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EVENT FOR COMIC LOVERS IS BIGGER, BETTER THAN EVER!
In February 2013, the Library Board approved the largest branch facilities plan in more than 25 years. The plan included renovating the 100-year-old Avondale Branch to be fully accessible, renovating the donated Cox House as the new Clifton Branch Library and constructing new, larger branch libraries in Reading and St. Bernard, replacing small, outdated facilities and honoring commitments made to these communities more than 10 years ago. The plan will cost $11.7 million to complete and will utilize prior-year savings and planned capital expenses for 2013-2015. The Library currently has no debt and will incur none as a result of these projects.

Design of these projects quickly got underway with architects K4 taking on the difficult task of squeezing an addition and elevator onto the small backyard of the Avondale Branch. More than accessibility, the Avondale Branch is getting a substantial renovation with new restrooms and the main floor program space again available for public use. New carpet, lighting and fresh paint along with a new HVAC system will transform the interior of the existing branch as well. Final touches include new furniture, additional computers and an expansion of the service desk to also be accessible. The $1 million project is scheduled for completion in late April.

Champlin Architecture designed both St. Bernard and Reading. The new 8,000-square-foot St. Bernard Branch will be built on property donated by St. Bernard. It replaces the 2,000-square-foot facility housed in the St. Bernard Municipal Center and generously contributed to the Library since 1970. The new Reading Branch will be 12,000 square feet and replaces the 2,000-square-foot storefront that has housed the branch since 2000.

McClurey & Savage Architects designed the renovation of the George “Boss” Cox House as the new Clifton Branch. The 10,000-square-foot home on the National Register of Historic Sites will replace the 2,500-square-foot storefront occupied by the Clifton Branch for more than 50 years. Alternatively called Parkview Manor because of its location across from Burnet Woods, this gorgeous home was built for George Cox in 1895 by noted Cincinnati architect Samuel Hannaford. After Cox’s death, it housed the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity for more than 60 years. When the fraternity moved to a new house, fraternity member Michael Dever acquired the building and later donated it to the Library for a new Clifton Branch.

All three branches will have expanded collections, spaces just for children, teens and adults, places to sit and enjoy the Library, computer labs, meeting/program rooms and individual study rooms. The three branches were designed for energy efficiency, and LEED certification is being pursued for both Reading and St. Bernard. Reading will include a drive-up service window and ample parking; nonexistent in the current branch. St. Bernard will also have parking on a nearby lot, and Clifton will have onsite parking as well. When you walk in these new branches, don’t expect to see the large service desk. Staff at these branches will be providing service using mobile devices. All three will utilize self-check, and Clifton will have outdoor lockers for after-hours hold pick-up. The three branches were bid in February, and construction is expected to begin in April.

Look for the new branches to be opening in 2015.

It is so exciting to see these projects moving forward after being on hold for many years. Opening day for a new library is indeed a cause for celebration. We hope to see you at groundbreaking ceremonies and Avondale’s ribbon cutting. You can follow the construction progress on our website: CincinnatiLibrary.org/info/construction/.

Kimber L. Fender
The Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director
Building our Future: Join Us to Celebrate

The Library will take a huge step forward in its $11.7 million building project when the Board of Trustees and Library administration break ground on three new branch locations and celebrate the completion of a significant renovation at a fourth branch! Join us in celebration at the following events:

Avondale Accessibility Project Grand Opening: date to be determined (visit CincinnatiLibrary.org for updates) at the Avondale Branch, located at 3566 Reading Rd. Construction crews have been working on this facility since October, adding a handicap-accessible entrance, elevator, two new accessible bathrooms, program space, plus a host of other branch updates including self-checkout and improved Wi-Fi.

Clifton Branch Groundbreaking: Monday, April 21, 1:15 p.m., at Parkview Manor, located at 3400 Brookline Ave. This 10,000-square-foot historic home, donated to the Library by Michael L. Dever was once the home of George Barnesdale “Boss” Cox. This location will replace the 2,500-square-foot current location in a storefront rental property a few blocks away and will be home to after-hours lockers for pick-up of holds, a first for our Library system, plus a Maker Space, tech lab, and a mobile service model that eliminates circulation and reference desks.

Reading Branch Groundbreaking: Monday, April 21, 2:30 p.m., at the site located on Reading Road across from Southern Avenue. The Library purchased this three-acre lot and will build a new 12,000-square-foot branch that will have a drive-up window, ample parking, a Maker Space, tech lab, and a mobile service model.

St. Bernard Branch Groundbreaking: Monday, April 21, 4 p.m., at the site located at Vine Street and McClelland Avenue. This lot was donated by the city of St. Bernard. The Library purchased a nearby lot for parking. The new stand-alone facility will be four times the size of the existing location inside the St. Bernard municipal building and will have a Maker Space, tech lab, and a mobile service model.

Library Receives Award From Duke Energy For Upgrades

Board of Trustee member William Moran, Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Library Kimber Fender, Board President Ross Wright, Facility Operations Manager Jeff Gerrein, Deputy Director Greg Edwards and Board member Robert Hendon accepted the Public Library’s 2013 Power Partner award from Duke Energy Feb. 11.

The Library received a 2013 Power Partner award Feb. 11 from Duke Energy during the Library’s board meeting. The Library earned the award by making energy-efficient upgrades to the Main Library in downtown Cincinnati.

“In its history, approximately 130 companies have won this award. This award has great significance to Duke Energy, and it is our way of showing you how deeply we value your partnership. Your company now joins a select group of customers that are held in the highest regard as exhibited through this partnership recognition,” said Michael Pahutski, director of Large Account Management for Ohio and Kentucky at Duke Energy.
IndieFlix Available April 1

Beginning April 1, IndieFlix, a streaming movie service featuring award-winning independent films, shorts, and documentaries from around the world, will be available to Library customers. IndieFlix offers unlimited access to thousands of streaming film-festival hits, including the best of Sundance, Cannes, Tribeca, SXSW, and more! Films can be watched on all Internet-enabled computers, tablets, and smartphones.

Visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/downloadables to start watching great independent films today!

New Research Databases

We’ve added a number of new resources to our collection that make it easier than ever for you to do research or homework from the comfort of home!

**CAREER CRUIising**, available in English and Spanish, is a comprehensive career-planning, vocational guidance, and job search database with a built-in resume builder.

**GALE ARTEMIS LITERARY SOURCES** offers one-click access to four literary databases: Literature Criticism Online, LitFinder, Scribner Writers Online, and Twayne’s Authors.

**SAFARI BOOKS ONLINE** includes more than 800 searchable, full-text versions of books covering a wide range of computer and information technology topics.

**SCIENCE IN CONTEXT** covers popular subjects such as biology, chemistry, earth and environmental science, health and medicine, physics, etc. Articles typically include topic overviews, magazine articles, images and videos, biographies, and detailed experiments. A great resource for students.

**WORLD HISTORY IN CONTEXT** moves chronologically over 5,000 years—from antiquity to the present day—to cover the events, movements and individuals that shaped world history.

Pull out your library card and visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/research to get started.

Library to Create ‘Digitization Hubs’ for Historical Preservation

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County has been awarded a grant of $189,464 from The Institute of Museum and Library Services to upgrade digitization software and equipment.

While the Public Library has been digitizing material since 2007, this grant will allow for the purchase of new, more advanced equipment, which will improve images and expand scanning capabilities.

The Library, one of four Ohio libraries to receive Library Services and Technology Act funds for this project, will collaborate with the Cleveland Public Library, Columbus Metropolitan Library, and Toledo-Lucas County Public Library to develop a statewide program for digitizing and accessing materials of local and state importance. A complete launch of the digitization services is expected by late summer.

New Additions to Hoopla Digital Audiobooks

Hoopla audiobooks are available on demand, so there’s no waiting to borrow popular titles! Visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/downloadables and start listening today!
Work of Talented Young Artists on Display at Main Library

Visit the Main Library to view works by some of the city’s most talented young artists. The Cincinnati Public Schools City Wide Art Exhibition showcases artwork, including drawings, paintings, sculptures and photographs, by Cincinnati Public School students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The exhibit is presented in partnership with the Cincinnati Public Schools and will be on display in the Atrium until Sunday, April 20.

Fascinating Look at Justice in Spain is Focus of Six@Six Lecture

From 1936 to 1976, more than 70,000 people were executed in Spain by the country’s civil guard. Many were buried and forgotten in mass graves. Spain’s democratic transition followed and has since been lauded as an international model for peaceful change. Nonetheless, citizens have begun demanding answers about the unresolved fate of their kin. On Tuesday, April 8, at 6 p.m., in the Main Library’s Reading Garden Lounge, Dr. Kajsa Larson, assistant professor of Spanish, will explore how the recuperation of civil war memory is manifested through popular culture, public demonstrations, new government legislation and the grassroots efforts of common citizens. Presented as part of Northern Kentucky University’s Six@Six Lecture Series. More information can be found at sixatsix.nku.edu. Registration is required.

Hamilton County Authors and Books Highlighted During Ohioana Celebration

In 1929, the Ohioana Library Association was founded to collect, preserve, and promote the written work of Ohio’s authors, artists, and musicians. On Sunday, April 6, at 1:30 p.m., the Public Library and Ohioana will jointly celebrate the works of Hamilton County authors and books about Cincinnati that were published in 2013. The Cooper Award, given for outstanding contribution in promoting books and reading in Hamilton County, will be presented to the Mercantile Library during the event. A panel of authors will discuss “A Writer’s Life,” and more than 100 authors will be recognized for their contribution to the area’s literary heritage. A small book fair will follow the program, and authors will be available at the fair to talk about their books as well as sign any purchases.
April is National Poetry Month; Commit a Random Act of Poetry!

National Poetry Month is a celebration of poetry established by the Academy of American Poets. Organizers are hoping to increase the visibility and availability of poetry in popular culture and teach appreciation for poetry as an art form. Each year, publishers, booksellers, educators, and literary organizations use the month of April to promote poetry; publishers often release and publicize their poetry titles in April; teachers and librarians focus on poetry units during the month; and bookstores and libraries often hold special readings by poets.

The Library encourages teens in Grades 7 through 12 to participate in the annual Teen Poetry Contest in April. It’s easy; just write an original poem and send it in! Entry forms are available at all Library locations and at Teenspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

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.

Elementz Urban Arts Center is partnering with the Library to provide programs for teens on writing poems that communicate a story or message as well as how to share poems with their peers as performance art. A full schedule of dates, times, and locations and full contest information are available at Teenspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org. The Friends of the Public Library is sponsoring the contest.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with the Main Library’s 16th annual Poetry in the Garden series, in partnership with the Greater Cincinnati Writers League. Join us throughout the month of April to listen to our winners and other area poets, including Pauletta Hansel, Claudia Skutar, Tyrone Williams, Jerry Judge, and Bucky Ignatius read their poetry; and read your own poetry at open mic sessions. Readings will be held each Tuesday evening (April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29) at 7 p.m. in the Reading Garden Lounge.

Winners Announced for Poetry in the Garden Contest

Dancers perform at last year’s El Dia Fiesta at the Bond Hill Branch.

Libraries Hold ‘Literacy Fiesta’ for Day of the Child/Day of the Book

Dancers perform at last year’s El Dia Fiesta at the Bond Hill Branch.

Take a trip around the world in 180 minutes at El Día De Los Niños/El Día De Los Libros, or “Day of the Child/Day of the Book.” Presented in partnership with the Kenton County Public Library. El Día is an exciting literacy fiesta celebrating all cultures. Some highlights of the program will include:

- International Storytime in multiple languages
- Free children’s books (while supplies last)
- Fun crafts and games

El Día De Los Niños/El Día De Los Libros will take place at the Erlanger Branch of the Kenton County Public Library Sunday, April 27, from 1 to 4 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Kenton County Public Library, and The Friends of the Public Library.
Experimental Music Pushes the Boundaries, Finds New Fans

The Main Library’s Experimental Music Series is gaining a huge fan following! Come and see what the “buzz” is about during two groundbreaking performances in the Main Library’s Popular Library Lounge!

**Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p.m.: SONTAG SHOGUN**

Sontag Shogun ([sontagshogun.bandcamp.com](http://sontagshogun.bandcamp.com)) is an ambient, electronic piano trio comprised of former members from [the] slowest runner [in all the world]. Pooling their influences from modern classical, improvised, and ambient musical spheres, they create longform shape-shifting compositions that are at times lush and melodic as well as textural and unpredictable. Sontag Shogun performs alongside black and white video-loop collages from films and archival footage, embracing the evocative and emotive nature of their melodic textures.

**Wednesday, May 21, at 7 p.m.: UNCLE TITO**

Joining forces especially for Experimental Music at the Library, Uncle Tito is a collaboration between area composers Brian McKinney and Charles Tekulve. Influenced by twentieth century composers like Philip Glass and Olivier Messiaen and post-rock bands like Tortoise, Uncle Tito creates an infectious, danceable soundscape complimented by brilliant projected visuals.

Jazz Lovers Treated to Fabulous Music at Main Library

The smooth sounds of jazz will fill the Reading Garden Lounge of the Main Library for two Jazz of the Month performances in April and May! On **Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m.**, hear the music of the Hank Mautner Quintet. On **Saturday, May 17, at 2 p.m.**, the Library will host the Art Gore Quintet. Then join us for the International Jazz Day Concert **Wednesday, April 30, at 7 p.m.**, in the Popular Library of the Main Library. The concert features the Jerry Conrad Quintet. Trumpeter Jerry Conrad was the bandleader on the Nick Clooney television show in the 1970s and his five-piece jazz band includes seasoned jazz veterans Ron Bramlage on tenor sax, Jimmy Seward on drums, and Phil Burkhead on piano.

Kids Complete Healthy Initiative, Take Part in Flying Pig Marathon

Dozens of children will take part in a special event at the Flying Pig Marathon **Saturday, May 3** as a reward for finishing the Library’s “Be Smart, Eat Well and Move More” initiative! Since February, children have been recording their physical activity using a “Hog Log” to qualify to be a kid marathoner in the last mile of the Flying Pig Kids Marathon at Sawyer Point. The kids will get a T-shirt and medal for crossing the Hog Log finish “swine” line! There’s still time to participate. “Hog Logs” can be found at [Kidspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://Kidspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org). You can also attend programs at the Corryville Branch Library **Wednesday, April 9, at 3:30 p.m.**, and at the Walnut Hills Branch Library on **Tuesday, April 22, at 3 p.m.**

Past “Hog Log” participants get excited about getting healthy at the Walnut Hills Branch Library.

Jerry Conrad, leader of the Jerry Conrad Quintet
Fans Gear Up for Cincinnati Library Comic Con Series 2014

Whether they’re into anime or zombies, Superman or Batman, Star Wars or Star Trek, fans won’t want to miss the Cincinnati Library Comic Con Series 2014 (CLCC14)! The event, which was created in 2013, is back for a second year and is bigger and better than ever!

The event is the brainchild of Popular Library Reference Librarian LeeAnn McNabb.

“I’ve attended conventions and read comic books since I was a tween, though at the time it was all “Star Trek: The Next Generation”-related. About two years ago, I saw information about Free Comic Book Day in my Twitter timeline. That’s when the idea first took root. I was a recent graduate, and I wanted to create popular adult programming that would have wide appeal that I’d really be passionate about.”

McNabb says she initially envisioned a small Free Comic Book Day with a couple of local comic book artists or writers talking about their inspirations and signing autographs. However, as she began to talk about the idea with local comic book creators and enthusiasts, she realized: “The interest my idea was generating was beyond my wildest dreams. It was about this time I realized that not only could I expand the event into something larger, but I could create an intergenerational program because of the wide appeal of the sequential art format and the popular cultural trends that have sprung from it.”

The first Cincinnati Library Comic Con Series, held last year, was widely successful. McNabb decided to expand the series this year with more guests, activities, cosplay, and a whole series of events leading up to Comic Con, which takes place at the Main Library Saturday, May 10. They include:

Now through May 10: Science Fiction Toys and Memorabilia from the 1970s to the Present Exhibit. Located in the Popular Library Department at the Main Library, reminisce about your childhood favorites, including “Star Wars” and “Star Trek”.

Tuesday, April 1 at 4 p.m.: Teen Terror. Teen Terror, a monthly program in the TeenSpot at the Main Library, will be showing “Hellboy” as a lead up to the Cincinnati Library Comic Con. Drinks and snacks provided. This program is for teens only.

Saturday, April 12, at 1 p.m.: Mercantile Library’s Graphic Novel Reading Group at Mercantile Library. This group meets in the Reading Room on the 11th Floor of the Mercantile Library on the second Saturday of each month. For more information on the selection for April, contact (513) 621-0717. Adults only.

Stay up to date with #CLCC14 on Twitter!
CincinnatiLibrary.org/News/2014/ComicCon
Saturday, April 26, at 1 p.m.: Zombie Preparedness Boot Camp. Run to the Zombie Preparedness Boot Camp in the Main Library’s Huenefeld Tower Room before it’s too late! Learn about the different types of zombies, the theories behind the spread of the zombie virus, how to prepare a zombie apocalypse emergency kit, and what you can do today to prepare for that eventuality. Must be 16 years or older to attend.

Sunday, May 4, at 1 p.m.: “Star Wars” Day at the Symmes Township Branch Library. May the Fourth Be With You! Celebrate “Star Wars” with games, refreshments, prizes, and a photo-op. Feel free to dress up as your favorite character! All ages welcome.

Saturday, May 10, Main Event at 1 p.m.: This five-hour program will feature artists, game creators, and event partner booths, a panel discussion with writers working in the field, free comic books in celebration of Free Comic Book Day*, the CLCC14 Drawing Contest Awards Ceremony, face painting, a board and card gaming area hosted by Gateway Games and More open to all ages, a kids’ gaming booth hosted by the Cincinnati Comic Expo, a Star Trek Redshirt Scavenger Hunt and Raffle, a Nintendo 3DS Street Pass Gathering, Live Pac-Man, the chance to get your photos taken with your favorite television, movie, and comic book characters (Starfleet Officers, Stormtroopers, and Superheroes), the opportunity to find out what you’d look like as a zombie, and more!

*Available on a first-come, first-serve basis. One comic book per person.

This program is for all ages.

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BRAD ABRAHAM
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AND MORE!
Creative Expression: Artists’ Works from the Loeb Collection

Spring is in the air. It inspires creative expression in all of us. This spring, visit the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room at the Main Library and see the creative work of world-famous artists. We are pleased to feature the Loeb Collection of artist books in the Cincinnati Room exhibit from May 5 to August 24.

Eda Kuhn Loeb was born in Cincinnati in 1867, one of 10 children of Samuel and Rebecca (Wise) Kuhn. Shortly after she married Morris Loeb in 1895, they moved to New York City. She died in New York in 1951 at age 85. In her will, she gave a bequest of $50,000 to the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. At that time, it was the largest monetary bequest the Library had ever received. It was decided that some of the money would be spent to purchase fine art books: rare, signed, limited edition books illustrated by late 19th and early 20th century artists.

In 1958, the head of the Art & Music Department, Alice S. Plaut, traveled to Europe to select materials for the collection. She traveled to London, Rome, Geneva, and Paris to purchase the books that will be in the exhibition. Marc Chagall, Paul Gauguin and Henri Matisse are just a few of the artists that are represented in Creative Expression: Artists’ Works from the Loeb Collection.

Still Time to Enjoy Local Italian Architecture!

Revived Italian Architecture: From Classical Inspiration to Modernity will be on display in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room until April 30. 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.

Work of Artists Reaching Classrooms on Display at Main Library

The Taft Museum of Art’s annual Artists Reaching Classrooms (ARC) exhibition will be on view from April 25 to May 15 in the Atrium of the Main Library. Students from 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 that provides an explanation of the student’s process and intent.
The following gifts were received between November 2013 and February 2014. For more information about donating to the Library Foundation, visit our website at CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org.

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The Downtown Residents' Council (DRC) presented a check for $1,250 to the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County at the Main Library during its Feb. 11 meeting. The donation supports the 2014 Summer Arts program held in the Children's Learning Center at the Main Library. Present at the donation were Genealogy & Local History Reference Librarian and DRC Historian Chris Smith, left, Children's Learning Center Garretrre Smith, Children's Learning Center Reference Librarian Carolyn Janssen, former DRC president Conrad Thiede, and Service Operations Manager—Central Angela Farmer.

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• Once you’ve registered, click on “Edit” under “Community Rewards.”

• Enter #83796 under “Find Your Organization” to select the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Foundation from the list. Then click “Save.”

• Once you are registered, any time you use your Kroger Plus card when shopping, your purchase will benefit the Library Foundation!
Fans of the popular PBS show “Downton Abbey” had the chance to rub elbows with creator Julian Fellowes’ niece, author Jessica Fellowes, at a special luncheon Jan. 25.

Jessica Fellowes, who wrote the books “The Chronicles of Downton Abbey” and “The World of Downton Abbey,” signed copies and answered questions over lunch with a small group before her talk at the Main Library the same day.

The luncheon was held in the Garfield Suites Buckeye Room by The Library Foundation of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and raised almost $2,000. “It was a wonderful way to spend a very cold and uncertain wintry Saturday afternoon,” said Tom Osterman, one of the luncheon attendees. “I thought her start of the discussion (at the Main Library) with the singing video spoofing “Downton Abbey’s” characters was hilarious.”

To see photos from the luncheon and author visit at the Main Library, go to Flickr.com/Photos/CincinnatiPublicLibrary. For more information about The Library Foundation, visit Foundation.CincinnatiLibrary.org or email Foundation@CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org.
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Cindy and Tim McCarthy in memory of Rosie, beloved pet of Marie and Rich Kiley
Denise Miller in memory of Paddy, beloved cat of Cindy Hauenstein and family, given by her friends in Materials Selection & Acquisitions
Ms. Sally Moffitt in memory of Duncan, beloved pet of Hilda Smith
Ann Segal and Jerry Malsh in memory of Olive, beloved pet of Cindy and Tim McCarthy
Ms. Elizabeth Solway in memory of Fred, beloved cat of Tamsen Merrill and Gregory Thorp
Ms. Elizabeth Solway in memory of Red Cat, beloved pet of Angela Jones and Michael Solway
Ms. Elizabeth Solway in memory of Sammie, beloved cat of Judy Wacksman
Ms. Karen Smith and Mr. Paul Demarco in memory of Jemima “J-lo” & Archimedes “Medes,” beloved dogs of Jennifer Lail
Ms. Karen Smith and Mr. Paul Demarco in memory of Libby, beloved pet of Lynn Hailey and Susan Ingrime
Ms. Karen Smith and Mr. Paul Demarco in memory of Pender, beloved dog of Barbara Rinto and Jerry Lawson
Joanne Snyder in memory of Kitten, beloved cat of Lesley Kroeger
Susan Spoon in memory of Kinsey, beloved cat of Sandy and Brian Freer
Barbara and Michael Stough in memory of Big Swell Mel, beloved pet of Joe and Patty Moeggenberg
Mr. David P. Williams in memory of Sebastian, beloved cat of Ruby Craig
Ms. Martha J. Wolf in memory of Josie, beloved pet of Laura Connelly
Ms. Diane Wright in memory of Butterfinger, beloved pet of Sharon Stuard

Program Grants

Downtown Residents’ Council 2014 Summer Arts programs in the Children’s Learning Center
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Find Great Deals and Help the Library by Shopping the Friends’ Used Book Sales!

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The Friends’ Warehouse at 8456 Vine Street (Hartwell).
Open Mondays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Warehouse is closed for sales on May 26, May 28, May 31 and June 2.

Library Friends’ Shop Connects You to City’s History

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is home to a historic piece of photography: the Cincinnati Panorama of 1848. This remarkable daguerreotype of Cincinnati’s riverfront is considered to be the oldest wide-view photograph of an American city. And now, you can own a piece of this unique, historical memento! The Friends of the Public Library Shop at the Main Library sells prints of the Cincinnati Panorama as well as postcards and coasters commemorating the piece. The Friends’ Shop is also where you’ll find connections to other pieces of our city’s history, including a print of the famous Old Main Stacks photo—which has gone viral on social media—as well as the book “Free and Public” by John Fleishman, which outlines the history of the Public Library. Plus you’ll find an assortment of other books on Cincinnati’s history, from beer making to Findlay Market. Take home a piece of Cincinnati history today by visiting the Friends of the Public Library Shop, located on the Mezzanine Level near the Vine Street entrance.
Open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Summer Learning: Read On!  
@ Your Public Library

Our new Summer Learning (formerly Summer Reading) series kicks off Saturday, May 31 with parties at the Main Library and at various branches. Sign up to take part; everyone can earn prizes, including books, school and art supplies, backpacks, and electronics. We’ll also be introducing our new Summer Camp Reading programs at select branches. And Brain Camp returns! School-age children can take part in these free summer day camps at the Main Library and select library branches. Watch for more details in the next issue of Links!

Upcoming Author Visits

MEET THE POET:  
Tuesday, April 29, 7 p.m., at the Green Township Branch

West-side college student, magician and poet Ben Klayer reads selections from his debut poetry book Over the Hills!

GOODWILL TOUR: PAYING IT FORWARD:  
Saturday, April 5, 11 a.m., at the Norwood Branch and Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m., at the Hyde Park Branch

Come meet Keith Maginn, local author who will speak about his book Good Will Tour: Paying it Forward.

FESTIVALS AND FROLICS:  
Wednesday, May 21, at 7 p.m., at the Green Township Branch

Cheri Brinkman, author of Cincinnati and Soup: Festivals and Frolics will explore the great Cincinnati festival food events, including St. Rita’s, Oktoberfest, Goettafest, and Panegyri.

PLEASE NOTE: Library branches will be closed Easter Sunday, April 20, and Memorial Day, May 26.