poets Nancy Kangas and Obalaye Macharia on April 7. Featured poets will appear in the Reading Garden Alcove every Wednesday at the Main Library this April at 7:00 p.m.

### April 7: Nancy Kangas & Obalaye Macharia

Columbus resident Nancy Kangas writes poems and “poetry-theater pieces” for adults and children and regularly contributes to *Muse*, a magazine for kids sponsored by Smithsonian.

Cincinnati Obalaye Macharia is a popular performance poet who has published *Book of Spoems*, and has recorded the poems on two CDs: *Spoems: Speak Hard* and *Spoems: Speak Easy*. He is also a radio personality for “The Word Sound Power Hour” on 1230AM, The Buzz.

### April 14: Michelle Boisseau & Will Toedtman

Cincinnati native Michelle Boisseau was educated at Ohio University and the University of Houston. Her books of poetry include *Trembling Air*, *Understory* (winner of the Morse Prize), and *No Private Life*. She is also co-author with Robert Wallace of the popular text *Writing Poems*, now in its sixth edition. Her work has received a National Endowment for the Arts poetry fellowship and two Poetry Society of America awards. She is Associate Professor of English at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Will Toedtman holds a B.A. in English from the University of Cincinnati. His first collection, *The Several World*, which won the

2001 Wick Poetry Chapbook Competition, was published by Kent State University Press in 2003.

### April 21: Tim Riordan & Richard Taylor

Tim Riordan’s poems have appeared in *The North American Review*, *Envoi (UK)*, *Newport Review*, *New Review*, and *Cincinnati Poetry Review*. His published works include chapbooks *Foreign Correspondence* (2002), *Portfolio Breeches* (1988), and *Dense Communion* (1985). His published collections are *In a Fluid State* (1998) and *Lesser Bird of Paradise* (1990), and he recently completed a collection of poems entitled *A Reckless Pleasure*, as well as a chapbook, *A Prague Trilogy*. He is a professor at Xavier University.

Richard Taylor is a professor of English at Kentucky State University. His published works include a novel, *Girty*, and four collections of poems, including *Stone Eye*. From 1999 to 2001 he served as Kentucky’s Poet Laureate. He and his wife Lizz own Poor Richard’s Bookstore in downtown Frankfort.

### April 28: Sarah Perrier & Mark Halliday

Kent State University Press published Sarah Perrier’s chapbook, *Just One of Those Things*, in 2003. Her poems have appeared or are forthcoming in *The Journal*, *Pleiades*, *Mid-American Review*, and *Cimarron Review*. She earned an M.F.A. from George Mason University and is currently completing a Ph.D. at the University of Cincinnati.

Mark Halliday, Ph.D., has taught creative writing and poetry at Ohio University since 1996. His four books of poems include *Little Star* (1987), *Tasker Street* (1992), *Selfwolf* (1999), and *JAB* (2002). Mr. Halliday won the Rome Prize of the American Academy of Arts & Letters for 2001–2002.

## POETRY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS

### Bond Hill Branch

Thursday, April 1, 3:00 p.m.  
After School Party! Kids (ages 5–11) and teens (ages 11–18) eat snacks and share poetry. Information: 369-4445.

### Main Library

Saturday, April 10, 2:00 p.m.  
Kids Write! Write and perform poetry with Sabina Barron during Super Saturday in the Children’s Learning Center. Ages 6–12.  
Call 369-6922 to register.

### Cheviot Branch Library

Thursday, April 15, 4:00 p.m.  
Afterschool Adventure! Put a Poem in Your Pocket and a Smile on Your Face! Learn how to make a pocket book for your favorite funny poems. Ages 5 & Up. Information: 369-6015.

### Hyde Park Branch

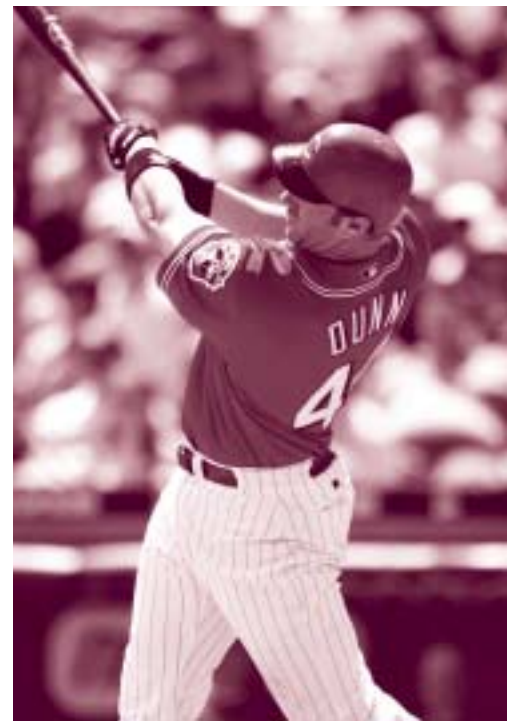
Monday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.  
Richard Hague Live! Join this award-winning poet for a lively discussion of poetry and its role in contemporary society. Ages 14 & up. Information: 369-4456

### Green Township Branch

Thursday, April 28, 7:00–8:30 p.m.  
Poetry Café! Calling all poets to bring your original poetry for an open reading. Prizes given to the top three original works. Ages 12–18. Call 369-6095 to register.

Poetry programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

# UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Reds outfielder Adam Dunn makes a big hit for literacy.

## SWING INTO BOOKS & BASEBALL WITH THE LIBRARY AND THE CINCINNATI REDS

The Library and the Cincinnati Reds are teaming up to play a doubleheader for literacy. From Opening Day (April 5) through April 19, any child (grades 6 & under) can swing into the season with double the fun through *Books & Baseball*. By attending a Library program or checking out any item, children who “touch base” with reading can enter to win a set of two Reds tickets—simply by filling out an entry form. The more items checked out or the more Library

programs attended, the more chances to win. Each child can enter as often as they like. One set of tickets will be given away at the Main Library and at each of the Library’s 41 branches for a total of 84 tickets in all. Check the Library’s website at [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org) then click on programs from the homepage for baseball-oriented storytimes, book displays and craft making programs centered around these two great American pastimes, *Books & Baseball*.

## BASEBALL HISTORY: ‘IT’S IN THE CARDS’

Revisit baseball’s past through a nostalgic exhibition of baseball cards on display in the Main Library Atrium from April 5 through April 24. The cards, issued from the late 1940s and early 1950s, were produced by Topps and Bowman and feature Hall of Famers: Stan Musial, Jackie Robinson, Ted Williams, Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle, Hank Aaron and other baseball greats. Cincinnati Reds manager Fred Hutchinson and players Ted Kluszewski, Joe Nuxhall, Gus Bell, Johnny Vander Meer, and Ernie Lombardi, along with many others, will also be featured.

## LIBRARY STAFF TO MARCH IN OPENING DAY PARADE

On Monday, April 5, members of the Library staff will once again march in the annual Findlay Market Opening Day Parade, Cincinnati’s traditional kick-off for the baseball season. The Library’s participation in the parade also marks the opening of a season of celebrating *Books & Baseball*.



## THIRD ANNUAL MARY E. FINLEY MEMORIAL ESSAY AND SPEECH CONTEST

Children in grades 6–8 who go to school or live in the West End are invited to write an essay about what the Public Library means to them. It’s all part of the Third Annual Mary E. Finley Memorial Essay and Speech Contest, sponsored by the West End Branch Library and retired librarian George Ferguson. The winning essay will receive \$100, courtesy of Mr. Ferguson, who began the contest in 2002 as a way to remember the late Mrs. Finley, who inspired him to go to library school. Entries must be received by April 3 and will be judged at an awards program at the branch on Saturday, April 24, 1:00 p.m. For more information contact the branch at (513) 369-6026.



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Members Appreciation Sale 20% off During National Library Week April 18-24

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# FOCUS ON ARTISTS' BOOKS



## CINCINNATI BOOK ARTS SOCIETY EXHIBITS BOOKWORKS 5

The Cincinnati Book Arts Society (CBAS) will hold its 5th annual exhibit in the Atrium of the Main Library. Composed of a group of professional and amateur book artists, as well as archivists and conservators, this nonprofit organization promotes a spirit of community among hand workers in the book arts and those who love books. This year's exhibit will feature some of the finest traditional and contemporary bookworks from around the Cincinnati area, and will be on view from May 2 through May 31. The opening reception will be held at the Main Library on Sunday, May 2, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. The public is invited.

## BOOK ARTIST JEAN BUESCHER PRESENTS LECTURE & WORKSHOPS

Each year, along with hosting the BookWorks 5 exhibit, the Library sponsors a guest book artist to hold workshops and speak about their own work or a topic of interest concerning the book arts. This year, Jean Buescher, a former Cincinnati and Proprietor of Bloodroot Press in Ann Arbor, Michigan, will present a slide lecture and two workshops. Ms. Buescher has taught the art of bookmaking to kindergartners through adults at a diverse array of venues across the country. She holds an MFA in Book Arts from the University of Alabama and her work is in many permanent collections throughout the world. If you visit her website at [www.bloodrootpress.com](http://www.bloodrootpress.com) you will find a glimpse of the artist's world, where, "committed to tactile pleasures and quiet, thoughtful musings, Bloodroot Press germinates a small, lush handful of titles annually.



Conception, writing, editing, designs, material preparation, illustration, binding and box-making take place in a tightly orchestrated studio in Ann Arbor, Michigan."

**Lecture: Monday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m.:** Jean Buescher will present a slide lecture

at the Main Library entitled, *American Women and the Private Press*. She will also share her 17 years of experience teaching book art classes.

**Workshops: Saturday, May 15, from 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.:** Ms. Buescher will hold a Youth Workshop (ages 9–12) will at the Groesbeck Branch Library.

**Sunday, May 16, 1:00–4:30 p.m.:** A pochoir workshop for

adults will be held at the Main Library. Pochoir was a process used in Paris in the early 20th century to hand color prints using a series of stencils.

Registration is limited at both workshops, and adults must bring their own supplies (pochoir brushes, paints and pigments, exacto knife and sharp blades, small self-healing cutting board, pencil, cork-backed metal straight edge, and drafting tape.) For more information please call (513) 369-6955.



**Exhibit: March 1–May 31:** The Art & Music Department at the Main Library (south building, 3rd floor) will also celebrate BookWorks 5 with an exhibit drawn from the department's collection of contemporary artists' books including some designed by Jean Buescher. Entitled *What Are Artists' Books*, the exhibit features many items purchased by The Plaut Fund, established in 1968 in honor of Jacob Plaut and Alice S. Plaut to create a collection of artists' books. (From 1930 until 1959 Mrs. Plaut served as Head of the Art & Music Department. Under her leadership volumes of rare and important works, along with materials devoted to that era's trends in modern art, were added to the collection.) Since 1995, the funds have been directed towards strengthening and adding to the collection of contemporary artists' books made by local, national and international artists. Besides the Plaut Fund, the artists' book collection continues to grow through purchases made by the Friends of the Public Library and donations of works by the book artists themselves. Artists' books are not books about art, they are art expressed through book form. The word, pictures, and physical form of the object—the artist's book—all contribute to the meaning.



# LOOKING AHEAD

## ARCHITECTURE BY CHILDREN BUILDS SKILLS

For over 10 years, Architecture By Children (ABC) has helped children grades K–12 learn about architecture directly from local architects and designers. American Institute of Architects (AIA) Cincinnati offers this annual outreach program in partnership with the Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati to bring a fun and engaging educational experience to children throughout the Cincinnati area. Through this free program, students are given an opportunity to connect skills learned in the standard curriculum to real-world problem solving through the conceptualization, design and presentation of a themed building project.



This year's theme is "Sacred Spaces." The projects will be presented to six guest jurors who will choose winners in several categories. The show will then be on display for the entire following week from April 21–May 1 in the Main Library, atrium. On Saturday, May 1 winners of the design competition will be announced at a reception for ABC participants and special guests from the Cincinnati community in the program space at the Main Library from noon until 2:30 p.m.

## USED BOOKS FOR SALE

**Friends Members Shop at the Warehouse**  
Every Wednesday & 4th Saturday through  
May 26

### Hours:

Wednesdays  
10:00 a.m.–noon &  
on the 4th Saturday  
in March, April, May  
10:00 a.m.–  
2:00 p.m.



**Harrison Branch Used Book Sale**  
10398 New Haven Road, call (513) 369-4442

### Sale Hours:

Thursday, March 11 (Preview Sale for  
Friends' Members): 6:00–8:00 p.m.  
Friday, March 12, 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, March 13, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

## CITYWIDE ART SHOW SHOWCASES STUDENTS' WORKS

For over 25 years, the Citywide Art Show has offered Cincinnatians the opportunity to view outstanding student artwork from students in Cincinnati Public Schools (CPS), judged by professional artists and educators from arts organizations and universities. This year's exhibition of paintings, sculptures, drawings, ceramics, printmaking and photography will once again be on view at the Main Library from April 1–15.

The show is a collaborative effort by CPS and the Library in showcasing the work of five students from each of the schools in the city, selected by art teachers. This is the fourth year the exhibit has been shown at the Main Library, and will include a kick-off and an awards ceremony honoring outstanding student artists at the Education Center, 2651 Burnet Avenue.

## CONSTRUCTING THE BOOK: FROM MANUSCRIPT TO PRINT

The Rare Books & Special Collections Department at the Public Library has an extraordinary collection of early printed and rare books, as well as medieval manuscript fragments and codices, which are being highlighted throughout the year in a lecture series offered jointly by the Library and the Department of Literature & Language at Northern Kentucky University. The next two lectures, to be held in the Main Library's Huenefeld Tower Room (south building, 3rd floor), are:

- *The 18th-Century World Through the Eyes of Explorers*  
by Dr. Roxanne Kent-Drury.  
Saturday, March 13, 3:00 p.m. & Tuesday, March 16, 6:00 p.m.
- *Wordsmiths and Lexicographers: The Art of the Dictionary*  
by Dr. Tamara F. O'Callaghan  
Saturday, April 17, 3:00 p.m. & Tuesday, April 20, 6:00 p.m.

## AN AFTERNOON WITH OSCAR

Join us at the Main Library on Saturday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m. for the third 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, and Northern Kentucky University professor Tom Zaniello.



# LOCAL WRITERS SHARE INSIGHTS

## Author & Irish Enthusiast

**Cathal Liam**

**Mariemont Branch**

**Saturday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.**

Born of stout Irish, Scottish and English stock, Cathal Liam writes short stories, poems and Irish editorial commentary for publications in America and Ireland. His latest book, *Forever Green: Ireland Now & Again*, is a “blend of history, travelogue, literature, essay, memoir and poetry that is Irish through and through.” A compelling speaker presently living in Cincinnati, he has appeared before numerous bookstores, library, university classroom and Irish cultural & music festival audiences throughout the United States, chronicling Ireland’s infamous ‘Troubles.’

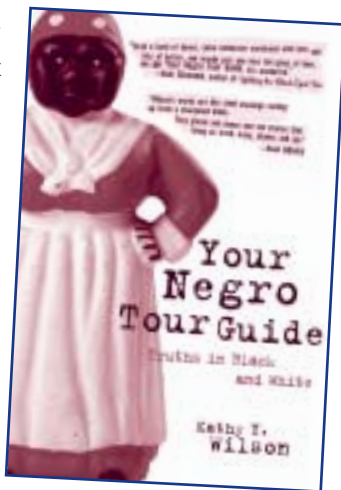
## City Beat Columnist

**Kathy Y. Wilson**

**Main Library, Huenefeld Tower Room**

**Saturday, March 13, 11:00 a.m.**

Kathy Wilson, an award-winning writer and weekly columnist for *City Beat*, the alternative newspaper in Cincinnati, will discuss and sign copies of *Your Negro Tour Guide: Truths in Black and White*. Her commentaries can be heard on NPR’s “All Things Considered.” She has written for *Newsday*, and has won awards from the Ohio Associated Press, the Association of Alternative Newspapers, the Society of Professional Journalists, and the Knight Center for Specialized Journalism at the University of Maryland. Wilson brings candor and integrity to insightful observations of the state of America today. While drawing



battlelines on race, gender and class, she challenges them by saying what many won’t say aloud in what is fast becoming an ever more polarized, politically correct society.

## Author & Motivator

**Sheila Williams**

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**Saturday,**

**March 20 noon**

*Writing From*

*the Edge (or*

*How To Sit Under the Shade of Your Own Tree Without Getting Covered with Bird Droppings)* Enjoy an afternoon of motivational speaking and soul food with local author Sheila Williams. Call (513) 369-6034 to register.

Sheila J. Williams was born in Columbus, Ohio, attended Ohio Wesleyan University, and graduated from the University of Louisville. Throughout elementary, middle and high school, Williams wrote poetry, short stories, articles for the school newspapers, and plays. In college, one of her poems, *The Cage*, was published in the college literary magazine. In early 2001 after nearly 18 years of trying, she was offered her first publishing contract. *Dancing on the Edge of the Roof* was published in 2002, followed a year later by *The Shade of My Own Tree*. She resides in Northern Kentucky.

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## Author & Archivist

**Kevin Grace**

**Delhi Township Branch**

**Saturday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.**

Kevin Grace, archivist and historian at the



University of Cincinnati, is a member of the Society of Ohio Archivists and several other professional organizations. He will discuss his books *Cincinnati Revealed: A Photographic Heritage of the Queen City*, *Cincinnati on Field and Court*, and *Cincinnati’s Over-the-Rhine* and photographs which reveal the city’s past. As an Adjunct Assistant Professor, College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services, Grace’s research has taken him from archives to classroom to publishing.

## Mystery Writer

**Corson**

**Hirschfeld**

**Harrison**

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**Monday, March**

**29, 7:00**

**Monfort**

**Heights Branch**

**Monday**

**March 8**

**6:30 p.m.**

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Corson Hirschfeld, author of mysteries *Aloha*, *Mr. Lucky* and *Too High*, will discuss his latest book, *Freeze Dry*. An award winning professional photographer for twenty-five years, he formerly edited the *Journal of Herpetology* and has written scientific papers, articles for consumer magazines, and museum essays. He has taught photography at the University of Cincinnati, lectured at educational and arts organizations, curated exhibitions, and has had one-person exhibitions at galleries and museums including the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution.

Author visits made possible by the Friends of the Public Library.



# CELEBRATIONS

## 22ND ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, March 17 at noon Celtic dance and music will fill the Atrium of the Main Library with the McGing Irish Dancers and the musical group Silver Arm in this annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day, sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

Cincinnati has been home to the nationally known McGing Irish Dancers for over 25 years. The dancers have performed across the country as well as overseas. However, they are most proud of their local performances across the Tri-state. As Cincinnati's leading Irish Dance Troupe, the dancers are always breaking new ground. Most recently the dancers were the featured group in the Cincinnati Arts Association program *From Ireland to America*. This unprecedented program put clogging and Irish dance together. The dancers are also featured on the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra's most recent CD, *From the Heart*.



For 14 years, Silver Arm has never failed to impress audiences with their energetic instrumentals and haunting ballads. They have appeared with the Cincinnati Symphony, Pops and Ballet



Tech and are featured on a new animation DVD by Jen Delyth, *Beyond the Ninth Wave*, as well as on the Cincinnati Pops recording *Celtic Spectacular*. Band members include Cindy Matyi, flute and concertina; Stephen Matyi, bouzouki, guitar and banjo; Justin Bridges on fiddle; and John Sherman, finger style guitarist and multi-instrumentalist.

## CELEBRATE DR. SEUSS' 100TH BIRTHDAY

Be part of an entire nation of readers under one hat—the Cat in the Hat! Last year, nearly 45 million children and teachers celebrated NEA's Read Across America. This year, there's even more to celebrate—Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday!

### Ways to Have Fun

#### Saturday, March 6

- Cinergy Children's Museum—10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (in the Cincinnati Museum Center)—Children receive free admission with a Library card and paying adult. Enjoy storytimes with children's librarians from the Public Library, crafts, games, and meet the Cat in the Hat. Sign up for a Library card at the Museum, too. Call (513) 369-4462 for details.
- Main Library —2:00 p.m. (in the Children's Learning Center) Enjoy a "Seuss-abration" with storytimes, games, and crafts. Ages 6-12. Call (513) 369-6922

#### Wednesday, March 3

- West End Branch Library—3:00 p.m. Visit the Cat in the Hat, participate in fun activities in Seussville. All ages. Call (513) 369-6026

#### Tuesday, March 2

- St. Bernard Branch Library 3:30 p.m.—Dr. Seuss on the Loose! Enjoy Seuss games, crafts, and books. Ages 3 & up. Call (513) 369-4462





# THANKS TO...



The Downtown Residents' Council designated \$2,000 for an arts program for the Children's Learning Center at Main. The Residents' Council members also wish to volunteer to work with the children during their sponsored art activities. Pictured accepting the check from Downtown Residents' Council Board Member Joseph Herr (left) were, from left to right, Children's Learning Center Manager Lisa Hamrick, Children's Librarian Carolyn Janssen, and Greg Edwards, Main Library Services Manager.

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Pictured with enthusiastic young engineers for the train table purchased with proceeds from the Friends of the Public Library used book sale at the Madeira Branch are Branch Manager Kathy Kennedy-Brunner (left center), Branch Manager, and Children's Librarian Debby Hull.

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George McIlveen recently presented the History & Genealogy Department with a CD and other items relating to African American Genealogy to Department Manager Patricia Van Skaik.

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## LIBRARY RETIREE GIVES BACK BY VOLUNTEERING

"Volunteering at the Mt. Washington Branch Library keeps me mentally alert. It also enables me to do something I love—working at the library and giving something back," said Eileen Schweizer. At age 83, Mrs. Schweizer volunteers twice a week for two hours a day stamping date due cards and reading shelves. No stranger to the library, she is a retired library assistant. "My first job out of high school was working as a clerk at the Main Library in 1939," said Mrs. Schweizer. "I worked there for five years until I got married, and quit to raise my four boys." In the 1970s she was a part-time library assistant at the Oakley Branch Library, then went full-time to the Mariemont Branch, retiring in 1981. She also worked at Xavier University's Library for eight years. "Once I retired I wanted something to keep me busy, since volunteerism has always been a big part of my life," she said. "When

my kids were in school I used to work in the school library. I've also been a volunteer for the Cincinnati Nature Center Library, the Deupree House, and The Magi."

"I had just ended a volunteer job at The Magi in Mt. Washington, which lost its lease. Then I noticed the flyer asking for volunteers at the Mt. Washington Branch. I've been working as a volunteer since last July. Because I don't drive, it's perfect for me." To volunteer, call the volunteer hotline at (513) 369-6946, or email the Library at [volunteers@CincinnatiLibrary.org](mailto:volunteers@CincinnatiLibrary.org).





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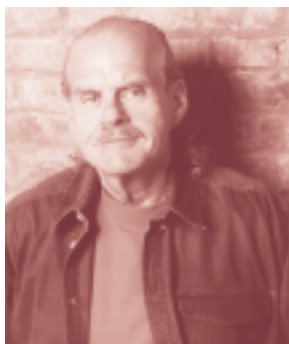
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## MYSTERY WRITER LAWRENCE BLOCK ON THE PROWL AT THE GROESBECK BRANCH



Renowned mystery writer Lawrence Block will discuss one of his most inspired and witty creations, Bernie Rhodenbarr, the featured character in many of his bestsellers, including his latest release *Burglar on the Prowl*. The author, too, is on the prowl himself, with a two-month tour that will have him speaking at forty plus libraries including the Groesbeck Branch Library on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Lawrence Block, a Mystery Writers of America Grand Master, is a four-time winner of the Edgar Allen Poe and Shamus Awards, as well as a recipient of prizes in France, Germany, and Japan. He is a prolific author, having written over fifty books and numerous short stories. Block was just selected by the Crime Writers Association (U. K.) to receive the Cartier Diamond Dagger award for lifetime achievement.

## COMMUNITY WIDE PROGRAM COMMENCES THIRD SEASON OF READING TOGETHER

All residents around the Tristate are invited to participate in a third season of page-turning togetherness—literally—through a community-wide reading program, On the Same Page. This year, that page has turned into two compelling novels, *Crossing the River* by Caryl Phillips and *Hush* by Jacqueline Woodson, a book for middle-school readers—the featured selections everyone is encouraged to read. Phillips' deeply moving narrative summons the voices of the lost children of Africa who are attempting to sink "hopeful roots into difficult soil," in a story that arcs across 250 years of history. In *Hush*, Woodson's sensitivity explores a number of complex moral issues through the eyes of a 12-year-old girl, whose life is upended when her family is forced to enter a witness protection program.

The goal of the project is to build community and inspire discussion on tolerance, diversity, and race by reading together. The shared experience of a book deepens and enriches all who participate in reading it. So now through April, read, discuss, and explore the challenging issues in these novels. Then share your thoughts and feelings about these titles in a variety of community discussion groups. As a culmination to the program, join On the Same Page for these exciting events:

Meet & Interact with the Authors:

### Caryl Phillips

- At the University of Cincinnati (The Great Hall) in Tangeman University Center  
Tuesday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.
- At CET for a studio broadcast to be aired live (call-ins welcomed)  
Wednesday, May 5, 8:00 p.m.

### Jacqueline Woodson

- At CET for a studio broadcast to be aired live (call-ins welcomed)  
Tuesday, March 30, 11:00 a.m.
- At the Main Library  
Wednesday, March 31, 9:30 p.m.



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Keep an eye on [www.cincinnati.com/samepage/](http://www.cincinnati.com/samepage/) for details about special events and activities related to the project, as well as additional information about author visits. Copies of both titles can be found at your local library or bookstore.

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