Explore the World with our Visiting Authors

Alexander McCall Smith,
Patricia Schultz,
and Khaled Hosseini
In mid-February we learned that our Library is a finalist for The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The National Medal is the nation’s highest honor conferred on museums and libraries for service to the community and celebrates institutions that make a difference for individuals, families, and communities.

Medal finalists are selected from nationwide nominations of institutions that demonstrate innovative approaches to public service, exceeding the expected levels of community outreach. Finalists are chosen because of their significant and exceptional contributions to their communities.

While it is always wonderful to receive recognition for the work we do, especially on a national level, our true motivation comes from knowing that we are making a difference in our community.

The specific services mentioned in our nomination deal with three community issues: childhood poverty, adult education, and grade level reading. When we learn of an issue like the high rate of childhood poverty in Cincinnati, the third highest in the country, we don’t just accept it. We set about changing it.

So, in 2012, we worked with Cincinnati Public Schools and the Freestore/Foodbank to offer summer lunches at 14 Library locations. Together we served 6,700 lunches to children at these locations. This is a program we plan to continue because it is hard for a hungry child to pay attention and learn. A food program can make all the difference in a child’s success.

We know that a good education is crucial to getting out of poverty. Data tell us that students who are prepared for kindergarten and reading at grade level by grade three are more likely to succeed academically and in life. We have developed a whole range of programs to get children off to a good start in kindergarten and keeping them reading at grade level. From Summer Reading programs to Brain Camps to extra teacher collections for schools with more students reading below grade level to visits to in-home childcare providers, we are putting our resources to work for the good of our community.

The IMLS Award winners will be announced later this spring. Whether or not we are selected for the award, we will keep developing and offering services that meet these important community needs.

IMLS is encouraging community members who have visited the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County to share their story on the IMLS Facebook page, www.facebook.com/USIMLS. Visit the IMLS Facebook page to learn more about how these institutions make an impact.

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Investing in Improved Library Service to the Avondale Community

This construction project will open the Avondale Branch Library’s doors to everyone by adding an alternative entrance, elevator, and two new bathrooms that will remove physical barriers to library service. Additional enhancements will include new carpeting and lighting, an upgraded heating, air conditioning and ventilation system, improved Internet connectivity, reconfigured service desk, and self-check.

K-4 Architects are designing the ADA improvements. Project construction is estimated to take eight months, including six months for exterior work and another two months for interior renovations. The branch will remain open during this period, although some programs may be curtailed. Completion is projected for early 2014.

New Branch Libraries Planned for Clifton, Reading, and St. Bernard

Plans are moving forward to build three new branch libraries that will replace three of the system’s five smallest facilities—Clifton, Reading, and St. Bernard. More than a decade ago all three branches were identified for replacement. However, a major reduction in funding in 2002 and subsequent funding freezes and cuts have stalled these projects.

The current Reading Branch is a 1,934-square foot rental facility. In 2005, the Library purchased a 3+ acre site on Reading Road as the future site of the new branch library but capital funds to complete this project have never been available.

The St. Bernard Branch is a 2,000-square foot contributed facility inside the St. Bernard municipal building. In 2000, the City of St. Bernard donated a site less than 1 acre in size and the Library purchased a nearby lot for parking. However, a sudden drop in library funding forced the project to be postponed.

Clifton is a 2,520-square foot branch in three leased storefronts. In 2010, the Library received a donated house to be renovated into a branch library.

In February, the Library Board approved that all three of these projects be completed simultaneously and has developed a funding model to make this possible. Construction is slated to begin in March 2014. The Clifton Branch will be 10,000 square feet, the Reading Branch 12,000 square feet, and the St. Bernard Branch will be 8,000 square feet.

Library & FOX19 Partner on Facebook Timeline

To help promote its special and digital collections, the Library’s Genealogy & Local History and Digital Services departments are partnering with FOX19 to post entries of historic significance on the TV station’s Facebook page. With over 60,000 followers, FOX19 has the largest Facebook presence of any media outlet in the city. Since late September, Library staff members have submitted visual and historical content on a weekly basis to FOX19 to post on their Facebook timeline. The images are an engaging mix of illustrations, photographs, maps, newspapers, advertisements, posters, memorabilia, and artifacts, each linking to the Library’s Facebook page.

In addition, the images also connect to the Library’s online city directories, digital community treasures, online postcards, Cincinnati Panorama, the Library’s Flickr page, the Inland Riverboats wiki, the interactive Cincinnati Panorama, the Library’s Flickr page, and online maps. Topics covered so far include: the founding of Cincinnati, steamboats, canals, the old Main Library.

This newsletter is a publication of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. It is mailed quarterly to the Friends of the Public Library as a benefit of membership. If you have comments or questions regarding material in this newsletter, contact the Marketing Department at the address above or call (513) 369–6900.
Teens Invited to Commit a ‘Random Act of Poetry’

National Poetry Month, which was established by the Academy of American Poets, is in April. It was started as a way to increase visibility of poetry in popular culture and to teach appreciation for poetry as an art form. During April, the Library offers teens the chance to release their inner poet. Each year, they are invited to commit “Random Acts of Poetry” as part of a contest to help them express their poetic ideas and move them from thought to creation.

The Library encourages teens in grades 7-12 to participate in its annual Teen Poetry Contest by writing an original poem. Entries will be judged on creativity and style. Teens from the Library’s Official Teen Advisory Board will select the winners, with final approval from Library staff. Prizes will be awarded in the 12-14 and 15-18 age categories. Winners and honorable mentions will be announced in May and prizes awarded at a recognition event in the TeenSpot at the Main Library.

To provide additional inspiration, the Library is partnering with Elementz Urban Arts Center to present four workshops to help youth craft some original poems for the Teen Poetry Contest running April 1-30. Workshops are:

- Thursday, April 4, 4:00 p.m. at the North Central Branch
- Saturday, April 13, 2:00 p.m. at the West End Branch
- Thursday, April 18, 4:00 p.m. at the Groesbeck Branch
- Thursday, April 25, 4:00 p.m. at TeenSpot in the Main Library

Entry forms are also available at all Library locations and at teenspace.cincinnatilibrary.org, where teens interested in participating can find more details. The Friends of the Public Library is sponsoring the contest.

‘Poetry in the Garden’ Flourishes With Area’s Top Poets

Celebrate National Poetry Month during the Main Library’s 15th annual Poetry in the Garden series held in partnership with the Grailville Retreat & Program Center. Budding poets whose verses won the 2nd annual Poetry in the Garden Contest will start off the series by reading their poems on Tuesday, April 2. During the next four Tuesday evenings (April 9, 16, 23 & 30) come hear some of the top poets in the region share their poetry, followed by an open mic session, where participants can read two poems (for up to five minutes each). All poetry readings will take place in the Popular Library’s Reading Lounge starting at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call (513) 369-6919.

Poetry Readings:

April 2: Winners of the 2nd annual Poetry in the Garden Contest and members from the Grailville Practice of Poetry Group.

April 9: Jeanne Bryner is an award-winning poet and nurse who lives on a dairy farm. Sherry Cook Stanforth is a poet, fiction writer, singer/songwriter, and professor at Thomas More College.

April 16: Kate Fadick is a poet and has worked as a community organizer. Gerry Grubbs is a practicing attorney in Cincinnati and a published poet.

April 23: Desirae Hosley is a performance poet who has led cultural programs at the Urban Appalachian Council. Mark Flanigan is a Cincinnati writer whose work has been appearing locally and nationally for over two decades.

April 30: Kelly Moffett is an assistant professor of English at Northern Kentucky University and a published poet. Andy Miller is coordinator of creative writing at Northern Kentucky University whose short fiction has been published in magazines and anthologies. Bob Wallace has taught literature and the arts at Northern Kentucky University since 1972 and recently published his first book of poetry.

CSO Concert at Delhi Township Branch Library April 6

The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestras String Trio will perform at the Delhi Township Branch Library on Saturday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m. Over the past few years, the Library has been partnering with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestras to host “CSO at the Library.” Watch for more concerts to take place this summer as part of the series.
Library’s Original American Prints Focus of Main Library Exhibit

This spring from **May 10 to August 20**, discover the richness and variety of the Library’s original American prints collection in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room at the Main Library. With views of 19th-century Cincinnati, fine examples of the American Etching Revival movement, Currier & Ives lithographs, and full-color commercial prints, these images depict the search for and birth of an American style. The exhibit, *Inventing an American Style: Prints from the Library’s Collection 1880-1910*, is timed to coincide with the annual meeting of the American Historical Print Collectors Society, which will be held in Cincinnati this year (May 15 - May 18). Founded in 1975, the society supports the collection, research, and exhibition of historical American prints that are 100 or more years old.

Taft Museum of Art Displays Students’ Artwork at Library

The Taft Museum of Art’s annual Artists Reaching Classrooms (ARC) exhibition will be on view **April 24 to May 16** in the atrium of the Main Library. Students from 12 area high schools will exhibit a variety of artwork, including painting, photography, digital design, and ceramics. Each work is accompanied by an artist’s statement, providing an explanation of the student’s process and intent. ARC is a program offered by the Taft Museum of Art that immerses high school art students in Cincinnati’s visual arts community and exposes them to art careers and professionals. An awards ceremony in May will be held at the Main Library.

Triple Crown Publisher to Visit Main Library

Vickie Stringer, creator, CEO and author for Triple Crown Publications, will visit the Main Library **Sunday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Reading Garden Lounge to talk about her life and career. A book signing will follow the author’s talk and books will be for sale courtesy of Triple Crown.

Beginning with her self-published first novel to the founding of her African-American book publishing company, Stringer has garnered attention from news media for over a decade. She helped pioneer the urban Hip-Hop literature genre when she wrote *Let That Be the Reason*, a fictionalized account of her life that she wrote while serving time in federal prison. *Let That Be the Reason* and its follow-up, *Imagine This*, were both on the *Essence* paperback bestseller list. In addition to *Vickie* being featured in *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *MTV News*, *Publisher’s Weekly*, *The Boston Globe*, *Vibe*, *Essence*, *Entrepreneur* and *Inc. Magazine*, Triple Crown Publications books have also been translated and released in Japan.

Today Vickie runs her successful publishing business, which features titles from more than 25 authors, and gives motivational speeches and seminars. She recently was named by *Book Magazine* as one of publishing’s 50 most influential women.

For more information about her visit to the Main Library, call (513) 665-3336.
Library’s First Comic Con a Must for Comic Book Fans

Whether you’re into anime or zombies, Superman or Iron Man, the Library’s first Comic Con will have something for every enthusiast at the Main Library Sunday, May 5, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Join us for a creator’s panel with moderator Jeff Suess (Animaniacs), along with David Michael Beck (Star Wars), Chris Charlton (Binary Gray), Tim Fuller (Zombie Marge), Ken Henson (Splendid-Lite), Mike Maydak (The Blackbeard Legacy), Tony Moore (The Walking Dead), Carol Tyler (You’ll Never Know), and Brian Williams (Lucius Hammer).

There also will be free comic books (while supplies last), a comic book swap, photo ops with comic book and movie characters, artists and writers’ booths, autographs, and more. Event partners are The Friends of the Public Library and Arcadian Comics & Games. For further details, visit www.cincinnatilibrary.org/news/2013/comiccon.html.

IN THE MEANTIME...

While you’re waiting in eager anticipation for Comic Con, consider entering the drawing contest or attending a workshop:

• Cincinnati Library Comic Con Drawing Contest, March 1-31 (Kids 9-12, Teens, Adults). Entry forms are available at all Library locations and www.cincinnatilibrary.org.

• Graphic Novel Writing Workshop, Saturday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m. Main Library - TeenSpot. Adults and teens only.

• Graphic Novels: DIY, Saturday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m. Main Library - Room 3B. Adults only.

Meet Tim Fuller, the creator of Zombie Marge, on May 5th.

Get a ‘Tree-rific Deal’ on March 22

Receive a free Southern Pine tree seedling Friday, March 22, when you check out any item from any Library location (while supplies last). The Free Tree Seedling program 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 the planet healthy.

SCORE in Business with Workshops and Resources

Are you a new or prospective business owner? Would you like advice on starting and running your business? If so, then plan to attend a free three-part series of instructional workshops at the Main Library on Saturday, May 11, 18 and 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The workshops will be conducted by specialists from SCORE, Counselors to America’s Small Business and will take place in the Huenefeld Tower Room on the third floor. Registration is required. Register online at http://programs.cincinnatilibrary.org or call (513) 369-6900.

If you can’t attend the workshops, the Library offers online access to a number of outstanding, authoritative resources designed specifically to assist small business owners and entrepreneurs, including Business Insights: Essentials, MergentWebReports, Small Business Resource Center, ReferenceUSA, and Business Source Premier. Visit www.cincinnatilibrary.org/resources/research.asp to get started.
Bond Hill Branch to Host El Dia Fiesta

Every year in April, our Library and the Kenton County Public Library come together for El Dia de los Niños / Dia de los Libros (or Children’s Day / Book Day). It’s an exciting multicultural fiesta where books become the bridges for children and their families to celebrate literacy across different cultures and backgrounds. From year to year, El Dia rotates across the Ohio River. This year, the free festivities will take place at the Bond Hill Branch Library on Saturday, April 27, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sharing in the reading of a book in many languages during an international storyline, where readers represent different countries, is part of the El Dia tradition. Likewise, enjoying culturally diverse entertainment such as playing games, making crafts, and watching performers, as well as visiting with costumed characters, are also part of the fun. Plus, a free children’s book (while supplies last) will be given to every kid who comes to El Dia.

Sponsored by the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Kenton County Public Library, and The Friends of the Public Library.

Library Teams Up with CRC for Reds Opening Day Parade April 1

Be sure and watch for staff members of the Public Library and the Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) marching together in the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade on Monday, April 1. To showcase the strengths of both organizations and pay tribute to the Cincinnati Reds, who have been very supportive of the missions of both organizations over the years, they will once again be teaming up to celebrate Cincinnati’s baseball tradition.

Through the years, the Library and CRC have partnered together on a number of programs to promote awareness for reading and recreation, both essential to the well-being of our community. This year, to help celebrate Reds, Reading & Recreation, members from both organizations will build a baseball-themed float. Two special guests—the Library’s mascots, Rufus the Reading Dog and RED the Library Card—will also join in the fun along the parade route.

Jazz It Up at the Main Library

Experience the thrill of a live jazz concert at the Main Library. There are two concerts set for spring, both on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m., in the Reading Garden Lounge. The Jazz of the Month Club is sponsored by jazz artist and educator Jamey Aebersold.

APRIL 27
Brent Gallaher Quartet
Brent Gallaher, tenor sax
Dan Karlsberg, piano
Steve Whipple, bass
Anthony Lee, drums

MAY 18
Rick VanMatre Quintet
Rick VanMatre, saxophone and flute
Kim Pensyl, piano
Rusty Burge, vibes
Aaron Jacobs, bass
Tom Buckley, drums

See Talented CCM Students Perform at Main Library

Join us in the Reading Garden Lounge on Tuesday, April 9, at 5:00 p.m., at the Main Library for a student performance courtesy of the University of Cincinnati’s College Conservatory of Music. CCM’s educational roots date back to 1867 and it is recognized both nationally and internationally as one of the leading conservatories of the performing arts.
Alexander McCall Smith, one of the world’s most prolific and most popular authors, will visit the Main Library on Saturday, April 6, at 2:00 p.m. His career has been a varied one: for many years he was a professor of medical law and worked in universities in the United Kingdom and abroad. Then, after the publication of his highly successful No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency series, which has sold over 20 million copies, he devoted his time to the writing of fiction and has seen his various series of books translated into over 40 languages and become bestsellers throughout the world.

His other four series are the Scotland Street novels, first published as a serial novel in The Scotsman, the Sunday Philosophy Club series featuring amateur sleuth Isabel Dalhousie, the Moritz-Maria von Igelfeld series, and the Corduroy Mansions novels.

McCall Smith is also the author of collections of short stories, academic works, and over 30 books for children. He has received numerous awards for his writing, including the British Book Award Author of the Year in 2004. He holds honorary doctorates from nine universities in Europe and North America.

McCall Smith, who currently lives in Edinburgh, was born in what is now Zimbabwe and was educated there and in Scotland. He is married to a doctor and has two daughters.

Alexander McCall Smith will discuss his life and work and take questions from the audience. A book signing will follow the presentation and books will be available for sale courtesy of Joseph-Beth Booksellers. He will sign books for a limited time.

Fundraiser Reception with Alexander McCall Smith

Alexander McCall Smith’s 2:00 p.m. talk at the Main Library 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 will take place from 12:00-1:30 p.m. at Nicholson’s Restaurant just 1.5 blocks away from the Library at 625 Walnut Street. The cost will be $125 and will include lunch with the author, a personalized signed copy of his newest book, The Uncommon Appeal of Clouds, and front row seating at the public talk later that day at the Library.

For reservations, log onto http://foundation.cincinnatilibrary.org/. For additional information, please call the Library Foundation at (513) 369-4595.
Meet bestselling travel writer Patricia Schultz at the Main Library on Saturday, May 11, at 2:00 p.m. She is the author of the international No. 1 bestsellers, 1,000 Places to See Before You Die and 1,000 Places to See in the United States and Canada Before You Die. With these works, she has reinvented the idea of a travel book as both wish list and practical guide. She was chosen by Forbes as one of the 25 most influential women in travel, and was executive producer of the Travel Channel’s TV show based on her first 1,000 Places book.

The second edition of 1,000 Places to See Before You Die came out in 2011, with 200 entirely new destinations, 28 new countries, full-color photographs, and more than 50 percent in new material woven into the revised and expanded entries, which emphasize comprehensive travel experiences instead of single sites.

Schultz has written about travel for The Wall Street Journal, Everyday with Rachael Ray, Travel Weekly, and for guides such as Frommer’s and Berlitz. She is a popular speaker both in the U.S. and abroad. In more than 25 years of travel writing, she has never lost her curiosity or passion. “Some people can speed from New York to L.A. without registering a thing,” she writes. “I can walk around my mid-Manhattan block and come home with a carton of milk and stories to tell. In the end, the number of miles covered has nothing to do with the real pleasures of travel—the inherent beauty of the world and the discovery it promises are all around us.”

A book signing will follow her presentation. Copies of her books will be available for sale courtesy of Joseph-Beth Booksellers.

Thanks to Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Khaled Hosseini, one of the world’s most widely read novelists, will be appearing at the Main Library on Friday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. His novels have sold more than 10 million copies in the U.S. alone. He began writing his first novel, The Kite Runner, while practicing medicine. Published in 2003, that debut became an international bestseller, sold in at least 70 countries, and spent more than 100 weeks on The New York Times bestseller list.

In May 2007, his second novel was released. Now, six years after A Thousand Splendid Suns debuted at No. 1 on The New York Times bestseller list, Hosseini returns with a book that is broader in scope and setting than anything he’s ever written before. A multigenerational family story, Hosseini’s much-awaited third novel, And the Mountains Echoed, will be published on May 21, 2013. It is an emotional, provocative, and unforgettable novel about how we love, how we take care of one another, and how the choices we make resonate through generations.

Born in Kabul, Afghanistan, in 1965, Khaled Hosseini is the son of a diplomat in the Afghan Foreign Ministry and a mother who taught Farsi and history at a Kabul high school. In 1976, the Foreign Ministry relocated the Hosseini family to Paris. They were ready to return to Kabul in 1980, but by then their homeland had witnessed a bloody communist coup and the invasion of the Soviet Army. The Hosseinis were granted political asylum in the U.S., settling in San Jose, California. Khaled Hosseini earned a bachelor’s degree at Santa Clara University in 1988 and a medical degree from the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine in 1993. He completed his residency at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles and was a practicing internist between 1996 and 2004.

In 2006, Hosseini was named a Goodwill Envoy to UNHCR, the United Nations Refugee Agency. Inspired by a trip he made to Afghanistan with the UNHCR, he later established The Khaled Hosseini Foundation, a nonprofit, which provides humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan. He currently lives in northern California.

Following his presentation, Joseph-Beth Booksellers will be selling copies of Khaled Hosseini’s latest book to be signed by the author. This event is free and open to the public. The signing portion of the evening is ticketed. Line tickets are free with the purchase of And the Mountains Echoed at Joseph-Beth Booksellers. Joseph-Beth Gives Back Program Members receive first-come, first-served access for a limited number of front-of-line VIP line tickets. Pre-order vouchers for And the Mountains Echoed are on sale at Joseph-Beth Booksellers. Line tickets will also be available at the Main Library on the evening of the event.

Please note: You must have purchased a copy of And the Mountains Echoed from Joseph-Beth Booksellers to stand in the book signing line.
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Streaming Videos Coming Soon!

The Library will soon offer streaming videos to customers. This new service, Freegal Movies, is provided by the same company that supports our music download service. Customers will enjoy hundreds of popular movies and TV shows with Freegal Movies. Like Freegal Music, the new movie service allows the Library to license content for an annual fee. Freegal Movies is expected to launch in March.

Library to Join Search Ohio and OhioLink

Can’t find something on the shelf? No problem! Search Ohio and OhioLink are here to help.

The Library will soon begin providing customers access to over 17 million items from public and academic libraries throughout the state of Ohio with Search Ohio and OhioLink. Search Ohio provides customers simple access to materials not available in our Library from 15 public libraries, including Cuyahoga County Public Library, Greene County Public Library, Stark Library Consortium, Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, Westerville Public Library, and Youngstown-Mahoning County Public Library.

OhioLink is the academic version with 16 public universities, 23 community/technical colleges, and 49 private colleges participating throughout the state. Customers who search the Library’s catalog and do not find a copy available can simply search the Search Ohio or OhioLink catalogs and if a copy is available at one of the participating libraries, they can request it and it will be routed to the pick-up library in three to five days. Participating library customers can also request our materials as well.

Participation in both Search Ohio and OhioLink is possible because of the Library’s recent change to the new Innovative Interfaces, Inc. Integrated Library System.
Introducing ‘Inklings,’ the New Library Blog!

There’s a new blog in town, and if you love the Library then you won’t want to miss a post! *Inklings* is our new Tumblr blog: a way for you to discover secrets of the Library you never knew before and glimpse rarely seen parts of our collection. You can visit *Inklings* from the link on the Library’s main page or at this address: [www.cincylibrary.tumblr.com](http://www.cincylibrary.tumblr.com).

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**FIND THE CONTENT YOU WANT**

Some Library fans may remember *Turning the Page*, our former reader advisory blog with book reviews and recommendations. *Inklings* replaces *Turning the Page* and focuses on a wider range of topics, but we still plan on sharing book recommendations. For those interested in reading all the posts on a certain subject without sifting through every update, searching *Inklings* is easy. When you visit the blog, you can use the search bar to find specific posts or click on the category links at the top of the screen. Large groups of posts, such as Reading Recommendations or Virtual Library content, will be tagged and sorted into these categories so that you may view them all in one click. Since the blog is new it may take some time to build these categories, so check back often!

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New exhibits and permanent displays await visitors to the Main Library, and now you can watch previews of the Library’s latest spotlights on YouTube. Visit our channel at [www.YouTube.com/CincinnatiLibrary](http://www.YouTube.com/CincinnatiLibrary) or use the link on the Library’s home page to watch the latest video tour from our collection. Subscribe to us on YouTube and never miss a new addition!

**BIRDS OF AMERICA**

Did you know the Library holds an edition of one of the world’s rarest books? John James Audubon’s elephant folio, *Birds of America*, is on permanent display at the Main Library. Watch our YouTube teaser to learn the history behind one of the Library’s most famous treasures, then plan a visit downtown to see it for yourself!

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GRANT SUPPORTS SUMMER BRAIN CAMPS

A grant of $5,000 was received from the Maxwell C. Weaver Foundation at US Bank for 2013 Summer Brain Camps. These education programs for children grades 1-8 take place weekly during the summer at selected Library locations. Each week a different theme invites kids to have fun learning about various topics by making crafts, playing games, and participating in presentations.
USED BOOK SALES SUPPORT SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

Every year the Anderson Township Library Association holds two used book sales to benefit the Anderson and Mt. Washington branch libraries. Last year, the proceeds from the summer sale and the holiday sale totaled $40,000. This money allows the two branch libraries to buy items and pay for programs that are not part of the regular budget, including computers and software, iPads, additional books and DVDs, and special programs. Jeanne Sheppard, center, treasurer of the Anderson Township Library Association, is shown presenting a check for $40,000 to Anderson Branch Manager Katie Greifenkamp and Mt. Washington Branch Manager Larry Richmond for support of the two branches in 2013.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. Victor in memory of Charlie Anness
Rosemary Wetterstroem in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Marguerite and John Kron
Kathy and Shannon Womer in honor of Ken Hughes

Pet Memorial Gifts
Ed and Debbie Basista in memory of Joey, beloved dog of Noreen Adcock
Joseph Benigni in memory of Samantha, beloved cat of Judith Wolter and Cary Self
Jacklyn Crawford in memory of Emma, beloved cat of Wayne Kalkwarf
Sarah Elin in memory of Johann, beloved cat of Elizabeth and Nicholas Elin
Doug and Carolyn Goldberg in memory of Ace, beloved pet of Bill and Sandy Kirkham
The Daniel Griffin Family in memory of Eyebrow, beloved dog of the Kirkland Family
Rachel High in memory of Diamond, beloved dog of Leo and Norma Dean
The Kelsch Family in memory of Jack and Ed, beloved dogs of Patty Dwyer
Joan K. Lauritsen and Betty A. Stacey in memory of Petex, beloved dog of Tim Hittle and Troy Henson
Andrea Lippelman in memory of Peggy Sue, beloved cat of Kate Lippelman Zwick and in memory of Jemima, beloved cat of Stephen Rausch
John Louis in memory of Logan, beloved pet of the Chuck Frank Family
Elaine Luchi and Darin Ladd in memory of Stella, beloved pet of Vicki Barrett
Dave and Linda Mathews in memory of Chloe Kathleen, beloved cat of Dave and Linda Mathews and in memory of Ellie, beloved dog of Roger and Angelina Schwab
Cynthia McCarthy in memory of Lilly, beloved pet of Sara Breiel
Maureen Mello in memory of Katie, beloved pet of Betsy Ross
Danielle V. Minson and Sally Giannella in memory of Rusty, beloved dog of Randy and Barb Miller
Zoe Paraskepoulos in memory of Kinko, beloved dog of Kathy Jo Parasanko
Mary Rusche in memory of Oliver, beloved pet of Mrs. Arleen Fay
Kathy Shaw in memory of Becker, beloved pet of the Davis family, and Tucker, beloved pet of Dennis Lind
The Barbara and Michael Stough Family in memory of Lemon, best teacup yorkie ever owned by Joyce Miller and Turner Stough
Nancy Tanner in memory of Zachary, therapy dog of Chickie Zoller

Befriend a Branch
Terence Barron for the Hyde Park Branch
D.M. Booker for the Anderson Branch
Barbara P. Bruce and Johanna McCormick for the Mariemont Branch
John and Erin Campbell for the Loveland Branch
Cheviot-Westwood Community Association for the Cheviot Branch
Paula Effler for the Westwood Branch
Kirstin Klein for the Madeira Branch
Todd and Heather Lewis for the Symmes Township Branch
Nabama Foundation for the Oakley Branch
Manisha A. Patel and Michael G. Curran for the Deer Park Branch
RUDD Equipment Company for the Sharonville Branch

Gifts to the Abeil Fund
Hamilton County Genealogical Society

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Erin Koehne
Jeffrey Lovelace in memory of Sandra Lovelace
Dick and Barbara Males
Jana Reiss
Joseph Dehner and Noel Julines-Dehner for the Bunny Dehner Fund
Downtown Residents’ Council Grant for 2013 Summer Youth Program and for summer arts programming for the TeenSpot
Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition

LIBRARY RECEIVES GRANT FOR TEEN FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County has been awarded a $57,853 grant from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation and the American Library Association as part of the nationwide Smart investing@your library® program. With the funds, the Library will create a financial literacy program for teenagers.

Teens will participate in personal finance workshops at selected Library branches this summer. Each program will include topics such as setting financial goals, earning money, saving, creating and maintaining a personal budget, using bank services, managing credit card and loan debt, and avoiding scams.

A Budget Bonanza event will add to the fun. It is scheduled for August as part of the Library’s Back-to-School Fair that includes instruction sessions as well as numerous game tournaments featuring financially themed online games. The programs will be lead and presented by Teen Librarians and the Ohio State University Extension Office, the Library’s grant partner.

For more information about the program and how to participate, contact (513) 369-6900.

Gifts to Benefit Specific Programs and Library Services
3B Book Club
Chad and Lisa Brines
Cincinnati Mineral Society for the purchase of books for the Information and Reference Department
D’Artagnan Chapter of Mortar Board for the Summer Reading program

Ken White
Recent Foundation Grants Received
The Sulphin Family Foundation Grant to support AfterSchool Edge Educational Systems ($10,000)
Maxwell C. Weaver Foundation Grant for Summer Brain Camp ($5,000)
Library Friends’ Shop Now Sells Handmade Items from Nicaragua

Cincinnati residents Nancy and Chuck Caine began their own microbusiness after a trip to Somoto, Nicaragua, where they met the “Kids of Cascabel.” These orphaned and abandoned children, who once lived in a garbage dump, now have a two-story home, a safe family environment, and a chance to attend school thanks to the efforts of a children’s ministry in Nicaragua and American partners such as the Caines.

At Cascabel Creations, items such as fabric bags and handcarved bird ocarinas (flutes) are made to be sold through microbusinesses in the United States. The products available at the Library Friends’ Shop help support the “Kids of Cascabel” and hundreds of children’s feeding centers throughout Nicaragua.

Items available in the Friends’ Shop:

• Beautiful array of handmade bird ocarinas $9.99
• “Children of the World” small purse $9.99
• Hobo purse with adjustable strap in bright Guatemalan fabrics $19.99
• Tote bag made of recycled coffee bags and bright Guatemalan fabrics $19.99

Last year, thousands of volunteer hours helped the Friends maintain the gift shop, and ready books for the numerous book sales held at the warehouse, Main Library, and selected branches. The book sales have been going on for 40 years, and the shop is ready to celebrate its 30th anniversary this fall.

Volunteer efforts help the Friends raise funds to benefit the Library, providing thousands of free programs for adults and children, sponsoring special events and author talks, and adding to the Library’s collection. If you are interested in becoming a Friends volunteer at these sales or future ones, email friendsofplchvolunteer@fuse.net or call (513) 369-6035.

LIBRARY FRIENDS APPRECIATION SALE

Friends members enjoy a 25% discount in the Shop from April 1-15 during the Annual Friends Appreciation Sale!

Shop Hours: Monday–Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
513-369-6920, libraryfriendsshop@hotmail.com

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Friends Volunteers Enjoy Rewarding Experience

Former librarian Doris Hoskins has been a volunteer in the Library Friends’ Shop at the Main Library for a year. She feels it’s a great way to support the Library. “I get to spend time in a fun environment, work with wonderful people, and serve customers who also love reading and the Library,” she said. “Although I am still employed full time, being of service in a relaxing environment is a great way to spend part of my day off.”

One of the “Kids of Cascabel” shows off a handmade ocarina. Behind her are bricks purchased from funds raised by the sale of items like the ocarina. The bricks were used to build a home for the abandoned Cascabel children, who once lived in a garbage dump in Nicaragua.
Upcoming Used Book Sales

FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Blue Ash Branch Library Used Book Sale
4911 Cooper Road
(513) 369-6051
- Thursday, May 2, 12:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 3, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The 41st Annual Main Library Used Book Sale
8th & Vine streets, (513) 369-6900
- Saturday, June 1, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 2, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 3, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 4, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 5, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 6, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 7, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Jumpstart your summer reading by picking up a few “new” used books at the giant sale at the Main Library. This is the perfect way to stock up with books, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs for your summer reading. Plus, don’t forget our specials. Friends members may get half-off their entire purchase one time only Monday-Wednesday, June 3-5. On Thursday, June 6 all merchandise will be half off for both Friends members and non-members, and Friday, June 7 is Bag Day! Buy a Friends shopping bag for $10 and everything you can get into it is yours.

*Cash, check, MasterCard, or Visa are accepted.

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
The 33rd Annual Summer Used Book Sale
Nagel Middle School
1500 Nagel Road, Anderson Township
(513) 369-6030
- Friday, June 21, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 22, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 23, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join us for the Anderson Township Library Association’s annual summer used book sale, a book sale so large it fills Nagel Middle School’s gymnasium and entranceway. Besides popular fiction and non-fiction titles, the sale features rare books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, cookbooks, gardening books, and children’s books. Funds raised by this sale are used to support adult and children’s programs, and to purchase books, audiovisual material, and special equipment for the Anderson Township and Mt. Washington branch libraries. ATLA accepts cash and check but NO credit cards. For additional information about ATLA or their book sales, call (513) 369-6030.

SAVE THE DATE!
SAVE THE DATE! 7TH ANNUAL BOOKS BY THE BANKS: CINCINNATI USA BOOK FESTIVAL
Saturday, October 12
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Celebrate the joy of reading and books at the 7th annual Books by the Banks: Cincinnati USA Book Festival in the Duke Energy Convention Center, downtown Cincinnati.

Book Festival Highlights:
- Meet 100+ national, regional, and local authors. Purchase their books and have them signed.
- Listen to engaging book talks and author panel discussions featuring popular topics.
- Enjoy family fun activities in the Kids’ Corner (including storytimes, storybook characters, music, crafts, and more).
- Take a break in the concession area offering beverages, breakfast items, sandwiches, snacks, and more.
- Make sure to bring your friends and family. There’s something for all ages and admission is FREE.

Learn more and watch for updates at www.BooksByTheBanks.org