What a tremendous way to celebrate our Library’s 160th anniversary!

Hamilton County voters approved, with an 80% for vote, extending our 1 mill levy for an additional 10 years providing some much-needed stability to our funding. Although there were 26 additional library levies on the ballot last November, none reached the 80% threshold our Library passed. We thank all of you for your generous support of the Library.

In May we received the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation’s top honor for museums and libraries. This prestigious award recognizes museums and libraries for their community impact and we are proud to have been selected for this honor.

Then, in November, the Library Journal (LJ) Index 2013, which ranks libraries according to per capita circulation, visits, program attendance, and Internet awarded us a five star rating, the highest rating possible. For libraries with budgets of $30 million or more we ranked 2nd in the country.

Our Library was ranked 3rd in circulation among libraries serving a population between 500,000 and 999,999 and 7th overall. The Main Library was once again the busiest in the county and is the 2nd most visited attraction in Downtown Cincinnati. July was the busiest month in the Library’s history and we are projecting 2013 to be our busiest year, based on circulation.

We reached our goal of 500,000 cardholders in May, and as of November 30 we have more than 524,000 cardholders. Nearly 90% of households in Hamilton County have at least one Library cardholder.

We began the largest facilities plan in more than 25 years as we moved forward with the construction of two new buildings for St. Bernard and Reading, fulfilling longstanding commitments to replace small, rental or contributed facilities with larger branch libraries. The renovation of the Cox House into a branch to replace the current Clifton rental location also got underway as did an accessibility renovation of the historic Avondale Branch, a Carnegie branch that celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2013. All projects will be paid for without debt and are projected for completion in 2015.

We completed the Phase II energy retrofit project at the Main Library which saves energy and money, a projected $430,000 annually. As a result of this project, Duke Energy selected the Library for its Power Partner Award to be presented at the February 11 board meeting. A second incentive check from Duke Energy for more than $200,000 will also be presented at that meeting.

Our Annual Report, prepared by Northlich, received a bronze award at the recently held Cincinnati Public Relations Society of America Blacksmith Awards Ceremony.

In April we joined SearchOhio, a statewide consortium of libraries that share resources with one another. Our cardholders are really taking advantage of the ability to easily place holds on items owned by other libraries and have them delivered to their local branch—for free!

Finally, our wonderful Friends of the Library received some well-deserved recognition for all their hard work when the Ohio Library Council selected them for the Ohio Friends of Library award for 2012-13. The award was presented at a special luncheon held during the Council’s conference in October.

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Kimber L. Fender
The Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director

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Your Public Library Rated Five-Star by Library Journal!

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County accepted a national honor from the library field’s leading professional publication. The Library Journal Index of Public Library Service awarded the Public Library a Five-Star Rating for service and gave the Public Library the second highest score of any library in the nation in its expenditure group.

Library Journal developed its national ranking, which compares U.S. public libraries on the quantities of services they deliver based on per capita statistics for library visits, circulation, program attendance and public Internet use. The LJ Index gives an overall indication of how libraries stack up to their peers nationally.

“We are honored that the Library Journal has chosen to recognize us for our level of service to the community,” says Kimber Fender, the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Library. To celebrate, the Library provided cake to customers at all 40 neighborhood branches and at the Main Library branch.

Library Receives Award with Distinction from Ohio Auditor

A recent financial audit of your Library by Auditor of State Dave Yost’s office has returned a clean audit report. The Public Library’s excellent recordkeeping earned it the Auditor of State Award with Distinction. The annual audit is conducted to review the Library’s internal fiscal controls and compliance.
Building Our Future: Renovations, New Facilities Coming to Four Library Neighborhoods

The Library has launched an $11.7 million facilities initiative to construct two new branch libraries, renovate a third branch to make it handicap accessible, and renovate a historic building into a branch. This is the most significant building improvement plan the Library has undertaken in nearly 25 years.

**AVONDALE BRANCH**

Public Library Board Members, Mayor Mark Mallory, and the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Library Kimber Fender are joined by students from Zion Temple Christian Academy at the groundbreaking ceremony on October 8.

Ground was broken on October 8 to renovate the Avondale Branch, located at 3566 Reading Road, to make this 100-year old Carnegie Branch accessible to everyone by adding an alternative entrance, elevator, and two new bathrooms that will remove physical barriers to library service. In addition, the Library will get new carpeting and lighting, an upgraded heating, air condition and ventilation system, improved Internet connectivity, a reconfigured service desk and self-checkout stations. The work is expected to be completed in April 2014. Watch the progress by following the Library on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**READING BRANCH**

The current Reading Branch is a rental property. In 2005, the Library purchased a three-acre site on Reading Road with the intent of building a branch, but construction was postponed due to lack of funding. The new branch, now set to be completed in the spring or summer of 2015, will be 12,000 square feet, six times the size of the current facility. Preliminary design work is underway.

**ST. BERNARD BRANCH**

The existing 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 and the Library purchased a nearby lot for parking. The new stand-alone library facility will be 8,000 square feet when finished. Preliminary design work is now underway. The branch is expected to be completed in the spring or summer of 2015.

The new St. Bernard Branch will sit at the corner of Vine Street and McClelland Avenue.

The new Reading Branch will be located on Reading Road near Southern Avenue.

**CLIFTON BRANCH**

Michael L. Dever, president of Performance Automotive Network, donated Parkview Manor in 2010 for a new Clifton Branch. The 10,000 square foot former home of George Barnesdale “Boss” Cox is located a few blocks from the current Clifton Branch on a generous lot with room for off-street parking.

The former home of George Barnesdale “Boss” Cox sits at the corner of Jefferson and Brookline avenues and was designed by noted Cincinnati architect Samuel Hannaford. Preliminary design plans were previewed by the community at a special meeting in November. Construction will likely be finished in the spring or summer of 2015.

Timelines, floor plans, and project updates are available at CincinnatiLibrary.org/info/construction.
CincinnatiLibrary.org Changes!

We’ve recently made a number of improvements to our website in order to offer our customers a more user-friendly resource. CincinnatiLibrary.org has a clean, inviting new design that makes a strong visual connection to the Library’s branding and we’ve added drop-down navigation elements to make it easy for you to quickly access website subpages. You’ll also find social media “sharing” buttons on “Library News” webpages so you can easily let your friends and family know what’s going on at the Library!

Hoopla Offers Digital Movies, TV Shows, Audiobooks, and Music

Use our new Hoopla Digital service to access thousands of streaming movies, TV shows, music albums, and audiobooks using your tablet, computer, or mobile device. Hoopla Digital has a simple sign-up and easy-to-use interface and unlimited copies of thousands of well-known titles. And the best part? No holds or waiting lists!

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- Hoopla titles are available 24/7.
- First-time users will be prompted to create an account after entering your library card number or username, and PIN.
- You may borrow up to eight titles per month.
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  - movies and TV shows: 3 days
  - music albums: 7 days
  - audiobooks: 21 days
- Widevine Media Optimizer, a free add-on for your web browser, is needed to listen to the streaming albums. You will be prompted to install it the first time you try to play an album on your computer.
- Hoopla is a cloud-based service: Borrow a title via your computer’s browser, then listen to the same title on your tablet or smartphone.
- Free Hoopla Digital apps are available in the Apple App Store and Google Play.

Visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/downloadables to get started!

New Additions to our OverDrive eBook Collection

We’ve recently added hundreds of new titles to our downloadables collection! These new additions came from customer recommendations, as well as new titles now available from publisher Simon & Schuster! Visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/downloadables to see the new titles!
Canned Goods to Form Sculptures at Main Library

Canstruction® is a global anti-hunger project that began in 1992 by the Society for Design Administration, an affiliate of the America Institute of Architects. Teams of architects, engineers and construction professionals create sculptures built entirely out of canned food and compete for local and national awards. In the Greater Cincinnati area, the food is ultimately donated to the Freestore Foodbank for distribution to 20 counties serving more than 315 nonprofit member agencies here in the Tri-state area. Since 1997, over half a million pounds of food has been raised by Canstruction® Cincinnati for donation to the Freestore Foodbank.

On Tuesday, March 4, teams will have five hours to “canstruct” their sculptures. These gigantic sculptures will be on display to the public through Sunday, March 23 at various locations in downtown Cincinnati including the host site, the Weston Art Gallery, as well as the Main Library.

Read Across America on March 1

The Library will take part in Read Across America in the Children’s Museum at the Cincinnati Museum Center on Saturday, March 1, from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Library staff and volunteers will be there reading stories, leading crafts and games, and giving out prizes as part of the annual “Seuss-a-bration.”

Tails of the Taft: Animals in an Art Museum

Join us in the Popular Library Lounge at the Main Library on Saturday, February 1, at 2:00 p.m. to hear about the many animals found throughout the collection of the Taft Museum of Art. This illustrated talk is led by Taft docent Sue Monteith.

Get Your Game On!

Join us at the Main Library on Saturday, January 18, at 1:00 p.m. for Gaming Unplugged. Play one of our board, card, and dice games or bring your own to the Popular Library! Free snacks and drinks provided. Games include Bananagrams, Clue, Courtier, Forbidden Island, Harry Potter Uno, Magic: The Gathering, Star Fluxx, The Walking Dead Card Game, Zombie Dice, and playing cards. Ages 10+ welcome.
**Jazz Lovers Herald**

Return of Jazz of the Month Club

Concerts are held at **2:00 p.m.** in the Atrium of the Main Library.

**PAT KELLY ORGAN QUINTET**

Saturday, February 15

Chris Kepes, guitar
Ben Bratton, drums
Marc Fields, trombone
Steve Hoskins, saxophone
Pat Kelly, organ

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Ron Enyard

**RON ENYARD QUARTET**

Saturday, March 22

Ron Enyard, drums
David Tarbell, voice
Dan Karlsberg, keyboard
Sandy Suskind, alto sax & flute

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**Local Poets Invited to Enter Library’s Second Annual Contest!**

Between **January 1 and February 28**, the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is looking to discover new and talented poets from the Cincinnati region. Adults, ages 18 and up, are invited to enter the Library’s second annual Poetry Contest! Watch for more information and submission guidelines on our website.

The Poetry Contest is co-sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Writers League.

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**Teen Tech Week Celebrates DIY @ Your Library**

Celebrate Teen Tech Week **March 9-15** with “DIY @ your library!” Experience the value the Public Library gives to the community by offering teens a space to extend learning beyond the classroom. From maker spaces to coding classes and online knitting clubs, teens can get hands-on “do-it-yourself” experience with their friends. The week is designed to show teens about the amazing technology offered at the Library, from online homework help and digital literacy-focused programs to resources like e-books, movies, music, audiobooks, databases and more. Teens’ use of technology increased dramatically in recent years, yet more teens are doing this from home. We want teens to know that the Library is a trusted resource for accessing information and that librarians are experts who can help them develop the skills they need to use electronic resources effectively and efficiently.

Teen Tech Week is an annual national initiative organized by the Young Adult Library Services Association.

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**Teens Compete with Fantastic ‘Fan Art’ for Prizes**

The annual Teen Drawing Contest rolls out **January 1-31** for teens ages 12-18. This year’s theme is “Fan Art!” and teens are encouraged to re-create a scene from their favorite book. Original drawings or paintings may be submitted at any Library location. Elementz Urban Arts Center is partnering with the Library to provide programs that will help teens develop their original ideas into final artwork using fine arts and graphic design concepts. First-, second- and third-place winners, and up to 12 honorable mention winners, will be selected from teens ages 12-14 and ages 15-18. Honorable mention winners from each category will receive an award certificate and ribbon. Second- and third-place winners will receive art supplies, ribbon, and a Chipotle gift card. First-place winners will receive a gift certificate for a free year of membership that covers all programs at the Elementz Urban Arts Center in addition to the award certificate, medal, and Chipotle gift card. Prizes will be given at an awards reception in the TeenSpot on **Saturday, March 1**. Winning artwork will be displayed online afterward. For more information, visit Teenspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org.
A Star For Mrs. Blake Revealed as Title for On The Same Page 2014

Annual Community-Wide Reading Initiative
Now in 13th Year

A heartbreaking book about a mother’s love and the human cost of war is the centerpiece for a yearly Library program that brings together readers from all parts of Hamilton County in a shared reading and discussion experience. On the Same Page is now in its 13th year and is ready to engage lovers of literature in discussions about A Star for Mrs. Blake by April Smith.

From February 1 to March 31, readers can take part in this community-wide “book club” by reading this year’s title, and taking part in various events at the Library, including the chance to meet Smith. The Library is happy to host this event in partnership with the Friends of the Public Library, The Mercantile Library and Joseph-Beth Booksellers.

ABOUT THE BOOK

The United States Congress in 1929 passed legislation to fund travel for mothers of the fallen soldiers of World War I to visit their sons’ graves in France. Over the next three years, 6,693 Gold Star Mothers made the trip. In this emotionally charged, brilliantly realized novel, April Smith breathes life into a unique moment in American history, imagining the experience of five of these women.

They are strangers at the start, but their lives will become inextricably intertwined, altered in indelible ways. These very different Gold Star Mothers travel to the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery to say final good-byes to their sons and come together along the way to face the unexpected: a death; a scandal, and a secret revealed.

None of these pilgrims will be as affected as Cora Blake, who has lived almost her entire life in a small fishing village off the coast of Maine, caring for her late sister’s three daughters, hoping to fill the void left by the death of her son, Sammy, who was killed on a scouting mission during the final days of the war. Cora believes she is managing as well as can be expected in the midst of the Depression, but nothing has prepared her for what lies ahead on this unpredictable journey, including an extraordinary encounter with an expatriate American journalist, Griffin Reed, who was wounded in the trenches and hides behind a metal mask, one of hundreds of “tin noses” who became symbols of the war.

With expert storytelling, memorable characters, and beautiful prose, April Smith gives us a timeless story, by turns heartwarming and heartbreaking, set against a footnote of history—little known, yet unforgettable.
Book lovers will get a chance to meet April Smith and take part in a discussion about her book on Saturday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the Main Library’s Reading Garden Lounge. A book signing will immediately follow the discussion and books will be available for purchase courtesy of Joseph-Beth Booksellers.

April Smith is the author of North of Montana; Be the One; Good Morning, Killer; Judas Horse; and White Shotgun. She is also a television screenwriter and producer, whose most recent work was a TNT original movie based on Good Morning, Killer. She lives in Santa Monica, California.

You can place a hold on A Star For Mrs. Blake now by visiting CincinnatiLibrary.org. The book is available in print, eBook, audiobook, and book on CD for your reading pleasure. You will receive an email or text when the book is available for pickup at the branch of your choice.

Visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/SamePage after January 20 for a complete list of programs, book discussions, discussion questions, and more. This year’s title offers the added opportunity to acquaint yourself with the Library book clubs and with other reading lovers around the area.

In an effort to foster a sense of community through reading, area organizations joined in partnership in 2002 to establish On The Same Page, a citywide reading project. This project was modeled after the first organized community reading event, which was held in Seattle in 1997. The Library of Congress maintains a state-by-state list of past and current “one book” reading projects. Past titles include A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines, The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini, The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins, and The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe.

On the Same Page is a project of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and is made possible in part by the Friends of the Public Library, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, The Mercantile Library, and Mount St. Joseph with media support from WVXU.

You might say Jessica Fellowes has the inside scoop on everything Downton Abbey. She’s literally written the book (two books, actually) on the show. And, as it so happens, the creator and writer of Downton Abbey—Lord Julian Fellowes—is her uncle.

Downton fans will get the chance to hear Jessica Fellowes speak at the Main Library on Saturday, January 25 at 2:00 p.m. Fellowes is the author of the #1 best-selling The World of Downton Abbey and The Chronicles of Downton Abbey. A prolific writer and public speaker, Fellowes’ books give Downton fans the inside look at the characters, sets and plot lines of the award-winning show. Her books include on-set photos and research for the production team. Fellowes also examines the sociohistorical context of the show, particularly as it relates to the changing role of women, the rise of technology, and the crumbling of class hierarchy in post-WWI Britain.

Fans will have a chance to buy Fellowes’ books at this event, courtesy of Joseph-Beth Booksellers, and to have Fellowes sign the copies. For more information about Jessica Fellowes, please visit www.apbspeakers.com.


The Library Foundation is hosting a special fundraising luncheon with Fellowes from 12:00-1:30 p.m. at the Garfield Suites Buckeye Room. Tickets are $125 and include lunch with Fellowes, a private book signing, and preferred seating at the Main Library talk. For reservations, call 513-369-4595 or email foundation@CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org.
Italian Architecture in Cincinnati is Focus of Artistic Exhibit

In conjunction with the exhibition Andrea Palladio—500 Years, located in the Main Library’s Atrium, a companion exhibit, Revived Italian Architecture: From Classical Inspiration to Modernity will be on display in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room, January 31 through April 30.

During the Renaissance, a renewed interest in the classical period elevated architecture to one of the highest forms of artistic discipline. Inspired by the symmetry and perspective found in temples of the Ancient Greeks and Romans, Italian Renaissance architects created new visual forms which influenced Western modern architecture for centuries. Italianate architecture flourished during America’s colonial era and in the 19th century returned again to the forefront. Explore the world of Italian architecture through a display drawn from the Library’s collection of Renaissance through 19th century rare books. Photographs of local buildings featuring Italianate architecture in Cincinnati and neighboring cities of Newport and Covington accompany the exhibit.

ANDREA PALLADIO—500 YEARS

The exhibit, which will be on display in the atrium from January 14 to February 27, consists of a selection of photographs displaying Palladio’s architectural projects for private residences in the Veneto Region, provided by Istituto Regionale Ville Venete and highlight the stylistic evolution of the architect’s more than 40 years of activity. A lecture and reception will be held in the Reading Garden Lounge on Saturday, February 1.

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Need a New Job in the New Year? Library Offers Helping Hand to Job Seekers

Get help in your job search at the Library.

Need help applying for jobs online? Curious about the Library’s online career resources? Learn how to access career assessment tests, fill-in-the-blank resume builders, and “chat” online with a professional job coach. Library staff will also be available to help you with online job applications.

JOBSEEKER’S WORKSHOPS

Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.
January 7 through March 25
Main Library—3rd floor Computer Training Lab

Need help applying for jobs online? Staff will be available to assist you with the basics of this process.

JOBSEEKER APPOINTMENTS

January 2 through January 31

Get one-on-one help searching for jobs online or sign up to get an overview of the Library’s online career-related resources. Call (513) 369-6934 to book an appointment or email Carrie.Dressman@CincinnatiLibrary.org.
Finding a Sense of Place: From the Plantation to Property Ownership

Considered property, African American slaves were legally bound to their owners. Yet decades prior to the Civil War, African Americans began to forge new possibilities: escaping slavery and aiding fellow slaves, purchasing their own and family members’ freedom, and renting along with owning property—all within the restraint of limited opportunities and the lack of Civil Rights. During Black History Month in February, the Public Library will host programs honoring the lives and journeys of African Americans with a focus on where they lived. The programs, co-sponsored by the Hamilton County Genealogical Society, will also present family history research strategies.

FINDING SLAVE ANCESTORS THROUGH ANTEBELLUM PLANTATION RECORDS

Saturday, February 1, 2:00 p.m.

Perhaps the most difficult task faced by African American genealogists is locating slave ancestors. One indispensable tool is the collection of Records of Antebellum Southern Plantations, which provides family information on slaves, as well as the conditions of their lives. Join genealogist Joyce Coleman from the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center as she guides the audience through this invaluable resource and how to maximize its use. The Public Library is one of the few libraries in the nation with a complete collection of the plantation records on microfilm.

DELPHI BENSON’S MIGRATION FROM CINCINNATI’S FOURTH WARD TO WALNUT HILLS

Saturday, February 8, 2:00 p.m.

Born a slave in Kentucky, Delphi Benson and her husband, Henry, a free black from Pennsylvania, were members of Cincinnati’s earliest black community, migrating here in the 1830s. Living in the “Bottoms” in Cincinnati’s Fourth Ward, their early home is shown along the riverfront in the Cincinnati Panorama of 1848, the oldest surviving photograph of urban America. In the 1850s, the Bensons were among the first African Americans to relocate to Walnut Hills, where the family would remain for more than 100 years. Join Patricia Van Skaik, Manager of the Library’s Genealogy & Local History Department, as she explores the remarkable life of Delphi Benson and the resources she used to trace Benson’s descendants.

BE MY GUEST: CINCINNATI’S MANSE HOTEL

Saturday, February 22, 2:00 p.m.

Although Ohio was never a slave state, prior to the Civil War, the only African Americans who were welcome in Cincinnati’s white-owned hotels were employees or slaves accompanying their owners. Even well into the 20th century, Cincinnati hotels were still segregated. To meet the demand for accommodations, African Americans provided lodging options for one another by owning and operating hotels. Join educator, scholar, and National Underground Railroad Freedom Center board member, Dr. John Bryant and Genealogy & Local History librarian Brian Powers as they discuss Cincinnati’s Manse Hotel in Walnut Hills, which operated from the 1930s through the Civil Rights movement.
Thank you...

The following gifts were received between July 1 and November 30, 2013. For more information about donating to the Library Foundation, visit our website at www.CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org.

Our staff is incredibly generous—giving or pledging to give over $12,000!

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**NEW WILLIAM HUENEKE HOMEWORK CENTER SIGN UNVEILED**

The Library Foundation unveiled the new William Hueneke Homework Center sign during a reception September 26 at the Main Library. The William Hueneke Foundation made a donation to The Library Foundation to help fund services offered at the Homework Center, which include Brain Camp and adult literacy programs. Also recognized during the donor reception were Jane Murray Heimlich and Charles D. Lindberg. A memorial gift was received by The Library Foundation in memory of Heimlich. Lindberg, who passed away July 22, served on the Library Board of Trustees for 26 years including several terms as president and held the honorary lifetime title of Trustee Emeritus. Lindberg requested that any memorial gifts in lieu of flowers be made to The Library Foundation of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

Missy Deters, left, Library Foundation Executive Director with John Lindberg, Kimber Fender, the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Executive Director of the Library, Phil Heimlich and Dr. Henry Heimlich.
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Constance Fox in memory of Scout, beloved dog of the Dr. Brian Wong Family
Joyce Ann Franklin in memory of Dixie, beloved dog of Janet Celender
Anita and Dave Freeman in memory of Lucy, beloved dog of Sue Wells and family, in memory of Chloe, beloved dog of Mary Loescher, and in memory of Sweetie, beloved cat of John and Carole Ruschulte
Ron and Elaine Friday in memory of Mel, beloved dog of the Rev.’s Roger and Nancy Greene
Irene Friedman in memory of Audrey, beloved dog of Phyllis Kadle
Virginia S. Gandy in memory of Bertha, beloved pet of Lynnette Vinson

Standing from left: Fulton Jefferson, Jr., Dan Griffith, MLK Coalition President Jay Payne, the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Library Kim Fender, Dr. Nancy Savage, Christina Brown, Dr. Gary P. Zola, and Verneida Britton. Seated from left: Ami Brown, Robert Harris, Louise Lawarre, and MLK Coalition VP Cheryl Meadows.

▶ MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COALITION

The Library Board of Trustees and the Library Administration thanks the Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition for their $1,000 donation to purchase more than 50 books for the Library’s collection relative to the life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Megan Green in memory of Mozart, beloved cat of the Gruenke Family
Carolyn Gutjahr in memory of Sadie, beloved dog of Janice Kagermeier, in memory of Charlie Brown, beloved dog of Mike and Madeena Nolan, in memory of Oliver, beloved dog of Durand Carroll, in memory of Judge, beloved dog of the McMillan/Hilton family, and in memory of Cappy, beloved dog of Cindy Sherding
Elaine Harris in memory of Ruby, beloved dog of the Clark family
Friends and co-workers of Kelvin Huseman in memory of Merlin, beloved dog of Kelvin and Paula Huseman
Pamela Jacobson and Ginger Gandy in memory of Lucy, beloved pet of Sue Wells
Leslie C. Layne in memory of Kensey, beloved pet of Tom and Nancy Gilman
Robin Lippelman in memory of Kaleb, beloved dog of Nicole, Matt, and Owen Gunderman
Andrea Lippelman in memory of Lucy, beloved cat of Jeri Needlemen
Mary Jo McKibben in memory of Oscar, beloved pet of Nicole Briggs
Ann Segal and Jerry Malsh in memory of Ollie, beloved pet of Cindy and Tim McCarthy
Chuck Brown and Linda Seiter in memory of Charlie the Pug, beloved dog of Emily Brown
David B. Siders in memory of Sandy Buttons, beloved pet of Timothy Leslie
Joanne Snyder in memory of Kitten, beloved cat of Leslye Kroege
Elizabeth Solway in memory of Squinty, beloved pet of Angela Jones and Michael Solway
Susan Spoon in memory of Kinsey, beloved cat of Sandy and Brian Freer
Barbara Stough in memory of Chloe, beloved cat of Grace Myers
Carol, Doris and Ann Sturzenberger in memory of Tashi, beloved pet of Susan Berman
Symmes Township Branch staff in memory of Gracie, beloved reading therapy dog of Norbert O’Hare
Molly Wimberg in memory of Abby, beloved lab of David, Susan, Kelly and Erin Sheehy
Diane Wright in memory of Harry, beloved dog of Lisa Regnold

**Befriend a Branch**
D.M. Booker for the Madeira Branch
David and Kay Bostrom for the Sharonville Branch
John Brickweg for the Reading Branch
Eagle Savings Bank for Green Township Branch
Fifth Third Bank Mack Bridgetown Banking Center for the Green Township Branch
Barb Leyda for the Loveland Branch
Loveland Woman’s Club for the Loveland Branch
Miniature Society of Cincinnati for the Blue Ash Branch and the Madeira Branch
Sogetsu Cincinnati Branch for the Madeira Branch
Don Weinschenker and Erika Walker for the Groesbeck Branch and the North Central Branch

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*The Library Foundation was able to accomplish the following in fiscal year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013:*

- The Foundation Endowment grew to $2,352,467!
- The Foundation provided over $457,000 of financial support to the Library and its staff and programs:
  - Over $2,800 was raised through the Befriend a Branch program
  - Over $3,900 was donated through the Pet Memorial and Honor with Books programs
- $5,000 was paid to support Books by the Banks
- $17,800 was expended for the Library Levy campaign
- Over $28,000 was raised to support the Summer Reading program
- $130,000 thanks to staff and individuals
- Over $35,000 of general support funding was passed through for Library programs
- $46,000 was raised to support Summer Brain Camps from the Maxwell Weaver, Duke Energy and P&G Foundations

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WINNER USED BOOKSTORE SALE
8456 Vine Street (Hartwell)
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Thursday, January 16, 10:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Friday, January 17, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 18, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 19, 12:00-5:00 p.m.

On Saturday OR Sunday, members receive 50% off! Memberships may be purchased or renewed at the door and the discount will apply the same day!

HARRISON BRANCH LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE
10398 New Haven Road
(513) 369-4442

Thursday, March 6, 12:00-9:00 p.m.
Friday, March 7, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 8, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The first Friends branch sale of the new year will be held at the state-of-the-art Harrison Branch! The sale offers fiction and nonfiction for children and adults, as well CDs, DVDs, and more!

Want to help out at the sale? Call (513) 369-6035 to volunteer or email friendsofplch1@fuse.net.

The Best Little Greeting Card Store You’ve Never Heard Of—The Friends Shop at Main Library!

Cincinnati Magazine calls the Friends Shop at the Main Library “the best little greeting card store you’ve never heard of” and they’re right! You’ll love this gem, located on the Mezzanine level just above the Atrium, for its eclectic and unique range of greeting cards, created by individual artists with designs that can’t be found at the big chain stores. Add a personal touch and express a true sense of thoughtfulness with a greeting card or note from the Friends Shop. Plus you’ll want to browse the gift shop’s selection of gifts, gently used books, literary-themed products, toys, Cincinnati paraphernalia, and more! Members of The Friends receive a 10% discount on all items purchased at The Friends’ Shop and all profits from the shop are used to help fund the activities and programs sponsored by The Friends of the Library. The Friends’ Shop is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Friends’ Shop is a member of the Museum Shop Association.
SAVE THE DATES

“Hog Logs” Help Kids Get Healthy, Have Fun at Flying Pig Marathon

Kids participating in the Hog Log will have a chance to take part in a kickoff celebration.

The Library will partner with the Cincinnati Flying Pig Kids’ Marathon to encourage kids to Be Smart, Move More, and Eat Well. Select branches will host presenters from the Kids’ Marathon and the Nutrition Program from February through May to teach kids about fitness, fun, and healthy food choices. Children can track “miles” on their Hog Logs and be eligible to participate in the Kids’ Marathon 26th Mile Event on Saturday, May 3.

Cincinnati Library Comic Con Series Begins

The Second Annual Cincinnati Library Comic Con Series kicks off with the CLCC14 Drawing Contest! Submit your artwork to any Library location between March 1-31 for a chance to win awesome prizes. Ages 5 and up welcome! Winners will be chosen by a celebrity judge and the awards ceremony will occur at the Comic Con Main Event on Saturday, May 10. Check our next issue of Links for more information about the Cincinnati Library Comic Con Series!

DON’T MISS OUT

Author Visit Dates and More!

• Join local historian Phil Lind on Thursday, January 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cheviot Branch for “The 1937 Flood.” Lind will share the history of one of the greatest natural disasters to ever touch Greater Cincinnati. Registration is required—call (513) 369-6015.

• Interview with a Clown: The Life and Times of Professional Clown Joe Vani of the Sherman Brothers author Gary Lee Hicks will be at the Delhi Township Branch on Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss his book and sign copies.

• Local author Keith Maginn describes his 3,000 mile road trip with companion Emily Buckley throughout the South, practicing philanthropy and spreading kindness, in his new book Goodwill Tour: Paying It Forward on Tuesday, January 7, at 10:00 a.m. at the Miami Township Branch.

• JT Townsend, author of Crime of the Century? Unmasking the Lindbergh Kidnapping comes to the Main Library Reading Garden Lounge on Saturday, March 1, at 11:00 a.m. as part of his True Crime Lecture Series. Townsend will show photos of the interior of the summer home of famous aviator Charles Lindbergh in Hopewell, New Jersey and discuss his theory on what really happened.