ReadQuest 2005 Unlock the Mystery....READ!
This summer, reading at the Library will take on some unexpected twists and turns. Children and teens can embark on an incredible, seven-week adventure filled with all sorts of rousing fun. Unlock the Mystery ... Read! is the theme of ReadQuest 2005, the Library’s 32nd annual reading program to take place June 11 through July 31 at all 42 library locations. Now, instead of sitting in front of the TV, kids and teens can use their deductive reasoning to track clues, follow hunches, pursue mysteries, and become better readers.

To begin the journey the lock must first be opened. Any great Library sleuth in the making will want to be clued in on how. But, it’s really no great secret. The key to unlocking all of the excitement is free and available right at your neighborhood library. Plus, the more you use it, the more doors it will open. Give up? It’s your Library Card!

Bag Day Kickoff

If you look at the line-up of great programs and reading related activities, there’s really no mystery to how much fun reading can actually be! It all begins on Saturday, June 11 at noon during Make a Reading Bag Day. At the Main Library and all 41 neighborhood branches teens and kids can start off ReadQuest by decorating a canvas book bag to keep books in throughout the summer.

But there’s plenty more ways to get involved. Some of the featured programs include Crystal Clear Science with Michelle White who has combined her love of teaching and children into lively and informative science programs for kids. She will present Forensics 101 and Science Crime Solver at all library locations from June 15 - July 29. Other great programs for kids include Music & Fun with Zak Morgan; I Spy with Campfire Kev; the amazing Bi-Okoto Drum & Dance Theatre; and Adzooks Puppets led by David Wright, who makes learning fun through puppet shows, life-size strolling puppets, and puppetry workshops. For the complete list of ReadQuest programs and activities go to www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/summerread/src2005/.
Here’s how ReadQuest works:

Children (ages 12 & under) can reach four prize levels by reading five books or reading for three hours to advance to the next level. After reaching each level, they can pick a prize at the desk. Kids will get a game piece to keep track of the number of books they’ve read or hours they’ve spent reading. Every time they complete three hours of reading or read five books, they may select a prize! The more levels completed, the more prizes to win. When all four levels are complete, win a free book!

Teens can earn a chance to enter weekly drawings for prizes that include movie passes and gift certificates for local restaurants for each three hours spent reading. They can read everything from bestsellers and graphic novels to comic books and more while using their game piece to keep track of the amount of time spent reading. It’s that easy! ReadQuest is sponsored by the Library with assistance from the Friends of the Public Library, the Dornette Foundation, the Dorothy M. M. Kersten Fund and the Anderson Township Library Association. Kids have through July 31 to participate.

Encourage Your Children to Read

Although summertime may mean a vacation from the classroom, it should never be a break in any child’s intellectual development. Fortunately, many children have abundant opportunities for summer learning at their neighborhood libraries, and, as a result, most kids gain ground on the following school year, even if they haven’t opened a textbook during the months in between. This summer learning comes from reading books, singing songs, playing games, listening to stories, and all kinds of activities that are so entertaining kids may not even realize they are actually good for them. Whether snuggled under the sheets with peanut-butter sandwiches, or listening to a book-on-CD while on a road trip, ReadQuest is a powerful way to motivate your child to read.

Tips for Raising a Reader

• Start early. When you read out loud to young children, they learn the words and sounds they will need to read themselves.

• Set an example. Children copy what they see. Reading a book or newspaper will give them the idea reading is important.

• Always have books. Go to the library or bookstore with your children and help them choose their own books.

• Make a time and a place for reading. Many parents find that bedtime is ideal.

• Read together. This makes kids feel special, and young children can follow the words as you read.

• Make it fun. For instance, ask the kids to create different voices for characters in the stories you read to them.

• Remember how important it is. Studies show that kids who read just 15 minutes a day see an average of more than a million words a year.

• Help your child become an active reader. As you read together, share ideas and ask questions. Talking with your children will help them build the listening and speaking skills they need to become good readers.

• Most of all, take them to the Library. With the Main Library downtown and 41 branches, there are thousands of programs, millions of books, and staff eager to suggest titles.
Over 800 enthusiastic library supporters of all ages and backgrounds gathered together to demonstrate their tremendous support at the “Libraries Make a Difference Rally.” Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library, the rally was held April 20 on Fountain Square. Many came carrying their own homemade signs touting praises for the library. More than a dozen colorful, 20-ft. murals were also positioned around the Square. Each one was hand-painted by a group of children illustrating their love of their favorite neighborhood branch.

Jeff Waltz, Vice President of the Library Friends’ Board, who emceed the rally said, “The rally did an excellent job of focusing attention on the value libraries provide to the community and raising awareness of the impact the proposed state budget reductions would have on library service.” A series of speakers shared their passion for the Library. “The stories of the speakers who came to share how the library has changed their lives were very powerful and inspirational,” remarked Mr. Waltz. They included a diverse representation from the community such as Abda Tall (West End), a French-speaking native of Africa who talked about how the library helped him learn English skills. “I think closing the libraries is like closing all the connections between East and Western culture. For example, in the year 2004 alone the West End Branch gave more than 200 library cards to African immigrants and set classes for every Tuesday. Now more than 200 African immigrant families know how to read and write, can go around to fill out their own job applications, and make medical appointments. Losing a branch, such as this for me, is like losing a loved one.”

Another speaker Kenny Burck (Greenhills), President of the Hamilton County Genealogical Society said, “My hobby is genealogy and our History & Genealogy Department has one of the biggest collections of genealogical information in the world. Last year we experienced reduced hours on some weekday evenings, and soon the downtown Main Library will close its doors to patrons on Sundays. This particularly hurts those researching their family history as many genealogists are retired.
Once again public libraries across Ohio are facing reduced funding. With each new State budget the amount of funds distributed to public libraries drops even further. This latest proposal would cut another 5% from library funding. This may not seem like much, but coupled with the 9.5% reduction libraries have already experienced and the rapidly increasing costs of operating libraries it’s enough to force drastic reductions in services. What kinds of reductions are we likely to see? Fewer new materials will be purchased across the system. Maintenance of our facilities will continue to be deferred. Hours and staffing will again be cut. Staff members will lose their jobs. Perhaps most importantly our communities will have less access to the information libraries bring into the community. It harms our senior citizens and our children, our businesses and our schools.

What will cutting our materials budget by 10% mean to you? Using $20 as the average item cost this reduction means you’ll see 39,000 fewer items purchased for the library in 2005. Mailed holds and overdue notices will be discontinued as of June 1. Only phone and email notification will be available. In 2003, hours of operation were cut by 231 hours per week. The Library will close the Main Library on Sunday starting August 21 and may consider cutting the schedule by an additional 270 hours a week by combining the operations at 12 smaller branches into a three days a week schedule. The Library’s operations have been analyzed and changes will be implemented that reduce staff by 35 positions. By eliminating Sunday hours, the cuts to staffing are even greater. With staff costs using 69% of the budget and materials another 16% there is little to cut that doesn’t affect one of these two areas.

These cuts are huge. They hurt our libraries and our communities. Two national studies found that libraries return $4.00 to the community for every $1.00 invested. Libraries are not a liability; they’re an investment. Please contact your State legislator to voice your opinion. There’s still time to influence the budget since the new State budget won’t be adopted until the end of June. But we also must speak up now to be heard in the current budget cycle and beyond. Without a stable, secure funding our public libraries cannot provide the level of service Ohio residents need and expect. Let’s keep our libraries strong by keeping our funding strong. No more cuts. Ohioans need their public libraries.

Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director
new in the friends’ shop

Check out what’s new in the Friends’ Shop at the Main Library!

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Special thanks to our members who joined or renewed between January 27 and April 3.
Receive Library Services Faster with Email or Automated Phone Service Notification

Paper Notices to End June 1

Now there’s a quick and easy way to find out when the materials you put on hold are available. Plus, this new service can help you avoid paying fines. Library customers can sign up for email or telephone notification service, and these notices will be delivered directly to your inbox or voice mail. Signing up for this convenient service is easy—use a convenient online form by visiting www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/account/ or contact the Main Library’s Circulation Services Department (513-369-6913) or any neighborhood branch. It’s that easy.

E-mail or automated telephone notification is much faster, more reliable, and less expensive, saving the Library about $200,000 each year. The Library can now deliver all notices by email or automated telephone, eliminating the need for printing and mailing all paper overdue and hold pick up notices. An added bonus for email subscribers is that a courtesy notice will be sent to your inbox two days before your items are due. This is especially valuable if you have a DVD or video checked out, since overdue charges are $2 a day. Plus, it allows the item to be checked out by another customer.

What does it mean to you if you are now receiving your notices by U.S. Mail?
• If you currently receive your notices in paper delivered by U.S. Mail, you will automatically be switched over to automated telephone notification on June 1, 2005.
• If you currently receive your notices by email or automated telephone, you will continue to receive your notices in this manner.
• If you would like to start receiving your notices by email, visit or call your local branch, or call (513) 369-6913 and request this change be made. You can also go online at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/account/ and update your account at any time.

How does email notification work?
• A message is sent to your email address alerting you that an item(s) is overdue or a hold you requested is available for pick up.
• Notices are emailed overnight and in your inbox the following morning.

How does automated telephone notification work?
• You must have an active email address to receive email notification.
• If you choose to subscribe to this service, your email address will only be used for Library correspondence. It will not be sold or given to third parties. The Library will not change the way in which it uses any personal information. To ensure that your spam-filtering software does not block the email notices, please configure your spam filter to receive messages from the following email address: patronnotices@cincinnatilibrary.org.

Walter Madison Washington, Jr. uses the new Library’s email notification service to check if the book he requested is now available.
Ohio native Mark Winegardner has emerged as the year’s literary Don with The Godfather Returns, an intuitive and complex sequel to Mario Puzo’s Corleone saga.

Even before Winegardner was chosen from an international competition by Random House Publishers and the Mario Puzo family to write The Godfather Returns, he gave us uniquely American literature about the stuff of legends.

Celebrate the extraordinary achievements of this gifted writer during a free forum presented in partnership with The Ohio Humanities Council and The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County Foundation. As part of the Council’s 2005 Ohio Forum series, the forum is making its rounds in major metropolitan areas across the state and will be held here in Cincinnati in the Main Library Atrium on Thursday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. (Please use the Walnut Street entrance.) Anyone can request free tickets to the forum, which features a discussion and follow-up book signing. Space is limited and tickets will be mailed out on a first-come, first-serve basis. Prior to the forum, a special VIP reception will be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Huenefeld Tower Room, (south building, 3rd Floor). Tickets for the reception are $25 per individual or $40 per couple. For tickets or information call (513) 369-4595.

About the Author

Mark Winegardner was born and raised in Bryan, Ohio, where his parents owned an RV dealership. Every summer he traveled with his family in a motor home across the U.S. By age 15, he had visited 48 states. A graduate of Miami University, he went on to receive an M.A. in fiction writing from George Mason University. At age 26, he published his first book. Mr. Winegardner has won grants, fellowships and residencies from the Ohio Arts Council, the Lilly Endowment, the Ragdale Foundation, the Sewanee Writers Conference and the Corporation of Yaddo. The New York Times Book Review, Chicago Sun-Times, Los Angeles Times, USA Today, and the New York Public Library have chosen his books as among the best of the year. His work has appeared in numerous publications and as Distinguished Stories of the Year in The Best American Short Stories. He has taught at Miami, George Mason, George Washington, and John Carroll universities, and is now a professor in the creative writing program at Florida State University.
Rare Books Department Displays Traveling Bookplate Exhibit

A traveling exhibit from the American Society of Bookplate Collectors and Designers will be on display at the Main Library from May 18–August 10 in the Rare Books & Special Collections Department (3rd floor, south building). The society was founded in 1922 to further the study and collecting of bookplates. The exhibit will highlight the works of many contemporary artists from numerous countries around the world.

Bookplates are a means of identification usually pasted on the inside of the upper cover, or one of the front flyleaves of a book. In addition to the owner’s name they can be quite elaborate, with artistic motifs, heraldic shields, and calligraphic compositions, among many other designs. The bookplate is a means of self-expression that gives insight into a collector and his background, love of books, interests, hobbies, etc.

Over the centuries many eminent engravers and artists, such as: Albrecht Dürer, Thomas Bewick, Paul Revere, Kate Greenaway, Aubrey Beardsley, Marc Chagall, M.C. Escher, Rockwell Kent, and Barry Moser, have designed bookplates based on the wishes of their patrons.

In the 1890s there was a tremendous revival in the use and study of bookplates with another resurgence in the 1960s. Enthusiasts commissioned these miniature pieces of art for the purpose of swapping with other collectors. The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County has a collection that contains over 1,000 bookplates, chiefly from the 20th century.

Cincinnati Book Arts Society Exhibits
BookWorks 6 at the Main Library

The 6th annual exhibit of the Cincinnati Book Arts Society serves as a showcase for its members. This year’s exhibit will showcase the group of professionals and amateurs from all quarters of the book, paper and printing arts—bookbinders, paper makers, printers, paper marblers, and book artists—as well as archivists and conservators, for the purpose of creating a spirit of community among hand workers in the book arts and those who love books. The exhibit will be on display through July 3 in the Main Library’s Atrium.

Artist Diana Duncan Holmes and poet Timothy Riordan are shown with their collaborative artists book, Foreign Correspondence, recently purchased by the Friends of the Public Library for the Art & Music Department. The book will be on display in the Department through June 30.
main library exhibits

Ukulele Books by Peter & Donna Thomas on view through June 30

Gallery Walk with Book Artist Peter Thomas:
• Saturday, June 4, 11:00 a.m.
  Main Library, Art & Music Department

Children’s Workshops with Book Artist Peter Thomas:
• Friday, June 3, 3:00 p.m.
  Oakley Branch Library (ages 6 & up)
• Saturday, June 4, 2:00 p.m.
  Main Library, Children’s Learning Center (ages 6 & up)

Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library

Ever try to strum a book or read a ukulele? No need to “fret.” Both find harmony together in an exhibit that’s on display through June 30 in the Art & Music Department of the Main Library (800 Vine Street). Made up of a series of artists books that are part book, part ukulele, the exhibit strikes a melodic chord through the work of Peter & Donna Thomas.

“One day I thought to myself, ‘I love to make books and I love to play the ukulele. Can I put these two loves together? Can I make a book out of a uke? After I made the first one, I thought, how many more can I make? Each one will have to represent a different book structure, format or concept and each will still have to play...?,” said Peter Thomas.

Whether reconfigured from a concert size or a smaller ukulele, each of the 26 items on view has a distinct personality. For instance, the Ukulele Fanbook (1996), shown at the right, includes pages that were cut from the Sunset Travel Guide to Hawaii with pinking shears to give them the feeling of a pineapple. The Ukulele Accordion (1996) features text from Little Grass Shack, handwritten and illustrated ukulele shaped paper cut in paper doll style. The neck of a ukulele for The Real Fake Uke (2000) was attached through the top end of a copy of Mystic Isles of the South Seas by Frederick O’Brien. And a uke that was converted into The Ukulele Flip Book (2003) features an animated hula dancer by cranking a handle that moves pages.

About the Artists

Since 1976 Peter and Donna Thomas have worked collaboratively and individually, making paper, letterpress printing, and bookbinding, to create books. Their books have been shown in individual and group exhibitions in the U.S. and abroad, and have been purchased for collections around the world.

Donna (Millar) Thomas was born in San Francisco and attended Sonoma State University, where she studied art at the School of Expressive Arts. Peter Thomas was born in Los Angeles and attended the University of California at Santa Cruz, where he studied the book arts with William Everson at UCSC’s Lime Kiln Press.

The Thomases printed their first book in 1978, and spent the next ten years producing “fine press” books in both full size and miniature format, always making the paper, printing and binding the books completely by themselves. Their goal was to create books in the tradition of the great private presses: limited editions, made of the finest materials and produced with the highest standards of quality. In the late 1980s, the Thomases began to work in new formats, exploring non-traditional book structures and shaped book objects, as both limited editions and one-of-a-kind books. In 1992 they printed Good Books, a bibliography of their work and other authors.

The Ukulele Fanbook
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 the 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 January 20 and March 24.

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The Anderson Township Library Association (ATLA) presented the Library with a check for $29,750, proceeds from last year’s used book sale. From left to right: Library Executive Director Kimber L. Fender, ATLA Treasurer Jeanne Shepherd, Mt. Washington Branch Manager Katie Greifenkamp, Anderson Branch Manager Patty Peterson, ATLA Co-chair Mary Sue Kamphaus and Greg Fischer, President of Marketing Support Services, who provided free warehouse space for the past seven years.

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of Claire & Dean Smittle’s cat Misty.
Thanks to over 50 volunteers & Library staff members and all of our sponsors who helped make this year’s Free & Fun Family Fest an enormous success enjoyed by over 1,500 people of all ages. The event was co-presented by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.

- Bass Pro Shops
- Cappel’s
- Chiquita Brands International
- Cincinnati Family Magazine & Sherry Hang
- Cincinnati Mighty Ducks
- Friends of the Public Library
- Greater Cincinnati Safe Kids Coalition
- Hamburger Mary’s
- Kroger Food Stores
- Le’s Cafe
- Mojo 94.9 Radio & the Jammin’ Oldies Van
- Oak Hills Ambassador Jazz Band & Selected Percussion Ensembles
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Perfetti VanMelle USA, Inc. (Air Heads)
- Pleasant Ridge Puppetry Program & Word Up! Creative Writing Class
- United Dairy Farmers
- WCPO-TV9 & Tanya O’Rourke
Two Used Book Sales this June

There are two chances this June to shop from a selection of more than 150,000 used books and other items with the Friends of the Public Library and the Anderson Township Library Association. There are also records, CDs, books on tape, sets and more.

Friends of the Public Library 33rd Annual Used Book Sale

Monday, June 6—Friday, June 10 Fountain Square, Fifth & Vine Streets, downtown
- Monday: 9:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday–Thursday: 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
- Friday 9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. (Bag Day)
SPECIAL DEALS: Friday is Bag Day. Purchase a shopping bag for $5.00 and fill it with as many items as you want. Visa, MasterCard, cash or check accepted.
Information or to volunteer:
(513) 369-6035

Anderson Township Library Association 25th Annual Used Book Sale

Friday, June 24–Sunday, June 26 Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road
- Friday: 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- Sunday: noon–3:00 p.m.
SPECIAL DEALS: Books and other items are generally marked half-price on Saturday afternoon.
Information or to volunteer:
(513) 369-4573

Joel’s Library Jam Launches with “Jam” Session at CET

Ohio’s First Lady, Hope Taft, was the guest of honor at the launch preview of Joel’s Library Jam, a new multimedia educational program that promotes reading and language arts for grades K-2. The launch held recently at CET highlighted segments from the program, which was produced through a cooperative effort of CET, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and Success by 6 (a United Way agency). The first of a series of 17 five-minute segments aired on May 9 at CET and will continue to air at various times throughout the summer and school year. Each one stars Joel Caithamer, a Children’s Librarian from Green Township Branch Library, whose zany, fun-loving antics make reading and learning come alive for kids.

Joel’s Library Jam engages children in reading and is aligned with state standards for grades K-2. Accompanying kits include a guide with hands-on activities and a series of educational prompts to go along with each program. For the program schedule and to order the kits go to: www.LibraryJam.org. Full kits are $25 and include everything you need: a videotape of the series, CD, activity guide, one children’s book, and Library Jam tote (Limited supply, subject to availability.) Another option is to check out the kit from the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County. One kit is available at each of the Library’s 42 locations.

Joel Caithamer, Children’s Librarian at Green Township Branch Library and star of Joel’s Library Jam, performs before an audience of children, who participated in the program, and their families.
**Unlock the Mystery...READ!**
**ReadQuest 2005   June 11–July 31**

**Mysterious Programs**
**Here’s what is in store for young sleuths!**

- **Forensics 101** – Fingerprinting & crime-solving with Crystal Clear Science. Learn techniques used by law enforcement to solve crimes using today’s high-tech methodology.

- **Super Sleuths** – Solve a mystery and make your own detective badge!

- **Mysteries of Covedale** – Featuring The Ghostly Library.

- **Mechanical Mysteries** – Take apart broken machinery and find out how it works!

- **Where’s the Dragon?** – A magic show full of comedy, fun & mystery with Dan Craine.

- **Bi-Okoto Drum & Dance Theatre** – Enjoy the sounds and thrills!

- **I Spy** – Fun with Campfire Kev.

- **Sing, Laugh, Eat a Book!** – With songwriter, actor, booknut Thaddeus Rex.

- **The Purveyor of Magic & Mystery** – A mystifying show featuring fun new magic tricks with Terry Francis.

- **“My Grandma’s Gonna Kill Me”** – Help Wand Tuggle find a valuable gift before her grandmother finds out it’s missing! Can you solve the mystery?

- **Explore the Mysteries of the Moon** – With David High, NASA Ambassador

- **The Mysterious Long One** – A classic Massai folktale from Africa with Adzooks Puppets.

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