“Lone Survivor”
US Navy SEAL Hero
Marcus Luttrell
Speaks at the
Main Library (atrium)

Tuesday, May 12
7:00 p.m.

Lone Survivor Author Marcus Luttrell at the Main Library–May 12

Four US Navy SEALs departed one clear night in late June 2005 for the mountainous Afghanistan-Pakistan border for a reconnaissance mission. Their task was to document the activity of an al Qaeda leader rumored to be very close to Bin Laden with a small army in a Taliban stronghold. Five days later, only one of those Navy SEALs made it out alive.

Meet Marcus Luttrell at the Main Library on Tuesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m., where he’ll discuss and sign his book Lone Survivor, the remarkable, true story of Operation Redwing, and how as a SEAL fire team leader, he became part of the extraordinary firefight that led to the largest loss of life in American Navy SEAL history. His squadmates fought valiantly beside him until he was the only one left alive, blasted by an RPG into a place where his pursuers could not find him.

Over the next four days, terribly injured and presumed dead, Luttrell crawled for miles through the mountains and was taken in by sympathetic villagers who risked their lives to keep him safe from surrounding Taliban warriors.

Sponsored by the Library Programs Fund.

Director’s Report–2008: A Record Breaking Year!

2008 was the Library’s busiest year ever. Circulation reached an all time high at 15,627,452 an increase of 5.1% over 2007. Not only did circulation increase but so did reference use with more than 2 million reference questions asked in 2008 a 27% increase over 2007. Program attendance was also up with 324,328 attending Library programs in 2008, an increase of 6.7% over 2007. The number of visits to the Library exceeded 5.6 million. Use of the Library’s online resources also reached an all-time high with 87.3 million uses in 2008.

In 2008 we received recognition as one of the busiest and best public libraries in the country. Amazingly, our Main Library, with circulation of more than 4 million annually, was recognized as the busiest library building in the country. It’s busier than the central libraries in Seattle, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York or Miami. What a great accomplishment for an already great Library! Additionally, we were once again ranked in the top 10 circulating libraries in the country and the top 10 in Hennen’s American Public Library Ratings for libraries serving a population of 500,000 or more.

Community residents need, and are using, their public Library. So it’s difficult to accept that many of these vital programs and services and possibly even branch libraries, may have to be cut in 2009. The State economy has continued to falter and the annual State income to our Library declined even further in 2008 dropping nearly $1 million. When added to the nearly $5 million lost in 2001 and 2002 and the new estimate for 2009 which shows a further decline of $3.2 million, our Library’s annual State funding is down by approximately $9 million or more than 16%!

Our Library has been a good steward of public funds. For the past several years we have worked hard to find savings, cutting hours by 10%, reducing staff by more than 100 positions, postponing capital projects, reducing or postponing raises, reorganizing the Main Library resulting in $1 million operating costs savings but despite these efforts our expenses continue to increase.

It is simply not possible to continue offering the high quality services our community needs with this level of funding. So, in 2009 we will be faced with a very difficult situation. We must locate a steady source of funding to keep our Library operating. If we don’t, further cuts will be necessary including further reductions in hours and staffing and closing branch libraries, until our expenses are within our income.

In good times and in bad, the Library has been here for you offering the full range of services you need at convenient and accessible locations. It is crucial that we keep our Library top quality so that today’s children can read and learn within our familiar walls. Our community depends on it.

Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director
"Main Library for the 21st Century" One Year Later

America’s busiest public library, according to a Public Library Association statistical report, is right here in downtown Cincinnati. It’s your Main Library at 8th & Vine, which serves as a central hub for the community as well as the entire 40-branch system of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Whether you work or live downtown and stop by often, or are an occasional visitor from the surrounding suburbs, the staff of the entire Public Library system thank you for being one of the more than 1.3 million customers who visited your newly transformed “Main Library for the 21st Century in 2008.” Now we invite you to come celebrate with us the success of this exciting customer service model, especially designed to better serve your needs.

Main Library Celebration—April 18 from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Join us at the Main Library on Saturday, April 18 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. for special activities taking place throughout the building. Take a self-guided tour after receiving your free “Passport to Knowledge.” As you visit the various departments, simply get your passport stamped at the service desk. Once you collect four or more stamps, you’ll become eligible to win prizes. Two MP3 players will be given away as grand prizes (as well as dozens of other giveaways including memory sticks, mousepads, and more).

Celebrate success with us, enter to win prizes, and find something fun to do for the entire family throughout the afternoon while taking part in these free activities:

For adults:

• 1:00 p.m.—An historic slideshow presented by local historian Betty Smiddy featuring Cincinnati’s most famous 19th century architect Samuel Hannaford in the Huenefeld Tower Room, 3rd floor

• 2:00 p.m.—Live jazz with the Mike Wade Quintet in the atrium

• 2:00 p.m.—Tips & techniques for grant-seekers in room 3-A, 3rd floor

• 3:00 p.m.—Meet professional baseball players who played in the Negro Leagues and hear about their experiences in theHuenefeld Tower Room, 3rd floor.

• On the Hour—Demos spotlighting “15 Things You Need to Know About Using the Library’s Electronic Resources” in the training room on the 3rd floor. Please register in advance at (513) 369-6945.

For kids in the Children’s Learning Center:

• 1:00 p.m.—Shared reading for parents and caregivers

• 2:00 p.m.—Board games and puzzles

• 3:00 p.m.—The Storybook Puppeteers puppet show

For teens in the TeenSpot:

• 2:00–4:00 p.m. – Beach Blanket Board Game Party

For Everyone:

• Visit with radio hosts from (100.3) MOJO, (101.1) WIZF “The WIZ,” and (1230 AM) WDBZ “The Buzz” for more fun activities and giveaways.

• 1:00–2:30 p.m.—Photos with Cincinnati Zoo animals

• Enjoy free refreshments and snacks (while supplies last).

Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.
The Library has joined Hamilton County Commissioners’ effort to help residents cope with the high cost of prescription drugs. As part of the Library’s partnership with the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services, residents can pick up a free Prescription Drug Discount Card at any one of Library’s 41 locations throughout Hamilton County. There is no enrollment fee, or restrictions based on a resident’s age, income, or medical condition. County residents who are uninsured, are insured but have been prescribed a drug that isn’t covered by their insurance plan, and those who must buy human drugs for their pets are just some of those who will benefit from this new program. For more information, call (513) 946-1010 or visit the Discount Prescription Card website, http://hamiltoncountyrx.com.

To mark the Quilt Show’s tenth anniversary, Library staff invited the Loveland community to take the Loveland Loves Our Library Challenge. Each quilter fashioned a predominantly red and white (like a Library Card) square that incorporated 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—rose to the occasion. Pictured above, from left, current Loveland Branch Manager Joan Luebering and former manager Rosemary Ogg who established the quilt show.
Early Learning Express on Track with In-Home Childcare Assistance

To focus on making sure Hamilton County’s youngest and neediest residents arrive at kindergarten better prepared for school success, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County initiated the Early Learning Express program. Because of transportation issues, many in-home childcare providers have difficulty using the Library so this program makes a big impact by taking the Library’s services and information to them.

During the first phase of the program, an initial visit was made to 50 certified Type B childcare providers to teach the Dialogic Reading method. Materials (such as books, puppets, and music CDs) were given to the provider to help create a literacy rich environment for the preschoolers in their care. As part of the second phase, to take place from March through May, children’s librarians will visit the providers to present a storytime modeling the Dialogic Reading method. The final visits will be made this summer. The University of Cincinnati Evaluations Services Center will then conduct a professional evaluation of the program.

The project is funded through an Institute of Museum and Library Services LSTA grant awarded by the State Library of Ohio and support from the Friends of the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County.

Summer Reading 2009
Sneak Preview: Creature Feature
@ Your Public Library

From June 1 to July 31, kids and teens will encounter creatures of all kinds during a summer of paws, claws, scales, and tales at their Public Library! The Library will launch Creature Feature, our 36th annual summer reading program. Enjoy a summer full of reading for fun and prizes!

On Saturday, May 30, at 2:00 p.m., all 41 Library locations will host Kickoff Parties for kids to decorate a tote bag to hold all of the Library books they’ll read this summer. Then, on Friday, June 5, select Library locations will hold Kickoff Parties for teens only, featuring food, music, and games.

For more information, log on to www.CincinnatiLibrary.org. Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library, the Kersten Fund, and the Library Program Funds.
new in the friends’ shop

Puzzles for kids & the young-at-heart!

**Salt Peanuts by Michael Angelo Wallace** 500 piece jigsaw puzzle, $11.95

**The End of the Day by William Sergeant Kendall**, 500 pieces, $15.95

**See the USA by Kate Ward Thacker** 500 piece jigsaw puzzle, $11.95

**Shaped puzzle**, 500 pieces, $6.99

**Travel Ravensburger Puzzle**, 150 pieces, $10.95

**Dr. Seuss Green Eggs and Ham** 24 piece puzzle, $5.95

**3D Slide Puzzle**, $3.95

Library Friends’ Shop
Pre-Inventory Clearance
Sale March 1–21
Huge Savings—up to 75% Off

Members Appreciation Sale
April 18–May 2
25% Off Entire Stock
(Excludes already marked down & select items)

Friends Members,
You’re Invited to the Friends’
Annual Meeting,
Friday, April 24 at 1:00 p.m.
Main Library
Huenefeld Tower Room
3rd floor south building
RSVP to (513) 369-6035

The Library Friends’ Shop
Hours: Monday–Saturday 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Main Library–Mezzanine Level
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POETRY IN THE GARDEN

The Poetry in the Garden series, sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library, returns to the Main Library’s Reading Garden Lounge this spring. Talented poets from the Tristate will read from their work and share their love of poetry every Tuesday in April at 7:00 p.m.

The series opens April 7, with reflections from one of the founders of the series, retired Library department manager Robert Hudzik, and concludes April 28, with an encore performance from Little Pocket Poetry, a local group founded to encourage and celebrate the “slow enjoyment of poetry”—one poem at a time. For the full Poetry in the Garden series schedule, visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

Library “Gets Butterflies” Over Krohn Conservatory Partnership

Spread your wings this spring as the International Butterfly Show celebrates the treasures of India. In partnership with the Krohn Conservatory, the Library is “winging it,” so kids can learn more about butterflies and India. Plus, they can make a beautiful work of art to take home (along with one to donate for display at the Krohn Conservatory 2009 Butterfly Show: Flowers with Wings—Butterflies of India, open April 18–June 21).

Time will flutter by at participating branch libraries. For the complete list of locations, dates and times go to www.CincinnatiLibrary.org

Random Acts of Poetry: for Teens Only!

The Library invites teens to submit their original poems for our 7th Annual Random Acts of Poetry Contest. From April 1–30, teens in grades 7 through 12 can turn their typed or handwritten poems into any Library location for their shot at first prize: a $25 gift card to f.y.e.!

A first place prize winner will be selected from each age category (7th–9th & 10th–12th grades), and all winners, including honorable mention, will receive a ribbon. Contestants must complete an entry form for each poem entered (limit 4 entries per person), and no electronic submissions will be accepted.

Pick up an entry form at any Library location or get one online at teenspace.cincinnatilibrary.org

Greg Hoard Author Visit

Celebrate the beginning of baseball season and meet author and local television personality Greg Hoard. Mr. Hoard will discuss his book, Joe: Rounding Third and Heading for Home, a biography of beloved Cincinnati Reds pitcher and broadcaster Joe Nuxhall in the Main Library Reading Lounge on Saturday, April 4 at 2:00 p.m. The talk will be followed by a book signing.
upcoming events

Charles Darwin—The True Story at the Main Library April 17

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his famous work, *On the Origin of Species*. Yet much of what is commonly accepted as truth about Darwin isn’t so. He did not discover evolution on the Galapagos Islands; Darwin’s finches were not the turning point of his research; he did not keep his theory secret for 20 years; he was not trying to undermine religion; and he was not an atheist. Dr. John van Wyhe (pictured at left) of Cambridge University will reveal the real Darwin and outline what he really did and said in a clear and entertaining way on Friday, April 17, 4:00 p.m., Main Library, Huenefeld Tower Room. This program is co-sponsored by the Library Program Fund and the University of Cincinnati as part of the 2009 Darwin Sesquicentennial Celebration Program.

The Climate Project at the Main Library April 21

Celebrate Earth Day and join a presenter from The Climate Project who will discuss climate change and the threats it poses to the planet on Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m., Main Library–Huenefeld Tower Room. The Climate Project (TCP) consists of 2,500 dedicated volunteers from throughout the United States, Australia, Canada, India, Spain, and the United Kingdom, all personally trained by Al Gore to educate the public about climate change. TCP presenters have reached a combined 4 million people worldwide with information about this crisis and about potential solutions to preserve the climate balance on which humanity and our planet depend.

Jazz of the Month Club at the Main Library

April 18 at 2:00 p.m., Main Library, Reading Garden Lounge, Mike Wade on trumpet & flugelhorn with special guests on piano, bass, drums, and horns.  
May 16 at 2:00 p.m., Main Library—Reading Garden Lounge, all ages The Ron Enyard Quartet, Ron Enyard on drums, Ed Felson on bass, Jack Finucane on tenor sax, Dan Karlsberg on piano
Sponsored by jazz artist and educator Jamey Aebersold (www.jazzbooks.com)

Book Signing on May 16

Accomplished jazz musician and Cincinnati native Gene Hessler (pictured at right) will be on hand before and after the Jazz of the Month Club concert on May 16 to mingle with jazz lovers and sign copies of his recently released memoir *Hey! Mr. Horn Blower: Memoirs of a Life in Music and Numismatics*. Money and music don’t always mix, but in Hessler’s case, they did. After launching a successful career playing jazz, popular, and classical music, Hessler began a second career as a world-class expert in numismatics—the history, design, and engraving of coins and paper money issued by central governments, ancient and modern, all over the world. Books will be available for purchase from The Library Friends’ Shop.

Celebrate Children’s Book Week!

The 90th annual observance of Children’s Book Week will be May 11-17. A celebration of the written word, Children’s Book Week introduces young people to new characters and ideas, making reading a true experience and setting the groundwork for lifelong enjoyment of books. This year, Martha, everyone’s favorite talking dog, and Sooki, the baby elephant with the saggy baggy skin, along with Madeline, and the Library’s mascot Rufus the Reading Dog will be visiting various Library locations for hugs, stories, and photos with their friends. Be sure to visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org for more information about Children’s Book Week activities at your local Library. Sponsored by the Kersten Fund.
Library Launches Facebook Page

Facebook, the world’s largest social network, has a new member: the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County! Our Facebook page contains: basic information about the Library, links to selected resources on CincinnatiLibrary.org, RSS feeds pulling content from Turning the Page (our books and reading blog) and the Library News section of our homepage, notes about special events, exhibits, changes and our collection, selected upcoming events, and photographs. What can you do on our Facebook page? Become a fan! Write on our wall! Post a fan photo!

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:

**Wandering Stars**
Sholem Aleichem

From the Yiddish author of the novel *Tevye and His Daughters* (later to become the Fiddler On The Roof), *Wandering Stars* is a new translation of Aleichem’s epic 19th century novel—commemorating the 150th anniversary of Aleichem’s birth. Reizel and Leibel escape their mundane lives in small-town Russia to become stars of the Yiddish theatre of New York City, in a classic love story that celebrates the Jewish immigrant experience. A glossary of Yiddish terms adds to the appeal of this highly regarded translation.

**Little Bee**
Chris Cleave

Nigerian immigrant Little Bee and suburban Londoner Sarah forge an unlikely bond as each woman reflects on life experiences both horrific and redemptive. Spanning the globe from the war-torn Nigerian coast to everyday London, a balanced narrative of the two survivors leads to a deeply challenging moral dilemma and a breathtaking ending. *Library Journal* remarks, “Book clubs in search of the next *Kite Runner* need look no further than this astonishing, flawless novel.”

**Delicate Edible Birds and Other Stories**
Lauren Groff

Groff’s innovative foray into the minds of young women breaks down boundaries and illuminates unique, talented lives. Exposing emotionally raw turmoil and triumph in an engaging blend of fantasy and realism, the women of these stories possess the stuff to take life’s punches, enduring love, loss, and scandal. From the author of the acclaimed novel *The Monsters of Templeton*, Groff succeeds in delivering a satisfying, uniquely American collection of stories.
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Library to Host Booth at Ohioana Book Festival May 8 & 9

The Library has been invited to host a booth at the Third Annual Ohioana Book Festival to be held on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9, at the State Library of Ohio, 274 E. First Avenue in Columbus. The festival exists to increase awareness of the importance of Ohio writers and their contributions to the literary arts. For more information, log onto www.ohioana.org/.

Go Green: Check Out Any Item and Get a Free Tree

To encourage environmental awareness and the important role trees play in keeping our earth healthy, the Library will once again be giving out free Northern Red Oak seedlings. Trees will be given away with the check out of any item at all Library locations on Friday, March 27 while supplies last. This is made possible by the Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship and the Federated Garden Clubs of Cincinnati and Vicinity.

Lincoln and the Jews Panel Discussion May 20

This program will feature a panel discussion including leading Lincoln scholar Harold Holzer; Gary P. Zola, executive director of Jacob The Marcus Center for the American Jewish Archives, who is currently researching and writing on Lincoln and the Jews; and Jean Powers Soman, author, who has researched the life of her great-great grandfather, Colonel Marcus Spiegel—a Jewish Civil War soldier. The program will be held at the Cincinnati Museum Center from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20.

Lincoln and the Jews is a program of the Lincoln Legacy Partnership which includes the American Jewish Archives, the Cincinnati Museum Center, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, CET, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, and Richard H. Finan, former president of the Ohio State Senate.
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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The Brady-Batcheller Families; Audrey & Ron Caldwell and Ann Novakoski; The Carlisle/Kokeny Family; Marie’s Book Club; Terri McCarthy and Craig Steffen; George H. Perbix, Jr.; Richard and Teresa Riegel; Maurie C. Russo; Susan Shea and Stan Meyers;
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**Memorial Gifts**
In memory of David Kerl:
Deanna T. Ashing; Martin and Mary Haas
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**Griscos’ Gift to Madisonville Branch Library**
Executive Director Kim Fender recently visited the Madisonville Branch to meet an extraordinary woman, Jill Grisco who grew up using the branch. When her mother died a few years ago, Jill and her sister Mary began making contributions to the Library specifically for the Madisonville Branch. Their gifts purchased new materials, provided special programs for children and, most recently, Jill’s gift funded the purchase of three additional computers loaded with Microsoft Office and other software. Because Jill’s employer has a matching gift program, her gifts to the Library were doubled. By now, it’s likely that Jill and her sister Mary have donated more than $10,000 to the Madisonville Branch. Shown from left to right: Madisonville Branch Manager Lisa Salyers, branch benefactor Jill Grisco, Executive Director Kim Fender, and Children’s Librarian Wendy Linck.
In memory of Juliana Plummer:
Kinji Tanaka

Gifts to the J. Richard Abell
Genealogical Trust Fund
Hamilton County Genealogical Society

Honor with Books
In memory of Irene S. McAndrews: Thomas McAndrews, Jr.
In honor of Carol Schaljo:
Clyde B. Parrish
In honor of Shirley Seward’s birthday: Michael and Jennifer Coates

In memory of Lois Feist:
Kim Fender
In memory of Tommie Graham, Dottie Daniels, Jeffrey Bowie, Betsy Rising, and Carol Donnheuy: Montgomery Woman’s Club Inc.

In memory of Stephen Jason Morsch: Michael J. Smith
In honor of Jean G. Stewart:
James J. Stewart

In memory of Diana Jeffries:
Eileen Mallory, Karen Kallmeyer, Sandy Schroeder, Tina Funk and Kathy Ripley, Covedale Branch Library in memory of Diana Jeffries

Pet Memorials
Barbara Butler in memory of Dean & Roxanne Ingvalson’s dog Joe
Don and Debbie Elbert in memory of their cats Lilly and Savvy

Mrs. Ferguson’s Afternoon Kindergarten Class 2008 in memory of Ann Ferguson’s dog Belle
Helen Fisher in memory of Cathy Lang’s cat Jasmine
Grady Veterinarian Hospital Judy Green in memory of Constance Lighthall and Charlie Green’s dogs Lily, Miko & Sadie
Molly Hendricks in memory of Martha Hendricks’ cat Bentley Jack, Gus, Lynn & Connie Herman/Frick in memory of Robin J. Henderson’s dog Streaker

Midge Hines in memory of Rachel Berent’s horse Fletcher
Elizabeth Lasky in memory of her cats Frankie & Frannie
Robin Lippelman and John Mezaraups in memory of Toni Alger’s cat Murphy
Tara, Marti and Joe Martin in memory of Piper Martin and Scott Wilson’s cat Mr. B Jean McFaddin in memory of Carolyn High’s cat Maxwell Regina Pugh and Mike Carr in memory of Aretta and Eric Baumgartner’s cat Veronica David Siders, Melanie Adolphson, Alex Temple, Ned Heeger-Brehm, Andy Sutthoff, Paula Steele, Tricia Spaite, Elizabeth Rankin, Cathy Wilkmack & Heather Fink in memory of Henrik Laursen’s dog Carlos Current & Former Staff of the St. Bernard Branch Library in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Thomas’ dog Banjo

Cash Gifts to the Friends
The Jerome S. and Meta K. Howard Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation
The Robert H. and Nancy Lee W. Preston Foundation
The Pampered Chef, for the benefit of Madeira Branch, a

Downtown Residents’ Council Gift to the Children’s Learning Center
The Downtown Residents’ Council (DRC) presented a check for $1,250 to the Children’s Learning Center of the Main Library for a 2009 Summer Arts Program. Summer Arts at the Cincinnati Public Library, supported by a grant from the Downtown Residents’ Council, is a series of programs designed to expose area children to arts of all kinds—theatre, music, dance, puppetry and visual arts. This was the 6th year that DRC has given funding for our Summer Arts Programs. Pictured at the check presentation are, from left to right: Popular Library Manager David Siders, who also serves on the DRC Board along with Martha McGlinchey and Conrad Thiede; from the Children’s Learning Center are Manager Lisa Hamrick and Children’s Librarian Carolyn Janssen, DRC Board member Timothy Leslie, and Regional Services Manager-Central Paula Brehm-Heeger.
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37th Annual Used Book Sale sponsored by The Friends
of the Public Library at the Main Library, May 31–June 5

Hours: Sunday, May 31: 1:00-5:00 p.m.;
Monday–Wednesday, June 1–3:
9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.;
Thursday, June 4: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.;
BAG DAY Friday, June 5:
9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Buy a Friends’
shopping bag for $10, and fill it up.

New Features: Sunday hours, designed
to make shopping easier for families and
busy working people. Come downtown
and make a day of it.

Bargains, bargains, bargains: videotapes reduced to $1/tape
New, re-useable cloth
shopping bags available for $1.00 each

Extended hours for Bag Day and shopping at the Library Friends’ Shop, up the ramp
on the mezzanine.

Why come to the sale?

These are difficult economic times for individuals and organizations. The Friends’
used book sale generates revenues that support the Public Library of Cincinnati
and Hamilton County. Your public library, one of the busiest and best libraries in
the nation, has lost several million dollars in state funding over the past 7 years. A
successful book sale will allow The Friends to donate more generously to the Library,
thus helping the Library to maintain its excellent schedule of free and quality
programming.

Cincinnati is one of the 10 most literate cities in the nation and our citizens like to
borrow and own books. Friends’ prices can’t be beat! From as little at 50 cents for
a paperback to $2 for hardback fiction, and up for nonfiction and reference books,
DVDs and CDs, there is something for everyone. Everybody wins: the shoppers, The
Friends, the Library and our whole community.

The Friends accept donations of gently used book and audiovisual materials for
children and adults. To learn more about donations, membership, benefits and prices

Other Upcoming Sales:

Northside Branch Library
4219 Hamilton Avenue
March 20–21
Friday noon–6:00 p.m.,
Saturday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Harrison Branch Library
10398 New Haven Road
April 17–18
Friday noon–6:00 p.m.,
Saturday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
on view at main

Birds & Bees: Back To Nature

The Cincinnati Room is aflutter and abuzz with excitement about a new exhibit. Birds & Bees: Back to Nature, on display from April 16 through June 7, will showcase some true treasures from the Library’s exceptional collection of books about birds and bees.

Visit and view the life-size illustrations in the largest book in the Library’s collection, the John James Audubon double elephant folio *Birds of America*; ornithologist John Gould’s use of gold and silver leaf to capture the natural iridescent beauty of hummingbirds; the highly stylized artistry of Cincinnati wildlife artist Charley Harper; an early treatise by Thomas Wildman who strolled through 18th century London wearing a beard of bees; and other magnificent illustrations created with such beauty and inspiring attention to detail they nearly fly off of the pages.

Your Business—It Starts with a Plan

SCORE has teamed up for the fifth consecutive year with the Information & Reference Department of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County to offer the program Your Business—It Starts with a Plan for new and prospective business owners. This three-part series of instructional workshops focused on writing business plans will take place in the Huenefeld Tower Room on Saturdays, April 11, 18 & 25, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Guest speakers from various fields in the business world will give an insiders’ take on organizational and legal structure, marketing and financial plans, and effectively managing a small business. In addition, subject specialists will demonstrate how to use the Library’s resources to support small business development.

There is no charge for attending the workshops and those present receive a workbook including the highlights and notes from each session and a “Certificate of Achievement” for completing the program. Due to the popularity of these workshops advanced registration is required. To reserve your place, or to get additional information, call the Information & Reference Department at (513) 369-6900.

Cincinnati Public Schools City Wide Art Exhibition

This annual exhibition of artwork from kindergarten through 12th grade students includes drawings, paintings, sculptures, and photographs. It will be on view in the Main Library Atrium from March 20–April 30. This show is presented in partnership with the Cincinnati Public Schools. Students compete across the school district for the privilege of showing their work. The artwork is judged by local artists and art teachers and awards are given to the top students.
El Dia Book Fiesta at Price Hill Branch Library on April 26

Everyone knows libraries know how to make storytimes fun. So grab your entire family and head for the Price Hill Branch Library—where six different library systems will come together for a storytime that goes around the world in 180 minutes.

On Sunday, April 26 from 1:00—4:00 p.m., the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, Boone County Public Library, Campbell County Public Library, Clermont County Public Library, Kenton County Public Library, and The Lane Libraries will present El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros or “Children’s Book Day.”

El Dia Literacy Partners: Children, Inc., Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati Public Schools, Cincinnati Recreation Commission/Price Hill Community Center, Gateway Adult Education, HIPPY: Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters, Price Hill Will, Santa Maria Community Services, W. Frank Steely at Northern Kentucky University, and The Women’s Connection

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HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Emcees: David Kisor of Children, Inc. and Jorge Benedetti of LaSabrositaFM.com
- International Storytime in Multiple Languages & Free Books for Kids (while supplies last)
- Appalachian Music & Tales with Bear Foot and Storytelling with Omope Carter Daboiku
- Salsa Instruction with Salsa Underground
- Fun Crafts, Games, Face-Painting & Piñatas
- North Avondale Montessori Drum & Choir Group and OGADE: The Oxford Gourd & Drum Ensemble
- Macarena Dancing with Library Mascots and McGruff, the Crime Dog
- Cincinnati Police Dog (from District #3)
- Snacks courtesy of Ollie’s Trolley, Chiquita, and Kroger

It’s free and part of an exciting literacy fiesta that embraces ALL cultures and celebrates literacy in ALL languages presented in partnership with area libraries and many community organizations.