Transforming Your Life...

New catalog & new website coming to your Library August 9

And, it’s still free.
NEW CATALOG &
TRANSFORMING YOUR LIFE

Starting August 9 … Get More From Your Library
- New Library Catalog
- Redesigned & Expanded Website
- More Borrowing Privileges

Rediscover Your Library!—It’s an exciting time to be part of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County as it enters a new era with lots of enhancements—all helping make a great library even better! And you’ve helped. We’ve gathered ideas from thousands of Library customers—people just like you. We’ve received feedback from representatives of various community organizations, government officials—as well as from our own staff, retirees and Friends’ members. We’ve also looked at other libraries to review the best of what’s being done both regionally and nationally. We’ve listened and learned, and now we’re ready to introduce a number of new improvements designed to make service better.

New Library Catalog—August 9 will mark the debut of a significant new resource for our customers—a web-based catalog. The advantages of this new catalog will be many: a greater variety of search options, a point-and-click web interface, a picture-based catalog for kids, enhanced information about the items in our collection (cover images, summaries and reviews, tables of contents, sample chapters, etc.) to help you find that perfect item. We are proud of the depth and variety of our collection and look forward to making it easier than ever for our customers to locate the information and material they need.

This new system will become available on August 9. Please stop by in-person and try it out. Even if you’re unable to visit that day, you may access our new Library catalog from home at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

New Library Website—On August 9 a completely redesigned and enhanced version of the Library’s website, www.CincinnatiLibrary.org, will also be unveiled. While our current website has worked well, the content over the past few years has grown significantly. The new design will accommodate more layers of information while providing easier access. Customers and staff were involved throughout the redesign process in helping us reshape www.CincinnatiLibrary.org into a more user-friendly resource. Input was gathered about the strengths and weaknesses of our website via an online survey, statistical analysis, focus groups, and usability tests. Customers can look forward to a fresh new look and an easy-to-use website with reorganized and relabeled content, improved accessibility, and improved integration with our catalog.

New Borrowing Guidelines—On August 9 our Circulation Policy will change. To better serve our customers we have extended our loan periods and given parents the ability to select a circulation profile for their children and teens. With the exception of videos and DVDs, all library materials will now have a 21-day loan period! This means all print materials including magazines and bestsellers, as well as CDs, CD-ROMs, books-on-tape, and books-on-CD can be borrowed for 21 days. Feature films can be borrowed for a period of 4 days, while non-feature films can be borrowed for 7 days.
NEW LIBRARY WEBSITE

The number of items that may be borrowed will also change. There will continue to be no limit on the number of books that may be checked out. The total number of compact discs that may be borrowed will change to 40—10 titles each of adult music, adult audiobooks, juvenile music, and juvenile audiobooks. In addition, up to 10 feature films plus up to 10 non-feature films may be borrowed in any combination of videos and DVDs.

Parents and guardians will now be able to designate a circulation profile that is appropriate for their child or teenager. Profile options are:

- Unlimited Access: ability to check out any library materials including videos and DVDs
- Limited-No Videos: ability to check out any library materials with the exception of videos and DVDs
- Limited-Juvenile: ability to check out children’s print and children’s audio materials that are classified as juvenile items

We believe these changes will help us achieve our Mission of “Connecting People with the World of Ideas and Information.” Please visit us at any of our 42 locations to get connected!

E-Mail Notification

Our new system will let us notify you via e-mail when materials you put on hold are available, and when your items are overdue. So, stop in at one of our 42 locations after August 9 and let us add your e-mail address to your account... and receive faster notification when that bestseller you’ve been waiting for is ready to be picked up!

WE’RE IN TRANSITION
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1—FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

For one week, while we switch from the old CINCH catalog to the new catalog, service will be affected. But, with your help, the Library will still be able to provide ongoing service.

- Bring your library card. Our staff will be unable to look up your number or access your account. To further protect your account, we will also not be able to rely on memorized library card numbers.

- We will not be able to issue or renew library cards during this time.

- You may still check out materials, get assistance answering questions, and seek reading suggestions from our staff.

- While nothing you have checked out will be due during this week, we will also not be able to renew materials.

- Our printing capacity will also be affected. Keep in mind that we will not be able to print out a list of those items you currently have checked out.

- Until July 31, items can be placed on reserve. But, during the transition week, titles cannot be reserved.

- If you’d like to request an item from another location, our staff can call to check availability. But we will not be able to transfer the item(s) from one location to another. You are welcome to pick up the items you’ve requested at the location that has them available.

- Our website will still be available during the transition period; however, you will not be able to access the catalog.

THE MAIN LIBRARY AND ALL 41 BRANCH LOCATIONS WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 TO IMPLEMENT THE FINAL TRANSITION.
THE LIBRARY—IT’S AN INTEGRAL PART OF YOUR LIFE

Have you ever thought about the times in your life when you go to the Library for information? In good times and bad the Library is there with the information you need.

- Got a school homework assignment? The Library has resources to help you write an A+ paper.
- Ready to go to college? The Library has information on colleges, financial aid, and the SAT.
- Seeking a first job or changing careers? The Library has information on writing a resume, job skills, and how to interview.
- Having a baby? Learn about pregnancy and parenting at the Library.
- Getting married (or perhaps divorced)? The Library has many items to help plan for either event.
- Coping with your own illness or that of a family member or friend? Find the most current medical information at the Library.
- Grieving over the loss of a loved one? The Library can help with many resources to guide you through a difficult time.
- Planning for your future? Take advantage of the free investment resources available.
- Taking a vacation? Visit the Library first to stock up on travel guides, maps, and books-on-tape for those long trips.
- Want to enjoy an inexpensive weekend? Select a few books or movies as an affordable alternative.
- Making a major purchase? Check out consumer resources for safety ratings, price and loan information.

The Library’s resources cover all areas and all ages. Many can be used from home through the Library’s web page and all are available free of charge. So, when you need information, think of the Library first. We can help you find just what you need.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS: PHASE II OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN UNDERWAY

The people of Hamilton County are justifiably proud of their library system. In collection size, circulation and usage, as well as in breadth of services, it is recognized as a leader among libraries nationally. However, changing technologies, changing demographics, and the significant reduction in State funding in 2002, 2003, and 2004 add urgency to the importance of the planning effort to ensure that the Library remains a vital community resource for many years to come. In spring 2003, the Library began an intensive strategic planning process. The purpose of strategic planning is to stimulate forward thinking, clarify overall direction, improve performance, and proactively address major challenges with an action plan.

In order to understand what the community needs and how those needs are changing the Library opened a new dialogue with the community in summer 2003. Thoughts and opinions were gathered through public focus group sessions, interviews with community leaders, plus mail and Web surveys. In October 2003 the Library Board approved Phase I of the Strategic Plan: A Blueprint for the Future, which grew out of these new “conversations” with the people of Hamilton County. Four priorities were identified along with goals and strategies. The four priorities are: Relevant Services, Financial Strength, Community Awareness, and Dynamic Organization.

As part of Phase II of the Strategic Plan, the staff has formulated the tasks and resources needed to address these four priorities. The action plans developed include many ambitious activities to be undertaken over the next four years. Activities range from major undertakings like the development of a facilities master plan, which will require substantial Board and community involvement and support, to projects like developing standards and guidelines for the provision of core services that are adaptable to all agencies, which can be completed entirely by staff. Several activities have already been completed:

- Development and Board approval of a Mission, Vision and Values statements
- Establishment of a 501 (c)(3) Library foundation
- Expanded ways public can become directly involved with the Library, such as volunteer work or advisory groups

Work on some of the other activities has also begun. As an example, under the Dynamic Organization priority the need for change management training for staff was identified. A grant for LSTA funds to provide this training has been submitted. Other activities being initiated now are:

- Creation of a collection development policy
- Alignment of potential donors/grantors with programs and services
- Development of a branding slogan process that is tied to the Mission, Vision & Values that clearly conveys a vibrant image
- Expansion of the ways in which public can express their loyalty/advocacy of the Library
- Raising the visibility of the Library logo through sale or distribution of Library logo items
- Development of relationships with educational institutions
- Diversification of recruiting work to create a diverse staff and to build a large pool of applicants

Throughout this process the community will be kept informed through regular reports in Library publications, meetings, and online.
A Library Foundation has been established to enrich and ensure the continued excellence of the Library's collections, programs, and services. The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Foundation is an independent, non-profit, tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to raising significant private support to meet growing demand for library services that are not covered by public funding. For many years, the funds received from the State were sufficient to operate the Library and enough to construct some new facilities as well. That changed in 2002 when the economic downturn resulted in Library funding being cut by $4.8 million. Library expenses continue to rise while revenues continue to drop. Major cost-cutting measures have been taken, but additional funds need to be raised in order to maintain one of the nation’s great public library systems. For more information or to make a contribution, please contact John Reusing at (513) 369-4591.

As of June 17, a total of eleven individuals have been elected to serve as Directors on the initial Board of the Foundation. Pictured here are Foundation Directors, from left to right: Eric H. Kearney, Yvonne Robertson, Lorrence T. Kellar, Kimber L. Fender, Thomas E. Huenefeld, Patricia M. King, Joseph J. Dehner, and Tracy Tunney Ward. Not pictured: John H. Hermanies, H.C. Buck Niehoff, and Peter S. Strange.

LIBRARY STAFF WORKING WITH A RENEWED SENSE OF PURPOSE

As a critical part of the Library’s strategic planning process, the Mission and Vision statements were revised and a Values statement was developed. These tools are very helpful in understanding the purpose and clarifying the direction of the Library and the underlying principles that guide decision-making. The Mission, Vision and Values provided the framework and structure needed to develop the action plan for the Library’s Strategic Plan. We are pleased to be able to share them with you.

MISSION
Connecting people with the world of ideas and information.

VISION
It is the Library’s vision to:

- Excel in customer service
- Be the first choice for information
- Anticipate and meet changing needs
- Assure equitable access to the Library’s resources and services
- Be a dynamic force in the community

VALUES

Open Access:
The Library values free, open, unrestricted access to its collections and services. We are committed to connecting our customers to the ideas, information and materials they wish to explore in a friendly, nonjudgmental manner. We strive to offer materials, programs and services that represent the needs of our diverse population.

Customer Focus:
The Library values all customers and is responsive to their service needs. The customer’s opinion and input is welcomed in all initiatives and undertakings. We consider the impact on the customer in all decisions.

Growth and Innovation:
The Library values continuous learning and innovation in the pursuit of excellence. We respond to present situations and anticipate future needs.

Excellence:
The Library values excellence, individually and collectively. We offer quality service to all customers by displaying a positive attitude, valuing the diversity of people and perspectives, and expecting integrity and competence in our personal and professional actions. We strive to earn the trust and confidence of all customers.

Good Stewardship:
The Library values responsible stewardship of all the resources with which we have been entrusted. We are accountable for ensuring the proper use of public funds. We take seriously our responsibility to maximize the efficiency of staff time and talent making the best use of all our resources in the delivery of quality library service.
Shop Hours:

Monday–Saturday
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m
(513) 369-6920

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- Previews of used book sales
- 10% discount on items in the Library Friends’ Shop
- Subscriptions to Library program calendars & newsletter mailed to your home each month
- Invitations to special events sponsored by the Friends
- Interesting volunteer opportunities for Friends’ projects
- Good feeling of helping to spread the joy of reading
Special thanks to our members who renewed or joined in April and May:

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HISTORY IN THE MAKING
The British Invasion began on February 7, 1964, when the Beatles stepped off the plane at New York’s JFK International Airport. But the greater impact came several days later when the four mop-top lads from Liverpool appeared on “The Ed Sullivan Show.” Viewed by over 73 million people (4 out of every 10 persons in America), music on television would never be the same.

In August, following several European appearances, the Beatles headed back to the U.S. for their first nationwide trek. Performing 32 shows at 26 concerts in 24 cities in 34 days, it became the tour many Americans will remember above all others—and Cincinnati was part of it. On August 27, 1964, Cincinnati Gardens hosted the Beatles before an audience of 14,000 screaming fans. Thanks to the efforts of Dusty Rhodes, a longtime area radio personality first heard on WSAI in 1961 and a charter member of the Beatles Boosters Club.

BEATLES MAGICAL LIBRARY TOUR
We Love You Yeah, Yeah, Yeah! From July 1–August 29 no true Beatles fan will be able to resist the Beatles Magical Library Tour. This flashback of Beatle-Mania, co-sponsored by the Library and the Beatles Boosters Club of Cincinnati, marks the 40th anniversary of the Beatles American debut through a series of exhibits, concerts, and programs spotlighting the “Fab Four.” Celebrating one of the most significant events in pop-culture history, here’s a rundown of what to expect:

KICKOFF:
Panel Discussion—Relive the excitement through the eyes of those who experienced the Beatles first hand. On Saturday, July 10 at 1:00 p.m. a panel discussion featuring radio personality Dusty Rhodes, one of the “WSAI Good Guys” who helped bring the Beatles to Cincinnati in 1964, and David Bracey, who covered the 1964 concert for The Cincinnati Enquirer, will be held in the Main Library (Atrium). After the discussion stay and listen to acoustic performances of Beatles songs.

EXHIBITS:
Beatles Memorabilia Exhibit—Everything Beatles imaginable will be displayed at the Main Library from July 1–August 29. Assembled by area collectors and members of Beatles Boosters Club, the exhibit includes memorabilia, photographs, dolls and figurines, magazines and books, Beatle and 60s era clothing, musical instruments, Beatle wigs and even a glimpse into Liverpool highlighting the early life of the Beatles. Plus, items from the Library’s collection will be displayed in several departments.

Share Your Beatle-Mania Memories—Be part of the exhibit. Stop by the Main Library or your local branch and tell your story in our Beatles guest book.

International Beatles Record Exhibit—Spin back time across 36 countries by viewing this unbelievable collection of vinyl records in 7” album covers on Saturday, July 24 and Saturday, August 14 from noon–4:00 p.m. at the Main Library in the Huenefeld Tower Room (3rd floor, south building).
BEATLE-MANIA HITS THE LIBRARY!

MUSIC:

Beatles Acoustic Music—Enjoy acoustical Beatles music at the Main Library with That Sixties Band and Wayback Machine on Saturday, July 10 at 2:00 p.m. (Atrium); Wayback Machine on Wednesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. (Reading Garden); That Sixties Band on Tuesday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. (Reading Garden).

The Bees Play The Beatles—A fun evening of Beatles music for all ages on Monday, August 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wyoming Branch Library.

Eight Days a Week Concert—Bring a picnic lunch to Seasongood Pavilion in Eden Park (near the Cincinnati Art Museum) on Sunday, August 29 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to enjoy a Beatles musical tribute by Eight Days a Week. Hear recreations of Paul, John, George and Ringo as they perform in costume on instruments from the mid-1960s. Sponsored by Miami University Intercollegiate Athletics and the Library.

PROGRAMS

Make a Yellow Submarine Magnet—A cool craft for kids ages 10 and up to commemorate the Beatles at the Miami Township Branch Library on Thursday, August 12 at 2:00 p.m. To register call (513) 369-6050.

Beatle-Mania—Stories, crafts, and sing-along for all ages at the Reading Branch Library on Tuesday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Sixties Celebration—Come to the Main Library in your favorite sixties garb on Friday, August 27 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Beatles concert in Cincinnati.

Beatle-Mania—Once you’ve seen the Beatles exhibits come learn about the insects with Ladybug stories and crafts for ages 6–12 in the Children’s Learning Center at the Main Library on Saturday, August 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Beatles exhibits and programs made possible by The Beatles Boosters Club and the Friends of the Public Library. For more information about the Beatles Magical Library Tour call (513) 369-6945 or log onto www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

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The Library is deeply grateful for the generosity of our community and welcomes gifts of all sizes. Your donations are essential to ensuring delivery of excellent Library service and availability of the widest possible range of informational resource for all ages. For inquiries regarding contributions, please contact John Reusing, Development Director, at (513) 369-4591. The following gifts were received between March 26 and May 24.

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Dr. Irwin & Janet Light
Federated Department Stores
  Foundation matching gifts program
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Mr. & Mrs. Morgan MacDonald
Forest Park Women’s Club
Mt. Washington Community Council
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Library Trustee Charles W. Anness and his wife Martha presented a check to Covedale Branch Manager Eileen Mallory (left) in memory of Charles Wesley Fryer. This was the inaugural gift received for the Library’s new Adopt-a-Book program, which was initiated by the Annesses. The program enables the Library to purchase books that are designated with special bookplates in memoriam or tribute of a birthday, anniversary or other special day.

George Ferguson for sponsorship of the Third Annual Mary E. Finley Essay Contest

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The first ever Writers’ Day in Cincinnati, co-sponsored by the Library and InkTank, a local nonprofit devoted to fostering creative writing in Greater Cincinnati, brought wannabe writers and area pros together at Memorial Hall on May 22. Nationally acclaimed writer David Eggers, author of *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*, was the keynote speaker and inspiration behind the all-day series of free workshops and speaking presentations featuring many local writing talents. David Eggers, who came at his own expense to speak at the event, is pictured with Library Program & Exhibit Coordinator Laura Dell (left) and InkTank Founder Kathy Holwadel (right).
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Charles & Martha Anness in memory of Charles Wesley Fryer.

The Hyde Park Book Club in memory of Marietta Ginocchio.

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The Ramsay Family in honor of Gavin Brock’s 1st birthday.


Mr. & Mrs. Robert Burdick and Mr. & Mrs. H. Richard Burdick in memory of Leslie Indilacato.

Jill Grisco and The Washington Post matching gifts program in memory of Rae B. Grisco.

Pat Gruber in memory of Jim Cox.

Gifts to the Friends
H.G., H.F. & L.T. Dornette Foundation for a grant of $25,000 to support the Library’s summer reading program

Blue Ash Elementary School First Grade Class in honor of their teacher Taryn Grinker for instilling a love of reading

Key Foundation matching gifts program

Members of an informal book club that meets in the home of Hyde Park resident Sue Kellogg recently presented a check to the Library for a signature brick in memory of the late Marietta Ginocchio, one of their members. Front row, left to right: Sue Kellogg and Bill Hahn. Back row, left to right: Elsie Gerwin, Mark Silbersack, Michael Dooley, Al Harris, Beth Nunlist-Young, Andrew Smith, Jan Cowperthwaite, Kassy Corken, Betty Moscove, Ralph Ginocchio. Not pictured: Dick Adams, Mary Ellen Baude, and John Kaar.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Norwood Auxiliary #449 presented a check to the Norwood Branch Library for the purchase of large print books. Making the presentation for the group was Vice President Marlene Boehme (left) to Norwood Branch Manager Tina Messerschmidt.
THANKS TO...

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT—IRV BASS

After Irv Bass retired from a 28-year career as a stockbroker, he decided he needed more than a weekly round of golf to fill his time. “I wanted something close to home, where I could give back to my community,” he said. With that in mind, he became one of the Library’s first volunteers when he signed up to work at the Deer Park Branch Library in the Dillonvale Shopping Center. Six days a week Irv spends two hours a day helping out. “Irv is fabulous,” said Children’s Librarian Wanda Plummer. “I don’t know what we’d do without him. When he’s here helping out it allows us more time to spend with our customers.” Irv doesn’t look at his job as work. “It’s fun, and I get to see all the new videos and magazines,” he said.

If you’d like to join the volunteers by becoming a tour guide, shelf reader, computer assistant, genealogy tour guide, clerical assistant, or document translator (French to English and German to English), contact the Volunteer Hotline at (513) 369-6946, or email volunteers@CincinnatiLibrary.org.

PET MEMORIALS

The Cullum Family in memory of The Heintz Family’s dog Duncan.

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Trotter & Family in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Dan Harmon & Family’s dog Rosco.

Shirley Redmond in memory of Marie Abar’s cat Sparkey.

Lyn Barton in memory of Reverend Fred & Nancy Shaw’s dog Tuck and Reverend Suzanne Allen & Daryl Hams’ cat Julia.

The Buse Family in memory of The Ruff Family’s dog Thor.

John & Carol Carney and Geri & Don Doerger in memory of Ron, Susie, Michael, Steven & Christopher Albert’s dog Maggie.

Cynthia Drefahl in memory of Suzanne & Kevin Purcell’s dog Tyler.

Oak Crest Animal Hospital in memory of Dan & Charlene Deutenberg’s cat Maxwell, Anne Gehrum’s dog Sadie, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Glazier’s dog Tyler, and the Bryant Family’s dog Tesla.

Donna Trivett & Kat Jenkins in memory of Lisa Muvich’s cat Misha and Tina, and Chuck & Lauren Barlow’s dog Roxie.

Cathleen Arnold in memory of the Debbie & Walter Lynch Family’s dog Bailey.

Gloria Sandman in memory of her chinchilla Powder Puff.

Diane Heiman in memory of Patricia Ditomaso’s dog Mariah.

Beth Thomas & Pat Dolan in memory of Norma Walker’s dog Murphy.

Marianne Reynolds in memory of Tricia Spaite’s cat Fig.

David Schwartz in memory of Seema Gharse’s dog Bo.

The Harris Family in memory of The Clark Family’s dog Corky.

Elmer Cornish in memory of his dog Snoopy.

Jo & George Pyle and Risa & Mike Anderson in memory of Amy Pyle’s dog Sparky.

Bob & Debbie Oliver in memory of Roger & Lisa Brown’s dog Nicki.

Maureen Heintz & Debbie Waltermann in memory of Dave Kremer & Family’s dog Boomer.
The Friends of the Public Library shared good news at their annual meeting on May 26. During their 2003—04 fiscal year, which ended March 31, the Friends provided nearly $162,000 to the Library in support of programs, materials purchased, and other expenses. They recently bought for the Rare Books Department a rhyming dictionary, *Poetic Endings*, a first edition published in London in 1783. The Rev. Dr. John Trusler, a successful printer and bookseller, put together this 108-page rhyming dictionary, using “nearly all the words in the English language in pleasing harmony.” The Friends also donated approximately 1,100 used books valued at about $17,000 to the Library. Friends’ revenue has increased with membership remaining strong at 2,150 loyal supporters, rising income from used book sales—largely due to the success of ongoing sales at the Duck Creek Antiques Mall and limited open shopping hours for members at the Warehouse, and strong sales at the Library Friends’ Shop, which generated a net profit of $24,145.

In other words, the Friends are thriving. However, to continue growing in order to help the Library as costs rise and income declines, the Friends are seeking additional volunteers interested in working with sorting and pricing books as well as in the Friends’ Shop. If you are willing to pitch in a couple of hours a month to assist a very worthwhile cause, as well as for fun and camaraderie, please call Friends Executive Director Anne Keller at 369-6035.

With the addition of recently elected Directors, the Friends Board now includes President Patricia King, Vice President Jeffrey P. Waltz, Secretary Jay DeWitt, and Directors Eunice Abel, Mary Lu Aft, Mary DeCourcy, Mary Lu Aft, David Edmundson, Consuelo Harris, Cathy Huenefeld, Jim Jones, Lynne A. LaMacchia, Thomas M. Law, Elaine Liller, Zach Logan, Michael Lottman, Tonia H. Moorman, Genevieve H. Pennington, Thomas F. Rehme, Sarah Shackelford, Keith Stewart, Karen L. Wilson, and James R. Witte.

The Library’s booth at Ridge Days 2003 drew wide interest.
The Public Library is just that—a library for the public, for you. To be able to serve you better and to meet your changing needs, it's essential that we know what you like and don't like, what works and what is not working for you at the Library. We love getting your feedback, especially the compliments, but your criticisms and suggestions are possibly even more valuable because your input helps guide how we address issues and concerns in order to continually improve. How do you let us know how we're doing? The easiest way to contact us is through the comment option on the Library's web site, available 24/7. You can also phone, fax, write, or stop in. We would like to hear from you and we're happy to share the views of two enthusiastic Library users.

The Bible is the most translated and most frequently printed book in the world. Over the centuries, infinite care has been expended upon its printing, its binding, its decoration. Its influence on persons and nations of the Western World is incalculable. While the Library offers a wide variety of circulating Bibles, the Rare Books & Special Collections Department has an exceptional collection that includes over 250 printings of the whole and various parts of the Bible, in over fifteen different languages. This Bible collection provides a significant contribution to the cultural resources of the community by assisting scholars in their studies of not only the history of the Bible, but also of books, printing, papermaking, book illustration, and the development of national languages.

Two outstanding Bibles were recently given to the Library. The first is from the mid 1700s. Known as the Boden Bible, this rare edition can only be found in four other libraries in North America. It was given by the Friends of the Public Library, an anonymous donation. Over the years Friends gifts have significantly enhanced the Bible collection, including the Giunta Latin Vulgate Bible of 1511, the 1541 Great Bible, and facsimiles of not only the Book of Durrow (Codex Durmachensis) and the Book of Kells, but also of the Mazarin Library Gutenberg Bible. Their gifts include three limited edition twentieth century Bibles, Giovanni Mardersteig's Gospels, the very sumptuous Dali Bible, as well as the Pennroyal Caxton Bible with Barry Moser illustrations.

The second Bible recently given to the Library, The Washburn College Bible, represents another beautiful contemporary edition. It features three original screen prints by Joseph Albers and 66 reproductions of masterpieces of religious art. The three-volume, leather-bound, limited edition, published in 1979 and designed by Bradbury Thompson, was given generously to the Library by Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Ott. This wonderful addition to the extensive collection will be appreciated by generations to come.

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What is ReferenceUSA?
ReferenceUSA is composed of two parts: the business database, which contains detailed information on nearly 12 million U.S. companies, organizations, and agencies, and the residential database, which contains information on 120 million U.S. households. The business database can be searched by any combination of the 21 search criteria, including company name, executive name/title, SIC codes, major industry classifications, state, county, city, zip code, number of employees, and sales volume. Information about nonprofit organizations and government offices is included. Search the residential data database by name, address or phone number. ReferenceUSA is updated monthly and is available for remote access.

What kind of information can you find using ReferenceUSA?
- The names of pharmaceutical companies located in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky.
- A list of all publicly traded companies in the Tri-State area.
- The identity of the parent company of Millstone Coffee Inc.
- Information about companies headquartered in Nashville with 20–49 employees.
- The number of individuals with the last name “Walker” who live in Eugene, Oregon.
- The number of residents who live in the 45224 zip code.
- The number of households located on Maple Street in Helena, Montana.
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Where does this information come from?
Business information is compiled from over 5,200 Yellow Page and Business White Page telephone directories; annual reports, 10-Ks and other SEC information; federal, state, and municipal government data; Chamber of Commerce information; leading business magazines, trade publications, newsletters, and major newspapers; and postal service information, including National Change of Address updates. Data in the residential database is compiled from 3,800 White Page telephone directories and the most recent U.S. census, including median household income, median home value, latitude/longitude, and percentage of owner-occupied housing.

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6. Save tons of money by borrowing instead of buying music CDs, sheet music, magazines and CD-ROMs
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BOOK LAUNCH: *By Any Other Name: A Mystery Novel* by Gladys (Gigi) Gossett

People are always fascinated with the lives of the very rich, and the Remingtons, Cincinnati's wealthiest family, do not disappoint. There is a shocking deathbed confession, blackmail, an interracial affair, and an interesting assortment of characters in this intriguing storyline that is the backdrop for GiGi Gossett's new novel *By Any Other Name*. Since 1975, Dr. Gossett has been an executive working on minority business development for Procter & Gamble. Her first book, *Diversity Blues: How to Shake 'Em*, explores diversity management by looking in depth at race and gender issues in organizations. She was encouraged by a New York literary agent to consider writing fiction for mainstream readership, and *By Any Other Name* is the result. Don't miss the launch of her book to be held at the Main Library in the Huenefeld Tower Room on Wednesday, July 28 from 5:30–8:00 p.m.