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world treasure



Cover Photo: Cincinnati's Public Landing in 1848, one of the nation's leading commercial centers, captured for posterity. (Plate 2, *Daguerreotype View of Cincinnati*) **8 Plates across top:** Award winning nineteenth century masterpiece spanning two miles of Cincinnati's riverfront, captured on 8 plates by Charles Fontayne and William S. Porter, shown here with original mat, goes on public display in May 2011.

The Cincinnati Riverfront Panorama of 1848: A Window to the Past

In September 1848, Charles Fontayne and William S. Porter set up their camera on a rooftop in Newport, Kentucky and panned their camera across the Ohio River, capturing on eight separate plates a two-mile span of the nation's sixth largest city, Cincinnati. While Fontayne and Porter knew their project was an ambitious one, they could not have imagined that the Panorama would survive more than 160 years as the oldest comprehensive photograph of an American city, be revered worldwide as one of the finest examples of daguerrean photography, and form the basis for twenty-first century discoveries about nineteenth-century American life.



Camera: The first practical method of photography utilized daguerrean cameras, where images were formed directly as positives on polished silver plates. Image from the Collections of George Eastman House International Museum of Photography & Film.

Daguerreotypes

The first practical method of photography, the daguerreotype, was invented less than ten years prior to Fontayne and Porter's famous Panorama. The invention, which captured images on silver-coated metal plates, was considered a scientific wonder. Daguerreotypes were difficult and expensive to create. Cameras cost thousands of dollars. Preparing the plates and developing them required iodized and mercury fumes, as well as bright sunlight with long exposure times. Images were difficult to duplicate, making each photograph original and unique.

Daguerreotypes were far from primitive. Their level of clarity is so high many experts consider daguerreotypes to be more precise than contemporary methods of photography. However, due to the costly and complicated process, daguerreotypes were

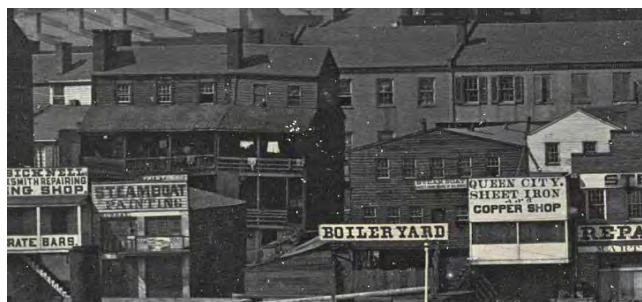
used mostly for portraits so that photographers could realize financial returns. Few left the portrait studio to photograph landscapes or street scenes. Even fewer created broad outdoor vistas with multiple plates, like the Panorama created by Fontayne and Porter.

Instead of financial returns for the Panorama, Fontayne and Porter received acclaim. The first public viewing was at the Franklin Institute's Exhibition of American Manufactures in Philadelphia in 1848, followed by the Maryland Institute's Exhibition of American Manufactures, where it took first place. In 1851, the Panorama traveled to London for display at the Crystal Palace, the first World's Fair.

Conservation and Exploration

For the next 60 years, little is known about the life of the Panorama. In the early twentieth century it was offered to the Library for display, where it hung for almost 40 years. In 1947, when the Panorama was nearly 100 years old, steamboat captain and historian Frederick Way joined Library Director Carl Vitz for the first in-depth exploration of the Panorama. A fascinating detective story emerged, http://virtuallibrary.cincinnati.org/VirtualLibrary/vl_OldRare.aspx?ResID=137. Because daguerreotypes have extraordinary clarity, Vitz and Way were able to use magnifying glasses to discover details on the Panorama invisible to the naked eye, such as churches, schools, businesses, homes, and to read the names of some of the steamboats. They provided the exact date the Panorama was taken and recognized that the Panorama was not only a rare and irreplaceable artifact, but also a window to America's past. To preserve the Panorama, Vitz removed it from public display and had the first photographic reproductions made.

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Boiler Yard: High-resolution images from a small section of Plate 3 reveal details of river life ranging from business signs to laundry hanging on the line.



Clock Tower: At 32 times magnification, digital images of Second Presbyterian Church's clock tower establish the exact time the Panorama was taken, 1:55 p.m.

Amazing Discoveries

Five years ago, the Library contracted with George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film to perform conservation work on the Panorama in hopes that it would survive another 160 years or more. Every successful treatment plan requires a thorough assessment of current condition and a way to establish a benchmark to gauge success. Fortunately the George Eastman House (GEH) conservation lab had recently acquired state-of-the-art digital microscopy equipment, specifically designed for daguerreotypes. Now the daguerreotype could be magnified many times in a search for early signs of degradation and treated accordingly.

While conservators at GEH focused on what the microscope revealed about the Panorama's condition, librarians from our Library's Genealogy & Local History Department began to investigate what the images revealed about nineteenth century life. Viewing the digital images enlarged 32 times, they uncovered details that Fontayne and Porter could not have seen from their camera location across the river in Kentucky. The librarians identified new buildings and streets, read signs, found people at work and play, even laundry hanging on the line. The Panorama had evolved from a static object to a virtual time machine.

Share the Experience: Panorama Unveiling Ceremony - Saturday, May 21

Commemorate with us the unveiling of the Library's treasured Panorama as it permanently goes on display during a special ceremony in The Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room on Saturday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m. The original Panorama will be displayed with specially-designed glass and an argon interior gas housing to protect it from deterioration.

For a closer look, experience Cincinnati's bustling riverfront life through interactive, high-definition digital images on giant touch screens. Navigate and zoom in to get a glimpse of life along the riverfront in 1848 including portraits, newspapers, advertisements, early documents, and maps. Explore history and appreciate a masterpiece like never before. The display case for the panorama and the two interactive computer displays are made possible through a federal Institute of Museum and Library Services LSTA grant awarded by the State Library of Ohio and matching funds from the Friends of the Public Library and Anne Drackett Thomas.

For more information: Go to Main Library Daguerreotype at <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/main/daguerreotype.html>

Support the Library: Purchase commemorative prints: <http://www.cincinnati.library.org/support/windowtime.html>

director's message

Proposed State Budget Once Again Reduces Library Funding



Governor Kasich introduced the Executive Budget March 15, and as expected, it includes a proposal to further reduce State funding to public libraries. The reductions total 5% resulting in a loss of an additional \$1.9 million dollars in annual State funding for our Library.

I'm sure everyone reading this message is aware of the extent of cuts public libraries have already sustained. State funding over the last decade has dropped by 30%. Over the same decade, Library use has increased by 23%. To continue operating with severely reduced funding, the Library has implemented cost savings measures including the \$1 million a year realized with the reorganization of the Main Library. We have reduced staffing and hours, doubled overdue fines, and postponed or cancelled capital projects. To further stretch our dollars, the Library has sought out additional partnerships and collaborations with government agencies, nonprofits, media outlets, and area businesses. Even with these measures we would not have been able to keep all 40 of our branch libraries open without the new tax levy funding Hamilton County residents so generously supported.

At the same time funding was rapidly declining, more and more people have been using the Library, checking out books, accessing computers, using our job support resources, and attending programs. Demand for Library services over the past 10 years has grown more than 23%.

We understand the difficult financial position of the State and appreciate the efforts to keep public library funding cuts to a minimum. While we are relieved that the proposed cut to State Library funding is not greater, we cannot absorb this additional funding loss without further reductions in Library services. If the legislature adopts a budget that incorporates these public library funding reductions, we may be forced to merge branch libraries, reduce hours or make other cuts that impact our community. We simply cannot spend money we do not have.

The introduction of the Executive Budget is only the first step in the process. Both the House and the Senate will debate and ultimately pass budget bills. As of this writing the House has not yet drafted its budget bill. We are anxiously awaiting this bill to see what is proposed for public libraries. After passage in the House, the budget bill moves to the Senate. Once both chambers have passed a budget bill, any differences between the two will be decided by a conference committee. We expect the budget to be in place by July 1 and possibly earlier.

We will be present at budget hearings making sure our legislators know how crucial State funding is to the operation of our libraries. We may call upon you to write or call to express your support for public libraries and we hope you will.

Should our State funding be further reduced, be assured that we will do everything possible to keep our services accessible, affordable and available to all Hamilton County residents. We are committed to offering the very best in Library service and will do everything possible to prevent further reductions to public library funding.

Kimber L. Fender
Executive Director

library programs

April Is National Poetry Month

Poetry in the Garden Tuesdays in April

The Poetry in the Garden series, sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library, returns to the Main Library's Reading Garden Lounge during National Poetry Month on Tuesdays April 5, 19, and 26 at 7:00 p.m. Talented poets from around the Tristate will read from their work and share their love of poetry.

Kids & Teens Enjoy Poetry at the Library

For Teens: To take part in the Library's 9th Annual Random Acts of Poetry Contest from April 1–30, teens ages 12–18 are invited to commit their "random-est" acts of poetry. They can e-mail their entries online or turn their typed or handwritten poems into any Library location for their shot at first prize: a \$25 gift card to Chipotle! It's all part of Young People's Poetry Week, sponsored by the Children's Book Council, in collaboration with the American Academy of Poets and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. Visit teenspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org for more details.

For Kids: Poetry appreciation and writing activities for kids are taking place at various branches across the Library system. Visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/programs for a complete list of poetry programs.

Suspense Author Brian Freeman at Delhi Township Branch Library on May 4



Lovers of the mystery genre and aspiring writers alike can enjoy a presentation by international bestselling suspense author Brian Freeman at the Delhi Township Branch Library on Wednesday, May

4 at 7:00 p.m. Brian's debut novel, *Immoral*, won the Macavity Award in 2005 and was a finalist for the Edgar, Dagger, Anthony, and Barry awards for best first novel. *Immoral* was also named International Book of the Month. Since then, Brian has released five more critically acclaimed psychological suspense novels, which have been published in 19 languages. His sixth novel, *The Bone House* (2011), is now available for check out at the Library. Brian is an engaging and humorous speaker who will share anecdotes about the mystery genre, the creative process, and the ups and downs of the writer's life. Don't miss this fun, inspiring look inside the world of publishing. For more information call the branch at (513) 369-6019.

Summer Reading Fun for Everyone



From June 1 through July 31, don't miss all the excitement the Library's Summer Reading Program has to offer. This year's action-packed theme, Join Team Read, promises more in store than ever before—with an unbelievable mix of great programs and prizes, made possible through the support of great partners!

Just for reading you could win a Nook Color eReader, a family 4-pack of Cincinnati Reds tickets, a family 4-pack of tickets to Coney Island, plus books and other great prizes! It's fun and it's so easy. Plus, there's a program for you—whether you're a preschooler being read to, a school-age child or teen, or adult.

Register Early: Starting April 15 you can Join Team Read by registering online at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead.

Summer Reading Kickoff Parties: You can map out your Summer Reading game plan and be part of a winning team that loves to read.

For Kids: Saturday, June 4, 2:00–4:00 p.m. at all 41 Library locations.

For Teens: During the first two weeks of June selected branches will host kickoffs.

For Adults: Wednesday, June 1, 5:00–6:30 p.m. at the Main Library



The Library's TechCenter Department Manager Christian Sheehy helps a customer with a question about downloading an ebook to her Nook.

author visit

Jeff Shaara: Renowned Author of War Novels to Speak at the Main Library on April 2

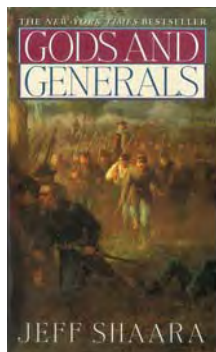


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As part of a series of programs commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War, author Jeff Shaara will discuss his bestselling war novels at the Main Library on Saturday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m. The discussion, followed by a book signing, will take place in the Reading Garden Lounge on the first floor of the Atrium.

The son of the Pulitzer Prize winning author Michael Shaara, Jeff didn't immediately follow in his father's footsteps. Instead, at age 16, Jeff operated a rare coins business, eventually becoming one of Florida's most widely known dealers. However, after his father died in 1988, Jeff sold the business and took over the management of his father's estate. Following the success of the 1993 film *Gettysburg*, based on his father's award winning novel, *The Killer Angels*, Jeff was approached about possibly continuing the story. Despite having no previous writing experience, he decided to give it a try.

In 1996, Ballantine Books published Jeff's first novel, *Gods and Generals*, the prequel to his father's great work. The novel leapt onto the *New York Times* Best Seller List, remaining there for 15 weeks. Critics nationwide praised Jeff's writing ability, and the

book was awarded the American Library Association's prestigious "Boyd Award". In February 2003, Warner Brothers released the major motion picture based on *Gods and Generals*. Since then Jeff has penned a number of *New York Times* bestselling novels documenting American wars and their most historically relevant characters. They include *The Last Full Measure* (the moving sequel to *The Killer Angels*) and several others based on historical accounts during World War I and II such as *To The Last Man*, *The Rising Tide*, *The Steel Wave* and *No Less Than Victory*. Others such as *The Glorious Cause* and *Rise to Rebellion* captured historical accounts based on the Revolutionary War as well as other U.S. conflicts.

This event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by The Friends of the Public Library and the Library Programs Fund.

Library Foundation Reception with Jeff Shaara at Noon

- Jeff Shaara's 2:00 p.m. talk is free and open to the public, but for those who would like a more personal experience with the author, The Library Foundation is hosting a special fundraising reception with the author.
- It takes place prior to his public program from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Huenefeld Tower Room (on the Main Library's 3rd floor).
- Tickets are \$100 each and include lunch, a meet and greet with the author, an autographed copy of *Gods and Generals*, as well as preferred seating in the Library's Reading Garden Lounge, where the author will be discussing his historical novels.
- Reservations are limited. Please call the Foundation Office at (513) 369-4595 or email MissyDeters@CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org for questions and reservations.
- For more information, you can also go to the foundation website at www.CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org.



Check Out the Library's Civil War Collection

The Public Library maintains an impressive collection of over 6,000 titles on the American Civil War. The Library has many historical narratives for you to check out, covering the War in general, specific campaigns/battles, biographies, as well as social aspects of the conflict, such as the role of African Americans, the contributions of women, and the life of the common soldier. Many local residents have an ancestor who served in the Civil War. The Library can help with your research using our numerous Civil War rosters, regimental histories, historical maps and personal narratives.

Civil War diary for 1863, William Harrison Knight, 5th Regiment, Ohio Infantry

author visit

Celebrate 35 Years of *Arthur* with Creator Marc Brown at the Main Library on May 7!



Marc Brown, the author and illustrator of *Arthur*, everyone's favorite aardvark, is coming to the Main Library on Saturday, May 7. He's celebrating Arthur's 35th Anniversary by spending it with the kids who made *Arthur* a worldwide phenomenon. His goal is to excite kids about writing and illustrating their own stories. During his free presentation, to take place in the Library's Reading Garden Lounge at 2:00 p.m., Marc will share with kids and their families how he writes and illustrates his stories and where his ideas and characters come from.

It all began while Marc and his three sisters were growing up near Erie, Pennsylvania. Their grandmother Thora told them wonderful stories, but Marc never dreamed he would grow up to tell stories of his own. Once his first son Tolon was born, Marc started telling him stories before he went to sleep at night. His stories were mostly about animals. One night his story was about an aardvark who hated his nose. The aardvark, of course, was named

Arthur, and that story became *Arthur's Nose*, the first book in the *Arthur Adventure* series. Now, there are more than 20 books in the series as well as another series of books based on Arthur's little sister D.W.

This event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by The Friends of the Public Library and The Library Programs Fund.

Happy Birthday Party for Arthur – Library Foundation Fundraiser!

- Prior to Marc Brown's free presentation, help us wish Arthur a Happy Birthday during a special surprise party for him in the Main Library's Huenefeld Tower Room on the 3rd floor from 12:30–1:30 p.m.
- Arthur, the costumed storybook character (from the popular PBS series), will be there to celebrate 35 years of aardvark antics. Though he's a little too "nosey" to blow out the candles on his birthday cake, Arthur's ever so cute and ever so willing to share his birthday with kids and their families.
- Tickets to Arthur's birthday party are \$25 each (or \$75 for a family of four) and include a visit and photo with Arthur, fun aardvark activities, a light lunch, and birthday cake.
- You'll also receive an autographed Arthur book while meeting author Marc Brown, and preferred seating during his talk at 2:00 p.m.
- Reservations are limited. Please call the Foundation Office at (513) 369-4595 or email MissyDeters@CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org for questions and reservations.
- For more information you can also go to the Library Foundation website at www.CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org.



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Children's Book Week Returns May 2–8: For more than 90 years, Children's Book Week has encouraged children to enjoy reading. In addition to *Arthur* author Marc Brown's visit to the Main Library on May 7, costumed characters from popular children's books such as Max, Lilly, Corduroy Bear, or Arthur will be visiting various library locations all week to join kids for storytimes and other fun activities. Visit your neighborhood branch for more information or www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/programs. Children's Book Week is sponsored by The Kersten Fund and The Friends of the Public Library.

Read About Arthur at Your Library: The Library's collection features Arthur books and much more! Marc Brown's original picture books can be found in nearly every neighborhood Library location. Our collection also boasts easy reader books, starring the cast of the "Arthur" PBS show, perfect for newly independent readers. You can also find DVDs, music CDs, and books with read along CDs.

community partners

El Día De Los Niños / De Los Libros



Travel around the world in 180 minutes at El Día De Los Niños / De Los Libros, or “Children’s Book Day”. Presented in partnership with the Kenton County Library and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission, El Día is an exciting literacy fiesta celebrating all cultures. Some highlights of the program will include:

- International Storytime in Multiple Languages
- Free Children’s Books (while supplies last)
- Zumba Instruction with Rayza Ramirez
- Indian Dance with the Cultural Centre of India
- Appearances by Storybook Characters
- Refreshments courtesy of Costco Wholesale

El Día De Los Niños / De Los Libros will take place at the Madeira Branch Library on Saturday, April 30 from 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Kenton County Public Library, The Kersten Fund, The Friends of the Public Library and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission.



We’re not foolin’ ya! Check Out Any Item & Get a Free Tree on April 1

On Friday, April 1, receive a free hickory tree seedling when you check out any item from any Library location!

Offer good at all 41 Library locations while supplies last. This free-tree giveaway is sponsored by the Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship and the Federated Garden Clubs of Cincinnati and Vicinity to encourage environmental awareness and the important role trees play in keeping our earth healthy.

Small Business Success: “SCORE” at the Library



SCORE, America's Counselors to Small Business, has once again teamed up with the Information & Reference Department of the Main Library to offer the program "Your Business—It Starts with a Plan" for new and prospective business owners. This three-part series of instructional workshops will focus on how to succeed as a small business owner and how to create a business plan to help you fund and manage your business. Classes will take place in the Genealogy & Local History Department study area on Saturdays, May 14 and 28, and June 4, from 9:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Experienced speakers from various fields in the business world will give an insider's take on selecting legal structure, marketing and financial plans, and effectively managing a small business. In addition, Library subject specialists will demonstrate how to use Library resources to support small business development. There is no charge for attending the workshops and those present receive a workbook with the highlights and notes from each session. Due to the popularity of these workshops, advance registration is required. To reserve your place, or to get additional information, call the Information & Reference Department at (513) 369-690

community partners

Start with a Story: New Partnership with Centerpoint Health



This April, the Library will partner with Centerpoint Health’s Community Outreach Prevention and Education (COPE) program to present Start with a Story. This series of free programs will bring Centerpoint’s resources together with the Library’s to provide families with practical ways to confront difficult and uncomfortable everyday situations with their loved ones.

COPE Coordinator Joan Wyler will offer useful advice and answer questions during “Start with a Story: Helping Older Adults Deal with Change” at the Madeira (Saturday, April 2, 1:00 p.m.) and Monfort Heights (Wednesday, April 6, 11:30 a.m.) branches and “Start with a Story: Bullying – What’s a Parent to do?” at the Forest Park (Monday, April 4, 6:00 p.m.), Northside (Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.), and Walnut Hills (Wednesday, April 13, 3:00 p.m.) branches. The Library’s collection offers a wide variety of resources to support families dealing with these hard-to-broach subjects. A selection of materials and a reading list will be available for attendants. Funding for COPE was made possible by Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Board.

Cincinnati Public Schools Art Exhibit on View at the Main Library

Visit the Main Library to view works by some of the city’s most talented young artists. The Cincinnati Public Schools City Wide Art Exhibition showcases artwork, including drawings, paintings, sculptures and photographs from Cincinnati Public School students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Students compete across the school district for the privilege of showing their work, which is judged by local artists and art teachers. The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Cincinnati Public Schools and will be on display in the atrium from now through April 24.

Got Homework? In-person Tutoring & Homework Chat Online Can Help!



Keith Armour, the Library's Literacy & Homework Support Manager, assists students in Homework Central.

What are the four elements of fiction? “It was raining cats and dogs” would be an example of what type of figurative language? Uncle Ned is traveling by bus from Cincinnati to San Francisco, which is about 2,450 miles. If Ned takes 4 round trips, how many miles would he travel? HELP!

Children’s homework assignments keep growing, but so do the ways the Library can help answer some of those tough questions. On site tutors provide free homework assistance in a safe, nurturing environment seven days a week in Homework Central www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/main/homeworkcentral.html, located at the Main Library. In addition, this spring free Homework Help www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/news/2010/homework.html will be available Monday–Thursday, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Avondale, Bond Hill, College Hill, Madisonville, Northside, Price Hill, Reading and Walnut Hills branch libraries.

Can’t make it to Homework Central or a branch Homework Help location? Visit our web site – we’ve got you covered. Homework Chat www.brainfuse.com/login/csl.asp?a_id=34B774E5 is a free online service with a full range of state-aligned academic skills building and live online help 7 days a week from 2:00 to 11:00 p.m. for grades 3-12. For a quick tour of Homework Chat www.brainfuse.com/tour/HomeworkHelp/brainfuse.html.

what's new online

Meet Library Foundation Executive Director Melissa H. Deters



In December 2010, the Library Foundation hired Melissa (Missy) H. Deters as its Executive Director. As the Foundation's first staff member, she will handle all administrative and fundraising duties including the Annual Fund and Endowment. Missy brings more than 25 years of fundraising experience to her new position. She also served on the

Library Foundation Board and was actively involved in the fundraising and event planning for the Library's successful levy campaign in 2009. Lifelong Cincinnati residents Missy and her husband Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters have always found the Library to be an incredible resource for their family. Currently, three of their four kids have books checked out for school projects! "The Library is such an integral and important part of our community," she said. "I'm honored to serve as the Foundation's Executive Director, and I look forward to ensuring a bright future for our Library system and the customers who depend on it."

Log onto the New Library Foundation Website



The Library Foundation's new Executive Director Missy Deters wanted to make sure "their door is always open" to everyone, so with help from the Foundation Board members she developed content for a new online website

at www.CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org (also accessible from the Library's website). Those interested in supporting the Library through the Foundation can now access ways to do so online. They can learn more about how the Library Foundation functions, what types of support it provides for the Library, as well as the latest Foundation news and special fundraising events. They can also learn about those community-minded individuals who lead and support the Foundation by volunteering their expertise and time to make it successful, which, in turn, helps the Library become more successful.

iPad App Available for Library's ebooks



Have you been anxiously waiting for the chance to download the Library's free ebooks to your iPad? We've got some great news—the OverDrive Media Console app, which is optimized for iPads, has just been released! Use the app to download thousands of bestselling ebooks and audiobooks from the Ohio eBook Project ohdbks.lib.overdrive.com/ collection to your iPad. The free app is available in the App Store itunes.apple.com/us/app/overdrive-media-console/id366869252, and can be installed on Apple devices running iOS v4.0 (or newer). More information is available at www.cincinnati.library.org/news/2011/ipadapp.html

Library's eBooks Collection Is Ever Growing!

Our collection of downloadable ebooks includes thousands of bestselling titles. Available 24/7! No late fees! Find something for all tastes from the classics and popular fiction, to romance and Sci-Fi. Some of the latest fiction titles recently added include *The Weird Sisters* by Eleanor Brown and *Torment* by Lauren Kate. Nonfiction titles, such as *The Grand Design* by Stephen Hawking, as well as other best sellers are also continually being added, from history and biographies to self-improvement and career guides.

what's new online

Free Online Classes at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org



The Library now offers more than 500 free online continuing education classes through UniversalClass™, the newest addition to the extensive services on its website. These self-paced, non-credit personal and professional development classes are led by real instructors who give users continuous feedback on their progress.

Class topics include:

- Computer Basics 101
- Interview Skills 101
- How to Prepare, Stage, and Sell Your Home
- Photoshop Elements 101
- Investing 101
- MS Office 2007: Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook
- Dog Training All-In-One: Beginner to Advanced Techniques
- Introducing to Gardening
- How to Write a Business Plan
- Guitar: Learn to Play
- Clutter Control
- Aromatherapy 101
- Spanish Cooking
- & More!

Free access to UniversalClass™ is available 24/7
cincinnatihamiltonoh.universalclass.com/register.htm.
Customers need a Library Card, which is free for all residents of Ohio as well as residents of Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties in Kentucky with a valid library card from their local library. You will need to create an account and have a valid e-mail address to sign up for courses. For more information about how to use UniversalClass™ visit www.cincinnatiLibrary.org/news/2011/universalclass.html.

Mobile Website Now Live



Have a mobile device? Try out our new mobile site, designed to make the library website a more satisfying experience for our customers with smartphones and other mobile devices! This site, m.cincinnatiLibrary.org, is easy to use. It was designed for viewing on the small screens of mobile devices and provides access to the resources and services most useful to on-the-go Library users. You can search a mobile-optimized version of the catalog, work

with your account to place holds, renew items checked out, review items on hold, and view fines & fees, as well as find branch locations and hours, and download ebooks.

Apps - Many of the companies that support downloadable books and databases in our collection have begun offering apps. Here are just a few:

Overdrive Media Console - Download EPUB ebooks and MP3 audiobooks from the Ohio eBook Project to your iPhone, iPad, BlackBerry, Android, or Windows Mobile device at www.overdrive.com/software/omc/.

AccessMyLibrary - Gain unlimited access to the Library's entire collection of Gale databases, including the Literature Resource Center, Health & Wellness Resource Center, Opposing Viewpoints in Context, Kids InfoBits, Books & Authors, U.S. History in Context, and the Gale Virtual Reference Library at <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/accessmylibrary/id342518632?mt=8>.



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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 Melissa H. Deters, Executive Director Library Foundation, at (513) 369-4595. The following gifts of \$25 or more were received between December 13, 2010, and February 14, 2011. For more information about donating to your Library Foundation, visit our website at www.cincinnati.libraryfoundation.org.



The Swedes in Cincinnati, a non-profit organization, recently donated a selection of popular fiction and children's books written in Swedish to the Library's collection. Pictured, from left, are Children's Learning Center Manager Lisa Hamrick, Popular Library Manager David Siders, Swedes in Cincinnati Membership Officer Åsa Durtsche and President Lena Schwarz.

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