Celebrate “The Big Read”
October 1–31

Mark Twain’s Classic Novel Brings the Community Together to Share with *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.*

Read it, Discuss it, Experience it… at your Library!
Throughout October the Library invites everyone to share in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by participating in The Big Read. Designed by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to restore reading to the center of American culture and to address the decline of literary reading, especially among youth, The Big Read provides citizens across the nation the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities. The NEA selected our Library to receive a grant to host The Big Read program in the Cincinnati / Hamilton County region. Among the classic books offered as part of the grant, the Library elected to read one of the greatest American novels, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain. A fitting title for the Queen City, this beloved story appeals to the kid in us all. Starting October 1, visit your local Library to pick up a copy of the book and a reader’s guide. The Library will present the program October 1–31 in collaboration with the Cincinnati Park Board and Joseph-Beth Booksellers (with support from the Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati, *Cincinnati Family Magazine*, the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, and BB Riverboats). Our community will celebrate *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* with a full calendar of events and book discussions. There’s something planned at all 41 Library locations. Starting mid-September, log onto [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org) for the complete rundown of The Big Read activities and information on submitting a Tom Sawyer themed photo with caption to be among those featured on the Library’s flickr page at [http://www.flickr.com/photos/cincinnatipubliclibrary/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/cincinnatipubliclibrary/).

“*The Big Read*” Full of Big Surprises This October

“The Big Read” on October 4—The Big Read Kickoff: Celebrate the launch of The Big Read during “Tom Sawyer Day” in Eden Park’s Seasongood Pavilion on Sunday, October 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. During this family fun event.

- Hear live music from Jake Speed and the Freddies.
- Meet a Mark Twain “copycat” who will emulate the sharp wit of one of our nation’s defining cultural figures.
- Play Tom Sawyer games and participate in a “Tom Sawyer” workshop with the Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati.
- Learn about the history of the Ohio River and its wildlife with naturalists from the Cincinnati Park Board.
- Catch the spirit of this by-gone era as we record your best Tom Sawyer childhood adventure.
- Pick up your FREE copy of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (while supplies last).

**Tom Sawyer Gift Packs & BB Riverboat Cruise Giveaways:**

- **For the Public:** Enter to win one of five Tom Sawyer gift packs featuring copies of the novel and prizes courtesy of Joseph-Beth Booksellers and the Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati. Log onto [www.cincinnatifamilymagazine.com/](http://www.cincinnatifamilymagazine.com/) to enter.
- **For Teachers:** Enter to win a free workshop for your classroom with the Children’s Theatre of Cincinnati. Log onto [www.cincinnatifamilymagazine.com/](http://www.cincinnatifamilymagazine.com/) to enter.
- **For Everyone:** Grand Prize Drawing—Read the book, pick up a reader’s guide or attend one of The Big Read programs at your local Library to be entered to win two tickets good for a BB Riverboat cruise. One pair of tickets will be given away at each of the Library’s 41 locations in Hamilton County courtesy of BB Riverboats.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Arts Midwest. Information: (513) 369-6945 or [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org)
Library Funding Continues to Worsen

As a result of declining state revenue, our Library is now facing a $16 million funding shortfall in 2010, a decrease of 28%. Without a steady source of additional funding we are facing the unimaginable—closure of up to half of our branch libraries. Libraries that will remain open will also face severe cuts including reduced staffing, severe reductions in hours, reduced computer availability, and a reduction in the purchasing of new materials.

Think about what closing 20 branches will mean to this community. First, there’s the building itself. It’s there in the heart of your neighborhood. It’s a familiar place. You walk or drive past it often. Your kids go there after school. Now imagine it empty. Doors locked. Sold, perhaps even demolished.

But a branch library is much more than a building. It’s also the people who work there. It’s the children’s librarian who leads the preschool storytime introducing a new generation of children to a love of books and reading. It’s the reference librarian who knows all the good mystery writers and shares her love of good books with you with enthusiasm. That same reference librarian also helps when you need the car repair manual for your not so new car, or a magazine article to finish a homework assignment or a travel guide for your trip to a faraway destination. And if you can’t go there in person, you can go there through books and the librarians there to help with that, too. It’s the smile on the face of the man at the desk as he gives a young child his first library card, helps you find a book on the shelf or place a hold.

A branch library is also about the thousands of materials available to the residents of Hamilton County. Thousands of books, CDs, DVDS and other resources available at your fingertips. Not to mention free computer access for users who need it to find a new job or for school work. What happens to all these resources when a branch library closes?

Without the additional funding a local tax levy would provide, our Library is faced with making cutbacks that will devastate this system. Every single branch will be affected either though closings, reduced hours, staff reductions or some other form of reduction. Our Library system will no longer have the capabilities to provide the needed services to children, families, seniors and adults who have come to depend on us year after year.

We have an outstanding public library. For the fourth consecutive time our Library is ranked among the top 10 libraries in the country serving a population of 500,000 or more. We’ve served the residents of Hamilton County for 156 years. Our main Library is the busiest main library in the country. Our children, teens, and adults of all ages rely on the many services we offer. We know our Library is important to you—because you use our services and we’re busier than ever with circulation on pace to increase by nearly 1 million again this year. To continue this long tradition of excellence we need adequate funding. Without it the unimaginable may become reality.

Kimber L. Fender, Executive Director

Hear About “The Life & Times of Mark Twain” at the Main Library: Join Dr. Leland Person, Professor of English at the University of Cincinnati, as he discusses the life and times of Mark Twain. Find out about the events that influenced the noted author to write The Adventures of Tom Sawyer on Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Huenefeld Tower Room.

View the Exhibit “Down by the Riverside: Life on the Ohio and Mississippi” at the Main Library: Life along the riverside was often bustling and exciting since rivers were a major means of transportation and commerce in the 19th century. Journals and logbooks from steamboat and towboat captains and images from the Inland Rivers Library will complete the exhibit exploring life down along the beautiful Ohio and mighty Mississippi. In addition to first edition works by Mark Twain, this exhibit, to be on display from September 19 through October 18 in the Cincinnati Room at the Main Library, will feature a few of his letters.
10-Millionth Item Borrowed Marks High in Library Usage

On August 10 at 12:30 p.m. a very surprised family at the Main Library’s Ninth Street circulation desk was greeted by Executive Director Kim Fender and Library Services Director Greg Edwards with a bouquet of balloons and a Library tote bag filled with a Library logo mug, pen, baseball cap, and “Got Books” t-shirt. This family’s check-out transaction marked the 10 millionth item borrowed in 2009 from the Library system. The number of items circulated in 2008 reached a record high and demand continues to grow. In 2009 over half a million more items have been borrowed year to date than during the same period last year. The Library is busier than ever.

Library Honored Among Top 10 in the Nation

For the fourth consecutive time our Library has been ranked among the 10 best public libraries among the 83 nationally serving a population of more than 500,000. The Hennen American Public Library Ratings (HAPLR) are compiled by Thomas J. Hennen, Jr., Director of the Waukesha County Federated Library System in Wisconsin. Hennen ranks 10 libraries in each of 10 population categories and our Library is 10th in our size category. These 100 public libraries are widely considered to be the best libraries in the country. Hennen’s ratings are based on fiscal year 2006 data and compares data reported by more than 9,000 libraries across the country. Libraries are rated and scored on 15 measures that focus on circulation, staffing, funding, collection, and reference services.

Kim Fender Named Librarian of the Year

On August 11, Lynda Murray, Director of Government and Legal Services for the Ohio Library Council (OLC), presented the 2009 OLC Librarian of the Year Award to Executive Director Kim Fender. The award honors a librarian whose recent accomplishments have impacted the library profession and/or library service to the community. Award recipients are chosen based on having exhibited distinguished service in the library community; demonstrated evidence of professional and personal achievements; developed and implemented new services; created partnerships within the community to provide innovative services; and been actively involved on the local and state level. Award recipients are chosen by the OLC’s Awards and Honors Committee based on nominations and recommendations received from the Ohio library community.

In her remarks, Ms. Murray stressed that this is the highest honor presented by the OLC. “Kim not only does a great job for her own library but also for public libraries statewide. This is clearly demonstrated through her leadership of OPLIN, the state’s information network; her dedicated service on the OLC Government Relations Committee, her initiative on developing the State’s Ready to Read project, and her innovation in spearheading digitizing collections,” said Murray. Congratulations, Kim!
Price Hill Branch Celebrates 100th Anniversary on Saturday, November 28, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

The Price Hill Branch 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, November 28, from 2:00–5:00 p.m. The day’s activities include the unveiling of a “Centennial Mural” created by the branch’s Teen Art Club, a visit from Andrew Carnegie whose generosity funded the branch’s construction a century ago, tours of the building, and a photographic tribute to the branch’s history. Community members will be invited to add their own Library memories to the branch’s scrapbook and also view the Price Hill Historical Society’s Community Quilt on display especially for the celebration.

A Bit of Branch History
The Price Hill Branch opened its doors to the community on Saturday, November 27, 1909. The French Renaissance style brick and limestone building was one of nine branch libraries whose construction was funded by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. The branch quickly became an integral part of the Price Hill community, circulating 47,412 books and issuing 1,677 Library cards to customers within its first eight months of operation. Complete with an auditorium, the Library became a meeting place for community groups and venue for entertainment events.

Even in its early years, the Library’s influence on the community extended beyond its red brick walls. Residents at the Good Shepherd Home for Girls, a local reformatory for women and girls, received regular book deliveries, and librarians at the branch kept the firehouse at the bottom of the hill stocked with a new batch of books and magazines each week. Today, the building still stands majestically atop the hill at the corner of Purcell and Warsaw Avenues and remains an important piece in the fabric of the Price Hill community.

After Obama: Race & Politics in Cincinnati

On Wednesday, September 9 from 8:00–9:30 p.m., we invite you to join the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Lincoln Legacy for a live broadcast on CET and online entitled, “After Obama: Race & Politics in Cincinnati.” Hosted by veteran journalist Clyde Gray, this television special will pose questions regarding the climate of race and politics in Cincinnati in 2009 to featured guest former congressman and UN Ambassador Andrew Young and a panel of respondents including Father Michael Graham, President of Xavier University; Judge Nathaniel Jones, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; Jan Michele Lemon-Kearney, Publisher of the Cincinnati Herald; and Maria G. Molina, Manager, Latin American Development Director, Americas Consumer Relations at Procter & Gamble.

With the election in 2005 of Mark Mallory as the first popularly-elected black Mayor of Cincinnati and the election of Barack Obama as President, has there been a shift in Cincinnati’s political and social mindset regarding race? In what ways is this most evident? And are the moral imperatives of racial freedom, equality of opportunity and “aspirational politics” as put forth by Abraham Lincoln mirrored in the culture shifts that are occurring as a result?

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October 16-31 Annual Friends’ Members Appreciation Sale –
25% Off Entire Stock * Excludes selected items already marked down.

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10. Charley Harper Calendar, $7.99

Holiday cards exclusive
Illustrated images from rare books in the Main Library’s Cincinnati Room
8 cards per box, 4 designs, $14 or individual cards, $2.50

The Library Friends’ Shop
Hours: Monday–Saturday
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Main Library–Mezzanine Level
(513) 369-6920

Library Friends’ Shop: Shop with a Purpose!
In the community, for the community: The Library Friends’ Shop is a part of the Friends of the Public Library. Sales made at the shop help fund library programming, special materials, and equipment. The Library Friends’ Shop is a part of the Museum Shops of Greater Cincinnati.
Special thanks to our members who joined or renewed between April 16, 2009 and June 30, 2009. Due to space limitations, only memberships of $25 and up are listed.

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**Limited Edition Work by Faith Ringgold Added to Collection**

The Friends of the Public Library generously purchased for the Library’s collection an exceptional book by acclaimed artist and author Faith Ringgold. *Letter from the Birmingham City Jail* is a letterpress edition on handmade paper, limited to 420 numbered copies each signed by the artist. It features eight powerful serigraphs created by Ringgold to accompany the text of Martin Luther King Jr.’s famous open letter written on April 16, 1963 following his arrest and incarceration for staging a peaceful civil rights demonstration. The work is a wonderful edition to the Library’s collections of artists’ books and African American resources. Friends Directors Jim Jones, Chair of the Acquisitions Committee, and Mary Lu Aft, Chair of the Book Sale Committee, are pictured holding the book.
library events

Don Brandt to Be Keynote Speaker for the 55th Annual Veterans Day Commemoration

The 55th Annual Veterans Day Program will be held on Wednesday, November 11 at 10:45 a.m. in the Atrium of the Main Library. Donald C. Brandt, a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Naval Air Corps, will present keynote remarks. His harrowing tale is one of the epic rescues of World War II. On June 13, 1944, the Hellcat fighter pilot was shot down over the Pacific and drifted 500 yards from Japanese shore batteries that gunned at him for several hours. He escaped by lassoing the periscope of a submarine that towed him to safety. This was the first time this new tactic had been employed by the Navy. The program will also feature patriotic music performed by the Walnut Hills High School Choir, presentation of memorial wreaths by veterans groups, lighting the Flame of Remembrance, a color guard, and playing Taps.

WWII Veteran to Speak about “Largest Sea Battle”

On October 26 at 7:00 p.m., World War II Navy veteran Ted Gardner will discuss his experiences in the Battle of Leyte Gulf. Mr. Gardner will be discussing the actions of his squadron in the portion of that battle that took place off of Samar. The talk will coincide with the 65th anniversary of the battle (Oct 25, 1944) and will look at the strategy, tactics, and personal experiences of the U.S. Navy in the battle that paved the way for the re-taking of the Philippines. The program will be held in the Reading Garden Lounge of the Main Library.

Public Library & Xavier University to Host Author Michael Pollan

The Library is co-sponsoring, along with Xavier University’s Department of Ethics/Religion and Society, a visit from bestselling author Michael Pollan. Pollan is a contributing writer for the New York Times Magazine and serves as the Knight Professor of Science and Environmental Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of numerous books, including In Defense of Food: An Eater’s Manifesto and the award-winning Omnivore’s Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals. Mr. Pollan’s lecture, entitled In Defense of Food: An Omnivore’s Solution, will be at the Cintas Center at Xavier University on Sunday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m. Books will be available for purchase to be signed by the author. Free admission.
Information: (513) 745-3026, frickman@xavier.edu or www.Xavier.edu/ers/.

Author Michael Banks Discusses Before Oprah: Ruth Lyons The Woman Who Created Talk TV

Learn more about this pioneering broadcaster whose audience equaled that of Oprah Winfrey’s today. Author Michael Banks follows Ruth through her days as a child growing up in Columbia Tusculum to her stretch on WLW during the 50s and 60s, up to the death of her daughter. Find out who she was and how she became the hardest working and most philanthropic woman in the business. A series of free book talks with the author to be held at various Library locations will begin on September 1 and end on December 5. Visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org for the schedule of dates and times. Books will be available for purchase and can be signed by the author after each program. Information: (513) 369-6945. Sponsored by the Library Programs Fund.
“Rivalries, Championships and Legends: 100 Years of Cincinnati High School Football” on View at the Main Library Starting October 24

In conjunction with the newly released book *Cincinnati Schoolboy Legends: A hundred years of Cincinnati’s most storied high school football players—the feats, tales, quotes, and otherwise superlative moments* by Lonnie Wheeler and John Baskin (Orange Frazer Press), this exhibit is the first of its kind to highlight our community’s rich football heritage. Memorabilia featuring rivalries, championships and legends from area schools including photographs, trophies, and autographed helmets, as well as yearbooks and newspaper clippings from the Library’s collection used to help research the book, will be on exhibit in the Cincinnati Room of the Main Library, from October 24, 2009 through January 24, 2010. Information will be available at [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org) in early October.

**Researcher Finds Library’s Collection a “Goldmine of Resources”**

How does a researcher with virtually no budget ferret out the facts about local high school football dating back to the 1800s? Researcher and historian Michael O’Bryant turned to the Library to conduct the meticulous research for *Cincinnati Schoolboy Legends*, written by Lonnie Wheeler and John Baskin. The research from the book, uncovers the roots of Cincinnati high school football and chronicles many of the players and coaches who helped shape the game.

While seeking information for such a specialized topic, Michael found the Library’s collection a goldmine of resources. “The Library contained every major book published on the origins and history of football, which proved invaluable in understanding the development of the game,” he said. “More specifically, in the Genealogy & Local History Department the collection of high school yearbooks and other materials was important in gathering information about the schools and players. Another key department was Magazines & Newspapers, where I was able to learn about the players and teams in Cincinnati from the late 19th century to the present.”

In addition to resources found on the shelves and in the stacks, the Library’s website connected Michael with a wealth of information. “By utilizing many of the Research Databases available in the Research & Homework section of the Library’s website, I was able to quickly identify many sources I would have otherwise missed,” added Michael. “Of particular note ‘NewsBank,’ ‘Newspaper Source,’ and ‘ProQuest Historical Newspaper’ were helpful to me in following players’ accomplishments from the local level to the national.”

“I had become familiar with these databases having used them earlier to research ‘In the News’ features for a Southwestern Publishing textbook, *Contemporary Economics*. Without these resources offered through the Library the quality of the work would have suffered. The task would have also been much more difficult and time consuming. But, by being able to search for contemporary articles using key economic terms, it was much simpler to find the latest example of a concept.”

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Walnut Hills School 1896 championship team. The team won the first two official city championships.

Steve Headley, Manager of Newspapers & Magazines, assists researcher/historian Michael O’Byrant.
Homework Help Online

Need a topic for your research paper? Going crazy trying to find information about a famous historical figure? Struggling with a homework assignment that’s due tomorrow? The Library has a wide variety of online resources that can help you with these types of questions!

Some of Our Favorite Research Databases

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

• Use ProQuest or MAS Ultra-School Edition to access full-text articles from thousands of well-known magazines and newspapers.

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

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

• Facts on File Science Online can be searched by subject area (biology, chemistry, earth science, weather, etc.) or type of resource (printable diagrams, science experiments and activities, videos, etc.).

• The LearningExpress Library has a large collection of online practice tests and tutorials for elementary, middle, and high school students.

• Kids InfoBits is designed to help elementary school students with research. It includes magazine and newspaper articles on the arts, science, people, government, history, and sports. Articles are labeled “easy” or “more difficult” to read.

• CultureGrams offers reports about the history, daily life, and customs of world cultures. Reports usually include a regional overview, maps, statistics, flags, graphs and tables, and recipes.

Why use a database instead of Google? Information in databases has been reviewed and edited by experts and comes from reliable, authoritative sources. Using a database instead of Google saves you time and gives you results that are accurate, objective, and current. And guess what? There’s no charge for using them! The Library has purchased subscriptions to these databases so they can be provided free of charge to our customers. You can access them 24/7 from the comfort of your home—all you need to use them is your library card.

To get started, click on the “Research and Homework” link on our homepage www.CincinnatiLibrary.org, then select the “Research Databases” link. You’ll also find links on Teenspace and Kidspace.

From the Library’s homepage, click on “Research & Homework.”

Homework Chat

Use our Homework Chat or Ask a Librarian services to work with tutors or librarians on specific homework problems and questions. Homework Chat is for students in grades 3-12 and is available every day from 2:00–11:00 p.m. Ask a Librarian is available 24/7.

Text a Librarian

Use your cell phone or handheld device to text us a question! To use the service, start the body of the text with the keyword askus, followed by a space, followed by your question. (For example, askus what are 3 great books on the civil war?). Send your text to 66746

Last But Not Least...If you still can’t find what you’re looking for, call or stop by your local library and one of our staff members will be happy to assist you!
Library to Receive Additional Computers From Gates Foundation

The Library is receiving $161,850 from a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Hardware Grant to fund the purchase of additional public computers at 17 of our branch libraries. In order to qualify for these funds, the Library had to meet several eligibility criteria including percent of population served by a branch Library location below the poverty level and age of computer equipment in use. In addition, we must provide 25% of matching funds totaling $53,950. With online job applications, applications for assistance, resume writing, and homework assignments drawing more people into the Library each day, the additional computers will be a welcome addition. Because of the Foundation’s timeline for the grants, the new equipment will not be added until late 2009 or early 2010.

Voter Services Available at the Library

As election day rolls around once again, don’t forget you can register to vote at any of the Library’s 41 locations. Voter registration forms are available year-round at all branch libraries and at the Main Library Circulation Services. These forms may be completed in the Library agency or mailed directly to the Board of Elections. It’s convenient and the Library has all of the most up-to-date forms for Hamilton County residents so you can: • Register to vote • Update your voter registration • Pick up applications for absentee voting

The Cincinnati Ballet & Frisch’s Presents “The Nutcracker” Exhibit

A collection of objects from the Cincinnati Ballet’s past performances of “The Nutcracker” including, costumes, props, photographs and promotional materials will be on view in the Atrium of the Main Library from October 5, 2009 to January 4, 2010. These items will illuminate the story of “the most famous and extravagant ballet adventure in the world,” as well as provide an inside look at Cincinnati Ballet’s various productions of the ballet.

“InventorFest” Is Back This Fall

Inventors, experts, and the curious-minded will come together once again for InventorFest, a public event held at the Main Library in collaboration with the Inventor’s Council of Cincinnati. This all day event, to be held on Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Huenefeld Tower Room, is geared toward everyone with an interest in learning more about the invention process. Widely known as the Champion of America’s inventors and entrepreneurs, Don Kelly, who served for many years with the US Patent & Trademark Office, will be the keynote speaker. A Young Inventors Showcase featuring the innovative talents of area youth (ages 8 to 18) will offer inspiration for all ages. Marketing support provided by Cincy Magazine. Information: (513) 369-6900. Watch for more details at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org closer to the date.

Jazz of the Month

Club 2009

Live jazz in the Atrium of the Main Library, downtown
All concerts are on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

September 12
The Faux Frenchmen
Brian Lovely, guitar
George Cunningham, guitar
Don Aren, bass
Paul Patterson, violin

October 17
The Jamey Aebersold Quartet
Jamey Aebersold, alto sax
Steve Allee, piano
Tyrone Wheeler, bass
Jonathan Higgins, drums

November 14
Brasilia
Phil DeGreg, piano
Aaron Jacobs, bass
Rusty Burge, vibes
Marc Wolkley, drums
Stan Ginn, percussion

Sponsored by jazz artist and educator Jamey Aebersold (www.jazzbooks.com)
The Library is deeply grateful for the generosity of our community and welcomes gifts of all sizes. Your donations are essential to ensuring delivery of excellent Library service and availability of the widest possible range of informational resources for all ages. For inquiries regarding contributions, please contact John Reusing, Development Director, at (513) 369-4591. The following gifts of $25 or more were received between April 10 and July 9, 2009.

## Gifts to the Library & Foundation

### Partner $1,000+
- The Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition
- Edward Rothenberg

### Sustaining $250+
- Judy Bennett
- Cin Liu Sister City Committee
- Forest Park Women’s Club
- Inventor’s Council of Cincinnati
- Denise McElwain for the Clifton Branch
- Joseph S. Neri to the SCORE Trust Fund
- Ohio Genealogical Society

### Contributor $100 +
- Barbara Seiver
- The GE Foundation
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- Norwood Eagles Ladies Auxiliary 449
- Ohio Genealogical Society
- Mr. Kenneth P. Scheffel
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- Jim & Sharon Jansen
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- Jeanne Bevis
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- Westwood Woman’s Club
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- Wrocklage Family Charitable Foundation

### Commemorative Gifts to the Library
- In Memory of Rudolph Battistone: Mr. & Mrs. Randy Kuhn; Dr. & Mrs. David Schumacher; Shirley Kuhn
- In memory of Alma Gehret: Ralph A. Gehret
- In memory of Leola McCoy: Mary & Bill Sutton & Barbara Williams
- In honor of Nancy Starnbach: Sue & Skip Richard
- In Memory of Pieter Platten: Mr. & Mrs. Louis Aricson

Norwood Eagles Ladies Auxiliary 449 members, from left, Trustee Beth Luckett, Secretary Joyce Skirvin, Past Madame President Marlene E. Boehme, and President Kate Black, present Norwood Branch Library Manager Tina Riehle with a $100 donation toward the purchase of large print books. This is the 19th year that the Norwood Eagles have generously supported the Library’s services to customers who depend upon its large print resources.
In memory of John Wirthlin:  
Theodore W. Vandevier

Gifts to the J. Richard Abell  
Genealogical Trust Fund  
Mary L. Cook Public Library

Honor With Books  
In memory of Alice Bachmann:  
Nancy Hanger
In memory of Gordon K. Beard:  
Bloomfield Hills Book Club
In memory of Marie Fogle:  
Robert & Elizabeth Rea
In memory of Julie Hafer:  
Peg Moir
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John H. Geer
In honor of Mrs. Jane  
Hillenbrand: Mrs.  
Hillenbrand’s Maple Dale  
Elementary Kindergarten Class  
2009 & The Family of James P. Bradley
In memory of Arthur T. Knabe:  
Mary Ann Abernathy
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In memory of Fred Pieper:  
Gail and Bill Dold
In memory of Doris Zeiser:  
Susan Hamrick

Pet Memorials  
Barbara Allen in memory of  
Susie Allen’s cat Clio
Ken & Carol Clark in memory of  
the Coopers’ cat Tally
Richard, Phyllis & Tinker  
Crawford in memory of  
Carl & Patsy Windisch’s cat Cookie
Carol Davidson in memory of the  
Scavotto’s family dog Roddy
Shirley Davies in memory of  
David Dobbs’ dog Truffles
Orvil & Arleen Fields in memory of their cat Duchess

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Serge’s cat CJ & The Weaver Family’s cat Lynx
Patti Hemke in memory of  
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Karen Dillon’s dog Brutus & Brian Hermann’s dog Brutus
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Cami, Donna & Steve Smith’s dog Molly
Andrea Lippelman in memory of Michael Schneider & Bob Seitz’s dog Rudy

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Shelley Lathrop’s dog Samson
Robin Lippelman & John Mezaraus in memory of  
Toni Alger’s cat Rommie & Andrea Lippelman’s cat Jack
Carol Siderits in memory of her cat Sgt. Tibs
Betsy & Paul Sittenfeld in memory of Annie, Emily & Ellen Foley’s dog Scout
Lucy Stormer in memory of her cat Kangarue
Beth Thomas & Norma Walker in memory of Jennifer Belisle’s dog Luna & Julie Krause’s cat Miracle
Grady Veterinary Hospital

The Oak Hills High School Art Club lent its talent to the Green Township Branch Library’s new Teen Area. From October 2008 to May 2009, Art Club members met each week at the branch to conceptualize, design, and paint a mural that has brought the space’s once blank walls to life! The mural gives admirers a glimpse of a year in the life of its subject, a tree, as it changes with the seasons. The project was made possible in part by an anonymous donation that provided funds for project supplies. Pictured standing, from left: Green Township Teen Librarian Cheryl Selby, Lisa Waltamath, Derek Seymour, Emily Hill, Susie Rack, Emily Keilholz, and Scott Wells, the mural project student coordinator; kneeling from left, Maria Macke, Oak Hills High School Art Club Faculty Sponsor and Photography Teacher Steve Groh and Alex O’Brien.
Kids & Teens Achieve Superstar Status at the Public Library

All 17,000 “signs” point to a successful summer for Hamilton County families!

More than 28,000 readers of all ages—preschoolers, kids, teens, parents, grandparents, and other adults—discovered the pleasures of reading together during the Library’s 36th annual Summer Reading program. From June 1 to July 31, they explored the riches of books, attended fun programs, and won prizes just for having fun reading!

This summer’s Creature Feature theme captured the imaginations of preschoolers, kids, and teens. They encountered creatures of all kinds between the covers of books and in-person at the Library’s creepy crawly programs like “Wildlife Comes to You” with the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. Upon completing the final level of the program, more than 17,000 of these sensational summer readers earned the treasured book prize and proudly displayed their “A Library Superstar Lives Here” yard signs for all to see!

Together, the entire family experienced the power of the Library’s Summer Reading program. Overall program participation increased by nearly 6 percent from last year! Plus, by actually participating alongside the Library Superstars in their lives, adults generated superstar powers of their own and became Reading Role Models. Research suggests that seeing adults engaged in reading for pleasure is one of the best ways to promote childhood literacy and help children grow into happy, productive, and literate adults.

Special thanks to our Summer Reading Program sponsors the Friends of the Public Library and the Anderson Township Library Association. Additional support was provided for the Kids Program by the H.B., E.W. and F.R. Luther Charitable Foundation, Fifth Third Bank and Narley L. Haley, co-trustees; the Kersten Fund; United Dairy Farmers; the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden; and for the Adult Program by Joseph-Beth Booksellers.

Teen Read Week Is October 18–24

Teen Read Week 2009 is October 18–24 and this year’s theme is Read Beyond Reality @ Your Library. The highlight of this year’s programming will be a visit from popular young adult author Patrick Jones, author of Cheated, Nailed, Chasing Tail Lights, and Things Change. Mr. Jones will visit with teens at the Bond Hill, Mt. Washington, Green Township, Covedale, Oakley, and Cheviot branch libraries. Throughout the month of October, teens will also be encouraged to participate in the Library’s 8th annual Teen Photography Contest. This year’s theme is “What I Love About Cincinnati.” Winners will receive a gift card courtesy of Chipotle Mexican Grill. For entry information go to teenspace.cincinnatilibrary.org/
Upcoming Used Book Sales:

Friends of the Public Library

**September**
Covedale Branch Library
4980 Glenway Avenue
Friday, September 18,
Noon–6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 19
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**October**
Clifton Cultural Arts Center
3711 Clifton Avenue
Friday, October 16,
Noon–6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 17,
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**November**
Madeira Branch Library
7200 Miami Avenue
Friday, November 13,
Noon–6:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 14,
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Information: friendsofplch1@fuse.net
or call 513-369-6035.

**Anderson Township Library Association**

**Holiday & Nearly New Used Book Sale:**
November 12-14
Anderson Branch Library
7450 State Road
Thursday, November 12,
10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Friday, November 13,
10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 14,
10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Information: (513) 369-6030.

The Friends once again participated in WestFest, grossing $776, and Library staff volunteers were on hand to talk to a lot of people and remind them of how important libraries are. The Friends sold at auction a first edition of *Moby Dick*. It was found in a box of books donated to the Friends and was in poor condition. After some conservation work it sold for $4,800. A recent used book sale took place at the Norwood Branch on July 16–17 and grossed $3,000. Helping at the sale were Norwood Branch Reference Librarian Kim Molloy and her son David.

With the success of its 29th Annual June Used Book Sale, the Anderson Township Library Association (ATLA) met a million dollar milestone! The three-day sale from June 26–28 raised more than $47,000, bring the 29-year total to more than $1 million raised to support Library service in the Anderson and Mt. Washington branch libraries. Some of the dedicated, long-time ATLA members are pictured above.
80+ Featured Authors/Illustrators: Here’s a Sample!

Jennifer Weiner made her sensational debut with The New York Times bestseller *Good in Bed. In Her Shoes* became her next bestseller and *Best Friends Forever* is her latest.


Sharon M. Draper, a professional educator / writer and five-time winner of the Coretta Scot King Literary Award, will be signing her latest books, *Sassy* and *Just Another Hero*.


Thane Maynard, Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden Executive Director, has authored 13 wildlife books including, *Hope for Animals and Their World: How Endangered Species Are Being Rescued from the Brink*.

Chris Welles Feder is author of *In My Father’s Shadow: A Daughter Remembers Orson Welles*, a classic story of a life lived in the public eye.

Anne Byrn, a national award winning newspaper and magazine food writer, is known to millions of fans for her *Cake Mix Doctor* and *Dinner Doctor* cookbooks, which she’s promoted on Good Morning America and Roker on the Road.