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Library’s Veterans History Project Marches Forward

At 180 and counting, the Library continues to interview veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II for the Veterans History Project. Coordinated by the Library of Congress (LOC) through the American Folklife Center, the Veterans History Project calls for Americans to play a personal role in preserving the nation’s history by collecting first-hand accounts of those who defended the U.S. during wartime. LOC is archiving audio- and video-recorded oral histories, along with documentary materials (photos, diaries, letters, etc.) from veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korean, Vietnamese, and Persian Gulf Wars as well as civilians who served in support of the veterans.

As an official partner in this project, Library staff recruit veterans and volunteer interviewers, coordinate recordings, operate camera equipment, process the video recordings and documentary materials, and send duplicate copies of recordings and documentary materials to LOC for inclusion in their archives and national database.

The Library’s Veterans History Project website features a database of locally recorded interviews, documentary materials, and video streamed versions of selected interviews. A special salute goes out to all of the men and women from around the Tri-State who are participating in the project and all of the volunteers who have contributed their time to making the project a success. Veterans who served in wars after World War II will be added in the future. Appropriately, the original documentary materials for the Library’s Veterans’ Archives will be housed at the Main Library, which was dedicated as a Memorial Library when it opened in 1955. Visit the website at www2.cincinnatilibrary.org/vets/

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The Library is pleased to announce that William T. Cosgrove, will give the keynote address for the 53rd Annual Veterans Day Program to be held on Monday, November 12 at 10:45 a.m. in the Main Library’s Atrium. A decorated World War II veteran, Mr. Cosgrove served from 1943-1946 in the U.S. Army, 84th Infantry Division, where he attained the rank of Private First Class. A recipient of a Purple Heart and an European Theater Ribbon, Mr. Cosgrove was a German P.O.W. with fascinating stories to relate about life in the prison camp. His talk is entitled “For You the War Is Over.” An interview with Mr. Cosgrove is available on the Veterans History Project website at www2.cincinnatilibrary.org/vets/

Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library, all are invited to attend this free program, which includes:

• Keynote Speaker World War II Veteran William Cosgrove
• Sheriff Leis Bagpipe & Drum Corps to open program
• The Walnut Hills Choir to sing a medley of patriotic songs
• The Lighting of the Flame of Remembrance
• The playing and singing of “Taps” will conclude the ceremony

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William Cosgrove after receiving his commission during World War II
Of special interest this fall is the Library’s connection to THE WAR. To begin airing September 23 on PBS, this seven-part series, directed and produced by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, tells the story of World War II through the personal accounts of a handful of men and women from four quintessentially American towns. Through a partnership with local PBS affiliate CET, the Library will host 45-minute previews of THE WAR starting September 10 at various branches to be preceded by a 15-minute video about the Library’s own Veterans History Project.

Thanks to a National Center for Outreach grant, the Library and CET are also partnering in collecting video recordings of local veterans sharing their experiences related to World War II. CET is sending film crews into the community to tape these accounts to videostream on CETconnect.org in conjunction with the series. As part of the partnership, staff members from the Library’s Genealogy & Local History Department will be on hand during the tapings to collect and scan any photos, letters, and other materials the veterans share that document their experiences during the war. Viewers of the video segments can visit the Library’s Veterans History Project website to see those materials. The Library will create an exhibit of related materials for display during October and November.

Local Illustrators Exhibit

Cincinnati’s Storybook Treasures Exhibit—A rare chance to view original artwork illustrated by well-known book artists with Cincinnati ties. See how these artists fill up the pages from process through completion. A wide range of styles from a wide range of talent—including Will Hillenbrand, Carol Schwartz, Jon Muth, Annie Ruth, Pamela Pease, Andrea Cheng—will be on display at the Main Library from October 5–January 6.

Storybook Illustrator Book Signing—Meet many of these talented illustrators up close during a special book signing event on Saturday, November 17 starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Main Library. Books will be available for purchase through the Library Friends’ Shop. Have them signed for personalized gifts—just in time for holiday giving.
For more than 50 years our Main Library has operated under the same service model. It’s been a hugely successful model. But, over those 50 years a lot has changed. So a group of staff led by the Main Library Services Manager Greg Edwards undertook an exciting project to create a new service model for the Main Library. The ML/21: A Main Library for the 21st Century project team spent several months observing use of the Main Library, evaluating our statistics, researching library practices at peer libraries nationwide, surveying staff and customers, and preparing their recommendations. In late 2006, their stunning vision for ML/21 received Board approval and this fall construction begins.

ML/21 includes service changes that will continue to provide high quality reference assistance for our customers, plus a variety of new services currently not available at the Main Library. Under this new service model most of the current subject departments will be merged into the Information & Reference Department. Offering reference assistance in person, this department will offer one-stop service for customers. A Remote Reference Center will handle reference calls and emails. Roving Reference Staff will “go where the questions are” rather than expecting customers to come to them. The Library’s extensive non-fiction collection will be merged and shelved in Dewey order rather than divided among the various subject departments as it is today.

A new research department, Genealogy & Local History will combine portions of the current History & Genealogy Department with Rare Books & Special Collections. This new department will collect and house all Main Library material in the areas of Cincinnati history and culture; African-American history and culture; river history and culture; and genealogy, as well as provide research-level services in these areas. These are subject areas in which the Library has strong collections, a local and a national reputation, and a large amount of primary source material.

The new Teen Center, specifically for ages 12-18, will feature a high-interest collection of teen print and AV material, plus furniture and a floor plan conducive to communal study and activity.

Another new service is Homework Central, a space dedicated exclusively to supporting young people’s homework needs. Technology supporting homework will be readily available from all computers, including Internet access and a range of productivity software frequently needed by today’s students to complete schoolwork, such as word processing and presentation software.

The Popular Library will be created by merging the Fiction Department, Films & Recordings, and the Atrium Collection. The Popular Library will include materials currently found in all three, plus graphic novels for adults, large print materials and foreign fiction, as well as all English as a Second Language (ESL) material.

The new Technology Center, will house the majority of computers for public use. With the same hours as the Main Library, the Technology Center will support general computer use, word processing, a variety of productivity software, social software, and downloading music.

Several Study Areas will be created throughout the building—including space on the second and third floors in the South Building.

After considering input from visually impaired users, the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped public space will be changed. Customers of this area will continue to have access to adaptive technology on the North Building 1st floor, but Braille and other collection items will no longer be housed on the 1st floor.

Other areas, including Circulation Services, the Children’s Learning Center, Outreach Services, and Magazines & Newspapers, will continue to operate in their same locations but with some changes. Internal changes to Circulation Services will provide better customer service and faster service while the range of materials available in the Children’s Learning Center will be expanded to include audiovisual materials.

There are many new ideas here, but there is also much that will remain the same. The Library is still dedicated to meeting its vision to excel at customer service. We believe these changes will enhance the customer’s library experience and provide a sustainable service model for years into the future.

Kim
Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director
Transforming the Main Library to Serve You Better

The Main Library is about to undergo a major transformation—not only physically in how it looks and where things are located but more importantly how it works in order to better meet the rapidly changing needs of our users. The exciting and different new service model is customer-focused, emphasizes convenience, and increased access to a broad spectrum of technology.

Construction is set to start after Labor Day and conclude in early February. Through careful planning, the Main Library will remain open during this whole process. Portions of the Library will be closed during some building phases and collections will be shifted but the materials will still be available for you. Look for construction updates on the Library’s website and on display boards at the Library entrances. Staff will be on hand to assist you with finding your way.

What will the Library be like when the project is complete? Nearly the entire public area will be re-carpeted—a huge undertaking in itself. The new Main Library will be more colorful and more visually compelling with a great deal of variation in color and design in the carpet as well as more lively paint colors. The new service model will be more intuitive and easier for customers to use with many departments and areas defined by their functions (Tech Center, Homework Central, Information & Reference), formats (Magazines & Newspapers), targeted audiences (Teen Center), or very specific subject matter (Job Resource Center, Grant Resource Center, Genealogy & Local History). The adult non-fiction collection on the public floor will be in Dewey order starting with the 001s on the second floor and ending with the 990s on the third floor. Customers will have more self service options with self check and self service holds, as well as fine & fee payment by credit card, but they will also have easier access to staff through service model changes.

Although we regret any inconvenience the construction may cause, we think you’ll agree the end result will be worth it!

Maritime Artists Featured in Main Library Exhibit

This year’s annual Inland Rivers Library exhibit at the Main Library is *River Romance: Maritime Artists Michael Blaser and John Stobart*. It showcases limited edition prints by noted maritime artists Michael Blaser and John Stobart, who have both created several paintings of river life featuring steamboats. Michael Blaser, who has lived along the Mississippi River most of his life, specializes in rendering western river steamboats and vessels on the Great Lakes. John Stobart is British by birth and came to fame painting seafaring ships. He now resides in Massachusetts and has an extensive client base for his river town paintings in addition to oceanic port paintings. This exhibit will appear in the Rare Books & Special Collections Department from mid-September to mid-December.

Renowned Inland River Photographs Online Soon

The renowned Inland River Photographs Collection in the Rare Books department will soon be made available online for the first time. Ranked one of the three best collections of its kind in the country, the 19,000 photographs are being digitized and will soon be made available in an online “wiki.” A wiki is a collaborative website whose content can be edited by anyone who has access to it. The benefit of publishing the images on a wiki instead of a traditional website is that experts from all over the world can add content, thereby greatly expanding the ability to share expertise in a convenient way. Watch for wiki.cincinnatilibrary.org to go live in mid-September.
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**Monday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

The Friends’ Shop at the Main Library
800 Vine Street on the Mezzanine Level
Celebrating 50 Years of Friendship, 1957—2007
Saturday, October 13 from 2:00—4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Atrium

The Library is fortunate to have Friends, especially the dedicated, creative, and highly effective organization that has supported our library system for 50 years. Since its founding in 1957, The Friends of the Public Library has raised over $4 million to help strengthen the Library’s resources by purchasing valuable materials for the collection; underwriting thousands of programs for adults, teens, and children; enthusiastically advocating for strong library support; and stepping up to meet every new challenge when asked. To honor their achievements as fabulous Friends for 50 years, an anniversary celebration will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Main Library Atrium. Along with refreshments and a scavenger hunt for kids, there will be an exhibit throughout the Library showcasing 50 outstanding ways the Friends have given over the past five decades. Copies of the Friends history, written by Robert Vitz, son of the Library’s eleventh director, will be available as well as a display of Friends photos and news clippings from their archives. A brief program will include the premier of a video featuring interviews with past Friends presidents and Library directors.

Upcoming Used Book Sales Help Out the Library
Help fill the Library’s shelves and program calendar by taking home volumes of money-saving bargains at these upcoming used book sales. Proceeds from the sales are used to purchase new materials and fund quality programming offered at the Library.

Friends of the Public Library
September 14-15
Sharonville Branch Library
Friday 1:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.

October 13
Delhi Township Branch Library
Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

November 9-10
Oakley Branch Library
Friday 1:00-5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Anderson Township Library Association
November 8-10
Anderson Branch Library
Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

New Self-Check Service Coming This Fall to the Library
Whether shopping for groceries at the supermarket or buying stamps at the post office, customers are increasingly opting for self-check service. Most appreciate the time-saving convenience it offers. The new Bond Hill Branch Library recently opened with over 500 checkouts on its new self-check devices in the first three hours of use. Starting this fall, self-check will also be introduced at the Main Library. Implementation at the Library’s largest branches—Green Township, Harrison, Delhi Township, North Central, Groesbeck, Sharonville, Blue Ash, Symmes Township, Madeira, and Anderson—will follow. Self-check will provide customers who have a library card or have their library card number memorized a quick and easy way to check out materials with less waiting in line. By checking out their own selections, Library users will also realize increased customer privacy. The machines are user friendly, feature a touch screen interface, and provide customers with a printed receipt of items checked out. They will also offer customers the opportunity to pay overdue fines and fees with cash. Plus, by year’s end, customers will be able to make payments to their accounts using credit cards. In addition, the devices have several language options making them more universal.

“Using this new service will enable Library staff to be more accessible, to provide additional services, and to better assist customers who require help,” noted Kim Fender, the Library’s Executive Director. “One of the greatest assets of our Library system is our staff. The new self-check will not translate into cutting staff. Instead, it will improve internal productivity and enhance staff ability to better serve customers.”
Fall Line-Up Appeals to Young Readers

Teen Read Week (October 14-20)—Area teens will “Laugh Out Loud” at the Library this October. For over a decade Teen Read Week, launched by the Young Adult Library Services Association, has encouraged teens to read for the fun of it. This year’s theme, LOL@ Your Library, invites laughter through humorous books, film comedies, and LOL programs such as comic anime & manga movie marathons, cartooning workshops, and social gaming tournaments. In addition, Stephanie Tolan, author of more than 20 books for young readers, including Welcome to the Ark, Flight of the Raven, and Surviving the Applewhites, will be at several Library locations on October 17 & 18.

Teen Photo Contest (October 1-31)—To coincide with Teen Read Week, teens (ages 12-18) can enter the Library’s 5th annual Teen Photography Contest by snapping a photo and dropping it off at any Library location from October 1-31. LaRosa’s Pizzeria adds flavor to this year’s Food Fun theme by dishing out some great prizes including two grand prize pizza parties for the winners of each age category. For information go to TeenSpace.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

Gail Gibbons (October 18)—Best described as having “a face that holds wonder like a cup,” it is out of her natural curiosity for how things work and how things are made that Gail Gibbons has based a successful career as an author and illustrator of children’s books. From life on a fishing island (Surrounded by Sea) to the history and making of kites (Catch the Wind), she has taught children – and adults – about the inner workings of things and places in our environment. On October 18, Ms. Gibbons will be visiting with school classes during the day at several branch libraries and then she’ll head to the Harrison Branch at 7:00 p.m. to discuss her books and lifelong pursuit of learning.

National Chemistry Week (October 21-27)—Celebrating its 20th anniversary, National Chemistry Week will once again bubble over with excitement as members of the American Chemical Society’s local chapter demonstrate the importance of chemistry to our quality of life. A series of programs hosted at various Library locations around Hamilton County from October 21-27 will incorporate this year’s theme, The Many Faces of Chemistry, to reach elementary and secondary school children with positive messages about chemistry. For the complete listing of programs go to www.CincinnatiLibrary.org and then click on the “Program & News” section to find the program calendar.

Children’s Book Week November 12-18

During the 88th anniversary of this national celebration of the written word, the Library will host several author and illustrator appearances as well as storybook character visits to encourage reading and lifelong enjoyment of books. Funding for Children’s Book Week donated in memory of Willa Busch Beall.

Pamela Pease (November 14)—Well-known children’s book author, illustrator, and pop-up book paper engineer Pamela Pease will present a workshop demonstrating the imagination behind her work on Wednesday, November 14 at the Norwood Branch Library at 4:30 p.m.

Christopher Myers (November 15)—One of today’s most talented children’s book illustrators, Christopher Myers won a Caldecott Honor in 1998 for his illustrations in Harlem. The following year, he wrote and illustrated Black Cat, a book that received a Coretta Scott King Honor. Mr. Myers also illustrates books written by his father, award-winning author Walter Dean Myers. On Thursday, November 15, Mr. Myers will visit with area students at the Westwood Town Hall during the afternoon (sponsored by the Dater Fund) and the general public at the Bond Hill Branch Library at 7:00 p.m.

Storybook Character Visits (November 10-17)—Kids can spend time with Pat the Bunny, Madeline, Rufus the Library Reading Dog, and “If You Give A Mouse a Cookie” Mouse at various Library locations.
Hope & Strength Through Art: Talking About Mental Wellness.

To be diagnosed as “mentally ill” doesn’t usually conjure feelings of hope and strength for the person or for his or her family. But the organizations behind an art exhibit on display at the Library this fall hope to change that. *Hope & Strength Through Art: Talking About Mental Wellness* is the result of a collaboration that includes Art Beyond Boundaries, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services (formerly QC/M), Kenton County Public Library, MindPeace, National Alliance on Mental Illness, NorthKey Community Care, St. Joseph Orphanage, Recovery Center of Hamilton County, Visionaries & Voices, and Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

From October 9–November 19 in the Main Library's Atrium, Library-goers can experience the intense energy that real-life recovery from mental illness brought to some adults and children who experienced it. The exhibit’s two large-scale, three-panel murals deliver a message of hope, strength, and, ultimately, mental wellness. The Library will also host programs to connect customers to mental health resources in the community.

**Walnut Hills Branch Library—Artist Night Out**—Join an artist from Manifest Gallery for an art discussion and art making project, Monday, October 1, 6:00 p.m.

**Main Library—Family Storytelling**—Hear stories and sing songs about feelings, Saturday, October 13, 10:30 a.m., Ages 3-6

**Positive Strategies for Dealing with Depression and Suicide Risk**—A panel of people affected by depression/suicide and prominent local psychiatrist Dr. John Hawkins will speak about their experiences, Sunday, October 21, 1:00–2:15 p.m.

Tha Blast: Urban Arts and Cultural Fest

**Feel the Energy of Urban Culture**—From Thursday, September 20–Saturday, September 22, downtown Cincinnati will explode with artistic energy when the fifth annual *Tha Blast Urban Arts and Cultural Festival* hits the Main Street Entertainment District, Fountain Square, and the University of Cincinnati’s MainStreet.

The Festival combines educational opportunities and an artistic social scene to create an ongoing social and cultural experience that explores the many facets of urban culture—and the art inspired by that culture. Tha Blast’s 2007 Block Party theme will celebrate urban culture through innovative and dynamic art forms such as spoken word, film, dance, the visual arts and many genres of underground music—Jazz, Neo-Soul, World Music, Hip-Hop, Noise, and Progressive Rock-n-Roll.

The Main Library will display a selection of art from the 2007 Blast in an exhibit that runs from October 8–November 4. In addition, the Library will host an art opening and reading in the Main Library’s Reading Garden from 2:00–4:00 p.m., on Saturday, October 20.

Facing Prejudice Exhibit Challenges Viewers

What is prejudice? That’s exactly what members of the Center for Holocaust Humanity Education in Clifton asked 28 seniors at the University of Cincinnati College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning. Their answer: Facing Prejudice, a cutting-edge visual contemporary graphic art exhibit with unique educational content.

On display at the Main Library from August 18 through October 2, the exhibit’s six, eight-foot tall, freestanding kiosks examine Japanese-American internment during World War II, Jackie Robinson’s breaking of baseball’s color barrier, and anonymous personal stories of real prejudice that occurs in everyday society. The exhibit challenges viewers while empowering them to fight for understanding and tolerance in their everyday lives.
What’s New, New Arrivals

Every month, thousands of new titles representing a wide range of subjects are added to our collection. The Library is pleased to announce the debut of a new service that makes it much easier to keep up with all the wonderful new resources in the collection. Very simply, the New Arrivals service offers lists of new additions to the collection. These lists represent a broad array of subjects, genres, and formats, including: African-American fiction, mysteries, romance, large print, picture and easy books, classical music, documentaries, cooking, audiobooks, genealogy, Ohio travel/history, investments, gardening, etc. In each list, you’ll find a brief description of the title (including the date it was added to the collection) and a link to our catalog so holds can be easily made. Web feeds are also available for each list. If you’re interested in adding any of the New Arrivals lists to your favorite reader or portal, look for the feed icon (         ) at the bottom of each page. The Library hopes you’ll take some time to explore this exciting new online service!

Back To School Books

As summer begins to wind down, it’s nearly here, the event parents eagerly await and children dread: the first day of school! Anticipation abounds as children and parents alike are greeted with mounds of immaculate school supplies, teachers to meet, and a host of new routines to master. Inevitably, all that change brings a flutter of nervousness to even the most brave-hearted students. A warm lap and a good book can do wonders to ease the worried mind. To help ease the first day jitters, Jill, one of our Turning the Page bloggers, has pulled together a terrific list of back-to-school titles for young kids.

Check out Jill’s list of recommendations by visiting the following URL: www2.cincinnatilibrary.org/blog/contributor/Jill

What’s New, Digital Videos

Over 150 digital videos are now in the Ohio eBook Project collection. These videos include A&E biographies, History Channel documentaries, travel, sports documentaries, music instruction, and children’s titles. Here’s a sample of some of the titles in the collection:

- **A&E Biography:** Frederick Douglass
- **A&E: The Forbidden City**
- **Learn Chicago Blues Guitar with 6 Great Masters**
- **The Lion and the Lamb**
- **Follow the Drinking Gourd**
- **Baseball the Ripken Way: Hitting**
- **The World’s Fastest Indian**
- **Rome: A Musical Tour of the City’s Past and Present**
- **The History Channel: Korea, the Forgotten War**
- **The History Channel: The Pirate Ships**

As with all other titles in the Ohio eBook Project, the digital videos can be downloaded 24/7— all you need is your library card number and PIN. (High-speed access to the Internet is also required.) Information and details about downloading videos from the Ohio eBook Project can be found by clicking on the “Digital Books” link on the Library’s homepage.
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 our 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 our website. Here are a few titles from our September edition:

**Falling Man**
Don DeLillo

This riveting and affecting novel of 9/11 attacks opens with a harrowing scene of a lawyer, having just left the crippled structures, walking almost in a trance, and ending up at the door of the apartment belonging to his ex-wife and his young son. In the months that follow, the fragmented family adjusts uneasily to the aftermath of the tragedy. *Falling Man* is a noble, somber, significant work from one of America’s great novelists.

**The Camel Bookmobile**
Masha Hamilton

Having worked with the Camel bookmobile in Kenya, author Masha Hamilton brings her own experiences to this touching novel about how a love of literature can transform a life. New Yorker Fiona “Fi” Sweeney goes to Africa to broaden peoples’ horizons by bringing the world of literature to them through a traveling library. But when Fi gets to know some of the villagers’ personal stories, she finds her own outlook on life affected as well.

**Me and Mr. Darcy**
Alexandra Potter

American Emily Albright has met the perfect man, right in her own bookstore. The only problem is that he is also a fictional man, Fitzwilliam Darcy, one of Jane Austen’s finest creations. After traveling to England to tour some of Jane’s favorite haunts, Emily finds her dreams of Darcy interrupted by annoying journalist Spike Hargreaves. In true Austen-like form, annoyance threatens to become entangled with affection.

New & Improved Online Homework Help Service Coming This Fall

The HomeworkNow online tutor service will be changing this fall to better serve students. New and expanded features will offer elementary, middle, and high school students more ways to receive assistance with homework questions. Accessing *Homework Chat* is easy—just look for the link in Kidspace and Teenspace, the Library’s websites for younger customers.

Traditional homework help services require students to ask specific questions to receive help but these services cannot help students who are struggling to learn or master a new concept. By contrast, *Homework Chat* will accommodate virtually any student through:

- One-to-one homework help from live, online tutors
- State-aligned skills building lessons to help students master key academic areas in one-to-one sessions from expert instructors
- Writing lab specialists to help students produce better term papers, letters, and reports
- Tutoring for Spanish speakers

*Homework Chat* will be available in September. Keep an eye on the “Library News” section of the website for further details.
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 to the Library and Library Foundation of $25 and more were received between May 1 and August 15.

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- Bookworm $50+
- Jane Grote
- Kiwanis Club of Norwood

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The new Bond Hill Branch Library opened to the public on August 9. Thank you to our major benefactors, whose generous support made the Bond Hill Branch Library a reality for our community. Donors of $100,000 & above were an anonymous gift through the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency, Helen T. Ehlers Trust, Norma Holt Bequest, Carl H. Lindner, and the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust, Fifth Third Bank Trustee. Donors of $25,000 were an anonymous foundation, combined contributions to the 2006 Library Foundation Annual Fund, Farmer Family Foundation, and Dorothea H. Fine Bequest. Cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening were, from left to right: Library Board members President Charles Lindberg, Board Vice President Deliaan Gettler, Tara Khoury and William Moran, CAA Board Chairman Mark Lawson, CAA President/CEO Gwen Robinson, Library Executive Director Kim Fender, Library Board member Robert Hendon, Ohio Senator Eric Kearney, State Representative Steve Driehaus, Congressman Steve Chabot, Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory, Hamilton County Commissioner David Pepper, and Cincinnati City Councilman Chris Bortz. Children from the Head Start program and the Bond Hill/Roselawn neighborhood accompanied them.
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Amy Ashton in memory of Tony Shaw’s dog Nikki Shaw
Leslie & Jeanne Clark in memory of Denise & Dirk George’s dog Murphy
Roxann H. Dieffenbach in memory of Kathy Justice-Griffin’s dog Dusty
Friends of the Green Township Branch Library in memory of Matthew Collins & Linda Kocis’ cat Sweet Pea
Carrie Gillman in memory of her dog Butler Gillman
Rick, Tabitha, Cristina, Olivia & Rich Harley in memory of Rebecca Ransick’s dog Trigger
Rick & Paula Helmes in memory of Phil & Becky Groeber’s dog Ginger
Midge & John Hines & Sue & John Louis in memory of Mike & Jenny Quinias’ cat Buster
Robin Lippelman & John Mezaraups in memory of Toni Alger’s cat Jake & Nancy Roach & Theo Feig’s cat Emma
Jan & Bruce Matthews in memory of Vonda & Gary Baldwin’s dog Anie
Pleasant Ridge Branch Staff in memory of Donna Denoon’s cats Samantha and Chelsea
John & Sandy Reusing in memory of Bob & Elaine Reusing’s dog Bela
Rick Roesel, Scott Witte, Marti Robers, & Brian Smith in memory of Janet Scavo’s dog Louis
Ann Russell & Carol Sturzenberger in memory of Teri Brossart’s dog CJ Carl, Carol, Hayley, & Maddie Samson in memory of Laura Hirshman’s dog Annie

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Susan Spoon in memory of Brian & Sandy Freer’s cat Millhonne
Judith Wacksman in memory of Steve & Sofie Wacksman’s dog Keva
Financial Planning Week Programs Set for October

The Financial Planning Association of Greater Cincinnati will celebrate its annual Financial Planning Week, October 1-7. During this special week, this non-profit organization strives to increase public awareness of the financial planning process to help people make prudent financial decisions to achieve their goals and dreams. This year members of the association will be volunteering their time to conduct a series of free programs covering various financial planning topics at several Library locations.

**Budgeting & Credit Repair**  
Covedale Branch Library  
4980 Glenway Avenue, 369-4460  
Thursday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m.

**Financial Planning Basics**  
Monfort Heights Branch Library  
3825 West Fork Road, 369-4472  
Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m.

**Retirement Planning**  
Harrison Branch Library  
10398 New Haven Road, 369-4442  
Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m.

**Financial Planning for Young Married Couples**  
Loveland Branch Library  
649 Loveland-Madeira Road, 369-4476  
Thursday, October 4 at 6:45 p.m.

**Budgeting & Credit Repair**  
Miami Township Branch Library  
8 N. Miami Avenue (Cleves), 369-6050  
Monday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m.

**Budgeting & Credit Repair**  
Norwood Branch Library  
4325 Montgomery Road, 369-6037  
Thursday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m.

**Budgeting & Credit Repair**  
Northside Branch Library  
4219 Hamilton Avenue, 369-4449  
Monday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m.

**Budgeting & Credit Repair**  
Pleasant Ridge Branch Library  
6233 Montgomery Road, 369-4488  
Monday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m.

The Friends of the Public Library recently purchased a limited-edition monograph, *Charley Harper: An Illustrated Life*, which honors the life and career of this noted Cincinnati artist. This monograph is being released in four editions, limited to 250 copies each. The Friends have purchased one of each edition, which is accompanied by one of four different silkscreen edition prints, stamped by the Charley Harper estate. Mr. Harper, who also worked with his wife Edie, created artwork which was known for its whimsical and self described “minimal realist” style. He is beloved for his delightful, graphic and often humorous illustrations of nature, animals, insects, and people alike. The limited edition the Library Friends purchased is numbered and signed by Charley Harper and by Todd Oldham, the New York based designer whose “rediscovery” of Harper has led to renewed interest in Harper’s work and who was instrumental in publishing this book.

The Huntington Learning Center, which helps kids improve their academic skills, confidence, motivation, and test-taking abilities, recently held its second annual book drive for the Friends of the Public Library. From April through July, hundreds of gently used and new books, videos, DVDs, CDs, CD-ROMS, cassettes and more were collected by Huntington staff members, friends, and students and their parents at the Harpers Station location in Symmes Township. Shown with a few of the items collected from the drive is Preston Bowles, Director of the Center.
**Mission Accomplished: “ReadQuest 2007–License to Read” Motivates Youth**

The secret is out! During debriefing at the Library’s international headquarters in downtown Cincinnati, librarians uncovered important data about the success of its latest mission ReadQuest 2007: License to Read. In the report it was noted that 26,368 kids and 5,024 teens participated in this year’s summer reading program—a total of 31,392. Teen participation exploded with a 49% increase and overall program participation added up to a 26% increase over last year’s figures.

This year, for the first time, “agents” could tune in 24/7 to podcasts inspired by the “License to Read” theme on the Library’s “007” ReadQuest website at cincinnatilibrary.org/summerread. The Library’s “Pod-Squad” (made up of students from St. Cecilia School, Harrison Junior High, and the Main Library’s Teen Board) wrote and performed the lively podcasts. There was even a "spy" video recorded by Media Bridges for the Library that was posted on YouTube as well as electronic messages that ran on Fountain Square’s LED video board.

Thanks to generous support from the Friends of the Public Library, which provided the bulk of the funding for ReadQuest programs and prizes, the Library was able to offer fun reading incentives. In addition, grand prizes of one camera and one bike were awarded at each of the Library’s 42 locations. The Library Friends purchased the cameras. Executive Women International Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter donated 27 bicycles and helmets with the Library Friends donating 15 additional bikes. Funding was also provided by The Junior Woman’s Club of Wyoming Foundation, The H.G., H.F., & L.T. Dornette Foundation, E.W., H.B., and F.R Luther Charitable Foundation.

Elisa Cooley, philanthropy chair of EWI Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Chapter; Morgan McHale, ReadQuest 2007 grand prize winner; and Mt. Washington Branch Library’s Children’s Librarian Barbara Peterson. For the complete list of winners, go to www.cincinnatilibrary.org/news/2007/readquestwrapup.html.
The inaugural Books by the Banks: Cincinnati USA Book Festival, scheduled for Saturday, November 3 from 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. at the Duke Energy Center will celebrate and promote the joy and reading of books. The day-long festival will feature more than 75 local and national authors of fiction, history, mystery, biography, travel, non-fiction, children’s literature, and more.

Featured writers include:

- **Brock Clarke**, author of the highly anticipated novel *An Arsonist’s Guide to Writers’ Homes in New England*, to be published this September.

- **Robert Morgan**, author of historical fiction titles *Gap Creek, This Rock*, and *Brave Enemies*. This October, Morgan will publish a biography of Daniel Boone, entitled *Boone*.

- **Marie Bradby**, children’s book author of such titles as *Once Upon a Farm* and *Momma, Where Are You From?*.

- **Karen Robards**, noted author of romantic suspense novels. Her latest title is *Obsession*.


- **Brian Leung**, award-winning author whose new novel, *Lost Men*, has been critically acclaimed.

Attendees to the festival will have the opportunity to meet authors and to purchase signed copies of their books. In addition, activities will be held throughout the day such as author readings and panel presentations on such topics as baseball, cookbooks, cartoonists, local history, romance, and urban fiction. A commemorative *Books by the Banks* poster, illustrated by children’s book artist Will Hillenbrand, will also be available for purchase. The festival and all events are free and open to the public.

A joint effort of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Borders Booksellers, CET, *Cincinnati Magazine*, the Mercantile Library, and the University of Cincinnati Libraries, Books by the Banks will be an annual community event designed to attract a broad range of book lovers from throughout the Tri-state.

More information about Books by the Banks is available online at [www.booksbythebanks.org](http://www.booksbythebanks.org).

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