Anything can happen when we get On The Same Page!

Everyone is invited to read the same book at the same time during the 6th annual On the Same Page Cincinnati. This year’s selection is *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan.

On the Same Page is a project of the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County and is made possible in part by the Friends of the Public Library, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Cincinnati Magazine, WVXU Radio, and CET.
On the Same Page “Shares the Joy”

Now in its sixth year, On the Same Page Cincinnati 2007 will feature Amy Tan’s best-selling novel, The Joy Luck Club. From February through March, this community-wide reading program invites readers to participate in engaging discussions and culturally enriching activities centered around the book. Originally published in 1989, The Joy Luck Club features four Chinese-American women who have been friends for many years, weaving together stories from the old world of China and the new world of America, embroidered with the experiences of two generations who see things in remarkably different ways. What results is an engaging depiction of a common human experience: seeking to find a balance between respecting the events of the past while also welcoming the possibilities of the present.

About the Author - Amy Tan is the author of several works of fiction and nonfiction, which have been translated into more than 30 languages. She also co-produced and co-screenwrote the film version of The Joy Luck Club. Ms. Tan currently lives in San Francisco and New York with her husband and is the literary editor for the Los Angeles Times weekly magazine.

Youth Title Selection - This year’s selection for middle school and teen readers is The Lightning Thief, Book One of ‘Percy Jackson and the Olympians,’ by Rick Riordan. Mr. Riordan is an award-winning author of mysteries for adults as well as the bestselling Percy Jackson and the Olympians series for young adults. The author will be here to meet with students and talk about the book on March 20 and 21.

A Sample of What’s to Come...All Offered for FREE:

Launch Event - The Children’s Learning Center at the Main Library will host a Chinese New Year Celebration on Saturday, February 17 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. All ages are invited to come and enjoy Chinese music, crafts, and a dragon dance performed by Chinese teachers from Liuzhou, China, who have come to the U.S. as part of the Cin-Liu Exchange Teacher Project.

Book Discussions - More than 20 Library branches will host book discussions about The Joy Luck Club. Some will also show the movie version of the book.

China Gourmet Gift Certificate - Check out the book and then enter to win a China Gourmet gift certificate good for you and your book club or your book-loving friends. See details at any of the Library’s 42 locations.

Cooking Demos - Join the Library and Wild Oats on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. for The Low Down on Lo Mein (free pair of chopsticks included), February 21 and Amazing Asian Sauces March 21. Wild Oats Natural Marketplace, Rookwood Commons, 2693 Edmonson Road. Call (513) 981-0794 to register.

Mother Daughter Multigenerational Tea Party - Not only is tea tasty, but it’s also a significant part of the Chinese lifestyle. For ages 14 & up at the Walnut Hills Branch Library on Saturday, March 17, 2:00 p.m.

Calligraphy Workshops - Chinese calligraphy is an art form, and calligraphers are highly respected. Learn from expert calligraphers while practicing several styles of writing Chinese characters.

Mah-Jongg - Learn the basics of this ancient Chinese game played with 144 tiles. The goal is to collect a winning combination while keeping an eye on your opponents’ chances of winning. Join in the fun at various Library locations.

Enjoy Chinese Music - The Greater Cincinnati Chinese Music Society has been introducing the community to Chinese culture through music and education since 1994. Performers will feature traditional and contemporary Chinese music at various Library locations during On the Same Page.

Information: For the complete list of upcoming events and On the Same Page news log onto www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/samepage starting January 22.
upcoming events

Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America’s Women Physicians

January 5–February 18
Women physicians—the challenges they have faced to practice medicine and the impact they have had on the profession—are the focus of a traveling exhibition on view at the Main Library from January 5–February 18. The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Public Library and the University of Cincinnati’s Academic Health Center Information Technology & Libraries and University Libraries. Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America’s Women Physicians, organized by the National Library of Medicine and the American Library Association with support from the National Library of Medicine, the National Institutes of Health Office of Research on Women’s Health, and the American Medical Women’s Association, tells the extraordinary stories of American women who wanted to practice medicine and the struggles they often faced to gain access to medical education and to practice in the specialties they chose.

Related Programs:

Tuesday, January 23, 3:00–4:30 p.m.
Women Physicians Sharing Their Stories: What It Is Like to Study and Practice Medicine Panel Discussion and Q&A will take place in the The Vontz Center for Molecular Studies, in the Rieveschl Auditorium of the University of Cincinnati at 3235 Eden Avenue.

Tuesday, February 6, 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. (two performances)
A Woman Alone: A One-Woman Play, written by Lynn Eckhert, M.D., is a dramatic presentation about the life of Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman in America to receive an M.D. degree, to be performed by Linda Gray Kelley in the Main Library’s Atrium (South Building, 1st floor).

Contact Melissa Cox Norris at (513) 556-1558 or at melissa.norris@uc.edu for more information or visit aitl.uc.edu/changingthefa

A Birthday Party Invite from Rufus

We’re unleashing a month-long party in March to celebrate my very first birthday. It’s one your kids won’t want to miss. They can join me, Rufus the Reading Dog, and my Library pals for one of 17 different birthday parties to be held at various library locations. Since everyone knows dogs love ice cream, the folks at Cold Stone Creamery decided they would provide ice cream cakes for all of my parties. I can’t wait to chomp down on all 17 of them.

There are also other ways kids can have fun throughout March. By participating in a scavenger hunt for information online and in the Library, they can become a Rufus Reader like me. They will not only learn more about how to use the Library, but they can also enter drawings for fun prizes. We’ll be giving away 10 Rufus Runts (mini plush versions of me) at each of our 42 Library locations. Plus, everyone who becomes a Rufus Reader will receive a coupon good for one free ice cream at any Cold Stone Creamery. What’s more, two lucky Rufus Readers will also win a grand prize Cold Stone Creamery Ice Cream Party of their own (one for ages 6 & under, one for ages 7 to 12 to be awarded).

What a way to end my first year. Lots of storytimes featuring my favorite dog “tales,” lots of hugs and high fives from kids, and lots of time to “paws” and reflect on how much fun it is to be the Library’s mascot.
New Study Shows Libraries in Our Region Give Back Nearly **FOUR TIMES MORE VALUE** for Your Money

Residents in Southwestern Ohio can take satisfaction in knowing that their library is a great value. Thanks to a recent Economic Benefits Study that made use of data collected from the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, as well as eight other public library systems in Butler, Clermont and Warren counties, the findings reveal an annual economic benefit of nearly four times greater than the amount invested in these library operations. The report from Levin, Driscoll & Fleeter in Columbus concludes that, using a conservative measure of value, the libraries’ cumulative expenditure of about $74.5 million returned a quantifiable direct economic benefit of $238.6 million, or $3.81 for each dollar expended in 2005.

The study, which was unveiled on November 29 at the Ohio Statehouse, also recognizes that these libraries add significant value to their users and communities that cannot be assigned a dollar value including “improved economic prospects and an enhanced quality of life.” Findings indicate how they are contributing to economic development by providing meaningful collections and programs that connect their users with important community agendas that center around literacy, workforce developments, small business support as well as anchoring neighborhoods and commercial centers.

**9 Libraries Website**—For the full report on the Economic Benefits Study and a podcast of the recent unveiling of the study at the Ohio Statehouse log onto http://9libraries.info/
Ready to Read!

Across the State we face a tremendous problem. More than 50% of the children entering kindergarten in some school districts, including some in Hamilton County, are not ready for kindergarten. And, research shows that these children never catch up. Never. This disturbing news caught the attention of Ohio’s public libraries and we’re working together to change this situation.

The children who enter kindergarten and are not ready to read are at a disadvantage then and throughout their lives. A RAND Corporation report entitled *Early Childhood Interventions: Proven Results, Future Promise* shows that early intervention programs produce stunning results including better test scores, better proficiency in reading and math, higher high school graduation rates, and lower arrest rates.

Obviously, public libraries can’t address all the factors that affect kindergarten readiness, but we can help. Libraries already offer a wide range of programs for children starting at birth and continuing long beyond kindergarten. In May 2005, our Library partnered with Success by 6®, an early childhood support coalition convened and funded by United Way of Greater Cincinnati, to develop a pilot literacy program using dialogic reading, a methodology that teaches adults to interact with children using books and structured questions. In 2006, that pilot program was expanded to provide training to all of our children’s librarians. This project focuses on activities that will prepare children for kindergarten and help parents provide early learning opportunities for their children. Children’s librarians are now able to use dialogic reading to train child-care teachers and parents to use the method in classrooms and at home. Literacy Coordinator Kathy Scahill is the Library’s leader on this project.

We can help by offering programs for preschool children that are designed to improve six pre-reading skills identified by the Public Library Association: Narrative Skills, Print Motivations, Phonological Awareness, Print Awareness, Vocabulary and Letter Knowledge.

As a librarian no one has to convince me that literacy is crucial. What I didn’t realize is how much of a difference early literacy makes. It’s crucial that we join the many other agencies in our communities working to prepare our children for kindergarten and make sure every child in Ohio starts kindergarten Ready to Read.

*Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director*

Library Makes Top 10 in Hennen’s American Public Library Ratings

The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County was ranked as a “Top Ten American Library” for the second year in a row by the recently released Hennen American Public Library Ratings (HAPLR), www.haplr-index.com/index.html. Among 79 libraries in the largest population category of 500,000 or more, our Library ranks #8 in service, up from last year’s #10 rank. “This success truly shows the strength of our staff in providing excellent service,” said Executive Director Kim Fender. We invite you to stop by the Main Library, one of our 41 branches, or explore some of our online resources, such as our new books and reading blog, or our Veterans History Project and find out what makes us one of the “best libraries in the nation!”
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Thinking of buying an antique knick knack on eBay but aren’t sure how much to bid? Or maybe you’d like to find out what the dusty “treasures” in your attic are worth? Price It! Antiques & Collectibles, a new addition to our collection of research databases, makes it easy to find that kind of information. Instead of combing through piles of price guides to find out how much your Aunt Martha’s cookie jar collection is worth, you can now do all the research from the comfort of your own home—all you need is your library card number and PIN.

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Veterans History Project

November 11 marked the debut of the Veterans History Project www2.cincinnatilibrary.org/vets/, a significant new online resource for our community. This website is an outgrowth of a partnership the Library established with the Library of Congress to collect and archive oral histories from military veterans. On our Veterans History website, you’ll find a database of recorded interviews of local veterans, documentary materials (photographs, letters, etc.), and streaming videos of selected interviews. These accounts and documents offer a fascinating chronicle of military life and record the sacrifice and valor of the men and women who served our country during World War II.

The Library is proud to be a part of this important national endeavor and to serve as an archive for the stories and memorabilia of local veterans. If you (or anyone you know) served in World War II, we hope you’ll consider sharing your stories with us. For additional details, please contact the History & Genealogy Department at (513) 369-6907. For the beginning of 2007, we will focus on interviewing World War II veterans. After that we will begin interviewing veterans from later conflicts.

Librarians’ Choice

The holiday frenzy is behind us and chilly winter weather has settled in. Now is the perfect time to curl up with a good book. We librarians are not only avid readers, but we also love sharing our favorites! To help our customers find great titles they may have missed, every year we publish Librarians’ Choice, a selection of our favorite additions to the collection. Librarians’ Choice offers something to please just about everyone—you’ll find books for adults, kids and teens, audiobooks, films, even magazines. You can find Librarians’ Choice at www.cincinnatilibrary.org/spotlight/sp200605/ on the Library’s website. For more ideas, just ask at your neighborhood library, since no two of us would come up with the same list!
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Beyond Bestsellers

Only a few books reach the top of the fiction bestseller charts, but there are many more terrific novels available at the Library. Each month, to showcase some of these titles, staff from the Library’s Fiction & Young Adults Department select a variety of new additions to the collection that they’ve particularly enjoyed. Their selections are published in Beyond Bestsellers, an online booklist that is part of the “Reading Recommendations” [www.cincinnatilibrary.org/spotlight/recommendations.html](http://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/spotlight/recommendations.html) section of the Library’s website. Here are a few titles from the December edition:

**Some Nerve** by Jane Heller

Heller’s latest is another charming, funny tale of a woman whose life could use a little help. After celebrity journalist Ann Roth is fired following a disastrous encounter with actor Malcolm Goddard, she goes home to Missouri, where she finds a job at her hometown newspaper. But what happens when Ann unexpectedly encounters Malcolm again throws them both into a loop.

**The Judas Field: A Novel of the Civil War** by Howard Bahr

*The Black Flower*, Bahr’s first Civil War novel, was a short, elegiac look at the Battle of Franklin (Tennessee) and its aftermath, following the fate of one fatally wounded Confederate soldier. In this equally poignant novel, Bahr revisits the same battle from the longer perspective of a haunted veteran returning to the battlefield twenty years later.

**Playing God** by Kate Flora

In the early hours of a frigid February day, Portland, Maine, police sergeant Joe Burgess finds a prominent physician brutally murdered in his Mercedes and investigates the possibility that either a disgruntled patient or one of several mysterious women is responsible for the crime. This is a great page-turner for a cold winter night!
celebrate black history month...

African American Series Focuses on Community

Saturdays in February at 2:00 p.m.
February is Black History Month and a time to celebrate community. This year the Library’s History & Genealogy Department will host a three-part lecture series highlighting African American communities throughout history. The programs will take place at the Main Library (800 Vine Street) in the Huenefeld Tower Room (South Building, 3rd floor).

February 3
Developing the Genealogy of an African American Community: A Case Study
Frequently, local histories fail to record accounts of African American communities. Nationally renowned speaker and researcher, Timothy Pinnick, uses genealogical records to uncover the forgotten past. He will present methods for developing a research strategy, collecting and recording information, and constructing a database that reveals migration patterns, identifies family relationships, and establishes community history.

February 10
Cincinnati’s Black Community in the Pre-Civil War Era
Faced with a hostile city environment and a state constitution that denied African Americans citizenship, early nineteenth century Cincinnati Blacks developed a strong sense of community. Dr. Nikki Taylor, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati, Fulbright Fellowship and Mellon Grant recipient, and author of *Frontiers of Freedom: Cincinnati’s Black Community, 1802–68*, explores the process by which former slaves developed political self-respect and self-determination.

February 17
Cincinnati’s Black Owned Businesses: Back in the Day
During the pre-integration decades of the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s, Cincinnati was the home to scores of thriving Black-owned businesses in clearly defined African American communities. Several of these entrepreneurs became local leaders and gained national prominence. Hasker Nelson, founder/president of Heritage Research Creations, award-winning journalist, and author of *Listening For Our Past: A Lay Guide To African American Oral History Interviewing*, will deliver a multi-media presentation on these community leaders.

Also Offered by the History & Genealogy Department

Saturday, February 3 at 11:00 a.m.
Tools of the Trade for African American Genealogy
This introduction to African American family history demonstrates research techniques and key resources. Participants are encouraged to remain after the class and conduct research in the History & Genealogy Department, one of the nation’s top genealogical repositories.
Main Library, Huenefeld Tower Room
African American Community History Resources

The Library is the proud owner of one of the oldest and largest African American history collections in the U.S. These resources provide a glimpse into the history of African American communities across the nation. Highlights include records from the Freedmen's Bureau, African American Baptist Church, and Ante-Bellum Plantations, as well as regimental histories of African American soldiers and genealogies of African American families.

In addition, the Library features many local resources, such as those listed below:

• The Black Brigade of Cincinnati (1864)
• Cincinnati’s Colored Citizens: Historical, Sociological and Biographical (1926)
• Frontiers of Freedom: Cincinnati’s Black Community, 1802–1868
• A Hairdresser’s Experience in High Life (1859)
• Race and the City: Work, Community, and Protest in Cincinnati, 1820–1970

Online Resources

• Voices from Cincinnati’s Past: Eliza Potter focuses on Cincinnati in the 1840s through the eyes of Eliza Potter, a successful African American businesswoman, who distinguished herself by “dressing hair.” This multimedia digital exhibit, first presented during Tall Stacks, is based on Ms. Potter’s autobiography. [www.cincinnatilibrary.org/tallstacks/voices/](http://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/tallstacks/voices/)

• The Veterans History Project features interviews with local African Americans that served in World War II. Hear their wartime experiences and descriptions of life in Cincinnati before and after their military service at [www2.cincinnatilibrary.org/vets/](http://www2.cincinnatilibrary.org/vets/)

• Newsdex: The Library’s index to Cincinnati newspapers produces thousands of citations related to local African Americans. Newsdex is located under the heading “Research and Homework” on the Library’s webpage, [www.cincinnatilibrary.org](http://www.cincinnatilibrary.org)

• HeritageQuest: Explore nationwide census records and deposit records from the Freedman’s Bank through this reference database, provided by the Library, located under “Research and Homework” on the Library’s webpage.

Black History Month Programs for All Ages

African-American Read-In
Books by African-American authors
Monday, February 5, Noon-8:00 p.m.
Corryville Branch Library

Monday, February 5, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
West End Branch Library

Rhythms & Dances of West Africa
with Bi-Okoto Drum & Dance Theatre
Saturday, February 10, 2:00 p.m.
Forest Park Branch Library

Yoruban Folktales
with Michael Oladipo Oludare
Saturday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.
Pleasant Ridge Branch Library

Yoruban Drums & Dances
with Michael Oladipo Oludare
Thursday, February 8, 4:00 p.m.
Green Township Branch Library

Saturday, February 10, 11:00 a.m.
Symmes Township Branch Library

Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 p.m.
Wyoming Branch Library

African-American Biography Films
Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20 & 27
4:00 p.m.
Madisonville Branch Library

An Evening of Jazz
with Jammell Howard
Monday, February 12, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
West End Branch Library

Triple Crown Publications CEO at Walnut Hills Branch Library

It began in 2001 when author Vickie Stringer self-published her debut novel, Let That Be the Reason. The next year Ms. Stringer enlisted the help of a silent partner, Shannon Holmes, a fellow writer who lives in New York City. Since then they discovered an incredible stable of talented, emerging authors, which led this start-up venture to become the premiere publisher of urban fiction literature. Meet the CEO of Triple Crown Publications at the Walnut Hills Branch Library on Saturday, February 24 at 2:00 p.m.

For more details about Black History Month programs and resources, check the Library’s website in February.
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 of $25 or more were received between August 1 and November 17.

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Thanks to Mrs. Genevieve Pennington for donating a copy of Hokusai: The Man Mad-On-.Drawing brought home from Japan after World War II by her husband. The encased edition includes 48 color woodcuts from the artist’s extensive oeuvre, as well as an essay about him. Some of the scenes are from Hokusai’s best-known work, Thirty-Six Views of Mt. Fuji.

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Dianne Bohmer McGoron in memory of Andrew & Katie Goodrich’s dog Baxter
Marguerite McNeil in memory of her dog Precious
Oak Crest Animal Hospital in memory of Susan Bryant’s dog Honey, Jennifer & Michael Cavitt’s dog Beakman, Gretchen Estreicher & Family’s cat Snuzzels, Brad Finley & Angela Harding’s dog Bandit, Kathy & Kim Fisher’s dog Ruby, Linda Gallo’s cat Slim, Kathleen Gilbert’s dog Ginnie, The Gleason Family’s dog Hayden, Doreen Helfin’s cat Fred, The Hensley Family’s cat Lurch & ferret Lewis, Dan & Julie Heisal’s dog Cinder, Sharon & William Keith’s dog Ruffles, Jack & Shirley King’s dog Qtip, Sally Laile’s dog Shortie, Denise Loffredo’s dog Jay Jay, Marc & Cindy Padilla’s dog Louie, Nina Parm & Sharon Thompson’s cat Frankie, Marian Rentrop’s dog Rusty, Hetty & Maura Roberto’s dog Ziggy, Jerome & Susan Salz’s dog Spike, Charles & Carol Schuler’s dog Sammy, Barb Staudigel’s cat Squeakie, Wm. Stegner’s dog Patrick and Sharon Young’s dog Holly
John & Sandy Reusing in memory of Sherrie Kline’s dog Julie
The Sauers Family in memory of its cats Serk & Pallott

The Anderson Township Library Association presented a check for $40,000 to the Library on November 29, the proceeds from its June book sale at Nagel School. The money will benefit the Anderson and Mt. Washington branches, with 55% to Anderson and 45% to Mt. Washington. From left to right: Jeanne Sheppard, Treasurer; Patty Peterson, Anderson Branch Manager; Katie Greifenkamp, Mt. Washington Branch Manager; Mary Sue Kamphaus, Co-President; and Lindsay Danahy, Co-President.

The Friends of the Public Library purchased microfilm copies of the Hamilton County By-Area Indexes to Deed and Mortgage Transfers for the History & Genealogy Department. These indexes, dating back to 1789, chronicle the history and development of Hamilton County by abstracting the official records of all property transfers. The indexes are of immeasurable value to local historians, scholars, students and genealogists. In addition, any person owning or considering the purchase of property in Hamilton County can use the indexes to trace the history of a house or track property values.

The Cincinnati Museum Center has donated a 1985 John Ruthven print depicting John James Audubon sketching a bird along the Ohio River. The Cincinnati riverfront visible in the background was painted from the Library’s 1848 Fontayne & Porter daguerreotype. The Museum Center sold these prints as a fundraiser, but graciously agreed to donate a copy to the Library upon learning of the connection to the Cincinnati Panorama and Audubon’s Birds of America folios in the Library’s collection. This print will eventually be displayed at the Main Library.
Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday

Each year we honor the life and the dream of America’s greatest champion of racial injustice, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on his birthday (Monday, January 15) with readings, birthday parties, storytimes, crafts, and other activities. Check out the Library’s program calendar at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org for ways Library branches throughout the county are commemorating this special day. Or, join us on Monday, January 15 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for Dr. King Had a Dream...What’s Yours? at the Main Library in the Children’s Learning Center. Enjoy a performance by the Clark Montessori Steel Drum Band, crafts and activities with Community Canvas with Happy, Inc., and a display of Juneteenth quilts. Funded by the Friends of the Public Library and the Kersten Fund.

25th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

The McGing Irish Dancers and the Clark-Jones Trio
Friday, March 16, Noon
Main Library, Atrium

Join us for our silver anniversary St. Patrick’s Day Celebration featuring The McGing Irish Dancers and the Clark-Jones Trio in the Main Library’s Atrium. The McGing Irish Dancers have called Cincinnati their home for over 27 years and have participated in the Library’s St. Patrick’s Day Celebration since it began in 1983. They will be joined by the Clark-Jones Trio: Nancy and Frank Clark on Celtic harp, fiddle, bodhran, recorder, and Appalachian dulcimer, and fiddler, guitarist, and singer Jude Jones. Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

Programs at the Branches:

Celtic Music by Silver Arm
Saturday, March 10, 2:00 p.m.
Harrison Branch Library

Family Night with the McGing Irish Dancers
Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.
Harrison Branch Library

Fiddle & Harp Music with Rosie Carson and Lucas Wozniak
Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.
Green Township Branch Library

Irish Film Series and Discussion
In the Name of the Father
Saturday, March 10, 11:30 a.m.
The Dead
Thursday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.
Michael Collins
Saturday, March 24, 11:30 a.m.
Covedale Branch Library
Call (513) 369-4460 to register.

Lucky Stories and Games
Friday, March 16, 4:00 p.m.
Norwood Branch Library

Visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org then click on the “programs” for more ways to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.

Friends Used Book Sales

11th Annual Warehouse Sale
January 19–21
Thursday, January 18:
Members Only Preview Sale
5:00–8:00 p.m.
Friday, January 19
& Saturday, January 20:
10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 21:
Noon–4:00 p.m.
8456 Vine Street (Hartwell)
(513) 369-6035

Branch Sales
Saturday, February 10
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Monfort Heights Branch Library
3825 West Fork Road (513) 369-4472

Friday, March 9
1:00–5:00 p.m.
& Saturday, March 10
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Blue Ash Branch Library
4911 Cooper Road, (513) 369-6051

Visit friends.cincinnatilibrary.org for more information and other ways to shop and save.
Colonel Matthew Bogdanos Presents

Thieves of Baghdad: The Journey to Recover the World’s Greatest Stolen Treasures

Wednesday, January 24
Cincinnati Art Museum, 953 Eden Park Drive

Lecture with Q&A: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Booksigning: 8:00 p.m.

A blend of treasure hunt, police procedural, war-time thriller, and exposé of the international black market in stolen art, Thieves of Baghdad: The Journey to Recover the World’s Greatest Stolen Treasures is told in the voice of Colonel Matthew Bogdanos: soldier, father, and scholar. Bogdanos is also a U.S. Marine, New York City homicide prosecutor, middleweight boxer, and classics scholar. But when he watched with the world as Baghdad fell and looters plundered the Iraq National Museum, he added “raider of the lost art” to his growing list of accomplishments. His mission in Iraq became crystal clear: get the treasures back, securing some of the most significant artifacts in the history of mankind for future generations.

A Bronze Star decorated leader, Colonel Bogdanos knew the terrain. As the mastermind behind a successful collaboration of an elite group of agencies that infiltrated terrorist activity in Afghanistan and Iraq, he had earned his stripes with bold leadership. His passion for history thrived even under the perils of warfare. He lived for six months in the dusty halls of the museum, never knowing who truly was friend or foe, while battling a flourishing black market that often sold priceless artifacts along with illegal weapons. He recounts his stunning mission amidst the chaotic world of post-war Bagdad in the bestselling Thieves of Baghdad.

Bogdanos is a remarkable blend of warrior, historian, and leader who tells an engrossing story abundant with history and resplendent with hope for the future.

The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, Cincinnati Art Museum, and The World Affairs Council at the Global Center of Greater Cincinnati are partnering together to bring you this fascinating program. Ticket price: $10 for general public / $5 for Cincinnati Art Museum and Global Center members or Library card holders. To purchase tickets, call 721-ARTS. For more information, call 369-6945.

All of Colonel Bogdanos’ royalties from the sale of the book The Thieves of Baghdad will be donated to the Iraq Museum.