Meet Daniel Handler
Author of the Lemony Snicket Book Series
at the Main Library
Tuesday, April 1
7:00 p.m.
On April Fool’s Day, a very unfortunate event will occur at the Main Library...

Daniel Handler, author of *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, will be pondering the fateful question, “Why Does Lemony Snicket Keep Following Me?” A book signing will follow this troubling self-reflection. The evening will surely be full of unpleasant stories of Lemony Snicket and the Baudelaire orphans. Wouldn’t you rather stay home and catch up on your homework? If not, bring your entire family to the Main Library on Tuesday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. (in the atrium) to enjoy learning of these dreadful events. After all, you might as well share in the misery and hear all about *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, which has shocked and engrossed millions of readers worldwide since the release of the first book in 1999. Each of the books in the series, from *The Bad Beginning* to *Lemony Snicket: The Unauthorized Autobiography*, has been a national bestseller. Literary and irreverent, hilarious, and deftly crafted, the series offers an exquisitely dark comedy of sorts. Lemony Snicket’s uproariously unhappy books continue to win readers everywhere, despite the author’s continued warnings.

Lemony Snicket has been chronicling the lives of the Baudelaire children with only occasional breaks for food, rest, and court-appointed swordfights. His hobbies include nervous apprehension, increasing dread, and wondering if his enemies were right after all. Due to the worldwide-web of conspiracy that surrounds him, Mr. Snicket often communicates with the general public through his representative, Daniel Handler.

His intricate and witty writing style has won him numerous fans for his critically acclaimed literary work and his wildly successful children’s books.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Handler attended Wesleyan University and returned to his hometown after graduating. He co-founded the magazine *American Chickens!* with illustrator Lisa Brown (with whom he soon became smitten), and they moved to New York City, where Handler eventually sold his first novel after working as a book and film critic for several newspapers. He continued to write, and he and his wife returned to San Francisco, where they now live with their child.

Handler has worked intermittently in film and music, most recently in collaboration with composer Nathaniel Stookey on a piece commissioned by the San Francisco Symphony, entitled “The Composer Is Dead” (the book with CD will be released in 2008). An adjunct accordionist for the music group *The Magnetic Fields*, he is also now a member of the post-punk combo *Danny & the Kid*. He is the screenwriter of the film *Rick*, a revamp of the Verdi opera *Rigoletto*, and the film adaptation of Joel Rose’s novel *Kill the Poor*. He is the author of *Lemony Snicket: The Unauthorized Biography*, *The Beatrice Letters*, *Horseradish: Bitter Truths You Can’t Avoid*, and *The Latke Who Couldn’t Stop Screaming: A Christmas Story*. Handler has also written for *The New York Times*, *Newsday*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Believer*, *Chickfactor*, and various anthologies, including *The Best American Mystery Stories 2005*.

For more information, email Programs@CincinnatiLibrary.org or call (513) 369-6945. Line letters available beginning at 6:00 p.m. Booksigning after lecture. Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.

Thanks to our partners for a great 2007!

In recent years the Library has been working more with community partners to make great programs and services available. These collaborations are a wonderful way for multiple organizations to join together and achieve more than any of us could on our own. We’re fortunate in Cincinnati to have so many diverse organizations willing to work with the Library. This issue of Links features many events that showcase these collaborative efforts including the Lincoln Legacy: A Cincinnati Celebration of Freedom, El Día de los Niños (Children’s Book Day), and the Cincinnati Books Arts Society Artist Book Exhibit.

By joining together to offer these special programs and services we can complement the strengths of each organization with the expert specializations of each. Collaborations let us cross-promote our services and events making more people in the community aware of the services the Library offers.

Sometimes our collaborations are big, organization-wide efforts like On The Same Page. Other times collaboration may be between only one Library location and local organizations like the project to plant a children’s garden at the Avondale Branch that was a partnership between the Avondale Branch, the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing, and the Center for Closing the Health Gap.

Usually, these projects don’t require a formal arrangement of any kind. Each participating organization agrees to do a portion of the work, contribute funds or in-kind services. Then we do it!

Please join us in thanking some of the many organizations (listed to the right) that have worked with us so willingly over the years. When we work together our community benefits.

Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director

Seven Libraries “Go Global” to Celebrate Books Through El Día Fiesta

Through a partnership among public libraries on both sides of the Ohio River (in Boone, Butler, Campbell, Clermont, Grant, Hamilton, and Kenton counties), an annual multi-cultural event celebrating books is held in April. Each year the event rotates back and forth across the river to one of these libraries in Ohio or Kentucky. This year families can head for the Covington location of the Kenton County Public Library, where these seven library systems will come together for a storytime that goes around the world in 180 minutes. On Sunday, April 27 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., the public libraries and several supportive community literacy organizations will present El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros or “Children’s Book Day.” Activities include a continuous storytime read in multiple languages along with a wide variety of related festivities, all available for free. For more information, log onto www.kentonlibrary.org/children/eldia/.

• CET
• Cincinnati Art Museum
• Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship
• Federated Garden Clubs of Cincinnati & Vicinity
• Public Libraries of Boone County, Campbell County, Clermont County, Kenton County, Lane, Mason and Middletown
• Cincinnati Kings
• Cincinnati Recreation Commission
• Game Day Communications
• The Foundation Center in New York City
• STRIVE
• Whole Foods (formerly Wild Oats)
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• Downtown Residents’ Council
• American Jewish Archives
• National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
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• Inventor’s Council of Cincinnati
• Waycross Community Media
Library Joins Local Organizations in Celebrating Lincoln Bicentennial

As the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln approaches, a diverse partnership of Greater Cincinnati organizations has come together to plan the region’s commemoration and celebration of Abraham Lincoln’s treasured legacy. The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Project of Greater Cincinnati recently kicked off “The Lincoln Legacy: A Cincinnati Celebration of Freedom” in Lytle Park in front of the statue of Abraham Lincoln by sculptor George Grey Barnard. It was a fitting setting to announce the purpose behind the project, which is to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, one of the country’s greatest Presidents, with activities taking place now and into 2009 providing opportunities for the region’s citizens to rededicate themselves to the ideals for which Lincoln ultimately gave his life.

Partners include: Caroline Van Deusen of Columbus, Ohio, Cincinnati Museum Center, Former Senator Richard H. Finan, Greater Cincinnati Television Educational Foundation-CET, Ohio Historical Society, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, and The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. For more information go to www.cetconnect.org/lincolnlegacy/.

Participating in the launch of the Lincoln Legacy Project in Lytle Park were initial planning partners for Greater Cincinnati’s Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration, from left to right: Dr. Gary Zola of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, Ernest Britton of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Caroline Van Deusen of Columbus, who is the Ohio State Liaison to the national Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Governors’ Council, former President of the Ohio Senate Richard H. Finan, noted journalist Nick Clooney, the Library’s Executive Director Kim Fender, Susan Howarth of Greater Cincinnati Television Educational Foundation-CET, and Dan Hurley of the Cincinnati Museum Center.

Left, Members of Battery A, 1st Ohio Statehouse Light Artillery, a Civil War cannon brigade from Columbus, pose in front of the statue of Abraham Lincoln in Lytle Park. Right, Battery firing off two cannon as part of the launch.
200th birthday of lincoln

Doris Kearns Goodwin Headlines Lecture Series

The Public Library is proud to be part of the Lincoln Legacy project. In conjunction with this bicentennial celebration of the birth of one of our greatest Presidents, renowned historian Doris Kearns Goodwin will be presenting a public lecture. The NBC-TV News analyst and Pulitzer Prize winning author of Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln will present the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center’s Theodore Berry Lecture, “Leadership Lessons from Abraham Lincoln,” on Sunday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Cincinnati Memorial Hall. A book signing will follow; copies of her book will be available for purchase. The tickets are free, but limited. Reservations required. Once the tickets have all been distributed, names will be taken for a waiting list. Call (513) 369-3166 or email kjoiner@nurfc.org by March 27. For those unable to attend, the lecture will be available to watch online at www.CETconnect.org.

A world-renowned historian, Doris Kearns Goodwin is the author of several books and has written for leading national publications. She is a commentator for NBC, and a consultant and on-air person for PBS documentaries on Lyndon B. Johnson, the Kennedy Family, Franklin Roosevelt, and Ken Burns’ The History of Baseball.

Raised on Long Island, NY, she received her B.A. from Colby College, and her Ph.D. in Government from Harvard University, where she taught Government including a course on the American Presidency. Following her tenure at Harvard, Goodwin served as an assistant to Lyndon Johnson and later assisted in the preparation of his memoirs.

In 1976, Goodwin authored Lyndon Johnson & The American Dream, which became a New York Times bestseller. She followed up in 1987 with the political biography, The Fitzgerallds and the Kennedys, which was later made into an ABC miniseries. Her next book, No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The American Home Front During World War II, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1995, as well as other prestigious awards. Her most recent work, Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln, published in 2005, soon reached #1 on the New York Times Bestseller List and later won the 2006 Lincoln Prize for an outstanding work about the President and/or the Civil War. Steven Spielberg is developing a feature film about the book, set to star Liam Neeson as Lincoln.

The Theodore Berry Lecture Series is endowed by:

The Freedom Center is joined by these partners in the visit of Doris Kearns Goodwin: The Greater Cincinnati Television Educational Foundation-CET, The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, and the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.
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Main Library
Mezzanine Level

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Ceramic Pieces–$5–$15

Meet Robert Olmstead, author of Coal Black Horse, this year’s On the Same Page book selection. After his book discussion at the Main Library on March 19 from 6:00–7:00 p.m., purchase his book for $23.95.

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Friends of the Public Library
Annual Meeting
Friday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m.
at the Friends Warehouse
8456 Vine Street, Hartwell
RSVP (513) 369-6035 or friendsofplch1@fuse.net.
friends memberships

Special thanks to our members who joined or renewed between November 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008. Due to space limitations, only memberships of $25 and up are listed.

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The Northside Branch Library will celebrate a century of Library service to the community this year! Library staff will officially mark the branch’s 100th birthday at an Anniversary Open House on Saturday, April 12, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. Remarks from Tim Jeckering, president of the Northside Community Council, and Sarah Schellenger, Northside Branch Manager, will begin an afternoon of fun for the whole family—complete with face painting, an ice cream social, the Smooth Transition Barbershop Quartet, and more!

Other Centennial Happenings at the Branch

On view at the Northside Branch Library throughout April

• Historic pictures of the Northside (formerly Cumminsville) Branch Library
• The Faces of Northside - an exhibition of more than 300 pictures depicting people and events happening in Northside from early summer 1994 through the mid-summer 1995. The vision of Northside residents Dr. Richard and Ruth Jameson, the project received a grant from the City of Cincinnati Arts Allocation Committee and opened at Northside’s Off the Avenue Gallery on Knowlton Street in September of 1995. Dr. & Mrs. Jameson donated the Faces of Northside to the Library’s 100th Anniversary Celebration in hopes that the images would be enjoyed and appreciated by a new generation of Northsiders as well as the older ones, too.

Tuesday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m.
• Read and discuss The Wind in the Willows, originally published in 1908, with the Northside Book Club
Saturday, April 26, at 3:00 p.m.
• Join author Mary Ellen Armentrout for a slide presentation of her book, Carnegie Libraries of Ohio, Our Cultural Heritage

A Bit Of Branch History

After funding issues forced the community’s library to close in the late 19th century, Northside residents appealed to the Cincinnati Public Library to help them reopen it. The new Cumminsville Branch Library, a French Renaissance style building funded by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation, opened to the public on April 27, 1908, with 5,027 volumes on the shelves and 1,705 registered borrowers.

The branch underwent an extensive renovation and remodeling project in August of 1999, which included the addition of an elevator and the restoration of the branch’s original tables and chairs. It re-opened on September 23, 2000, as the Northside Branch Library to better reflect the community it serves. Today, the branch continues to be a valuable resource in the Northside community, circulating 135,000 materials and reaching 2,700 adults, children, and teens with worthwhile programs.
library happenings

Blurring the Boundaries: The Book as Art
On View in the Cincinnati Room Starting April 2

Discover when a book is more than a book by viewing Blurring the Boundaries: The Book as Art. Showcasing the work of international, national, and local artists, the exhibit will feature an intriguing cross-section from the Library’s 250 plus artists’ books to be on view April 2 through June 29 in the Main Library’s Cincinnati Room. Acquired through the years for the Main Library’s Artists’ Books Collection, they come in all shapes, sizes, and designs. Some are one-of-a-kind creations that are handbound. Some are printed and come in multiple copies. Some are scrolls, fold outs, or loose items contained in a box.

Although artists’ books have been around for decades, the variety of their forms make them difficult to define. Come in and see for yourself! But first get a preview of what’s in store. Visit the Library’s website at www.cincinnatilibrary.org/main/artistsbooks.html, where you’ll find more about the art and the Library’s artists’ books collection as well as related resources (including books about the art, links to other websites, and information about local organizations dedicated to book arts).

Bookworks 9 on View Starting May 2

The annual Cincinnati Book Arts Society (CBAS) exhibit of Regional Book Artists will be held in conjunction with the Library’s own exhibit from May 2 through June 29 in the Main Library’s Atrium (south building, first floor). A nonprofit organization comprised of professionals and amateurs from all quarters of the book, paper, and printing arts—bookbinders, paper makers, printers, paper marblers, and book artists, as well as archivists and conservators, CBAS was started to create a spirit of community among hand workers in the book arts and those who love books. Everyone is invited to view the amazing work of these local artists.

Creativity Takes Flight @ the Public Library

Kids, preschool to age 12, can “wing it” at 13 different library branches by participating in art classes that celebrate the beautiful world of butterflies. While making a creative masterpiece, they’ll learn about butterflies and China. Sponsored by the Kersten Fund, the series of classes are in partnership with the 2008 Krohn Conservatory Butterfly Show.

Kids will have the opportunity to create one piece of art to take home and one to donate for display during this year’s Butterfly Show. This year’s theme, The Silk Road, celebrates Chinese culture as well as the majestic showcase of thousands of butterflies that will be on display. The exhibit will be open from April 19-June 15. For more information, email Programs@CincinnatiLibrary.org or call (513) 369-6945.

Go Green: Check Out Any Item and Get a White Pine Seedling

The Library is giving away a free white pine seedling with any checkout at any Library location on Friday, March 28. It’s a terrific opportunity to help the environment and explore some of the exciting resources in our collection! Supplies are limited so be sure to hurry in to the Main Library or any one of the branch libraries on March 28 to claim your free tree. This program is made possible with support from the Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship and the Federated Garden Clubs of Cincinnati and Vicinity.
Take a Virtual Tour of the Main Library

Benefits of “Main Library for the 21st Century,” a dynamic new service model that emphasizes convenience and increased access to services and technology, can now be seen online. Through a partnership with CET, we’re pleased to offer streaming video tours of the “new” Main Library on the Library’s website. Among the departments that have been highlighted so far include Genealogy & Local History, the TechCenter, and the Popular Library with more to come until they are all featured. Meet the managers of these departments as they talk about the exciting changes that have taken place. For an overview of the new service model watch videos of the Library’s Executive Director Kim Fender as she describes this new initiative, and the Main Library’s manager Greg Edwards, as he explains how the changes will affect your library experience. To view the videos, log onto www.cincinnatilibrary.org/main/videotours.html or go to www.CETconnect.org.

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 Popular Library 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” http://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/spotlight/recommendations.html section of our website. Here are a few titles from our March edition:

**The Last Troubadour**
Derek Lee Armstrong
In 13th century France, the last of the Occitan troubadours plots to recover a holy relic from a crusader king sent by the Inquisition to crush the Albigensian heresy. Armstrong blends the dramatic conflict of the Cathar Crusade with a fanciful account of the origins of the Tarot in this richly drawn historical novel. It’s the first volume in a projected trilogy.

**Vienna Blood**
Frank Tallis
In 1902 Vienna, Inspector Oskar Rheinhardt is called to the scene of brutal murders in a brothel. On a wall is scrawled a baffling symbol. Two subsequent murders indicate to Rheinhardt the method of a serial killer. The milieu of fin de siecle Vienna is brilliantly evoked in this sequel to the award-winning *A Death in Vienna* (2006).

**The Chameleon’s Shadow**
Minette Walters
New Business Databases

We’re pleased to announce that two new resources designed expressly to meet the needs of small business owners and entrepreneurs are now in our collection of research databases.

**Small Business Resource Center**
The Small Business Resource Center offers users content that covers all major areas of starting and running a business, including: accounting, finance, human resources, management, marketing, pricing, product development, tax planning, wages/salaries, etc. The database includes articles from nearly 200 business journals, links to authoritative websites, and hundreds of sample business plans from the *Business Plans Handbook Series*.

There are a variety of ways to search the Small Business Resource Center. You can conduct a standard keyword or subject search. Alternatively, you can link directly to pre-compiled information based on popular business topics and types, sample business plans, and answers to the most popular questions from a “How To” menu. From the “Basic Search” page you can link to the *Gale Legal Forms* database, which includes a comprehensive collection of Ohio-specific legal forms.

**DemographicsNow**
Use DemographicsNow to access timely, accurate, and comprehensive market information analyses to help better understand your business and consumer opportunities. The database offers complete access to current and past U.S. Census data, including data collected from the 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2007 censuses with 2012 projections. Users can create unlimited custom reports using thousands of variables and benefit from advanced features such as:

- Demographic maps and reports for all U.S. geographic regions and addresses
- Geographic analysis based on custom radii, custom drive times, counties, census tracts, block groups, U.S. places, designated market areas, metropolitan statistical areas, core-based statistical areas, zip codes, etc.
- Pre-formatted summary, comparison and rank reports
- Reports can be emailed, printed, or exported in Word, Excel, or as PDF

We hope you’ll take a few minutes to explore these important new additions to our collection!

**Children’s Book Week—A Storybook Celebration!**

A national celebration of the written word, Children’s Book Week has been introducing youth to books, authors, illustrators and ideas through a variety of fun ways since 1919. Previously held in November, this annual celebration has moved to May 12-18. But it still features storytimes and related activities, as well as fun displays, to encourage reading and set the groundwork for lifelong enjoyment of books.

This year some of the most popular storybook characters will be visiting various Library locations for hugs, stories, and photos. As a kick-off to Children’s Book Week, Max the Bunny will be at the Cincinnati Zoo during Zoo Babies on May 10 and 11 from 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Besides Max, Corduroy Bear, Pokey Little Puppy, Madeline, and Rufus the Library Reading Dog will be making branch visits. Watch for more information at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org or at Kidspace. CincinnatiLibrary.org in May for the complete list of programs.
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 of $25 or more were received between November 18 and February 13.

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Greg Edwards, Library Services Manager for the Central Region, is pictured with Elizabeth Kennedy from the Colerain area, who was the grand prize winner of a Dell laptop for the ML/21 “Rediscover Your Main Library” contest, sponsored by Messer Construction Company. Elizabeth mentors a young girl and had brought her to the Main Library for the launch on February 2. Both enjoyed their day and especially liked the music and seeing all the changes that were made to the Main Library. Elizabeth particularly liked learning more about the Homework Central area, since she is a mentor. She had recently bought the child a much-needed coat and said that by winning the laptop her good deed had been rewarded!
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library events

Tenth Annual Loveland Branch Library Quilt Show

Generations of American women have turned to quilting as a form of expression. They have sewn their hopes, stitched through their sorrows, and pieced together connections and stories through fabric and thread. From May 1–31 the Loveland Branch Library will once again pay tribute to the long-standing family tradition of quilting. To mark the Quilt Show’s tenth anniversary, Library staff invited the Loveland community to take the Loveland Loves Our Library Challenge. Each quilter must fashion a predominantly red and white (like a Library Card) square that somehow incorporates the heart motif (a symbol true to the spirit of Loveland). Quilters of all skill levels—including Loveland Branch Library staff from today and yesterday—have risen to the occasion.

“The entire community has embraced the challenge and contributed such beautiful pieces of art,” said Loveland Branch Library Manager Joan Luebering. “Generous volunteers are donating their time to piece the squares together, and Carolyn Archer of Ohio Star Quilting has volunteered to quilt it for us. We’re looking forward to unveiling the Loveland Loves Our Library Challenge Quilt at the Opening Reception of our quilt show on Saturday, May 3.”

King Records: A Cincinnati Legacy 65th Anniversary Program

The Library will be honoring the 65th Anniversary of King Records by hosting two panel discussions on Saturday, May 10 at the Main Library in the Huenefeld Tower Room, south building, 3rd floor. Discussions on The Early Years: Country and Bluegrass (at 1:00 p.m.) and The Later Years: R&B and The Blues (at 3:00 p.m.) will highlight the history and achievements of King Records (as well as its impact on pop culture, the music industry, and our city).

This Cincinnati record label contributed greatly to all musical fields especially Country, Bluegrass, Blues, and R&B. The program will also explore the work of the artists and musicians who contributed to King’s rich heritage. Included are artists such as Grandpa Jones, Cowboy Copas, Bonnie Lou, The Stanley Brothers, Little Willie John, Freddy King, Hank Ballard, and James Brown (pictured to the left).

April Friends Sale at Forest Park Branch, April 18–19

From April 18–19, the Friends will host a sale at the Forest Park Branch Library, 655 Waycross Road, which will offer customers extra seasonal springtime selections in the Gardening and DIY/Home Improvement categories as well as the usual range of children’s and adult fiction, non-fiction, CDs, DVDs, recorded books, and videos. Hours: Friday, April 18, noon–6:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 19, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Phone (513) 369-4478.
**poets on poetry**

**Celebrate National Poetry Month in April**

Rhyme and rhythm are two keys to writing poetry. Powerful poems and shared readings are two keys to celebrating National Poetry Month. Established by the Academy of American Poets as a month-long, national celebration of poetry, April brings out the best poetry has to offer. While talented poets across the nation are being featured at various venues, Cincinnati is fortunate to have a great wealth of poets and literary locals willing to help the Library celebrate by sharing their expressive works.

**For Adults**

The popular Poetry in the Garden series returns this year on Wednesdays in April (2, 9, 16, 23, & 30) at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library’s Reading Garden. To commemorate National Poetry Month, talented poets from the Tristate area will read from their work and share their experiences each week during the month. On April 23, the Library will welcome local poet Valerie Chronis Bickett, a recipient of the City of Cincinnati’s 2007 Individual Artist Grant Program. Then on April 30, Kristi Maxwell, a University of Cincinnati student pursuing a doctorate in English, will share her verses from her recently published book *Realm Sixty-Four*.

For more details on the impressive literary backgrounds of all of the poets, pick up a Poetry in the Garden brochure at any of the Library’s 41 locations.

**For Teens**

During the third week of April, the Children’s Book Council, in collaboration with the American Academy of Poets (sponsor of National Poetry Month) and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, sponsors Young People’s Poetry Week. At the Public Library, teens can commit random acts of poetry by entering a contest to showcase their poetry. Write a poem and enter to win a prize:

- **What**: A poem. You can type or handwrite your poem, but no electronic submissions will be accepted. Entry forms will be available after April 1 at all Library locations and at http://teenspace.cincinnatilibrary.org/. Limit four entries per person.
- **When**: April 1–30.
- **Where**: Any Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County location.
- **Prizes**: Members of the Library’s Official Teen Advisory Board will select the winners. A first place prizewinner will be selected from entries submitted by ages 12–14 and also from entries submitted by ages 15–18, with honorable mentions also awarded.