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Library Working with Area Organizations to Launch Early Grade Level Reading Campaign

Recent reports have shown that across the United States many children are not reading at grade level by the third grade. Why does this matter? Until the third grade, children are learning to read. From the third grade on, children must read to learn. A child not reading adequately by third grade begins to fall behind in all areas of learning—not just reading. These children are far less likely to graduate on time, if they graduate at all. In fact, 74% of children who are not reading at grade level by the end of third grade will not catch up in time to graduate with their class and are four times more likely to drop out of school. They cannot attain the same level of learning as their peers. So much depends on learning to read!

In late 2011 the Library gathered data from public schools across Hamilton County and mapped those schools to our branches. We found that the percentage of children reading at grade level by the third grade at these schools ranged from 46% to 98%, and in the communities served by nearly half of our branch libraries, fewer than 80% of the children are reading at grade level by the third grade.

The Library is working with some 70 organizations, including the Strive Partnership, to launch a multi-year, multi-faceted campaign to improve third grade reading success in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. The Early Grade Level Reading Campaign will focus on three factors that impact grade level reading: attendance, kindergarten readiness, and summer learning.

To support this project, first we urge parents and other adults to make sure children attend school regularly. Again, the data shows that a student absent from school 10% or more of the time is far less likely to be reading at grade level by the third grade.

Next, our current programs to help prepare children for kindergarten must be expanded to reach all children. When children start kindergarten lacking the pre-literacy skills needed to succeed, data show that they never catch up to their peers. Two key factors in kindergarten readiness are access to quality preschool education and home visitations. Children in quality early learning programs earn $20,000 more per year as adults and save the state $19,000 per year in remediation and criminal justice costs.

Finally, we must stop summer learning loss. During summer vacation, children who do not participate in summer learning school ready to learn. Our Early Learning Express teaches urban in-home childcare providers how to incorporate reading skills into their activities to help the children in their care. The State Library of Ohio named this an Exemplary LSTA Grant Project.

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World’s Largest RED Card Dance Party at Fountain Square

One for the record books! Join us and Local 12’s Bob Herzog as he leads the first ever World’s Largest RED Card Dance Party. Sign up for a library card from the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County. Or, if you already have one, bring it to Fountain Square at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, May 21. Be part of the fun—a world record of the most people holding up library RED cards in one spot. We’re inviting as many people as we can to come to the square with their RED Library cards and show their support for one of the best libraries in the country. We’ll have fun games, prizes, and guest appearances with Library mascots and costumed characters from various community organizations. It all happens for FREE at noon! Don’t miss your chance to be in the record books!

Cheviot Branch Marks 50th Anniversary

The Cheviot Branch will celebrate a half-century of service to the community in April! Library staff will officially mark the branch’s 50th birthday at an Anniversary Open House on Saturday, April 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Join in on an afternoon of fun for the entire family—complete with birthday cake!
My Cincinnati House

After the success of the first two presentations, our 2012 Cincinnati House series continues! Every other month, the owner of a beautiful house in the Cincinnati area will present a history of his or her house. Join us for the following presentations which will take place at the Main Library on the third floor in the Genealogy & Local History program space. For more information, contact the Genealogy & Local History Department at (513) 369-6905.

Modernist Frank Lloyd Wright house in Clifton, Saturday, May 12, 3:00 p.m.

Janet Groebel & Chuck Lohre live in the Boulter House, designed by modernist architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

“Our house was designed near the end of Wright’s life (1868-1959). The house is a unique, two-story, south-facing Usonian. The term Usonian was coined from Wright’s vision of suburbia in the United States, offering well-designed homes for ordinary people.

The house was built in 1956 for two Classics professors at the University of Cincinnati, Cedric and Patricia Boulter. Patricia’s parents had earlier commissioned the Neil’s House in Minnesota, and Wright promised to design a home for her when she married.”

Matthew McWilliams House in Riverside, Saturday, July 14, 2:00 p.m.

Dave Zelman lives in a Greek revival temple-form house from the 1840s.

“The Matthew McWilliams house is a survivor of the period when Cincinnati was growing faster than any other city in the US. With this growth came unprecedented prosperity, and a generation of Americans that could take advantage of what the industrial revolution had to offer. My Cincinnati house was one of a number of riverfront estates built by military officers, land speculators, and captains of industry. They built these homes to impress, to socialize, and to experiment with their agricultural pursuits. Time passed, and many of these homes were lost or forgotten. Today, our home is a comfortable place for family and friends. As the steward of one of Cincinnati’s antebellum survivors, I look forward to sharing the story of my Cincinnati house.”

EXPLORING THE CENSUS

On Saturday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m., Patricia Van Skak, Manager of the Genealogy & Local History Department, will present an introduction to the newly released census, “The 1940 Census Is Here! Techniques for Achieving Top Search Results.” The program will be held in the Genealogy & Local History program space on the third floor of the Main Library. For more information, contact the Genealogy & Local History Department at (513) 369-6905.

1940 Census

Records at the Library in April

On April 2, the National Archives and Records Administration releases the long awaited 1940 census. Due to the personal information on the census schedules, federal law requires that they be locked from public view for 72 years. The census is a key resource for family historians and often provides clues to other records. Digital copies of the 1940 census will also be available. In addition, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Public Library and the Library Foundation, the Library will be one of the few repositories in the nation that offers microfilm copies of the Ohio records.

Renowned Author, Historian Erik Larson to visit Main Library

Erik Larson, author of three New York Times bestsellers, will be at the Main Library on Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss his work in the Atrium’s Reading Garden Lounge. His book, The Devil in the White City, won an Edgar Award for nonfiction crime writing and was a finalist for a National Book Award. His latest book, In the Garden of Beasts, published in 2011, is a nonfiction chronicle based on the lives of an American family who spent a year in Berlin as Hitler rose to power. It will be available for purchase and to be signed by the author after his discussion.

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Meet Cincinnati Ben-Gal Laura Vikmanis

When Laura Vikmanis showed up at her first Cincinnati Bengals cheerleading audition, she was 20 years older than most of her competition. A single mother of two whose divorce took a big toll on her confidence, Laura didn’t make the squad the first time. But, she never gave up. Instead, it made her want it even more. After multiple auditions and a year of hard training, Laura finally made the squad. Her story gained national attention and struck a chord with women and men all over the country looking to make a change mid-life.

Laura, a registered dietitian, certified personal trainer, and graduate of California State University, will discuss her inspirational story, It’s Not About the Pom-Poms, at the Main Library on Tuesday, May 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Reading Garden Lounge.

Save the Date! 2012 AUTHOR SERIES

The Library’s Author Series, sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library and the Library Foundation, continues to bring you exciting author visits throughout the year. Mark your calendar for these upcoming programs. For details, call (513) 369-6900.
**Stop by any one of these branches to sign up for Summer Reading and receive a FREE coney from the Gold Star Chilimobile!**

**Sunday, April 15, 1:00–4:00 p.m.**
Main Library, Children’s Garden
Saturday, April 21, 12:00–3:00 p.m.
North Central Branch
Monday, April 23, 3:00–6:00 p.m.
Walnut Hills Branch
Saturday, April 28, 2:00–5:00 p.m.
Deer Park Branch
Wednesday, May 2, 3:30–6:30 p.m.
Madeira Branch
Saturday, May 5, 2:00–5:00 p.m.
Westwood Branch
Thursday, May 10, 4:00–7:00 p.m.
Symmes Township Branch
Saturday, May 12, 12:00–3:00 p.m.
Miamisburg Branch
Tuesday, May 15, 3:30–6:30 p.m.
Green Township Branch
Saturday, May 19, 3:00–6:00 p.m.
Anderson Branch
Tuesday, May 22, 5:00–8:00 p.m.
Harrison Branch
Saturday, May 26, 12:00–3:00 p.m.
Delhi Township Branch

**March Is Reading Awareness Month**

Do you want to improve your child’s or grandchild’s well-being, school readiness, and learning outcomes? Research shows that the simple act of reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do to prepare your child to learn. During Reading Awareness Month in March, the Library is encouraging all parents to make reading to their children for 15 minutes part of their daily routine. The Library has a range of fun and engaging books to suit your child. Your librarian will be happy to provide book recommendations.

**April Is National Poetry Month**

**March 12–30**

Poet Pauletta Hansel will read her work on Tuesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m., as part of the 2012 Poetry in the Garden series at the Main Library.

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**April 1–30**

**Saturday, April 28, 2:00–5:00 p.m.**

The Poetry in the Garden series, sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library, returns to the Main Library in the Popular Library Lounge during National Poetry Month on Tuesdays, April 3, 10, 17, and 24, at 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, May 5, 2:00–5:00 p.m.**

Talented poets from around the tri-state, including winners of the Library’s first poetry contest for adults, will read from their work and share their love of poetry. For a list of featured poets, visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

**TEENS, COMMIT A RANDOM ACT OF POETRY!**

To take part in the Library’s 10th Annual Random Acts of Poetry Contest April 1-30, teens ages 12-18 are invited to commit their “randomest” acts of poetry. You can email your entries to TeenSpot@CincinnatiLibrary.org or turn your typed or handwritten poems in to any Library location for your shot at a great prize. Visit Teenspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org for more details. 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. Sponsored locally by the Friends of the Public Library.

**NEW this year!**

The Library is partnering with Elementz Hip-Hop Youth Arts Center to offer teens tips on writing poems that communicate a story or message, and how to share poems with their peers as a performance art. A schedule of workshops and locations is available at Teenspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

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**Wednesday, May 9, 3:00–6:00 p.m.**

**Monday, May 14, 7:00–8:00 p.m.**

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**SUMMER READING KICKOFF WITH THE CHILIMOBILE!**

The Gold Star Chilimobile wants to reward you for registering early for Summer Reading! Stop by the Children’s Garden at the Main Library April 15, 1:00–4:00 p.m. and get a FREE coney when you register for Summer Reading! Also enjoy family music by Jennifer Ellis and her band, face-painting, balloon animals, and more!

Summer Reading is June 1–July 31. This year’s theme is Reading Rocks! Visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerRead starting April 15 for details on upcoming activities, programs, reading incentives and prizes for all ages—preschoolers, kids, teens and adults.

**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 “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 program space on Saturdays, May 12, 19, and 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Counselors from SCORE, along with guest speakers, will give an insider’s take on selecting legal structure, marketing and financial plans, and effectively managing a small business. In addition, a Library subject specialist will demonstrate how the Library’s online resources can help support small business development. During the popularity of these free workshops, advance registration is required.

To reserve your place, call the Information & Reference Department at (513) 369-4600.

**Adult Education Fair at Main Library**

The Library is partnering with the Regional Association of Adult Higher Education in Cincinnati to host an Education Fair for adults and non-traditional students on Wednesday, April 18 from 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Atrium. Representatives from several regionally accredited local colleges and universities who offer degree programs designed to meet the needs of working adults will be on-hand to share information about their programs.

Participating schools include Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, the College of Mt. St. Joseph, DeVry’s Keller Graduate School of Management, Northern Kentucky University, Indiana Wesleyan University, Strayer University, The College Network, Thomas More College, Xavier University, Union Institute & University, the University of Cincinnati, and the University of Phoenix. Look for more information at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

**2012 Frame Cincinnati Photography Contest**

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is pleased to announce its participation in FotoFocus Cincinnati, a month-long biennial celebration spotlighting independently programmed exhibitions of historical and contemporary photography and lens-based art, which will be held in October.

To celebrate, we are going to showcase works from some of the region’s best photographers. Between May 1 and July 31, photographers can enter our Frame Cincinnati Photography Contest. The best entries will be displayed in the Atrium of the Main Library from September 5 through November 4. Submissions will be accepted in two categories: Student (high school and college students) and Adult. Visit www.CincinnatiLibrary.org in late April for more details, contest rules, and submission forms. Co-sponsored by the Photography Club of Greater Cincinnati.
July 4–14, Cincinnati will host the 2012 World Choir Games. As the first North American site for the largest choral competition in the world, Cincinnati was chosen over 20 other rivals because of its welcoming character and its long and rich choral heritage. Beginning in May, the Library will celebrate our city’s amazing and diverse choral tradition and its role as a choral music publisher, along with the history of the May Festival Chorus and its historic and grand home, Cincinnati Music Hall. From the German beer hall tradition to the American Negro Spiritual Festival, Cincinnati is a City that Sings!

**QUEEN CITY OF SONG EXHIBIT AT MAIN LIBRARY**

Experience Cincinnati’s choral music history through a dynamic exhibit in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room. On display from May 1 through September 4, the exhibit spotlights Saengerfest dating back to 1838 and its ties to the Cincinnati (May Festival and Music Hall); 100 years of church and school choirs; and Cincinnati’s African American choral tradition. Also on view will be early choral music and hymnals published in Cincinnati.

**THE LIBRARY’S “NOTEWORTHY” MUSIC COLLECTIONS**

Professional musicians, scholars, singers and choir directors often turn to the Library’s expansive collection of musical scores and sacred music to uncover an amazing selection. Dating back to 1743, the Library’s Sheet Music Collection contains over 31,000 songs, many published in Cincinnati or by Cincinnati songwriters. Chromolithographic sheet music covers printed by Cincinnati’s Stobridge Lithography Company and Ehrhoff, Forbriger & Company are noted as works of art. A treasure trove of music history is contained in the Cincinnati Opera Archives available in the Virtual Library. Thousands of sound recordings, ranging from local choirs to performances from around the world, are available from the Popular Library, along with television episodes of the show “Glee” on DVD.

**BOOK LAUNCH AT MAIN LIBRARY CELEBRATES CINCINNATI’S CHORAL HISTORY**

A panel discussion featuring the authors of *A City That Sings: Cincinnati’s Choral Tradition 1800–2012* will take place at the Main Library on Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Reading Garden Lounge. The May Festival’s new book is the first full-length chronicle of the Queen City’s contributions to choral music. It is a story of church choirs and community choirs, of concert halls and lavish festivals, of education and performance. But, most of all, it is about the everyday people who gave their souls and voices to found and continue a choral tradition. The four authors—Frank Pendle, Karen Pendle, Craig Doslin, and Catherine Roma—dedicate this book to thousands of Cincinnati singers of all musical and ethnic backgrounds who have raised their voices in song over the past two centuries to create the rich tradition detailed within these covers.

*The “May Festival Galop,” published in the F.W. Helmick’s May Festival Bouquet, the program for the 1876 May Festival.*
Children's Book Week

Since 1919, Children's Book Week has been celebrated nationally in schools, libraries, bookstores, clubs, homes—any place where there are children and books. Various Library locations will offer special storytimes with visits from Curious George, Froggy, and Clifford the Big Red Dog to mark this family fun tradition during the week of May 7-13. A full schedule of storytimes and characters will be available at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org in April.

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Spotlight on the Friends of the Public Library

Have you reserved your seat? As a member of the Friends of the Public Library, you receive reserved seating at the Library's most popular programs, including upcoming author visits with Erik Larson on May 5 and A米尔 Towles on August 25. Call (513) 369-6035 to reserve your seat today. While you're at the Main Library for those exciting programs, be sure to visit the Library's Friends Shop where Friends members receive a 10% discount on their purchases. Other benefits of membership include:

• Members Only Preview Sales
• A subscription to Library Links, the Library's quarterly magazine
• Year-round access to thousands of books and AV items at bargain prices at the Friends' Warehouse
• Interesting volunteer opportunities
• And, of course, the satisfaction of knowing you are helping to enrich the Library's collection and programs.

Annual membership dues are only $25 for individuals and $30 for families or individuals plus three or more. Stewards, senior citizens and Library staff may join the Friends for $20 a year. Nonprofit organizations can purchase a membership for $40 annually. Memberships also are available at the Sponsor ($75-124), Patron ($125-249) and Benefactor ($250 and more) levels.

A membership with the Friends is a terrific gift to give to family and friends. To join the Friends, simply download an application at Friends.CincinnatiLibrary.org. For additional information, email friends@libraryfoundation.org or call (513) 369-6035.

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New Online Business Resources
Two new resources designed expressly to support your financial and business information research needs were recently added to our online collection.


Mergent Online includes data on over 60,000 global publicly traded companies, annual reports for over 300,000 companies worldwide; coverage on over 1 million domestic and international private companies; industry reports covering North America, Asia Pacific, Europe and Latin America; executive biographies on over 200,000 confirmed corporate executives; earnings estimates from Thomson First Call; Microsoft Excel plug-in for data modeling and analysis; cross-border searching across multiple databases on a wide range of financial and text variables; and more.

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ED a Festa Celebrates Children’s Book Day Across the Globe

Presented in partnership with the Kenton County Library, El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros or “Children’s Book Day” is an exciting literacy fiesta celebrating all cultures. Every other year the event rotates back and forth across the Ohio River from Hamilton County’s library system to Kenton County’s. This year, Nickelodeon’s Dora the Explorer will be on hand to help us celebrate children’s books.

Sunday, April 29, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Kenton County Public Library Erlanger Branch 460 Kenton Lands Rd. (859) 962–4003
Meet Dora and enjoy International Storytime, along with music, dance, crafts, and puppets! Children's ages 12 and under will receive a Dora decorated book while supplies last. Dora will appear on the hall hours at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Dora will also be at the Carico/Fort Thomas Branch of the Campbell County Public Library from 12:00–1:30 p.m. and the Boone County Public Library from 2:00–4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 28.

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HOG LOG This year, the Library is partnering with the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon and the Nutrition Council of Greater Cincinnati to promote “EAT ED for Life” to the Cincinnati public. Nixos/Ed’s Dia de los Libros or “Children’s Book Day” is an exciting literacy fiesta celebrating all cultures. Every other year the event rotates back and forth across the Ohio River from Hamilton County’s library system to Kenton County’s. This year, Nickelodeon’s Dora the Explorer will be on hand to help us celebrate children’s books.

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TEEN DRAWING CONTEST Congratulations to the winners of the Library's 2012 Teen Drawing Contest! Pictured are the first place “Fan Art” themed submissions in both age categories. Author Brian Jacques’ Redwall series inspired 16-year-old Jonathan Leneghan’s “J.S. and Tzarmina” (left), while 14-year-old Sarah Lucas interpreted a favorite scene from the C.S. Lewis classic The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe for her submission “Always Winter But Never Christmas.” Thanks to our sponsors, the friends of the Public Library, and the Library Foundation third place winner received art supplies and a ribbon! First place winners also received a gift certificate to a free class at the Art Academy of Cincinnati.

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Cincinnati Library Mobile App

The Library’s mobile app was released in February and, during that month, there were more than 7,700 users. All sorts of customers are downloading the free mobile app and making use of how incredibly convenient and easy it is to access. Many Library customers, like Holly Redmond, (pictured to the right) have shared with us how much they like the new app.

With our mobile app, it’s now easier than ever for customers on the go to stay connected with the Library’s resources and services!

USE OUR APP TO:

- Work with your account
- Search the catalog and place holds
- Renew materials
- Check out Library materials with the Ucheck feature
- Find branch locations and operating hours
- Access our downloadables collection and download e-books, e-audiobooks, and music directly to your device
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"I love the convenience of the Library’s new mobile app. I use it to access the Library’s catalog for books about the history of Over-The-Rhine and other urban areas."

—Holly Redmond, Realtor for the Gateway Quarter

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