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Library Welcomes New Board Member

It is a pleasure to announce that the Hamilton County Commissioners have appointed Barbara W. Trauth as Trustee to fill the vacancy on the Library Board. A graduate of Edscock College, Xavier University, with a B.A. in Fine Art, Ms. Trauth is also an alumna of the Academy of Cincinnati and currently serves on the Edscock Alumni Board of Xavier University.

Her career in the visual arts has included work in the field of commercial art as a designer for Gibson Cards and later for the Lazarus Art Department. Ms. Trauth also served as a freelance fashion designer for eight years for both the Cincinnati Enquirer and also The Cincinnati Post before turning her focus to creating her own fine art.

Ms. Trauth’s artwork has been exhibited widely, including at the Cincinnati Art Museum, Xavier University, Carnegie Art Education and the Art Academy of Cincinnati. She has also been on view at Summer Fair, the Cincinnati Flower Show, Dan Gallery, Over-the-Rhine Gallery, St. Ursula Academy, and Summit Showcase of the Arts, among others. She has received many commissions from area churches, corporate and private collectors for sculptures, paintings, and children’s books. Ms. Trauth is a resident of Hyde Park.

PNC Foundation Awards Library Early Childhood Financial Literacy Grant

The PNC Foundation recently awarded the Library and United Way of Greater Cincinnati a $200,000 grant to teach area children lessons in spending, sharing, and saving while equipping parents to reinforce lessons at home.

For Me, For You, For Later is a series of programs that will take place over the next two years to provide a foundation of financial education to preschool-aged children and their parents. Using content developed by the Sesame Workshop, the preschool clinics will incorporate books, video clips, and activities that introduce basic money concepts through everyday learning experiences.

Beginning in January, all 41 Library locations will utilize the resources to present at least one preschool storytime per quarter through the remainder of the two-year grant period. Additionally, evening programs for parents and caregivers at Library and other community partner locations will help adults share experiences with their children that develop the basic concepts and skills needed to become financially responsible adults.

The grant is part of the PNC Grow Up Great Financial Education Initiative, with instruction based on the lessons included in the For Me, For You, For Later: First Steps to Saving. Sharing and Saving™ multimedia bilingual financial education activity kit that Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization behind Sesame Street™, created for PNC.

Library Use Reaches All-Time High in 2011

In January of 2011 we announced that the Library had developed a new Strategic Plan. For the past year we have been working toward the five goals of that new plan and the results have been amazing. Library use is at an all time high, nearly surpassing all of 2010 by the end of November. Program attendance has already surpassed 2010’s with more than 400,000 people of all ages attending a Library workshop, class or program. The number of visits to the Library also surpassed 2010 with nearly 7 million Library visits through November.

Use of the Library’s digital content, books and music that can be downloaded, has seen huge growth in 2011 increasing by a whopping 522%.

These increases in use can be directly attributed to changes made as part of our Strategic Plan. We heard that our cardholders wanted more access to new titles so we changed what we buy to meet this demand. We expected to see demand for digital content grow as more and more of our cardholders bought e-readers, so we significantly increased our purchasing of digital titles, added downloadable music to our offerings, and offered classes to help everyone learn how to use their e-readers. We expect this trend to continue in 2012, especially with the Kindle that is now compatible with our digital books.

Among the most exciting changes we made in 2011 were the changes to the Library Card Policy. Driven by our goals to “Excel in customer service” and to “Become the first choice for information,” these changes have revolutionized the way cardholders use our Library.

We’re continuing to digitize items in our collection as well as adding to our Digital Services Department’s capabilities with equipment to convert microform to digital. The equipment for this most recent expansion was purchased with a Library Services and Technology Act Grant.

One of the biggest accomplishments of 2011 is the display of the Cincinnati Panorama of 1848. Out of public sight for more than 60 years, the panorama is now on display in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room with a touch screen to zoom in for a close up look at Cincinnati in 1848. Can’t visit the Library?

Take a look at the panorama through our website at 1848CincinnatiLibrary.org.

Under the goal of supporting literacy and lifelong learning we received funding from the PNC Foundation for a financial literacy program for preschool children. Thanks to the generosity of PNC, nearly 3,000 children as well as parents and caregivers will learn how to spend, share and save their money over the next two years.

This is complemented by the expansion of branch homework centers to eight locations and the addition of the Adult Learning Center during morning hours at the Main Library’s Homework Central. Just started in October, the adult learners have taken literacy lessons, received online job application assistance, practiced conversational English, prepared for the GED, learned how to use Microsoft Word, and used our exam proctoring service.

Under our goal to make all Library facilities accessible to all, we began construction to make the Pleasant Ridge Branch Library handicap accessible. This project is nearing completion and we expect to hold a grand opening in January. The financial support and strong advocacy of the Pleasant Ridge Community Council Library Committee played a crucial role in the completion of this improvement.

Under the goal of achieving financial security and in response to more funding cuts hitting the Library in the second half of 2011 and all of 2012, we’ve taken a look at our operations and made some significant changes to reduce our operating expenses long-term. These and the many other improvements we’ve made have moved us toward our strategic goals and resulted in record levels of use. But perhaps more importantly, our customer satisfaction surveys show that our cardholders are extremely pleased with the improvements.

We’ve done this year—all to keep providing our community with the best possible Library service. Keep watching for more improvements in 2012 and keep using your public library.

Kimber L. Fender
Executive Director

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Homework Central’s 5,000th customer!

On December 16, staff in the Main Library’s Homework Central department welcomed their 5,000th customer, Bladimir Roblero. Combined with the help offered in branch libraries, the Library has provided homework assistance for more than 8,000 students this year.

Pictured with Bladimir, center, and his friends in Homework Central is Greg Edwards, Assistant Director-Library Services. After school homework help is also available at the Avondale, Bond Hill, College Hill, Northside, Price Hill, Reading, Walnut Hills, and West End branch libraries.

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“Green Machine” Makes Sorting Simple

Each day, the Library processes more than 14,000 books, DVDs, music CDs, and other materials for our customers to enjoy. By hand, it took us nearly 16 hours to sort these items. That was then. This is now. In early December, we welcomed a new staff member, an automated sorter. Green in color and functionality, we dubbed it “The Green Machine.”

“The Green Machine” allows us to get returned items and holds on the shelf in 8 hours—half the time it took to do so by hand. It sorts approximately 2,100 items an hour, allowing us to turn around 14,000 items in a single day. As the first Ohio library of its size to employ this automated sorting and distribution solution, your Library is proving it’s dedicated to providing outstanding and timely service that meets the needs of today’s customers.

“The Green Machine” allows us to get Library materials on the shelves faster and more efficiently than ever before.

As we move into a second decade of sharing one book together as a community, we invite you to:

READ the selected book, The Submission, by Amy Waldman. Copies are available at your local Library.

REFLECT on how 9/11 has changed your thoughts and impacted our community.

RELATE through book discussions, programs, a community art project, and author visits (schedule at right).

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The University of Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Art Museum, the Mercantile Library, the College of Mt. St. Joseph, the Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, BRIDGES for a Just Community, Cincinnati Metro, and the Friends of the Public Library. Media partners: 91.7 WVXU, The Enquirer and Cincinnati.com.

Visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SamePage for a complete list of programs, book discussions, discussion questions and more.

MEET AMY WALDMAN, AUTHOR OF THE SUBMISSION

• Sunday, March 4, 2:00 p.m., Main Library, Reading Garden Lounge
• Sunday, March 4, 6:00 p.m., Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Rookwood Pavilion
• Monday, March 5, 12:00 p.m., The Mercantile Library—Registration required
• Monday, March 5, 7:00 p.m., University of Cincinnati, Tangeman University Center

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BOOK SUMMARY

The Submission explores how 9/11 has challenged our personal convictions and changed the public debate on what it means to be American. A jury charged with choosing the design for a memorial to those who died in the World Trade Center attack selects an anonymous winning design; only to discover that its creator is an American Muslim. Deeply conflicted, they can imagine what a firestorm of controversy their choice will cause.

The story is told through the eyes of characters on all sides of the controversy, including a 9/11 widow (the jury member who most passionately supports the winning design), outraged protesters representing the families of the victims, the widow of an illegal immigrant killed in the attack, and the winning designer himself, the assimilated son of immigrant parents who has never thought much about his Muslim heritage until he becomes the symbol of his religion and the focus of the controversy.

ON THE SAME PAGE ART PROJECT

Pick up a paper tile at your nearest Library location any time during February and March and fill it with your original artwork, photography, or word art as your response to this year’s On the Same Page book. Submissions will become part of a community art display at all Library locations.

MORE ONLINE

To see “The Green Machine” in action, find us on YouTube!

LSTA Grant to Create Joint Conservation Lab with UC Libraries

The State Library of Ohio awarded the Library an $810,012 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to help fund a joint Conservation Lab with the University of Cincinnati Libraries. The grant will allow for the preservation and protection of rare and heavily used materials.

The Public Library and UC Libraries will jointly manage and equip the expanded Conservation Lab housed in UC’s Walter C. Langsam Library, allowing the organizations to pool their resources to conserve materials, train staff, and seek innovative and collaborative solutions to address their preservation needs.

In addition to preserving materials from each institution’s collection, the Conservation Lab will provide consultation and conservation treatments to other organizations that lack the ability to operate their own lab.

New Adult Learning Center at Main Library

Fred visits the new Adult Learning Center at the Main Library to get help reading and responding to letters he receives from a loved one every week. And every week, a Library staff member sits with him, one-on-one, to help him strengthen his literacy skills while he strengthens his relationship with that loved one through the written word.

Fred is just one of the customers staff members regularly assisted in the center. Other adults make use of the center to prepare for the GED test, apply for jobs online, sharpen their English-speaking skills, and more. During hours when students are busy in school, the Library uses the Homework Central Department’s space to offer adults these beneficial services.

The Adult Learning Center is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., offering personal assistance in a quiet, relaxed space. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call (513) 369-3121.
Phelps (Catfish) and his sister Brenda, living in several Cincinnati neighborhoods including Over-the-Rhine, West End, and Walnut Hills. When the family moved to Evanston, he served three years including a stint in Korea. Using the G.I. Bill, he enrolled at the University of Cincinnati in 1957 and became a member of the basketball team (the same team Oscar Robertson played on that went to the NCAA Final Four in 1959 and 1960).

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Follow the Lives and Lineage of Three Cincinnati Families Who Made a Difference

During Black History Month in February, “Who Do We Know We Are” explores the lives of three African Americans who made significant contributions to Cincinnati and beyond. They grew up in different decades, neighborhoods, and pursued different careers—politics, education, and music. The series, hosted at the Main Library, will also explore their ancestors outside of Ohio.

William Mallory—February 4, 2:00 p.m.

Mallory was born and raised in the West End, where he attended Bloom Junior High School. In addition to an interest in politics, he enjoyed sports, including softball and track, and held the record at Bloom for the broad jump. As a young man, he worked at a variety of jobs, such as selling newspapers in front of City Hall and unloading freight cars. He was also a bus boy, a janitor, an amanuensis, a camp counselor, a porter and a bowling alley attendant.

Mallory was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1966 and served for 28 years in the Ohio legislature. In 1974 he won election as Majority Floor Leader, the first African American to serve in that role. When he retired in 1994, he was the longest serving majority leader in the history of Ohio.

Dr. John Bryant—February 11, 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Bryant grew up in Walnut Hills, and upon graduating from Withrow High School in 1954, enlisted in the US Army, where he served three years including a stint in Korea. Using the G.I. Bill, he enrolled at the University of Cincinnati in 1957 and became a member of the basketball team (the same team Oscar Robertson played on that went to the NCAA Final Four in 1959 and 1960).

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Bootsy Collins—February 25, 2:00 p.m.

Bootsy Collins grew up with his brother’s band as a bass player and became part of the house band at King Records, that was also located in Evanston.

Rising to national prominence with James Brown in the late 1960s, and with Parliament-Funkadelic in the ‘70s, Bootsy’s driving bass guitar and humorous persona were a major influence on funk and hip-hop. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Recently, he started the Bootsy Collins Foundation to provide more music education opportunities to youth.

TechCenter Offers Free Workshops

Interested in sharpening up your computer skills or learning some new ones? The Main Library’s TechCenter offers nearly 30 programs every month that cover computer and Internet basics, word processing, social networking, web design, and much more.

New schedule in 2012! Beginning in January, the TechCenter will offer its line up of workshops on Saturday mornings and afternoons, as well as Wednesday evenings, to accommodate the schedules of customers who work during the weekdays. Visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/main/techcenter.html for descriptions and the complete schedule of workshops.

Learn How to Download eBooks to Your eReader

Did you get an e-reader over the holidays? Learn how to use the Library’s downloadable collection to borrow eBooks for free! Many Library locations will host presentations in January and February to teach you how to use your home computer to search, borrow, and download free eBooks from our website.

Visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/news/2012/downloadablesdisclasses.html for a complete list of “Introduction to eBook” workshops at your Public Library.

New Downloadables Website

To better respond to the needs of our cardholders, the Library has established its own individual contract with Overdrive, the company that supports the Ohio eBook Project. What does this mean for you? The Library’s entire collection of downloadable e-books and audiobooks is now available to our customers through a brand new website! Features of this new site include:

• 21 day loan periods
• Rotating slideshows that spotlight new additions to the collection
• A collection of browser-based Disney books (no need to download!)
• More user-friendly borrowing options
• Easily accessible help pages

To see our new downloadables page, visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.lib.overdrive.com and start downloading!
RIVER STILL RISING

COMMENORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1937 FLOOD

From Point Pleasant, West Virginia to Cairo, Illinois, the newspaper headlines of January 1937 confirmed everyone’s worst fears: RIVER STILL RISING. Fueled by torrential rains, the Ohio River and its tributaries ravaged towns and cities along their banks. With a death toll of more than 350, one million more left homeless and damages estimated at $500 million, this disaster ranks as one of the worst in Ohio River history. This January, the Library commemorates the 75th anniversary of the flood with an exhibit, author visits, oral histories, and more.

1937 FLOOD: RIVER STILL RISING EXHIBIT ON VIEW AT THE MAIN LIBRARY JANUARY 14-APRIL 26

This moving exhibit, on view in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room from January 14-April 26, brings to life the local impact of one of the twentieth century’s great disasters through historical records, newspapers, letters, diaries, maps and photographs.

FLOOD REMEMBRANCE DAY

Experience Cincinnati’s worst natural disaster through a series of programs as we remember the 1937 Flood at the Main Library on Saturday, January 28.

Cincinnati’s Great Disaster, 11:00 a.m.

The 1937 Flood, presented by Betty Ann Smiddy, recipient of the outstanding achievement award in local history from both the Ohio Historical Society and the Hamilton County Recorder’s Office. Ms. Smiddy received a key to the city in recognition of her volunteer activities and was also named a “Woman of the Year” by the Cincinnati Enquirer. Royalties from her book Cincinnati’s Great Disasters have been donated to the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Foundation.

1937 Flood: River Still Rising exhibit tour, 12:00 p.m.

Tour will take place in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room.

Scrapbooking the Flood 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Adults: Have a scrapbook from the 1937 flood? Bring it to the Main Library to be scanned and added to the Library’s website. Join others in room 3A to share memories or stories passed down.

Teens: The TeenSpot will offer scrapbooking and provide scrapbook tools, supplies, and reproductions of flood images. Teens are invited to bring photos, newspaper clippings, ticket stubs, and other momentos from their lives to create scrapbook pages that tell their unique story. They can also take a self-guided scavenger hunt to find little known facts about the flood.

Share Your Flood Photos 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Bring personal flood photographs to be scanned and added to the Library’s 1937 Flood website during Flood Remembrance Day. (no newspaper photos, please). Drop off photographs to the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room and attend a program or view the exhibit while pictures are scanned. Photographs will be returned the same day. Please contact Katrina Marshall at (513) 369-4592 with any questions.

ORAL HISTORIES OF THE FLOOD—BE PART OF CINCINNATI’S HISTORY

During the month of January, the Library is collecting oral histories about the 1937 flood. If you experienced the flood first hand, contact Brian Powers at (513) 369-6907 to schedule a 5-10 minute video interview and for parking information. The interview will be posted on the Library’s website.

The Library will also conduct walk-in interviews during Flood Remembrance Day on Saturday, January 28 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Nolan Room on the 3rd floor. No appointment is required.

EXPLORE LIBRARY RESOURCES ABOUT THE FLOOD

Library’s Newspaper Index, Newsdex

From the story of Mrs. Catherine Mitchell of Newtown, who gave her last 38 cents to buy milk for flood survivors, to the coverage of the huge fire that was responsible for an estimated $1.5 million in damages, these articles bring to life Cincinnati’s greatest disaster. Photographs, such as water cascading over the Beechmont levee or sandbags stacked in a futile effort to save the Water Works on Eastern Avenue, also provide a visual perspective of the far reaching impact of the flood. Research newspaper articles and photographs about the flood at www.Newsdex.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

Virtual Library 1937 Flood Digital Exhibit

To see fascinating photographs, diary entries, and letters showing the flood's impact submitted by area residents for our annual Treasure Hunt contest, visit VirtualLibrary.CincinnatiLibrary.org/VirtualLibrary.

To arrange a tour, please call (513) 369-6905. For more information, visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.
**A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910–1965**

Upcoming Programs

**LIBRARY DRAWING CONTEST: FOR TEENS ONLY**

All programs will take place in the Main Library’s Reading Garden Lounge and are sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library.

- **Sunday, January 15, 2:00 p.m.**
  University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music Preparatory Department will present a concert to celebrate the exhibit opening.

- **Sunday, January 29, 2:00 p.m.**
  The Cincinnati Klezmer Project will perform Eastern European Klezmer, Jewish and Yiddish music.

**Friday, February 3 & 10, Noon**

Join pianist Della Enns for a lunchtime concert of music by the composers featured in the exhibit.

- **Saturday, February 18, 2:00 p.m.**
  Samba Jazz Syndicate will perform a combination of jazz standards and Brazilian music.

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All sales benefit the Friends of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County’s mission to support the Library’s special programs and projects for the community.

January: Winter Warehouse Sale 8456 Vine Street (Hartwell)

Members Only Preview Sale: Wednesday, January 11, 5:00–8:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 12, 10:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Friday-Sunday, January 13 & 14, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 15, 12:00–5:00 p.m.

March: Sale Benefiting the Clifton Branch Library Renovation
Clifton Cultural Arts Center, 3711 Clifton Avenue
Thursday, March 15, 12:00–8:00 p.m.
Friday, March 16, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 17, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Spotlight on a Friend of the Public Library

Ask Rob Monteserin what he considers a “dream job,” and he’ll tell you, he’s got it. As Volunteer Manager for the Friends of the Public Library, he combines his love of books with the pleasure of working with volunteers.

“Our volunteers are interesting, friendly, and we have fun while we get the job done,” he said. “We share a common interest—reading—and a common goal—sharing our love of books with others.”

Each year, Rob works with nearly 500 volunteers who donate more than 10,000 hours of their time to prepare and sell thousands of used books and audiovisual materials at the Friends’ many sales throughout the year.

Their work generates funds that are used to help fund the special projects and programs at the Library that the community depends on, including the annual Summer Reading Program.

“Without volunteers,” Rob added, “our important work supporting our community’s libraries would be impossible.”

For more information about volunteering with the Friends, email friendsofplchvolunteer@fuse.net or call the warehouse at (513) 369-6035.

Friends’ Shop: A Unique Downtown Shopping Experience

Tired of the usual “chain store” selection? The Friends’ Shop offers one of the most unique shopping experiences in the Tristate. Part boutique, part bookstore...there’s something for treasure seeker and avid reader alike. Jewelry from the distinctive to the playful, fun yet functional ways to dress up your desk, special gifts for special occasions, gently used books geared to your interests. Take a look inside the pocketbook, greeting cards that say “I care,” toys and games for the kid in all of us, logo accessories for Library lovers. Pictured is an ever-changing selection that never gets monotonous. All affordably priced!

Featured items from the shop (pictured at left):
Wild Woolies Felt Birdhouses: Made in Nepal by skilled artisans from sustainable harvested, naturally water repellant sheep’s wool with braided hemp hanging cord and bamboo perch. For wrens, chickadees, blue birds and other small birds. $19.99
Realistic hanging bird ornaments: Cardinal, wren, purple martin, hummingbird, tufted titmouse, painting, burnishing, and many others. $9.99
Tiffany magnets by Metropolitan Museum of Art:
Six Tiffany stained glass images, $20 per set

Annual Fund Raises $94k

To date, more than 375 donors have contributed over $94,000 to the Library Foundation’s Annual Fund Campaign! These groups are critical to fostering future innovative programs and services at your Public Library, as tax dollars cannot be used to fund those intangible assets our community depends on. Thank you to all of our donors for passing the torch of knowledge onto future generations of library customers!

Donations can be easily made at www.CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org. Please consider making a gift to the Library Foundation!

Thank you...

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 essential library services and the availability of the widest possible range of informational resources for all ages. For inquiries regarding contributions, please contact Melissa H. Delers, Library Foundation Executive Director, at (513) 369-4559.

The following gifts of $25 or more were received between July 5, 2011, and October 31, 2011. For more information about donating to your Library Foundation, visit our website at www.CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org.

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We would like to thank the MLK Coalition for providing us with the following information on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day:

The MLK Coalition is a core partner of the MLK Day of Service, an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service, MLK Day of Service (2005).

Each year, the nationwide MLK Day of Service celebrates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with day-long service projects that help reduce poverty, boost healthy communities and restore hope to the nation.

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For a complete list of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day programs at your local Library, visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/programs.

MLK Coalition Library Executive Director Kim Fender accepts a $1,000 donation from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition. Pictured are, from front row, from left: Roy Goosbee, Nina Jackson, Cheryl Meadows, Kim Fender, Edith Thrower, Christina Brown, Sha-Ron Wilson, and Louise Lawvere; second row, from left: Dan Griffith, Robin Lee, Ericka King-Betts, Karen Daboh, Nancy Savage, Fulton Jefferson, Jr. This January, the Library will honor the life and the dream of America’s greatest champion of racial justice, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Locations throughout Hamilton County will celebrate MLK Day with art, music, stories, songs, and more! For a complete list of Martin Luther King Jr. Day programs at your local Library, visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/programs.

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Erik Larson Part of 2012 Author Series

Visit the Library to meet some of your favorite authors and hear about their life and work. Highlights of the 2012 Author Series include:

Mark Curnutte: Sunday, January 22 at 2:00 p.m.—Cincinnati Enquirer reporter Mark Curnutte will share the stories from his time in Haiti and discuss his book, A Promise in Haiti: A Reporter’s Note on Families and Daily Lives.

Amy Waldman: Sunday, March 4 at 2:00 p.m.—Author of the 2012 On The Same Page selection, The Submission, will discuss her book.

Erik Larson: Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m.—Bestselling author of In the Garden of Beasts and The Devil in the White City will discuss his life and work.

All author appearances take place at the Main Library. Presentations will be followed by a book signing and books will be available for sale, courtesy of Joseph-Beth Booksellers.

For more information about these and other author appearances, visit our website at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/spotlight/authorseries.html

The 2012 Author Series is made possible by the Friends of the Public Library and the Library Programs Fund.

Westwood Branch to Host Cincinnati Symphony String Quartet

Visit the Westwood Branch Library on Saturday, January 21 at 2:00 p.m. for a fun-filled classical music experience for the entire family, performed by a string quartet comprised of members of the Cincinnati Symphony and Pops Orchestras.

This concert is part of a quarterly series of family classical music events with the Cincinnati Symphony and Pops Orchestras, so be sure to check our program calendar at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/programs for dates and locations of future performances.

Sponsored by the Valerio Family Fund. Artists and programs are subject to change.

St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

Join us for the 30th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration of Song and Dance, sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library, on Friday, March 16, at 11:45 a.m., in the Main Library’s Reading Garden Lounge. Featuring music with Foley Road and a special performance by the McGing Irish Dancers, this tribute to Irish heritage is family-friendly and fun!

Reserved seating is available for Friends of the Public Library members. Please call (513) 369-6035 to reserve your seat.