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Fall Into the Library
BACK TO SCHOOL

GET ANSWERS 24X7 AT THE LIBRARY THROUGH A NEW ONLINE SERVICE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7

Ohio residents and students can now get answers to questions, research guidance and help navigating the Internet at any time day or night. KnowItNow 24x7 (KIN) is the Library's new online interactive service that makes use of the expertise of librarians to meet your information needs 24/7 whenever you need it, wherever you log onto the Internet. Through this state-of-the-art virtual reference service which began September 7, you will be able to communicate live online with a librarian from our Library and others from around Ohio. The service is provided through a grant from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Here is what you can expect when using KnowItNow 24x7 (KIN):

- Access to library service from anywhere (home, work, school or a library). KIN can be activated on any PC with an Internet connection. Our customers can log onto this virtual reference service on www.CincinnatiLibrary.org by clicking on the Ask a Librarian icon from the homepage.

- No library card number is needed. A customer logging onto the KIN page will simply type in his/her zip code.

- Immediate responses to questions. Get answers 24 hours a day, every day! Sometimes called "chat reference," virtual reference is real time reference transaction between a customer and a librarian. Once you connect, type in your question to a librarian who will give you a quick and friendly response.

- Choose among several topics. If you choose a subject covered by our Library, then normally you will be connected to the appropriate subject department. If that department is "busy," then the inquiry is bounced over to a participating library that has an open line. In other words, a customer in Hamilton County may have his/her inquiry answered by a library other than ours.

- Help navigating the Internet and access to online information resources. You and a librarian can engage in a "chat" session while navigating the Internet together to find precise answers to your questions.

NEWSBANK: FULL TEXT ARTICLES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Have you ever needed to refer to an article in the newspaper, but you'd thrown that issue away? Are you doing research on a small business and need to cite articles that have been published? Your search can be as easy as the click of a mouse when you access NewsBank, one of many free databases offered on the Library's website (www.CincinnatiLibrary.org). NewsBank offers searches in three major areas:

America's Newspapers
This gives you full-text articles from a wide range of local, regional, and national U.S. newspapers—all in one easy-to-search database. Choose from 15 Ohio or 15 national newspapers, including The Cincinnati Enquirer (1999-present), The Cincinnati Post (1990-present), Cleveland Plain Dealer, Chicago Tribune, Washington Post, and Los Angeles Times.

Business NewsBank (1993-present)
This offers news articles covering companies, industries, executives, and products plus current information on hard-to-research small businesses.

This premier index to United Nations documents offers full-text of UN documents, including Official Records, masthead documents, draft resolutions, meeting records, UN Sales Publications, and the UN Treaty Series citations.

To access NewsBank, click on the Library's web site, then "Research and Homework" that lists all of the databases available at your fingertips.

ELECTION ONLINE UPDATE

You don't have to be a political analyst to stay on top of this year's upcoming elections. Information on the 2004 Presidential Election (as well as local, state and other national elections) is only a click away. By logging onto the Library's special 2004 Election page at http://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/features/election2004.html, you can get the lowdown on the issues, the candidates, and the electoral process. Compiled by librarians from the Main Library's Public Documents & Patents and Government & Business Departments, this page is designed to serve as a campaign roadmap to all sorts of election related websites that connect you with how and where to vote, information at the local, state and national levels, as well as campaign history and finance, trivia, election results and more. Still undecided? Find out what the pundits, pollsters, and bloggers are saying about the candidates. And don't forget to vote!
DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE

BIG CHANGES AT THE LIBRARY

On August 9 the Library introduced a new catalog, a new web page and a new Library Card and Circulation Policy—all at the same time. We had all become so used to the CINCH system and so familiar with its workings, after using it for 14 years, that this change was dramatic and difficult. Although some found the change exciting and gladly embraced the new system, for others it was hard to switch from our comfortable old system and learn a whole new way of working and accessing the Library. Thank you all for your patience while we made this major transition.

One thing about technology is certain, it’s always changing. A number of the changes we made are simple such as moving some of your favorite sections to a new location on the web page, or needing to use all 8 digits of your library card number to access your account, and now referring to reserves as holds. But in addition to these minor alterations, we did make some important changes that will benefit Library customers for years to come. First, we moved from an older technology that was becoming more and more difficult and expensive to operate, to a newer technology readily supported. We purchased a packaged but customizable system instead of trying to develop and program our own system in house with our own staff, which is no longer a viable option. In doing so, we gave up some of the control over the design and functionality but we gained a flexible system that can function well into the future. We also gained a support staff and development staff who can assist with problems and continually improve the system to better keep up with technological changes.

The web page and policy changes were no less dramatic. After carefully reviewing both the results of an online survey and also comments received over the years as well as testing two proposed designs, the new web page was launched to coincide with the introduction of the new catalog. With a completely different look and feel than the former web page, the new design organizes and presents information against the backdrop of aesthetically pleasing colors and graphics. Perhaps the most significant changes, but also those getting the least attention, are the changes to the Library Card and Circulation Policy. For the first time, juveniles, with parental permission, can check out videos and DVDs. Limits have been changed too, increasing in some cases and decreasing in others. In response to customer comments over the years we extended loan periods – demonstrating again our commitment to excellent customer service. In fact all of these changes have been made to position the Library to provide all customers with our very best in service well into the future.

So, if you haven’t already tried it out, pay a visit to our web page and see what’s new. We think you’ll be amazed at the changes.

Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE WRITING COMPETITION

Win $150 by telling us what the Library means to you! Help celebrate the value of libraries to you and your community by sharing your thoughts about the ways the Library makes a difference in your life.

Competition Guidelines

● 450 words or less
● No entry fee
● No age restrictions—all ages judged together
● Entries will not be returned
● The Library reserves the right to publish the winning entries
● Entries must be received by 9:00 a.m. Monday, October 4

Prizes

● $150 first prize
● $100 second prize

$75 third prize
$25 honorable mentions (up to 10 awarded)
Winning entries will be published online at www.cincinnatilibrary.org
An awards ceremony and reception will be held to recognize competition winners

To Enter

● Submit your entry along with your name, address, phone number, and age if under 18 to: Writing Contest, Main Library, 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202-2071. Entries may be dropped off, mailed in, or emailed to Writing.Contest@cincinnatilibrary.org

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OOOH! OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS AT YOUR LIBRARY

Halloween is a fun, exciting, gruesome, and terrifying holiday all at the same time! At your neighborhood library you will find a crypt full of great Halloween tales, storybooks and how-to craft guides, as well as plenty of fun programs for all ages to help lift your “spirits.” See the entire list of Halloween Happenings on www.CincinnatiLibrary.org but for now here’s a spook-tacular sampling of what’s in store:

FOR KIDS

Green Township—Creepy Cafeteria Cooking School stirs up some stomach-turning recipes Thursday, October 7, 7:00 p.m., Ages 8–11.

Madisonville—Take Grossology 101 to learn about all things gross Tuesday, October 12 & 26, 3:00 p.m., and then meet some creepy crawly guests with a Hamilton County Parks naturalist during Grossology 102 Thursday, October 28, 3:00 p.m., Ages 9–12.

Corryville—Bats in the Belfry: Learn about bats and meet some live pets Wednesday, October 13 and Thursday, October 28, 10:30 a.m., Ages 8–10.

Covedale—Trick-or-Treat Parade: Strut your Halloween garb Saturday, October 23, 11:00 a.m., Ages 3–6.

Sharonville—Take in a storytime and Halloween party Thursday, October 28, 7:00 p.m., Ages 2–7.

Walnut Hills—Halloween Harvest Costume Contest: Dress up Saturday, October 30, 12:30 p.m., Ages 3–12.

FOR TEENS

North Central—Scare Fare: Enjoy scary stories, poems and decorating a “Fear Sphere” Wednesday, October 20, 6:30 p.m.

FOR ADULTS

Groesbeck—Spirit of Cincinnati: Explore local hauntings with Don Walker from the Cincinnati Museum Center, Wednesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.

Anderson—Cincinnati Cemeteries: Meet the authors of this book Saturday, October 23, 11:00 a.m.

Main Library—Halloween & Your Hallowed Ancestors Translate Tombstones Through Etchings with the History & Genealogy Department Sunday, October 31, 1:00 p.m.

Then, find out about Dead on the Web: Local and National Cemetery Research on the Internet, 3:00 p.m. Both to be held in the Huenefeld Tower Room.

FOR ALL AGES

Green Township—Jack-O-Lantern Jam: Wear your costume while enjoying treats, games and stories Saturday, October 23, 1:00 p.m.

Harrison—Miss Spider’s Halloween Party: Hear stories and make a spider hat, Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Cheviot—Halloween Family Night: Enjoy tricks & treats plus a comedy magic show with Payback the Clown Thursday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.

Corryville—Halloween Spooktacular Regalia: Play games and enter costume contests Saturday, October 30, 2:00 p.m.

Covedale—Pumpkin Patch: Take home a pumpkin Saturday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.

DAY OF THE DEAD

Dia de los Muertos—The Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday characterized by food and joyful festivities honoring those gone, but not forgotten. Celebrated at the same time as Halloween, its roots can be traced back over 3,000 years to Aztec practices.

Today families decorate their homes and spruce up gravesites of loved ones with ofrenda or “altars” arranged with flowers, bread, fruit, paper mache and sugar skulls. Lighted candles as well as mementos, photos, and other remembrances of departed ones are often added.

Townpeople dress as skeletons or wear masks and parade through town carrying open coffins made of cardboard. As the procession makes its way past markets, local vendors toss in produce and flowers for lucky “corpses” to catch.

Through a variety of culturally enriching activities, stories and crafts come learn more about the rich traditions of Dia de los Muertos at the Library. Log onto www.CincinnatiLibrary.org for programs at the Main Library and various branches.
PROGRAMS

CELEBRATE CHEMISTRY WEEK

The Library will be bubbling over with fun and fascination during National Chemistry Week (October 18–23). At the Main Library and various branches interactive demonstrations featuring this year’s theme, Health & Wellness, will be presented to elementary and secondary school age children to convey positive messages about how chemistry relates to their lives. The Cincinnati Chapter of the American Chemical Society makes the programs possible. Watch for upcoming details on the Library’s website at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org. Click on the “Programs & News” section of the homepage for chemistry demos at a branch near you.

MAIN LIBRARY TO HOST FIRST INVENTORFEST

InventorFest 2004 is the first ever, regionally-held public event focused on the invention process—everything from patenting to marketing those new-fangled gadgets and clever gizmos, as well as the inventors behind them. This free event, co-sponsored by the Library and Wright State University Libraries with media support from the Business Courier, takes place at the Main Library on Saturday, October 23 from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Attendees can pick up inventor-related information, talk to experts, and browse booths sponsored by area businesses and organizations as well as hear local and national speakers and meet well-known authors. Free door prize drawings and early bird souvenirs will be given away, plus coupons for a free, four-week subscription to the Business Courier. Increasing interest has led to the launch of this exciting new venue where business professionals, independent inventors, and curious minds can come together and share ideas. For details, contact the Library’s Public Documents & Patents Department (513) 369-6971.

MEET AUTHOR & BENGALS BEAT WRITER CHICK LUDWIG

To celebrate the Bengals’ heritage, Chick Ludwig, long-time Bengals beat writer for the Dayton Daily News wrote The Legends: Cincinnati Bengals, The Men, The Deals, The Consequences. He will be at the Monfort Heights Branch Library on Saturday, October 9 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss and sign his new book. While giving the reader all the behind-the-scenes stories he’s never committed to print before, the book features the human side of everybody’s favorite players and coaches. From the revolving doors of Paul Brown’s first Cincinnati team to Marvin Lewis’ rebuilding, over 50 legendary Bengal personalities are revealed in all their striped glory. Information: (513) 369-6945

MTV/ROCK THE VOTE COMES TO THE LIBRARY

To encourage voting in this year’s upcoming presidential election and beyond, several MTV/Rock the Vote programs will be held on Saturday, October 16. From 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Main Library presentations and information supplied by various groups (Hamilton County Board of Elections, League of Women Voters, among others) will be followed from 6:00–9:00 p.m. live music and entertainment sponsored by Rock the Vote. From 2:00–4:00 p.m. the G rosebeck Branch Library will host a Rock the Vote a lo Latino.

Rock the Vote is a nonpartisan, nonprofit initiative to encourage young people (18–30) to register and vote. It was created to engage young people in the political process by incorporating entertainment and youth culture into its activities. www.rockthevote.com has more information.
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**Green Township Branch**
Friends’ 3rd Annual Used Book Sale
Members Preview: September 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
September 17-19
Friday & Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
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Members can shop at the Friends Used Book Warehouse every
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10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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 resources for all ages. For inquiries regarding contributions, please contact John Reusing, Development Director, at (513) 369-4591. The following gifts were received between May 25 and August 2.

GIFTS TO THE FOUNDATION
Friends of the Public Library
John & Elizabeth LaMacchia
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Murphy

Annual Fund Drive Helps Change Lives
Libraries change lives every day. A strong public library system is the very foundation upon which a community can empower lives today and, at the same time, build for the future. It supports all other forms of activity—from the arts to business, from education to public affairs, from entertainment to science. These vital services need financial support beyond available public funds. You can help ensure the success of these efforts by supporting the Library through a contribution to the Annual Fund. The Library’s 3rd Annual Fund Drive will be conducted from October 1--November 20 by the recently established Library Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All gifts are fully tax-deductible. For details, please call Development Director John Reusing, (513) 369-4591.

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The Library has received a generous donation of $20,000 from the Charles H. Dater Foundation. This is the 17th installment of a 20-year $400,000 commitment to the Westwood Branch of the Library for materials and programs. This is in addition to the $300,000 that came from the Dater Foundation to help with a major renovation at the branch.

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Presenting a $100,000 check to the Library Development Director John Reusing, left, and Library Executive Director Kimber L. Fender, second left, is Friends’ board members Jeffrey Lutz, Vice President, center, Pat King, President, and Jay DeWitt.


Jeff Brown & Amy Bebchick in honor of Rabbi Oren Hayon’s ordination.

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TEEN VOLUNTEERS GIVE 400 HOURS OF SERVICE

This summer, young people ages 12–18 provided important support for the Library by volunteering 1–3 hours a week at several branch locations. Teens performed a variety of much-needed tasks, particularly tasks associated with ReadQuest, the Library’s summer reading program. Several branches set up ReadQuest tables, where teen volunteers distributed game cards and program information, organized prizes, and assisted young customers in filling out entry forms for weekly prize drawings. Children spent time at ReadQuest tables selecting prizes with the help of teen volunteers, allowing Library staff to efficiently help customers at the circulation desk.

Teen assistance was not limited to ReadQuest, however, as volunteers also helped by taking attendance at programs, setting a good example for young Library customers and shelf reading. Teen volunteers contributed more than 400 hours to the Library this summer, gaining valuable knowledge of the Library and what it has to offer the community, supporting Library staff, and helping ensure a positive experience for all customers.

Ashley Champion (left) and Dominique King (right) volunteered this summer at the Walnut Hills Branch Library. Here’s what they have to say about their volunteering experience:

Ashley:
“Since I accomplished a volunteer ‘job’ at the Library, I know I can accomplish a real job in the future!”

“Volunteering helped me get to know other teens in my neighborhood”

“We learned from our experiences at the Library. We didn’t know there were so many different kinds of jobs to do in a Library!”

Dominique:
“Volunteering will help me with school because I understand how the Library works now!”

“We were treated with so much respect, we felt like we were part of the Walnut Hills staff!”

“I want to do this again next year!”

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE: SHANNON & KATHY WOMER

When Shannon and Kathy Womer wanted to do something different that would also benefit the community, it was easy to become a volunteer at the Friends’ warehouse in Hartwell. “We always came to the Fountain Square book sales,” said Kathy. “We’d talk to the volunteers, who loved books as we did. We are avid readers and have lots of books at home. It was a natural for us to set aside one evening a week, sorting, pricing and boxing books.”

Although the warehouse is a flurry of activity several days a week with volunteers, it wasn’t until recently that an evening group was formed. “For a long time we had requests from people who worked during the day that wanted to volunteer their time,” said Executive Director Anne Keller. “Not only does this fulfill their needs, but it also helps us out by providing extra volunteers to go through the never-ending task of processing tens of thousands of donations each month.”

“This group is great,” said Shannon. “We have fun while working, talking about books and other topics.” Kathy added, “If you need something worthwhile to fill your time, I highly recommend it.” Volunteers are always welcomed. Anyone wishing to help out one day a week or month, or just during the sales, should call the warehouse at (513) 369-6035.
LIBRARY NEWS

PLEASANT RIDGE BRANCH LIBRARY CELEBRATES TWO MILESTONES

You’re invited! Join us for Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 9 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. to celebrate both the 125th Anniversary of the Pleasant Ridge Library Association & 75th Anniversary of the Pleasant Ridge Branch Library in its current location at 6233 Montgomery Road.

Highlighting the 1929 era event will be a tribute to Billie Holiday by Benita Price, dance of the period by Andy Jewell, Ruth Anne Wolfe, and Erich & Karla Gansmuller, and jazz by the Phil DeGreg Trio. Share some of your memories of the Pleasant Ridge community on video (especially everyone born before 1929) and enjoy a variety of displays featuring the world of 1929 as well as Pleasant Ridge Library and neighborhood history. Don’t miss the antics of Juggle Dave plus cake and ice cream.

Help Out!
We are still looking for artifacts to display from circa 1929, such as stamps, coins, photographs, memorabilia, and radios. In addition, volunteers are needed for projects in advance of and on October 9. Sponsored by The Friends of the Public Library, Gilbert Stehlin of Gil’s Barber Shop, and C. Kevin Armstrong, CPA. (513) 369-4488.

INSIDE THE DA VINCI CODE AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

This fall delve deeper into Dan Brown’s The Da Vinci Code on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. at the Main Library (800 Vine Street). Learn the details behind this bestseller from local experts in art, feminism, freemasonry and religion. Programs will be in the Hueyfield Tower Room (south building, third floor). (513) 369-6045.

September 26
Psychological Development and “The Sacred Feminine”
Paula Byron, psychiatrist, and Winifred Beam Kessler, professional clinical counselor and founder and director of WoManways/SWANS

October 3
Templars, Freemasons and The Da Vinci Code

Donald Crews from the Cincinnati Masonic Library and Delhi Township Branch Library

October 10
Religious Facts Behind the Fiction
Father Jan Schmidt of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

October 17
The Da Vinci Code Book Discussion
You’ve heard the experts now here is your opportunity to talk about this intriguing novel with other readers.

FETCH SOME FUN AT THE LIBRARY WITH YOUR PET

Pet Day at the Main Library—Humans of all ages can bring their pets to the Main Library on Saturday, October 9 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (rain or shine) the north parking lot (corner of 9th & Walnut) will be dotted with tents and booths to browse along with your pet. These free and fun activities have been fetched for you and your pets:
- Responsible pet ownership with the Hamilton County SPCA, plus their mobile van loaded with lovable pets
- A working dog demonstration from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office
- Exotic animals from Second Nature
- A presentation by the Greater Cincinnati Bird Club
- Quick pet portraits by Donna Talerico
- Dog training tips from Donna Chandler (author of Good Dog!) and her dog
- Pet communicator Donetta Zimmerman, will talk with pets
- Pet stories in the Children’s Learning Center—10:30 a.m.
- Pet books & videos for all ages on display and available for checkout

Call (513) 369-6936 for details. Please, no pets in the buildings.

Being a Good Pet Parent — Join members of the League for Animal Welfare to learn more about pet care on Thursday, October 7 at the Hyde Park Branch Library, Ages 7-12. (513) 369-4456.

Pet Day at the Loveland Branch—Bring your family pet Saturday, October 16, 11:00 a.m. to talk with various animal organizations, such as Greyhound Adoption Group of Greater Cincinnati. (513) 369-4476.

Pet Day at the West End Branch—
Saturday, October 16, noon. (513) 369-6026.
CELEBRATE TEEN READ WEEK

From October 17–23 teens will get a scream out of this year’s Teen Read Week lineup, It’s Alive @ Your Library. They can take part in Urban Legends and Scary Story events, a few Edible Alien Autopsies, and even some special effects Monster Makeup presentations. During the week award-winning author Will Hobbs and local writer Ellen Schreiber will talk about their books and share their experiences at several Library locations. Watch for upcoming Teen Read Week programs in October at teenspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

Will Hobbs—Through his outdoor stories, Will Hobbs has young readers discovering wild places, sharing adventures with people from varied backgrounds, and exploring how to make important choices in their own lives. The American Library Association named seven of his novels including Beartone and Jason’s Gold as Best Books for Young Adults. Far North and Doneriver were also included in ALA’s 100 Best Young Adult Books of the 20th Century. A graduate of Stanford University and former reading and language arts teacher, he lives with his wife, Jean, in Durango, Colorado.

Meet the author on Tuesday, October 19 (9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.) at the Main Library and Wednesday, October 20 at the Blue Ash Branch (9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. & 1:15 p.m.).

Ellen Schreiber—Oakley resident Ellen Schreiber is the author of Teenage Mermaid, Vampire Kisses, and her latest tale Comedy Girl, about a shy 17-year-old yearning to be a comic. An actress and stand-up comedian before becoming an author, Ms. Schreiber studied Shakespearean theater at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London and comedy at the Second City of Chicago. Meet the author on Monday, October 18 at the Monfort Heights Branch, 10:00 a.m. and Thursday, October 21 at the Wyoming Branch, 12:30 p.m.

Teen Photography Contest—This year we’ll be celebrating many events connected to our freedom—the national election and locally, the opening of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The Library is posing the question “What Is Freedom?” to teens and asking them to answer through participating in the Library’s 2nd annual Photography Contest to be held October 1–30. In mid September watch for details on the contest and the many photography workshops offering tips from local professionals to be held at various Library locations at teenspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org, or call (513) 369-6941 for more information. Winners will be honored at an awards reception at the Main Library on November 20. Special thanks to the Friends of the Public Library for sponsoring the photo contest and Teen Read Week events.