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August 17 – September 30

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN’S JOURNEY TO EMANCIPATION

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Main Library to host traveling exhibit

City’s History and Library’s Collection Attracts “Forever Free”

How was it that a nation founded on ideals of freedom and equality was also home to one of the harshest labor systems the modern world has known? A new traveling exhibition opening at the Main Library in the Atrium on August 17 looks for answers to this question by tracing Abraham Lincoln’s gradual transformation from an antislavery moderate into “The Great Emancipator,” who freed all slaves with a revolutionary wartime proclamation in 1863. *Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation* will be on view through September 30.

The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County is one of only 40 libraries in the U.S. selected to host the exhibit, which was organized by The Huntington Library, San Marino, California and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York City, in cooperation with the American Library Association Public Programs Office.

The Library was selected as a site based on the historical importance of Cincinnati as a center of abolitionist activity and the Library’s significant Presidential, African America, and Civil War collections. Highlights of these materials include: one of the largest sets of Civil War regimental histories in the U.S.; current and 19th century sources on the politics of slavery and emancipation; over 700 books on Lincoln, as well as autographed letters, portraits, speeches and manuscripts; newspaper coverage of Lincoln’s visits to Cincinnati, national and local politics, and Civil War reports; and all laws signed by Lincoln and speeches made before Congress.

“We are pleased to have been selected as a site for this exhibition,” said Patricia Van Skaik, Manager of the Library’s History & Genealogy Department. “The Civil War and slavery are topics which must constantly be revisited in order to help 21st century Americans better understand their causes and more clearly see how their effects are still with us today. This exhibit offers our community an opportunity to learn more about how Abraham Lincoln decided upon emancipation of the slaves, even as he tried to hold together a fragile coalition of states to preserve the Union. It is revealing insight into the values, principles, and ideals that guided one of our Presidents.”

Exhibit Highlights

Beginning with “Young Lincoln’s America” and ending with “Legacies,” the period right before Lincoln’s death, *Forever Free* deepens our understanding of the painful issue of slavery and illuminates the paradox of the U.S. as a slaveholding republic founded on ideals of liberty and equality. This compelling six-section, 75-foot long panel show is chronologically organized into thematic segments containing a narrative on these topics and a display of reproductions of rare contemporary documents including: books, manuscripts, period photographs, broadsides, illustrative materials such as engravings, lithographs, cartoons, and political ephemera, drawn primarily from the collections of the Huntington Library and the Gilder Lehrman Collection. Main Library Atrium, south building, 1st floor
Main Library programs & exhibits

August 17 – October 1
Exhibits: Lincoln and Civil War Imprints
The Rare Books & Special Collections Department will have an array of Lincoln images and even Lincoln manuscripts on display from this time period in its hall exhibit cases. Civil War Imprints will also be on view in the department. Main Library, Bridge, 3rd floor

Saturday, August 20, 2:00 p.m., Opening Reception
Lecture: Great Emancipator or Reluctant Emancipator: Abraham Lincoln’s Complex Journey to Emancipation
Christopher Phillips, Associate Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati, award winning author, and editor of the journal Ohio Valley History, discusses Lincoln's path to becoming the nation’s “Great Emancipator”—one of the least understood stories in the American past. This talk will offer an introduction to the controversy surrounding Lincoln's legacy through the Great Emancipator’s own racial views and background. Main Library Atrium, south building, 1st floor, refreshments

Saturday, August 27, 2:00 p.m.
Lecture: Voices of Freedom: African American Soldiers in the Civil War
Tony Burroughs, noted author of Black Roots: A Beginner’s Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree, awarding winning speaker, and guest expert for the PBS “Ancestors” series, will discuss this fascinating topic during his slideshow presentation. Over 190,000 African Americans served in the Civil War, many of whom were former slaves. They fought to preserve the Union, but also to end slavery, and free their brethren. But rarely do we hear their words. What did they say about their hopes, fears, thoughts, plans and actions during the Civil War? Finally, we hear from them in Voices of Freedom. Main Library Atrium, south building, 1st floor, refreshments

Wednesday, September 7, 7:00 p.m.
Lecture: Collecting Lincoln
Bob Willard, President of the Abraham Lincoln Institute in Washington, D.C, board member of the Abraham Lincoln Association, longtime collector of books and other artifacts about Abraham Lincoln, and consultant on numerous digitization projects of Lincoln memorabilia, will discuss how collecting has helped him understand Lincoln. He will also describe some of the interesting people he has met along the way. Main Library Atrium, south building, 1st floor, refreshments The Rare Books Department will be open until 7:00 p.m September 7.

Genealogy Program

Saturday, August 27, 10:00 a.m.
Lecture: Locating Sleepy Hollow: Or Anywhere Else Your Ancestor Lived
Tony Burroughs illustrates strategies for locating hard to find towns that may no longer exist. Co-sponsored by the Hamilton County Genealogical Society, Main Library, Huenefeld Tower Room, south building, 3rd floor

Keep an eye on “What's New” at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org for information on Forever Free and recommended books, videos, and websites on the topics of Lincoln, slavery, emancipation, and the Civil War.

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Library Card Challenge 2005

Why should I sign up my child for a library card? Isn’t all the information they need on the Internet? Children today still need library cards and they need to visit their libraries regularly. While we may not always share their reading interests, the key objective is to keep kids reading. A great story in the new book *Guys Write for Guys Read*, edited by well-known children’s author Jon Scieszka, is “Wrestling with Reading” by Patrick Jones. In this story, Jones tells how he developed a love of wrestling as a boy and, at age 12, actually asked the librarian at his local library for wrestling magazines to learn more. He humorously conveys his disappointment and embarrassment when the librarian responds with an expression that “looked like she was going to stroke out at the mere mention of wrestling magazines in her library.” Jones goes on to acknowledge that things have changed and, despite this discouraging beginning, Jones becomes an avid reader, a writer, and a library worker. The point of his story is to emphasize the need for reading materials that encourage reading for fun as well as for learning.

Every day we hear more about the problems of illiteracy, the need to improve educational attainment, and the decline in reading. One simple way to help all of these issues is by getting library cards into the hands of our children. Libraries have so many fantastic resources to offer. Whether children want help with a homework assignment, reading for pleasure or need a computer for Internet access, the Library can help. Throughout this issue you’ll see more about the many services offered to children by our Library system.

This fall we’ll be going to every school in Hamilton County to promote library cards for every student. It’s our goal to have every child in Hamilton County own this valuable, yet affordable (it’s free!), card. What can you do? Teachers and Principals—encourage (at some schools this is required!) your students to get their own library cards. Watch for a Library staff member to contact your school about the Library Card Challenge. Keep in touch with your local branch to get more Library time for your students. Parents—sign your children up for their own library card. Help them learn good library habits by visiting the Library regularly, caring for Library materials properly, and returning or renewing materials on time. In return, we’ll provide the children of our community with an outstanding collection—on all topics, a friendly, knowledgeable staff and the opportunity to discover a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director

Library Card Challenge Begins This Fall at Area Schools

Get it. Got it. Use it. Children’s and teen librarians from the Public Library are gearing up for a major library card sign up campaign this fall called The Library Card Challenge. Through a multi-level collaboration with schools, this exciting competition is aimed at increasing the number of school students who have Library Cards. The campaign, funded by the Friends of the Public Library, will begin with a special Educators Sale at the Friends Warehouse on September 21–22. To kickoff The Challenge a festive Pep Rally with music, games, food, and fun activities for students and families will be held at the end of September.

Help spread the word! School-age kids, teens, and parents alike can help us spread the word about this exciting competition to take place among schools in Hamilton County. Urge students and teachers at your school to participate in The Challenge. The more students who “get carded” and sign up for a Library card, the more chances for your school to become a bronze, silver or gold banner winner. Schools that reach a 75% or higher level of participation will receive one of these banners to proudly display outside the building for all to see.

Members of the Library Card Challenge Committee get ready for the competition.
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You can also access selected databases through http://kidspace.cincinnatilibrary.org/ and http://teenspace.cincinnatilibrary.org/, our websites for kids and teens.
### Books & Literary Criticism

**NovelList** offers book discussion guides, book reviews, curriculum-related articles, and features that allow you to search for specific subjects, settings, genres, series, and plot details.

- Our class is studying *Brave New World*. We’d like to read some other novels about dystopian societies.
- I’m a teacher and need a discussion guide for *Among the Hidden*. Background information about the author would be helpful too.

**The Literature Resource Center** is a good source for information on writers, poets, essayists, journalists, playwrights, etc., including biographical information and critical overviews of their work.

- I need some background information about Jack Kerouac’s life and work.
- Where can I get a list of African American authors who wrote during the Harlem Renaissance?
- I have to write a report about the 1930s and need a list of famous writers and literary works from that time, along with information about literary movements and historical events of the period.

### Magazines & Newspapers

**ProQuest** offers access to full-text articles from hundreds of national and international newspapers.

- I’m writing a paper about the Columbine shootings and need articles from Colorado newspapers.
- I heard a story on the radio about an article in an Irish newspaper about President Bush. How can I find it?
- I need three newspaper articles about Condoleeza Rice.


- My school is involved in relief efforts for the tsunami victims. Where can I find more information about other organizations who are helping out?
- Where can I find articles about Zora Neale Hurston for a paper I’m working on?

### Biographies

From Aristotle to Paul Zindel, the **Biography Resource Center** and **Biographies Plus Illustrated** have information about people in the arts, science, business, politics, sports, government, and history.

- When was Gary Paulsen born? How long has he been writing books? I need a picture of him too.
- I’m working on an oral report about Bill Gates. Can you tell me how he got started in computers?
- What is Eminem’s real name?
Current Events

Consult Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center and Issues and Controversies when you’re looking for statistics, magazine and newspaper articles, images, and web resources about important social issues such as euthanasia, censorship, and capital punishment.

- My teacher wants me to write a pro/con paper on gun control.
- I have to write a term paper but don’t know what topic to pick. Where can I look for ideas?
- I’m a teacher looking for the most current information about the evolution debate for my students.

ProQuest offers access to articles from hundreds of well-known newspapers and magazines.

- Where can I find a magazine article about Dolly, the first cloned sheep?
- I’m writing a paper about the 2004 presidential election and need some newspaper articles about the debates.

History

The History Resource Center includes thousands of primary source documents (letters, speeches, legislative acts, etc.), magazine articles, digitized maps, and photographs.

- When did Patrick Henry say, “Give me liberty or give me death!”?
- I need the text of the Stamp Act. Where can I find it?
- When was the Berlin Wall torn down?

ProQuest Historical Newspapers offers digital reproductions of every page and every article from the complete backfile (1851–2000) of the New York Times. The digital images include news stories, editorials, photographs, obituaries, legal notices, and advertisements.

- What happened on the day I was born?
- I’m researching the history of voting rights for women. How can I find articles from the 1920s?
- I’d like to find some information about the sinking of the Titanic.

Use Famous First Facts to search for information about thousands of inventions, discoveries, and events in American history.

- Who was the first president to ride in an automobile? Fly in an airplane?

Homework Chat

Use Live Homework Help or Ask a Librarian to work with tutors or librarians on specific homework problems and questions. Live Homework Help is available every day from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Ask a Librarian is available 24/7.

- I have to do a science fair project about light refraction and need some help getting started.
- I need the formula to figure out the total number of degrees in any polygon.
- What is the definition of least common multiple?
- I need to understand Newton’s Laws for a quiz on Monday. Can you help me?
Resources for Younger Students

**Kids Infobits** is designed to help elementary school students with research. It includes magazines, newspapers, and reference books on the arts, science, people, government, history, and sports. Articles are labeled “easy” or “more difficult” to read.

- I am in the third grade and want to find some magazine and newspaper articles about the Iraq war.
- I am doing a project on AIDS and need charts, graphs, magazine, newspaper, and encyclopedia articles. Can I find all of those resources in one place?

**SIRS Discoverer** offers elementary and middle school students articles from U.S. and international magazines and newspapers, biographies, country facts, maps of the world, suggested research topics, activities, and the World Almanac for Kids.

- I have to do a biography report for school, but I don’t know whom I want to do the report on.
- Where can I find maps of all of the countries of the world? I would like to print some of them out at home.

In **World Book Online**, you’ll find thousands of encyclopedia articles, tables, illustrations, audio clips, maps, and hundreds of feature articles on many topics.

- I need to do a report on Ohio. Where should I start to get all of the basic information?

Popular Resources

**Kids Infobits**

**SIRS Discoverer**

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Frequently Asked Questions

**What’s the difference between using a database and searching Google?**

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?**

No. The Library provides the databases free of charge to our customers. All you need to use them is your library card.

**What’s my library card number?**

Your library card number is located under the barcode on the back of your library card. Your PIN is the last four digits of the phone number you gave us when you applied for your card.

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

Yes, most databases will let you email articles to yourself. Many also let you save your search results to a special folder, create bibliographies, and will generate citations for you.

**What does it mean when a database offers the “full-text” of an article from a magazine or newspaper?**

The entire article, not just a summary of it, is available online.

**I searched for information in all these 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! Or check out Ask a Librarian for the link to our Chat with Us interactive online reference service, available 24/7 from the Library’s website.
Adventures with Ted & Betsy Lewin – September 27

Get ready for a big adventure as Caldecott award winners Ted and Betsy Lewin take you from their studios to far-flung reaches of the world, and back again—with amazing stories! Hear them talk of their adventures and how they write and illustrate their books, and ask them questions afterwards. The Lewins will be at the Symmes Township Branch Library for a community night on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. Copies of their books will be available for purchase, with a book signing to follow.

In addition to writing and illustrating their own books, the Lewins also illustrate for other authors. Between them, Ted and Betsy have illustrated over 100 books for children and young adults.

While in Uganda, a trek to see mountain gorillas inspired their first collaboration, Gorilla Walk. Their second collaboration, Elephant Quest, was set in the Okavango Delta of Botswana.

Betsy (Reilly) Lewin spent much of her childhood living in the world of fantasy, and has written and/or illustrated scores of children’s books, including New York Times bestsellers such as Giggle, Giggle, Quack and Duck for President. One of her best-known books, Click, Clack, Moo: Cows that Type, was a Caldecott Honor book in 2001.

For more than 20 years, Ted Lewin has illustrated children’s books. His works include Paperboy, which is set in Cincinnati in 1927; The Secret of the Indian by Lynne Reid Banks; and the cover for Scott O’Dell’s Blue Dolphin. Ted has written books inspired by trips to such places as the Amazon River, the Sahara Desert, Botswana, Egypt, Lapland, and India.

This free program is sponsored by the Blue Ash PTA, Greene PTO, Montgomery PTO, Symmes PTO, Biggs (Mason Location), Sycamore Schools Foundation, and the Friends of the Public Library.
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 March 25 and June 16.

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Through the generosity of the Cincinnati Chapter of Executive Women (EWI), kids ages 6–12 have an added incentive during ReadQuest. Anyone reaching all four levels of Unlock the Mystery...Read! is eligible to enter a drawing for one of nine Schwinn mountain bikes. Part of EWI’s mission is encouraging community involvement, and the group decided that the Library was the perfect place for that mission. Kids have through July 31 to enter, and bikes will be awarded on August 1. Check out details online at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org, or visit your local library. Pictured: Mariemont Children’s Librarian Fran Acree; Elisa Cooley, EWI Philanthropy Committee; Vetta Miller, EWI President; & Jill Mohr EWI Philanthropy Chair.
Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Anness in memory of Michael H. Neumark.
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Jo Baehr in memory of Judy Wick’s cat Nugget.
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Jennifer, Scott, Lauren & Olivia Brown in memory of Jack & Darlene Cunningham’s dog Angel.
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Shirley Davies in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Art Rodger’s dog Misty.
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Comic Revolutions at the Main Library

Leading lights of the comics and graphic novels field will shine at the Main Library in person and in an exhibition of their work. On view in the Art & Music Department from August 1—October 30, Comic Revolutions: Underground Comix, Graphic Novels & Manga will showcase three important phases in the history of comic books as well as the work of distinguished local practitioners. The following prominent comic/graphic novel writers and artists will not only have their work featured in the exhibition but will also present related comics programs:

Bruce Chrislip is a comic book artist/writer/publisher/historian, whose work has been published by Eclipse, Fantagraphics, Kitchen Sink Press, and the San Francisco Chronicle, among others, as well cartooned for more than 400 minicomics.

Craig Boldman, has written the adventures of Superman for DC Comics, Big Boy, Bazooka Joe, Disney’s Doug, and Disney’s Recess. He currently writes the Jughead comic book and Archie newspaper strip since 1992.

David Mack is the creator, author and artist of Kabuki, which is available in seven languages, and is the writer and cover artist for Marvel Comics’ Daredevil, one of the ten best-selling comics in the U.S.

Carol Tyler is an internationally known award-winning cartoon artist, who has taught drawing comics for over 20 years.

Justin Green, who has been called a brilliant writer and artist, is credited by fellow underground comix creators R. Crumb and Art Spiegelman with pioneering the autobiographical comic book.

Related Programs
Saturday, August 6
Anime Film Festival & Cosplay 1:00–3:00 p.m.
Cosplay [costume play] events and judging in the Main Library, Reading Garden

Saturday, September 17
The Rise of Underground Comix and the Graphic Novel, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Panel discussion with Bruce Chrislip, Justin Green, and Carol Tyler Main Library, Atrium.

The Business of Comic Book Writing and Illustration, 2:00–3:30 p.m.
Panel discussion with Bruce Chrislip, Craig Boldman, David Mack, and Mark Craddock of Comic Book World, Main Library, Atrium.

Look for additional programs coming in October and November.

New Materials Recovery Plan to Handle Long Overdue Items

On July 5, the Library added another tool to get materials back into the hands of the public more quickly. To handle overdue materials or fines exceeding $25, it is using the services of Unique Management Services, which partners with over 650 libraries nationwide to recover overdues and monies.

“This is extremely critical during a time when the Library’s budget has been cut by the state,” said the Library’s Executive Director Kimber L. Fender. “Since we’ve reduced our materials budget by 10% this year, it is even more important that our customers return borrowed books and other items when due.”

The Library sends out overdue notices after an item is past due at 10 and 20 days. After 60 days, Unique will handle accounts totaling $25 or more with overdue items and fines. In order to offset the cost of this service, The Library will add a $10 processing fee to every customer’s fines when the account is turned over to Unique.

“The average response rate is 66%—a very strong recovery percentage,” said Paul Burch, Circulation Services Manager. “If your Library card is in good standing, it’s easy to renew items you have checked out, simply by calling your local branch or going online. We also provide a printed receipt each time you check out items that lists all items you have borrowed and if you’re signed up for email notification you receive a renewal reminder 90 days ahead.”
Unlock the Mystery...READ!

*ReadQuest Continues Through July 30 with Plenty of Great Prizes & Programs*

Kids & teens don’t miss your chance to be part of an incredible summer adventure during *ReadQuest 2005*. There’s still plenty of time to take home prizes, enter drawings, and enjoy the great line-up of mysterious programs for young sleuths! The fun continues through July 30 with this year’s theme, *Unlock the Mystery...Read!*

**For Kids:** Receive Books & Fun Prizes Then Enter to Win a Bike - Children (ages 12 & under) can reach four prize levels by reading five books or reading three hours to advance to the next level. Pick a prize from the box after each level, and receive a book after attaining all four levels!

**BONUS BIKE GIVEAWAY:** Through the generosity of the Cincinnati Chapter of Executive Women (EWI), kids ages 6—12 have an added incentive during *ReadQuest*. Anyone reaching all four levels of *Unlock the Mystery...READ!* is eligible to enter a drawing for one of nine Schwinn mountain bikes. Each bike will also include a helmet donated by Toys ‘r Us. Part of EWI’s mission is encouraging community involvement, and the group decided that the Library was the perfect place for that mission. Kids have through July 31 to enter. Bikes will be awarded on August 1.

**For Teens:** Weekly Drawings for Gift Certificates -
For each three hours spent reading, teens can enter weekly drawings for Cincinnati Reds tickets, cool merchandise, movie passes, and gift certificates for pizza, UDF malts, chili, and more. Three lucky winners will be awarded prizes at every branch.

Go to your neighborhood library, check out the fabulous programs, and keep on reading! For more information go to: [www.cincinnatilibrary.org/summerread/src2005/](http://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/summerread/src2005/).

Mica Staggs tries out one of nine kids’ bikes (provided by the Cincinnati Chapter of Executive Women) to be given away during *ReadQuest*, while Ben Schultz holds up some gift certificates that teens can win, too.