Meet Wicked Author Gregory Maguire

Tuesday, September 21
7:00 p.m.
Main Library, Reading Garden Lounge
In 1995, acclaimed children’s author Gregory Maguire debuted his adult novel *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* praised by John Updike in the *New Yorker* as "an amazing novel". The *Wizard of Oz* prequel spinoff took readers’ imaginations to a darker yet light-hearted side “somewhere over the rainbow.” His novel later became the basis for the smash hit Broadway musical *Wicked*. As readers became more spellbound for his modern day tales of Oz, two sequels followed. Like *Wicked*, *Son of a Witch* and *A Lion Among Men: Volume Three in the Wicked Years*, enthralled readers.

On Tuesday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m., discover how Gregory Maguire’s powerful storytelling prowess made his novels so popular. Spend the evening in the Land of Oz as he discusses his work and inspiration behind the enchanting *Wicked* series. The free discussion will take place in the Main Library’s Reading Garden Lounge. Books will be available for purchase and a signing will follow the presentation.

More About the Author: Gregory Maguire is the author of six novels for adults and more than a dozen novels for children. His adult novels, all published by HarperCollins, also include *Lost; Mirror Mirror;* and *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister*, which was filmed for ABC/Disney.

As a child Mr. Maguire was dedicated to reading and writing. He composed more than a hundred stories and novels between the ages of seven and seventeen. Later as a co-founder of the Children’s Literature New England Inc.; a founding board member of the Foundation for Children’s Books; and a board member of the National Children’s Book and Literacy Alliance, he has inspired many other writers to pursue their dreams. When not involved in advocacy for children and the arts or in writing, Maguire remembers he has three small children at home in Massachusetts and regularly visits the public library in an obsessive and even devotional way.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library, The John T. Nolan Fund, and the Library Programs Fund.
**Biggest, Busiest, Best, and, Most Importantly, Beneficial**

Earlier this year our Library ranked 7th among libraries serving populations of 500,000 or more in Hennen’s American Public Library ratings, our highest rating ever. Hennen’s top ranked public libraries are considered the best in the nation.

We were also ranked in the top 10 for collection size, 1 of only 3 public libraries to make the top 10, by the American Library Association. Ranking 10th with a collection of 9.2 million items, our Library is in the prestigious company of the Library of Congress, Harvard University, and New York Public Library.

Finally, a review of the number of items checked out from public libraries in 2009 again placed our Library in the top 10. With more than 16 million items borrowed, we ranked 10th in the nation. Of those 10, many serve areas much larger including Queens, Brooklyn, and King County.

While we always love to be among the best, biggest, and busiest in the nation, we must also remember the need for public libraries. It’s not just about how busy we are but the vital services we offer. Over the summer, the important role public libraries play in our society has been a topic of discussion on radio programs and in editorials. Research reports have also shown the unique role of public libraries and the need for our services even as more and more information is made available in digital format. Two examples:

**Public Library Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap**, a study by the Dominican University Graduate School of Library & Information Science, found that students who participated in the public library summer reading program had better reading skills at the end of the third grade and scored higher on standard tests than the students who did not participate.

**Opportunity for All**, a study from the University of Washington Information School and funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, focuses on the vital access to computers and the Internet public libraries provide. The study found that Internet access is now one of the most sought after public library services and was used by 45% of the 169 million public library visitors over the past year. More than three-quarters of those using a public library’s Internet access had Internet access at home, work, or elsewhere.

Today’s libraries are more than places to borrow books and movies. We are places to apply for jobs, to start a small business, to teach children to read, to answer your questions. We offer a place for children to stay after school and to get help with their homework. We offer computers to use free of charge for any purpose, and we offer programs that encourage reading by all ages. We’re glad the people of Cincinnati and Hamilton County are such avid library users, and we plan to keep offering an outstanding collection and terrific service to the diverse audience we serve.

Kimber L. Fender  
Executive Director

The Eilert family check out all sorts of books, DVDs, and CDs on a regular basis at the Symmes Township Branch Library, one of the busiest branches in Hamilton County.
Iwo Jima Battle Survivor
George Cordrey to Be Keynote Speaker for 56th Annual Veterans Day Commemoration

One-third of the approximately 19,000 Marines killed in action during World War II died during the Battle of Iwo Jima, an 8-square-mile island about 750 miles south of Japan. George Cordrey, a Marine Corps veteran of that bloody campaign, will present the keynote remarks for the 56th Annual Veterans Day Commemoration to be held on Thursday, November 11 at 10:45 a.m. in the Atrium of the Main Library.

Mr. Cordrey was in the Fourth Marine Division, which set new records in February 1944 on its first operation—the battle of the twin islands of Roi - Namur in the Marshall Islands. The “Fighting Fourth” was the first division to go directly into combat from the U.S. and the first to capture Japanese mandated territory.

One year later Buck Sergeant Cordrey was part of a pioneer battalion charged with getting supplies ashore and distributed on Iwo Jima. The program will also feature patriotic music performed by the Walnut Hills High School Choir, a color guard, presentation of memorial wreaths by veterans groups, lighting the Flame of Remembrance, and Taps.

"By the Banks of the Queen City" on View this Fall at Main Library

This fall visit the Cincinnati Room to see the Inland Rivers Library exhibit, "By the Banks of the Queen City". The Frederick Way photograph collection has over 8,000 photographs of riverboats, river related scenes and people. Many of these images are available on the Inland River wiki on our Virtual Library.

See the changing face of the Cincinnati riverfront. Several photographs, log books and receipts will feature a few of the multitude of riverboats that serviced the Queen City. Riverboats like the ALICE DEAN, BOSTONA #3 and BONANZA made weekly trips from Pittsburgh or Wheeling to Cincinnati in the 19th Century. Enjoy a riverboat trip into Cincinnati’s past.

Popular Library Partners with MidPoint Music Festival

Cincinnati will host hundreds of musicians from across the country for the MidPoint Music Festival, September 23-25. The Popular Library will pay tribute to Cincinnati’s rock-and-roll history and influence on the music industry with a photography exhibit of local bands and music. The exhibit will feature the work of three local photographers: John Curley, former bassist for the Cincinnati-based band “Afghan Whigs;” David Garza, who took many of the images in I Love Where the Kids are Goin’ Tonite, a photo book of local bands; and Michael Wilson, a locally based freelance photographer whose client list includes local band “Over the Rhine” and national acts including Lyle Lovett. The exhibit opens Wednesday, September 15. Look for more information at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

Bonanza Riverboat

John Curley took this photo of Henry Rollins of the band Black Flag in the 1980s at the Jockey Club in Newport.

I Love Where the Kids are Goin’ Tonite by John Curley
Knuffle Funny: The Art and Whimsy of Mo Willems on View this Fall at Main Library

After winning six Emmy Awards for his writing on PBS’s beloved “Sesame Street,” television writer and animator Mo Willems worked his whimsy at Nickelodeon and Cartoon Network. It was while working as head writer for Cartoon Network’s #1 rated show, “Codename: Kids Next Door,” that Mo began writing and drawing award-winning books for children.

“Knuffle Funny: The Art and Whimsy of Mo Willems” is on view in the Main Library’s Atrium September 8—November 14. Marvel at more than 60 black and white and color drawings created for some of his best-known picture books, including his three Caldecott Honor winning stories: Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!, Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale, and Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity. This exhibition was organized by the National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature, Abilene, TX. Five words to describe it: Stuff. Mo. Hopes. You. Enjoy.

Inside Peanuts: The Life & Art of Charles M. Schultz on View at Main Library This Holiday Season

For nearly 50 years, Charles Monroe Schulz entertained audiences from around the world with his “Peanuts” comic strip. With his endearing Peanuts characters, Schulz explored a broad range of emotions, from friendship and faith to tolerance and disappointment. “Inside Peanuts: The Life and Art of Charles M. Schulz,” on display in the Main Library’s Atrium this holiday season, celebrates the cartoonist’s extraordinary life and describes his creative process and artistic focus.

On view from November 15—January 9, this exhibition contains reproduction comic strips and preliminary sketches that follow the development of the characters who make up the unique world of Peanuts, quotes by Schulz explaining his art, and selected Peanuts collectibles from six decades. Tear sheets of comic strips by prominent cartoonists who influenced Schulz as a young artist reveal the contrast of Schulz’s drawing style to the elaborately illustrated cartoons popular during the early twentieth century. These elements create an experience for visitors that will illuminate the story behind the creation of one of the most popular and influential cartoon strips of all time.

Charlie Brown Holiday Party at the Main Library on December 4

It’s almost Christmastime again, Charlie Brown fans! To coincide with the “Inside Peanuts” exhibit on display in the Main Library’s Atrium, everyone’s invited to a Charlie Brown Holiday Party at the Main Library. Join us, Saturday, December 4, from 2:00—4:00 p.m., for holiday crafts, games, and more!

Both exhibits are sponsored by the Kersten Fund.
What's New at the Friends' Shop?

- Huge assortments of used books, CDs, and DVDs.
- Great greeting cards for all occasions.
- Friends of the Public Library merchandise.
- 2011 calendars and planners and more!

**Holiday Gift Ideas**

- Games and puzzles for all ages.
- Decorative boxes.
- Scarves and coin purses.
- Journals, paperweights, magnifying glasses, letter openers, and fun and funky desk accessories!

**Holiday Cards Exclusive**

Illustrated images from rare books in the Main Library's Cincinnati Room. Two images will be available, one from *A Christmas Carol* and the other from *The Night Before Christmas*. 8 cards per box, $10, or individual cards, $2.50 each.

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**October 17–31 Annual Friends' Members Appreciation Sale – 25% Off Entire Stock**

*Excludes selected items already marked down.*

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The Library Friends' Shop

Hours: Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Main Library — Mezzanine Level, (513) 369-6920

Make the Library Friends' Shop on the Mezzanine at the Main your first stop this fall and Holiday!
You're invited to become a Library Friends' Member. Email friendsofplch1@fuse.net or call (513) 369-6035.

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**September 17–18, at the Mariemont Branch**
3810 Pocahontas Ave. • 369-4467
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**October 15–16, at the Clifton Cultural Arts Center**
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- Friday, October 15, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 16, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
- **Members Preview Sale!** Thursday, October 14, 5:00–8:00 p.m.

**Anderson Township Library Association**

**Holiday & Nearly New Used Book Sale**
**November 11–13, at the Anderson Branch**
7450 State Rd. • 369-4573
- Thursday, November 11, 10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 13, 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Clifton Branch Library Project

In the spring of 2010, Michael L. Dever was asked by Library Trustee Bill Moran to donate the 1895 former home of George “Boss” Cox to the Library for a new Clifton Branch Library. On May 27th, Mr. Dever generously gifted the Library ownership of “Parkview Manor,” located at 3400 Brookline Avenue in Clifton, with the stipulation that it house the relocated Clifton Branch Library. Clifton area residents are very heavy users of their branch and growing demand for library services is far exceeding the capacity of the current facility. To better serve the community, the Library has been searching for a new location for a larger branch in Clifton for more than 30 years but finding an appropriate site has been difficult. This building (nearly four times larger than the current storefront facility) would allow creation of a dedicated children’s room, teen area, program space, expanded collection, meeting rooms, and a computer lab. Visit the Library’s website www.cincinnatilibrary.org/news/2010/cliftonbranchproject.html for more information about this exciting project.

Teen Read Week: Books with Beat @ Your Library

Teen Read Week 2010 is October 17–23, and this year’s theme is Books with Beat @ Your Library. Special events and programs at Library locations throughout Hamilton County will entice teens to read a variety of materials, including poetry, audiobooks, books about music, and more!

Teen Photography Contest: From October 1–31, teens are also invited to participate in the Library’s 9th annual Teen Photography Contest, sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library and Chipotle Mexican Grill. This year’s “Monster Madness” theme calls for teens to creatively capture the heart of Halloween on camera – from ghosts to vampires and every creature in between! Winners will receive a gift card courtesy of Chipotle. For entry information go to teenspace.cincinnatilibrary.org.

Read, Learn, Play During National Gaming Day @ Your Library

On Saturday, November 13, our Library system will join hundreds of other libraries to celebrate National Gaming Day @ Your Library. Your Library. This third annual event for game enthusiasts of all ages, coordinated by the American Library Association, will include national Rock Band and Super Smash Bros. Brawl video game tournaments, as well as board game tournaments and other events. Look for more information about National Gaming Day at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

Local Cookbook Author Shares Cincinnati Recipes

Meet Cheri Brinkman, author of Cincinnati & Soup: Recipes from the Queen City and Great Soup, on Saturday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m. in the Atrium of the Main Library. Brinkman blended a culinary hobby with her Queen City heritage to concoct this guide to easy, make-at-home, classic Cincinnati dishes and homemade soup. Longtime Cincinnati residents will remember Ruth Lyons' gelatin recipe and a once-popular dressing from the tea room at Pogue's Department Store that are included in the nostalgia section. There are also “tasteful” recipes for goetta, Cincinnati-style chili, and the Cincinnati slider.
Library Programs

Make the Main Library Your Pet Purrrfect Stop!

“Paws” from your busy schedule and bring your pets to the “purrfect” outing: Pet Day at the Main Library on Sunday, September 26 at 2:00 p.m. The day’s activities will include a parade for pets and their people. Representatives from local businesses and organizations will also be on hand to help Library customers choose the “purrfect” pet and give them tips about how to keep their new addition happy, healthy, and safe. For more information, call the (513) 369-6945.

Jazz of the Month Club 2010/2011

Noted area jazz artists will perform on the second Saturday of each month in the Main Library’s Atrium as part of the Jazz of the Month Club, supported by internationally known saxophonist and authority on jazz education Jamey Aebersold. This is the fifth year Mr. Aebersold has generously supported these quality jazz performances at the Library.

The concert series kicks off Saturday, September 11, at 2:00 p.m., in the Main Library Atrium with The Options Jazz Quartet. The ensemble’s members – Rusty Burge, Garin Webb, Mike Sharfe, and John Taylor – draw from both classic and modern jazz, including some of their own original compositions, to create a unique sound with powerful grooves.

The Public Library owns an extensive collection of Jamey Aebersold Play-A-Longs, which gives people the opportunity to practice their playing with accompaniment by some of the world’s greatest jazz musicians. For information, call 369-6900 or check the Library’s website at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

A Cup of Tea with Greg Mortenson: Peace through Education

The Library is partnering with Xavier University to co-sponsor a visit from bestselling author Greg Mortenson. Mortenson is the co-founder of the nonprofit Central Asia Institute (www.ikat.org), founder of Pennies For Peace (www.penniesforpeace.org), and co-author of Three Cups of Tea (www.threecupsoftea.com). This New York Times bestseller has sold more than 4 million copies and been published in 47 countries.

Mr. Mortenson’s lecture, entitled “A Cup of Tea with Greg Mortenson: Peace through Education,” will be at the Cintas Center at Xavier University on Wednesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. Books will be available for purchase, and a book-signing with the author will follow the lecture.* Information: http://www.xavier.edu/cfi/A-Cup-of-Tea-with-Greg-Mortenson-Peace-through-Education.cfm.

*The event is free but tickets are required. A limited number of tickets are available at the Main Library, Green Township and Maderia branch libraries.
Library Awarded Grant to Assist Blind and Visually Impaired

Sit down, open a book, and begin reading. This simple pleasure is an almost impossible task for the 16,000 blind or visually impaired residents of Greater Cincinnati. To help meet their needs, the Library was recently awarded a Library Services and Technology Act Special Grant for $8,325 to purchase 30 VictorReader Stream digital players.

These powerful, palm-sized digital talking book players allow users with visual disabilities to explore novels, textbooks, complex manuals, and other downloadable materials. They are compatible with many digital library collections including the National Library Services' new digital talking books and the Ohio eBook Project.

The Readers are available to visually impaired Library users to use in book clubs and to checkout through the Outreach Services Department at the Main Library. Please contact the Outreach Services Department at 513-369-6963 for details.

Early Literacy Stations Open the Door to a Lifetime of Learning

Children need six basic pre-literacy skills before entering kindergarten to succeed in the classroom, and more than one third of Ohio’s children are not prepared to succeed as learners. Our Library plays an active role in improving the reading readiness of these children with programs and services like the new Early Literacy Stations™ (ELS) for children ages 2 to 10.

These all-in-one computer learning stations for young children are loaded with educational software programs that span seven curricular areas including reading, writing, science, math, geography, music and the arts. Each software program is imaginative, intuitive, and uses sound and graphics to encourage exploration and to draw kids into a learning adventure.

The Library Foundation provided a grant of $30,000 to purchase Early Literacy Stations for the Children’s Learning Center and Homework Central at the Main Library, and the Avondale, Bond Hill, College Hill, Corryville, Covedale, Madisonville, Northside, Price Hill, Walnut Hills, and West End branch libraries. The Anderson Township Library Association provided additional funds to purchase Early Literacy Stations for the Anderson and Mt. Washington branch libraries. A bequest from Wayne W. Wilkinson was used to purchase an ELS for the Mt. Healthy Branch Library. Gifts from the Charles H. Dater Fund and the Hosbrook Fund were used to purchase Early Literacy Stations respectively for the Westwood Branch Library and the Madeira Branch Library.

Shown above, Library Foundation Chairman Allen G. Zaring IV and Foundation Secretary Tracy Tunney Ward are pictured in the Children’s Learning Center with one of the 12 Early Literacy Stations purchased with Foundation funds of $30,000.
The Library received a $161,852 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Hardware Grant that provided much-needed funds to upgrade and purchase additional computer equipment for 17 of the Library’s 40 branches.

The grant-funded computers offer several new features including sound, video, USB ports, and Microsoft Office 2007 software (Word, PowerPoint, and Excel). There are also scanners and a touch screen print release station, as well as the ability to print in color. The following branch libraries received expanded and enhanced computer equipment: Avondale, Clifton, Covedale, Corryville, Deer Park, Elmwood Place, Forest Park, Greenhills, Northside, Norwood, Pleasant Ridge, Price Hill, St. Bernard, Walnut Hills, West End, Westwood, and Wyoming.

“Our Library’s 650+ public computers are in use all day every day,” said Executive Director Kim Fender. “We are grateful to the Gates Foundation for enabling the Library to improve the quality of free computer access used by our community. This enhanced technology provides a critical resource for our customers to find important information, search and apply for jobs online, and benefit from online tools they are unable to access elsewhere.”

**Share Your Treasures – Enter the Library’s Digitization Contest!**

It’s a treasure hunt! Through October 1, the Library invites the public to enter items of regional, national, and even international importance into its 2nd Digitization Contest. Perhaps you own a diary from the Civil War period or a payroll ledger from a long-gone Cincinnati shipping company. Maybe it’s a letter from Colonial times or a 19th century tintype or document of indenture. Whatever your treasure, the Library now has the ability to help you share it with the world (with or without disclosing your identity)!

Through the process of digitization, it’s possible to make a high quality electronic image of your treasure—even very fragile items—without causing them any damage. With the addition of the Library's new large format digitization equipment, this year's entries can be expanded to include objects and larger documents such as posters and maps, as well as books. Once digitized, these collectibles can be posted on the Library’s Web site in the Virtual Library where they'll be available, for free, to the world.

Contestants need not submit original materials. Instead, download and complete a short entry form at [virtuallibrary.cincinnatilibrary.org/DigitizationContest](http://virtuallibrary.cincinnatilibrary.org/DigitizationContest). Entries must be received by October 1. A panel of judges will review the submitted entry forms and select a number of treasures that will be posted on the Virtual Library. The public will then be invited to vote for its favorites. Voting will close on October 15. The treasures receiving the top number of votes will be digitized and added to the Virtual Library for the world to see for free.

For more information, contact the Library’s Technical Services Director Jason Buydos at Jason.Buydos@CincinnatiLibrary.org or (513) 369-3193.
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 or John.Reusing@CincinnatiLibrary.org. The following gifts of $25 or more were received between April 22 and July 14, 2010.

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The Cincinnati Museum Center Natural History Museum
brought Janet, a 17-year old bat, to meet the Homework
Central Department’s Brain Camp during Amazing Animals
week. The Library Foundation received a $1,000 grant from
the Greater Cincinnati Foundation’s Summertime Kids
Volunteer Committee to help underwrite the 2010 Summer
Brain Camp at the Library. The Foundation was also awarded
a $1,000 grant from the Scripps Howard Foundation to
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On behalf of the SCORE Foundation, Dick Baker (center) presented a check for $300 to the Library for the purchase of business related books. Accepting the gift on May 18 were Information & Reference Department Manager Angela Farmer and Reference Librarian Byron Coaston.

Reference Librarian Beth Luessen leads storytime at the Groesbeck Branch on a new storytime carpet. A grant from Wal-Mart provided funds for the branch to purchase materials for its youngest patrons to use at the Library. In addition to the colorful carpet with its alphabet border, the branch purchased book displays reachable by small children, animal-shaped floor cushions, and a large activity cube for toddlers and babies. These new materials provide children with an environment that allows for the development of important skills such as hand-eye coordination, color recognition, and counting.

From left, Norwood Branch Manager Tina Riehle accepts a $100 donation toward the purchase of large print books from Eagles Ladies Auxiliary 449’s Madame Conductor Marlene E. Boehme, President Linda Allen, and Treasurer Carol Bird. This is the 20th year that the Norwood Eagles have generously supported the Library’s services to customers who depend upon its large print resources.
Janice Kagermeier in memory of The Schlaack Family’s dog Belle
Cathy Lang in memory of Barb Barloh’s dog Clancy
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Roll out the red carpet for the Library Superstars of Lights, Camera, READ! the Library’s 37th Annual Summer Reading Program! More than 34,200 summer readers played their part in making it a blockbuster success. Preschool participation increased by 24%, and teen participation increased by 49%. Thanks to the following sponsors for making this program possible. The **Friends of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County** and the **Anderson Township Library Association**, the **Kersten Fund**, **Joseph-Beth Booksellers**, the **Charles H. Dater Foundation**, K12 and **Ohio Virtual Academy**. Additional support was provided by the **Junior Woman’s Club of Wyoming Foundation**, and the **H.B., E.W., and F.R. Luther Charitable Foundation**, **Fifth Third Bank** and **Narley L. Haley, co-trustees**. Thanks to our media sponsors **WKRC Local 12** and **CW Cincinnati**. Pictured, Bruce Morris of Pleasant Ridge poses from the camera at the premiere of Lights, Camera, READ! the 2010 Summer Reading Program. During the official Kickoff Party, kids personalized a canvas-covered book for all their Summer Reading notes!

The **Anderson Township Library Association's** (ATLA) successful used book sales throughout the last two years raised the funds that allowed the Anderson Branch to purchase 23 new public computers. Each one is loaded with productivity software, including Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, and Word, as well as basic photo and video editing software. ATLA also provided funds for 9 new computers for customers to use at the Mt. Washington Branch. ATLA raised more than $50,000 additional dollars to support the Anderson and Mt. Washington branches with another successful sale in June. Pictured from left, ATLA Volunteer Laurie Jacobs, Anderson Branch Manager Katie Greifenkamp, and ATLA Volunteers Jane Young, Carol Roberto, Jeanne Sheppard, and Mary Lou Budd.
Sign Up for Your Favorite Hot Authors!

The Library has expanded its list of Hot Authors to include more than 20 new novelists including well known names such as Dan Brown, Richard Paul Evans, Charlaine Harris, Mary Morrison, Randy Wayne White, and Zane! This free service gives book lovers the opportunity to automatically receive the latest novels from more than ninety popular fiction writers.

Signing up is easy! Log on to www.cincinnatilibrary.org/spotlight/hotauthors.asp. Enter a valid Library Card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your telephone number), choose a Library location as your pick-up spot, and then select your favorite novelists from the list.

For more information about the new additions to Hot Authors at your Public Library, visit www.cincinnatilibrary.org/news/2010/hotauthors.html.

Featured Book of the Month

The 2010 Featured Book of the Month series includes a selection for readers of all ages! One fiction or nonfiction title is chosen for children, teens, and adults to read and enjoy each month. These well-written books offer broad appeal, but you may not find them on a bestseller list. They represent the seemingly overlooked literary triumphs in the Library’s collection.

August’s selection for children is The Postcard by Tony Abbot; for teens, Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer; and for adults, Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. Keep your eyes peeled for the Featured Books each month at your local Library!

Beyond Bestsellers

Only a few books reach the top of the bestseller charts, but there are many more terrific new titles available at the Library. Here are some recent favorites.

So Cold the River • Michael Koryta
The beautiful spa hotel in West Baden Springs, Indiana, haunts filmmaker Eric Shaw, who has come to film a documentary about the dying billionaire Campbell Bradford. A mysterious antique bottle of Pluto Water seems Shaw’s key to understanding the early years of Bradford’s life and the faded glory of the now-renovated resort. Hallucinations start to plague the filmmaker, allowing him glimpses of the town’s glory days, as well as the brooding, unseen evil that abides in the Indiana heartland.

Strip: A Novel • Thomas Perry
In Entertainment Weekly, Stephen King picks this as one of his six must-reads of the summer, so you know you’re in for a treat. While making a night deposit of laundered drug money, kingpin Manco Kapak is robbed. He fingers new-guy-in-town Joe Carver, dispatching hit men, whom Joe eludes. Every character is in this gangster-thriller is a gem and the plot is so twisted that the reader just hangs on for the final reveal of who’s caught and who’s not.

Twelve Rooms with a View • Theresa Rebeck
Location, location, location – it’s everything in real estate, and historic value doesn’t hurt either. A spacious Central Park apartment suddenly puts the Finns in the lap of luxury, and sister Tina is sent to squat there. The state of the apartment is as appalling as Tina’s life becomes while dealing with the demanding co-op board and resentful former tenants. Cincinnati native Rebeck gives us insight into the joys of Manhattan living and what it means to call a place home.

Need more suggestions? Contact your local Library, and our staff will be happy to assist you. You’ll also find a large collection of booklists in the “Reading Recommendations” section of our website www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/spotlight/recommendations.html.
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- Meet 100+ national, regional, and local authors
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- Visit the Books by the Banks website for the complete list of participating authors and special activities taking place throughout the day. www.booksbythebanks.org

Books by the Banks Poster Debut
Wednesday, September 1, 7:00 p.m.
Joseph-Beth Booksellers (Rookwood Pavilion in Norwood)

Acclaimed illustrators John Maggard, Ryan Ostrander, C.F. Payne, and Will Hillenbrand will discuss their work and the illustrations they created exclusively for the annual Books by the Banks posters. Since the book festival’s inauguration in 2007, the posters – now considered unique collectors’ items – have captured the essence of what Books by the Banks (BBTB) means to the community. John Maggard will also debut his 2010 BBTB poster during this event. Following the discussion, all four artists will sign posters.