Anything can happen when we get On The Same Page!

Everyone is invited to read the same book at the same time during the region’s 4th annual On the Same Page Cincinnati. This year’s selection, The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini, is an epic tale of friendship and betrayal set against the backdrop of recent Afghan history that has captivated readers across the country.

Your Library Online

Look inside for a special pullout guide to the Library's many useful databases on pages 7-10.
People of all ages in Greater Cincinnati are invited to read, discuss, and become enlightened by the challenging issues raised by the books chosen for 2005’s On the Same Page Cincinnati. Now, in its fourth year, this exciting community-wide reading club is designed to foster a sense of community through reading. Reading begins in March followed by book talks, discussion groups, and related programs to take place through April.

This year’s selection for adults, The Kite Runner, has been lavishly praised by the critics, captured the attention of readers across the country, and climbed steadily up the bestseller lists. Khaled Hosseini, the author of this moving and evocative novel comments: “It is a tremendous honor for me that The Kite Runner has been selected for Cincinnati’s On The Same Page community reading program. I am grateful and proud. I hope this novel of my homeland resonates with Cincinnati’s readers and, through its universal themes of friendship, loss, and redemption, helps bridge gaps. I also hope The Kite Runner offers insight into Afghan culture and helps humanize in some way the Afghan’s people’s trials and hardships of the last quarter of a century.”

A youth book, Among the Hidden, by Margaret Peterson Haddix, has also been selected to encourage students to read and engage in dialogue. In the book the author imagines a futuristic state that brutally enforces a two-children-only policy, where 12-year-old Luke Garner, the “illegal” third child, spends his entire life hiding from anyone outside his immediate family.

On the Same Page is a project of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and is made possible in part by the Friends of the Public Library, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, and Cincinnati Magazine.

A Sample of What’s to Come…

Throughout April – What Is Islam? cultural series held in conjunction with the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati and the Council on American Islamic Relations at various library locations. Understanding Islam—Its People and Cultures panel discussions: Symmes Branch Library, Wednesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. and Main Library, Sunday, May 1 at 2:00 p.m. (with Foods of the Islamic World).

Monday, April 4 – Cooking class featuring Afghan cuisine at Wild Oats (Rookwood Commons), 6:30 p.m. To register call (513) 981-0794.

Thursday, April 7 – Discussion of The Kite Runner at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, North Star Cafe (Perseverance Pavilion) at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 15 – Come back to the Freedom Center for a short play and monologues dealing with the themes found in the book, Harriet Tubman Theater (Courage Pavilion) at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 23 – Through The Art of Islam explore centuries of Islamic art with Curatorial Assistant Andrew Haslit at the Cincinnati Art Museum, 1:00 p.m. Reservations required. For details call (513) 721-2787 or email the Cincinnati Art Museum.

For details and full list of programs log onto www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/samepage
Poet Laureate Louise Glück Headlines
“Poetry in the Garden” Series – April 27

Nothing comes closer to one’s soul than a well-crafted poem poured out from the depths of the heart. Louise Glück (pronounced “Glick”) is a contemporary American poet who embodies this in each of her works. The Pulitzer-Prize winning poet, who was born in New York City, will address the themes of her poems during a special appearance hosted by the Library.

While admittedly not in the habit of writing every day, Glück has creative rushes, “I sometimes write in seizures. I wrote three books very, very rapidly.” She believes that “you just live your life and you hope that some poem demands to be written.” As the author of numerous books of poetry, Ms. Glück’s creative rushes have paid off by earning her high praises and honors for works such as Vita Nova (1999), winner of Boston Book Review’s Bingham Poetry Prize; The Wild Iris (1992), which received the Pulitzer Prize and the Poetry Society of America’s William Carlos Williams Award; and Proofs and Theories: Essays on Poetry (1994), which won the PEN/Martha Albrand Award for Nonfiction. Ms. Glück was elected a Chancellor of The Academy of American Poets in 1999 and was appointed the Library of Congress’ 12th Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry in 2003.

Louise Glück will be at the University of Cincinnati, Tangeman University Center in the Great Hall, Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. For free tickets call (513) 369-6974. Made possible by the Library Programs Fund.

Other Featured Poets – Wednesdays in April at 7:00 p.m.

As part of National Poetry Month, the Main Library will host its 7th annual Poetry in the Garden series featuring inspiring poets in the Reading Garden Alcove on Wednesdays in April at 7:00 p.m.

April 6

Beth Gylys most recently won the Ohio State University Press Journal Prize for Spot in the Dark (2004). Her other books include Bodies that Hum and Balloon Heart. Currently an associate professor at Georgia State University, her poems have appeared in Paris Review, Antioch Review, Boston Review, and others.

Josh Bell is a graduate of Indiana State University, Southern Illinois University (M.A.), Iowa Writers’ Workshop (M.F.A.), and is currently a Ph.D candidate at the University of Cincinnati. His poetry has appeared in Boston Review, The Colorado Review, Fence, Verse, and Volt and his first book is No Planets Strike (2004).

April 13

Victor Velez was born in Puerto Rico and raised in Brooklyn. A featured poet in Six Silver Bullet Proof Poetry Chapbook, his first book is A Quest for Answers. He is currently working on a poetic collection Conga Blues.

Victor Nichifor was born in Romania and has published poems in Romanian magazines. He is the author of Aigess (1997), Windows 98 (1998), and Epoca Lu, to be published in Romania in 2005. He resides in Cincinnati and is International Human Resources Manager for Procter & Gamble.

April 20

Sophia Kartsonis’ stories, poems, and essays have appeared in Colorado Review, Denver Quarterly, Gulf Coast, Hotel Amerika, and others. She is a Ph.D candidate at the University of Cincinnati and was recently nominated for the AWP Intro Journals Project and for a Pushcart Prize.

Joshua Mehigan has lived in New York City since 1993. A teacher and editor, his book of poems, The Optimist (Ohio University Press), won the 2004 Hollis Summers Award. His poems have appeared in Poetry, Ploughshares, and Verse.
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Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director

Watch for “Joel’s Library Jam” on CET

This May the Library, CET, and Success By 6, will bring reading fun to early elementary students through a new instructional program to be aired on CET. The 18 five-minute video segments filmed at the Madisonville, Harrison, and Corryville branch libraries with students from neighboring schools features Joel Caithamer, Children’s Librarian at Green Township Branch, and his fun loving talent. The program, which is funded by the Ohio SchoolNet Commission, supports Ohio Academic Standards in Language Arts and Library with connections to Fine Arts for grades K-2.
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*Use NewsBank* to find full-text articles from a wide range of national, regional, and international newspapers, including *The Cincinnati Enquirer* (1999–) and *The Cincinnati Post* (1990–).

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*Ancestry Library Edition is only available at library locations.

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**What is the difference between using a database and doing a search on Google?**

The enormous volume and uneven quality of information on the Web can make finding exactly what you need a frustrating experience. Information in databases has been reviewed and edited by experts and comes from reliable, authoritative sources. Using a database, instead of Google, saves you time and gives you search results that are accurate, objective, and current.

**Is there any charge for using them?**

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**Can I email the results to myself?**

Yes, most databases give you the option of emailing the article to yourself. Many also let you save your search results to a special folder, create bibliographies, and generate citations for you.

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**I searched for information in all the logical places and I still can’t find what I’m looking for. What now?**

Call your local library and a reference librarian will be happy to help you! You may also log onto Ask a Librarian, live online reference service available 24/7 from the Library’s website.
“I’m totally convinced that I am a writer today because I loved books as a kid.” — Ron Roy

After many attempts to get his first book published, Ron Roy succeeded with A Thousand Pails of Water (1978), the story about a young boy who saves a stranded whale by keeping it wet. He is now writing mysteries for each letter of the alphabet, the A to Z Mysteries, with a new book coming out about every four months. On Wednesday, April 27, Mr. Roy will be at the Sharonville Branch Library (10:30 a.m.) and the Mariemont Branch Library (1:30 p.m.) to read from his books and share his experiences. His visit is made possible by the Friends of the Public Library.

“I feel privileged to be a writer of children’s books. This job puts me in contact with kids, and allows me to travel around the world. My writing also lets me use my love for words every day. Best of all, I get to meet the kids who also love to read. What more could a man want?”

Born in Hartford, Connecticut, Mr. Roy grew up in the 1950s in a small town, much like Green Lawn, where Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose live in his A to Z Mysteries series. “My school was small, made of brick, and housed all the sounds and smells and images you think of when you think little red schoolhouse,” he said. “In that small building, I learned to read, write, and make friends.”

After high school Mr. Roy joined the Navy and traveled around the world, then attended the University of Connecticut, where he studied literature. “My courses introduced me to such wonderful authors as E.B. White, Charles Dickens, and Mark Twain, to name just a few,” he continued. “I read novels, poetry, and short stories for four years and decided to become a teacher. But first I needed another degree, so I got a master’s in teaching from the University of Hartford, teaching children in grades 2–5. Somewhere during my early years as a teacher, I discovered that I wanted to write. The decision has given me a wonderful new career, and has changed my life forever.”
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The Montgomery Woman’s Club recently presented the Blue Ash Branch Library with its annual gift to purchase books. The gift was given in memory of past President Gwen Benza and also in honor of Vera Doetting. Pictured with Branch Manager Bob Burdick (right) are, from left to right: Vera Doetting, West Ohio River District President; Suzanne Hurst, President; Ann Sexton, Town Hall Chair; and Alice Penrod, Book Chair. *The Billboard Illustrated Encyclopedia of Music* was purchased in honor of Ms. Benza, and *On the Wild Side* by K. Wiley for Ms. Doetting.
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The Cincinnati Museum Center, John J. Schiff, Jr.,
Samuel T. McGowan in memory of Ethel V. Cleaver.
Ohio Federation of Republican Women in memory of Esther Smith.
Engrid Vaughan in honor of Carol Shore.
Sandy Ellison in memory of Lois Williams.

Gifts to the Friends
George Bell
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Sandy Ellison in memory of Lois Williams.

Honor with Books
Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Anness and Kim Fender in memory of Gloria Beth Hunt.
Sally Raterman in honor of Marilyn Herrmann.
Joyce & Jerry Lach and Alice Smith in memory of Thomas T. Lach.
Bridget Osswald in memory of Peggy Russell.
Stacey Montag in memory of Martha "Mimi" Law.
Joan Wilkinson in honor of Jane Keebler.
Volunteer Rose Moore

“I enjoy giving something back to the Library,” said volunteer Rose Moore. “The Library meant so much to me when I was growing up as a child in Walnut Hills. We used the Walnut Hills Branch. The love of books was instilled at home and I passed that on to my children.”

Mrs. Moore was one of the first people to offer her services as a volunteer when the Library began its volunteer program over a year ago. A resident of Bridgetown for over 40 years, she first helped out at the Green Township Branch. Now she splits her time between assisting at the branch and in the History & Genealogy Department at the Main Library.

At the branch she reads the shelves to assist the staff. In History & Genealogy, she checks lists of genealogy items to see if the department has them in its collection, and makes a report to the manager. She also assists customers using the microfiche machines, or those signing on to the Internet.

Genealogy is one of her favorite pastimes. “I’m chairperson of the Irish Interest Group of the Hamilton County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society,” she said. “I love working in the department where I feel right at home, since for the past 20 years I did research there while researching my family tree.”

Rose also volunteered for the IRS and at her children’s school in Covington. “When you love the Library and reading as much as I do, this is one way I feel I can show my gratitude by spending a couple of hours at a time helping out,” she concluded. For more information about becoming a volunteer, call (513) 369-6946.

Pet Memorials

Ann Ivancic in memory of Buddie Hill’s dog Barney.

Anne Keller, Martha Totten, and Annette Horwitz in memory of Ken Hughes’ cat Chloe.

Coordinated Care Department, Good Samaritan Hospital in memory of Mary Tasset’s dog Mabel.

Oak Crest Animal Hospital in memory of Kathy Davis’ cat Gus, The Holder Family’s dog Starlight, Philip Lusenhop’s dog Misha, Mary Ellen Kelley’s dog Oscar, Yvonne Rewwer’s cat Grubby, Lee Powell’s cat Eli, and Shirley Pierani’s cat Prissy.

David, Amy & Ashley Maher in memory of Larry & Sandy Maher’s dog Nikki.


Janice Kagermeier in memory of Tom & Fran Zaniello’s dog Gus.

Nancy Hesselbrock in memory of her dogs Melvin & Fritz.

Janice Grogan in memory of Patty & Keith Thomas’ dog Biscuit.

Ann Doyle in memory of Daniel, Missy & Tessa Collins’ dog Oreo and Mr. & Mrs. Armond Pagliai’s dog Lucky.

Sallie Wadsworth in memory of Molly Moloney’s cat Inky.

Don & Geri Doerger in memory of Paul & Betsy Ott’s dog Shelby and Pat & Frank Posinski’s cat Skiffy.

Wanda Crawford in memory of Karen Miller’s cat Newton.

Sharon Nowaczyk in memory of her dog Corky.

Ruthie Deutscher in memory of Gloria Esenwein’s dog Cleo.

Linda Parker & Kent Koefer in memory of Linda Seiter & Chuck Brown’s dog Elliott.

Sharon Dewey in memory of Tracy Murphy’s dog Sebastian.
Friends of the Public Library Just a Click Away Through New Webpage

Now there’s a quick and easy way to find out about all of the Friends’ activities. Visit the new Friends’ website for any current and upcoming Book Sales (mark your calendar with the locations, dates and times). Learn, too, about online book auctions, and how to donate books, tapes, CDs, and DVDs. There’s also information on how to become a member, make contributions, and buy a commemorative brick.

If you’re looking for a fun and rewarding volunteer opportunity with the Friends, simply check the website for how to get involved. A rundown of programs sponsored by the Friends is here too, as well as a page on the Friends’ Shop featuring its wide variety of unique merchandise (located at the Main Library — mezzanine level).

Visitors to the Friends’ website will find it easy to navigate. Just click on the page title (on the left side menu) to get to the data you want. The website will answer many of your questions, as well as tell you about the many ways you can support the Friends.

Take a minute to explore the Friends’ new website at http://Friends.CincinnatiLibrary.org and then bookmark it on your computer for future reference. It’s a great way to keep up-to-date on the Friends and all of their wonderful activities!

23rd Annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration
Thursday, March 17, Noon, Main Library Atrium

Celtic dance and music will fill the Atrium of the Main Library on Thursday, March 17 at noon for the Library’s 23rd Annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration. The free event, sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library, will include music by Silver Arm and dancing with the McGing Irish Dancers.

For over 14 years, Silver Arm has never failed to impress audiences with their energetic instrumentals and haunting ballads. Band members include Cindy Matyi on flute and concertina, Stephen Matyi on bouzouki, guitar and banjo, Justin Bridges on fiddle, and John Sherman, finger style guitarist and multi-instrumentalist.

The McGing Irish Dancers have called Cincinnati their home for over 25 years, and have participated in the Library’s St. Patrick’s Day Celebration since it began. In addition to appearances in the Tri-state area, they have also danced and competed across the country as well as overseas.

Harrison Branch Library Used Book Sale
Friday, March 4–Sunday, March 6

Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library at the Harrison Branch Library, 10398 New Haven Road

Sale Hours:
• Thursday, March 3, 2:00–8:00 p.m. (Members & Teachers Preview Sale)
• Friday 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
• Saturday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
• Sunday 1:00–4:00 p.m. (in branch meeting room; library closed)

Payment can be made with check, cash, Visa or MasterCard.

Information: (513) 369-4442
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Family Fun For Everyone! Make plans now to join us for the 3rd annual Free & Fun Family Fest on Saturday, March 19 from noon–3:00 p.m. Each year Fun Fest brings moms, dads, kids, teens, and grandparents, too, together under the striped carnival tents for an afternoon packed full of totally free and fun games, music, munchies, and entertainment inside the Main Library’s Atrium.

Last year over 2,500 fun-seekers found the excitement! This year promises even more ways to get involved including activities hosted by WCPO-TV9’s Tanya O’Rourke and the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks. Look for the Mojo 94.9 Jammin’ Oldies Van to be parked out front, too. It’s all part of a super way to celebrate the fantastic services provided to the community by the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission — and it’s all FREE & FUN! 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 call (513) 369-4571.

Fun Things to Do:
• Carnival Midway with games & prizes
• Contests hosted by WCPO-TV9
• Mojo 94.9 Jammin’ Oldies Van
• Cincinnati Family Magazine Fun Booth
• Cincinnati Mighty Ducks Booth with Mascot Buster
• Oak Hills Ambassador Jazz Band & Bonham Percussion Ensemble
• Greater Cincinnati Safe Kids Coalition Duck Pond
• Make & take crafts, face painting, puppets & performers
• United Dairy Farmers ice cream, Chiquita bananas & Kroger treats

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