Summer Learning is Better than Ever!

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Read on @ Your Library!

June 1 - July 31

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For 40 years, our Library has been encouraging children, teens, and adults to read with our Summer Reading Program. We had themes, prizes, and programs; and you read—a lot of books. Over the 40 years since the program began, millions of books were read. Typically, 40,000 people would participate. In 2000, when our Children’s Department turned 100, we gave books as Summer Reading prizes, a practice so popular we continued it every year since. Over the years, we made changes to Summer Reading adding Brain Camps in 2010 and summer lunches in 2012.

We’re all looking forward to an exciting summer filled with wonderful opportunities to read and learn. We hope you join us!

Now we’re changing again. Don’t panic. The familiar Summer Reading Program is still being offered but with prizes, including books, that are more useful—things like pencils and crayons and puzzles. Brain Camps, some day-long and others week-long, will be available not only at the Main Library but at every branch library as well. Summer lunches will again be served at eligible branches. But this summer, we’re also offering Summer Camp Reading, a program developed right here in Cincinnati by Joe Dehner and Noel Julnes-Dehner to meet the needs of the children in our community most at risk of falling behind in their reading.

Summer Camp Reading works with schools to select students who most need assistance with reading and provides a six-week reading camp to get them reading at grade level. Using a mixture of literacy-themed activities, one-on-one tutoring, group reading and books, Summer Camp Reading achieves incredible results. In fact, comparing pre- and post-camp test results shows every child improved in reading! Participation in Summer Camp Reading is limited to 12 students per site, and we are offering the program at seven Library locations: Bond Hill, College Hill, Corryville, Northside, Pleasant Ridge, Price Hill, and Westwood.

Why are we making this change? Because some children in our community cannot read, and we know that reading is critical to high school graduation, college attendance and lifelong success. Plus, we’re the Library, so we want everyone to be a lifelong reader.

While there is no charge to attend the Summer Camp, there is a cost to offering this program. Our thanks to a generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, for providing the funds for Summer Camp Reading. Thanks also to our many Summer Learning sponsors including The Friends of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, The Library Foundation, the Anderson Township Library Association, Duke Energy Foundation, Newman’s Own Foundation, Kroger, Wing Eye Care, and Western & Southern Financial Fund. Without the generous support of these organizations we would not be able to offer our Summer Learning Program.

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Construction Begins on Three New Library Branches

More than 150 people attended groundbreaking ceremonies for new Library branches in Clifton, Reading, and St. Bernard on Monday, April 21. Construction at the three new locations is scheduled to be complete in the spring or summer 2015.

Enthusiastic crowds at the ceremonies listened as city officials and loyal Library customers shared how the exciting new projects will positively impact the three communities. The new Clifton Branch Library will be housed in the historic Parkview Manor. The Reading and St. Bernard branch libraries will be new buildings. All three locations will have more space for collections, programs, meeting rooms, computer labs, dedicated spaces for children and teens, and self-check stations. The new Clifton Branch Library will have outdoor lockers for after-hours hold pickups—a first for the Library. The Reading Branch Library will include drive-up service, and both Reading and St. Bernard will include a Maker Space. A customer service model, in which staff will provide service with mobile devices, will be implemented in all three branches. In addition, all three branches were designed for energy efficiency; and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification is being pursued for Reading and St. Bernard.

You can follow construction progress by visiting CincinnatiLibrary.org/Info/Construction.

Your Summer Getaway Awaits
Thanks to the Library!

Planning to take a trip this summer? Whether you’re roughing it in the woods, hitting the open road, or relaxing on a beach, the Library’s collection of downloadable e-books has plenty of travel guides to help you plan your adventure! Download a travel book to your Kindle, Nook, iPad, Android tablet, or smartphone today!
WHAT’S NEW ONLINE

Listen and Read Along with Tumblebooks

Tumblebooks, our service for children that features animated talking picture books, is now bigger and better than ever! In addition to hundreds of storybooks, the collection now includes graphic novels, math stories, read-along chapter books, and a wide selection of nonfiction titles. You’ll also find videos, interactive puzzles, and games. Tumblebooks is a great resource for children of all ages and reading abilities! To get started, visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/Downloadables.

Spotlight on Freegal Music

Freegal Music offers music lovers access to millions of songs and albums from Sony Music Entertainment labels. The collection spans a wide range of genres—from classic rock to jazz to country—and is updated weekly with new releases. Use your library card to download up to five free songs per week or listen to streaming versions of albums by your favorite performers. Visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/Downloadables and start listening today!

Catch Up on New York Times Bestsellers

Did you know that our Overdrive collection of e-books and audiobooks includes many of the current New York Times bestsellers? Download hot new crowd favorites such as The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt, Keep Quiet by Lisa Scottoline, Carnal Curiosity by Stuart Woods, Thrive by Arianna Huffington, Players First by John Calipari, and more! Visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/Downloadables to get started.

HelpNow Enhancements

HelpNow, which offers students online homework help, writing assistance, and test prep help from expert tutors at Brainfuse, has been recently upgraded with a number of enhancements. These include:

- More practice tests.
- SkillsSurfer library of video lessons, quizzes, and practice tests to help students master academic concepts. SkillsSurfer also offers CollegeNow, a step-by-step roadmap of information about the college application process.
- LEAP Learning Platform, designed to help students build their academic skills through diagnostic tests, targeted lessons, and live tutoring.

In addition, the Brainfuse mobile app now provides access to live homework assistance from a tutor, a Writing Lab for submitting papers, a homework assignment tracker, and thousands of flashcards. Visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/Resources/Brainfuse.asp to learn more about HelpNow.
Hometown Boys of Summer Celebrated In New Book, Lecture Series

Near the entrance to the Great American Ballpark, there is a wall sculpture depicting a Cincinnati boy envisioning himself among the clouds, playing ball with the Reds he idolizes. What sets the Reds apart from other Major League clubs is the number of players who have achieved the dream depicted in that statue. In fact, no other franchise has more local boys who have taken their hometown colors. Jack Heffron, contributing editor to *Cincinnati Magazine* and former contributor to *The Enquirer* and *Community Press*, and his brother Joe Heffron will talk about their new book, *Local Boys: Hometown Players for the Cincinnati Reds*, during a series of events at Loveland Branch, Monday, June 16 at 6 p.m.; Blue Ash Branch, Saturday, June 21 at 2 p.m.; Main Library, Saturday, June 28 at 2 p.m.; and Delhi Township Branch, Tuesday, July 1 at 7 p.m.

The brothers will talk about their profile of 105 sons of Cincinnati who achieved their greatest aspiration—playing for the Reds.

Vietnam War Dead Honored At Madeira Branch

Author Gary Knepp shares the moving tributes from local families of the Vietnam dead as he discusses his book *Beyond the Names: A Tribute to Clermont County, Ohio Vietnam War Dead* at the Madeira Branch Library, Saturday, June 21 at 1 p.m. Knepp found his subjects still mourning their losses every day. Some are haunted by unanswered questions, and others are resentful and believe our country has failed to honor their loved one. This program is presented in partnership with the Madeira Historical Society.

Teens Learn Smart Money Skills

Studies have repeatedly shown high school students are missing out on one of the most important life lessons—how to handle their money. To improve the financial literacy of teens in Cincinnati, the Library is in the midst of a two-year initiative designed to impart basic personal financial knowledge to high school students in a way that is informative and fun. Using a mix of formal instruction, games, interactive discussion, and life simulations, teens will participate in personal finance workshops during the summer months. Select branches will host programs on setting financial goals, making money, saving, creating and maintaining a personal budget, using bank services, managing credit card and loan debt, and avoiding scams. The popular Budget Bonanza event will happen in the Main Library TeenSpot in late summer. Teen librarians and grant partners, including the Ohio State University Extension Office, will lead the programs. The initiative is funded through a generous grant from Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Investor Education Foundation. Videos, games, tips, and information about this unique summer program can be found now on Teenspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org.
Summer Learning – Learn To Do New Things This Summer!

The hot, hazy days of summer need not be lazy as well. Summer is a perfect time to pick up new skills and expand your horizons!
START A BOOK CLUB
The Library is offering a new card to support the many active book clubs in our community! The new card allows book club organizers to place multiple holds on the same title (up to three titles), offers automatic renewals, and no late fees. The books can be picked up at any Library branch! Find more information at CincinnatiLibrary.org and follow us on Pinterest.com/CincyLibrary for title recommendations for your next book club meeting!

LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE
Prepare for your summer trip abroad or just learn to communicate with a whole new section of your community with the help of the Library’s online language learning services. Mango Languages helps you build practical, common conversation skills. Transparent Languages “Essentials” course consists of a series of lessons and activities designed to help you master essential vocabulary, punctuation, and other language skills. More than 80 foreign languages and English as a Second Language are represented in both services, including Chinese, Dutch, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish.

PICK UP A NEW CRAFT
There are more than 250 crafting programs for all ages and skill levels scheduled throughout the summer at various Library branches! To find one near you, visit the program calendar on CincinnatiLibrary.org and type “craft” into the search box! Some of the programs include:

- Teens Read On @ the Harrison Branch
  Thursday, June 12, 6 p.m., at the Harrison Branch Library
  In honor of the release of The Fault in Our Stars movie, teens can make a craft that will be donated to an area hospital.

- Fiber Arts and Needle Craft
  Saturday, June 21, 10:30 a.m. at Loveland and Mariemont branch libraries
  Enjoy the company of other needle crafters, ask questions, and share new techniques.

Gaining STEAM
Tuesdays, July 8 and July 22, 6:30 p.m., at the Mt. Healthy Branch Library
A program in which children and families can play, create, and explore with open-ended activities focused on science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

Life in the Craft Lane!
Wednesdays, July 30 and Aug. 27, 7 p.m., at the North Central Branch Library
Create and take a unique and unusual creation. Yard art, paper craft and glass creations—you provide the creativity and effort, and we provide the materials!

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Kids – Keep Learning Over the Summer!

RONALD MCDONALD TO VISIT THREE LIBRARY BRANCHES
Celebrate the joys of Summer Learning and reading with Ronald McDonald! The jovial clown will visit three Library branches in June to show your child how fun it is to keep learning in the summer through reading, magic tricks, science experiments, a talking dictionary, and more! Ronald teaches kids that books can take them anywhere in the world and helps them learn the steps to make reading an adventure.

- Thursday, June 12, 2 p.m., at the Westwood Branch Library
- Thursday, June 19, 2 p.m., at the Madeira Branch Library
- Tuesday, June 24, 2 p.m., at the North Central Branch Library

PRACTICE READING TO THERAPY DOGS
Children can sometimes feel too nervous to read aloud to adults, worried that they’ll be corrected or judged. A therapy dog provides a warm alternative for shy, emerging readers and will help them build their reading skills over the summer. Tales to Tails is a special program offered at various library branches.

Children spend 10 minutes reading to trained animals. The dogs will visit the Reading, Harrison, Green Township, Mariemont, St. Bernard, Greenhills, and North Central branch libraries over the summer. An appointment is necessary to read to the dogs. Go to Programs.CincinnatiLibrary.org and type in “Tales to Tails” to sign up.

GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH ANIMALS AND THE HAMILTON COUNTY PARKS
Six branch libraries will welcome a naturalist from the Hamilton County Parks Department this summer to teach families about animals and nature in the Cincinnati area!

- Tuesday, June 10, 2 p.m., at the Pleasant Ridge Branch Library
- Tuesday, June 24, 10:30 a.m., at the Harrison Branch Library
- Wednesday, July 2, 3 p.m., at the Groesbeck Branch Library
- Tuesday, July 3, 3 p.m., at the Symmes Township Branch Library
- Monday, July 7, 1:30 p.m., at the Madeira Branch Library
- Tuesday, July 8, 2 p.m., at the Delhi Township Branch Library
It's a startling figure, but a study conducted by the Annie E. Casey Foundation recently found 6.6 million children in the United States are at risk of failing to graduate from high school on time because they are not proficient readers. Illiteracy leads to joblessness and a greater likelihood of incarceration. Every community is affected by struggling readers.

That's why the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is redesigning the summer program this year to place a new focus on reading competency and lifelong learning. The 2014 Summer Learning Program (formerly known as Summer Reading) will run June 1 through July 31.

Registration is easy. Visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerLearn to get started. Participants also can sign up at any of the Library’s 41 branch locations. Every year, more than 40,000 Hamilton County residents take part in the program.

Many aspects of the program remain the same. Readers in four age groups—preschoolers, kids, teens and adults can log their reading and earn prizes, as they have in past years. Prizes include books, toys for children, highlighters and color changing pencils for kids, journals for teens, coupons for free food from Gold Star Chili, personal electronic learning devices, and much more.

The name change comes as part of a new focus on serving children at risk of not being able to read at grade level by Grade 3. The Library is working in partnership this year with the Summer Camp Reading organization (SummerCampReading.org) to conduct specialized camps at seven Library branch locations: Bond Hill, College Hill, Corryville, Northside, Pleasant Ridge, Price Hill, and Westwood. The Summer Camp Reading organization has identified and pre-selected twelve students in those seven neighborhoods who are most at risk of not reading at grade level by Grade 3. Those 12 students will be immersed in an intensive, six-week program to improve their reading skills through a combination of private tutoring, group activities, and reading aloud.

The Summer Learning program also will focus more on engaging adults of all ages, especially older adults. The Library is reaching out to adult readers at senior centers and community organizations, online and in branches. Adults can look for special promotions like online chats, booklists, social media contests, and more. The Library also plans more programs for adults as part of Summer Learning.

The Library will officially kick off the Summer Learning program Saturday, May 31. All branches will have a bookmaking craft for kids throughout the day (while supplies last). Four branches will host special celebration performances. All performances happen at 2 p.m. They are:

- Anderson Branch (7450 State Rd., 45230) with magician Tom Bemmes
- Madeira Branch (7200 Miami Ave., 45243) with musician David Kisor
- North Central Branch (11109 Hamilton Ave., 45231) with origami expert Jonathan Heart
- Green Township Branch (6525 Bridgetown Rd., 45248) with the Amazing Portable Circus

CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerLearn
**FREE BRAIN CAMPS EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL BRANCHES**

**WEEK-LONG CAMPS EXPLORE “THE WORLD OF WONDERS”**

Come explore the wonderful world all around us during the Library’s week-long Brain Camps. We will read great stories, play fun games, experiment with science and create themed crafts. Camps will run from 1 to 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted and are open to children in Grades 1-5. Space is limited, and registration is required. Sign up at [CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerLearn/BrainCamps](http://CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerLearn/BrainCamps).

**June 9–13** at Cheviot, Forest Park, Monfort Heights
**June 16–20** at North Central, Norwood, Oakley
**June 23–27** at Madisonville, Sharonville
**July 7–11** at Avondale, Corryville, Walnut Hills
**July 14–18** at Covedale, Groesbeck, West End
**July 21–25** at College Hill (camp at College Hill runs from 2 to 5 p.m.), Pleasant Ridge, Price Hill
**July 28–Aug. 1** at Bond Hill, Northside, Westwood

**MAIN LIBRARY WEEK-LONG BRAIN CAMPS**

Space is limited, registration is required. Call (513) 369-3121 or visit [CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://CincinnatiLibrary.org).

**Baseball & Our Hometown Reds:** June 2–6, Grades 1–5
**The Great Book Adventure:** June 9–13, Grades 1–2
**World Cup & Brazil:** June 16–20, Grades 3–5
**Wonders of the World:** July 7–11, Grades 3–5
**World’s Fair:** July 14–18, Grades 4–8
**Grosser than Gross:** July 21–25, Grades 3–5
**Time Travel:** July 28–Aug. 1, Grades 6–8
**Hawaiian Hullabaloo:** Aug. 4–8, Grades 1–5

Homework help and summer skill building will be available Monday–Friday, 4–6 p.m. at the Main Library.

**ONE-DAY MINI-CAMPS: GROSSER THAN GROSS**

Icy, creepy, slimy, and gross science projects are the subject of these one-day camps that are downright disgusting fun! Camps will run from **1 to 4 p.m.** (Deer Park runs 1:45–4:45 p.m.) and are open to Grades 1–5. Space is limited, registration is required. Call (513) 369-6900 or visit [CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://CincinnatiLibrary.org).

- **Monday, June 16:** Delhi Township
- **Tuesday, June 17:** St. Bernard
- **Wednesday, June 18:** Elmwood Place
- **Thursday, June 19:** Miami Township
- **Monday, June 23:** Anderson
- **Tuesday, June 24:** Blue Ash
- **Wednesday, June 25:** Green Township
- **Friday, June 27:** Hyde Park
- **Monday, June 30:** Madeira
- **Tuesday, July 1:** Symmes Township
- **Thursday, July 3:** Harrison
- **Monday, July 7:** Deer Park
- **Wednesday, July 9:** Wyoming
- **Monday, July 14:** Clifton
- **Tuesday, July 15:** Mt. Washington
- **Wednesday, July 16:** Mt. Healthy
- **Friday, July 18:** Mariemont
- **Monday, July 21:** Greenhills
- **Tuesday, July 22:** Reading
- **Wednesday, July 23:** Loveland

**SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM OFFERED AGAIN AT SELECT BRANCHES**

In partnership with Cincinnati Public Schools and Window Arts Enrichment, the Library will offer summer lunch service at select branch libraries. Lunch service will run **June 9 through Aug. 8** at the following locations: Avondale, Bond Hill, College Hill, Covedale, Deer Park, Elmwood Place, Forest Park, Groesbeck, Madisonville, Main Library (TeenSpot and Children’s Learning Center), North Central, Reading, Sharonville and West End. Literacy-based activities will accompany the free lunch service to encourage daily reading and learning.

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Summer Learning is made possible by our sponsors:
Hot Titles to “Read On” This Summer

To help you fill up your Summer Learning reading list, members of the Library staff have selected a wide variety of fun and interesting reads for all ages. Look for a list of specially selected titles geared toward the reading pleasure of each age level from preschoolers and kids to teens and adults at CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerLearn/ReadOn and place your holds today. Here’s a sample to get you started!

**ADULT**

*Writing in the Wall* by Tom Standage
Papyrus rolls and Twitter have much in common, as each was their generation’s signature means of “instant” communication. Indeed, as Tom Standage reveals in his scintillating new book, social media is anything but a new phenomenon.

*Delicious!: A Novel* by Ruth Reichl
Billie Breslin has traveled far from her home in California to take a job at Delicious!, New York’s most iconic food magazine. Then Delicious! is abruptly shut down, but Billie agrees to stay on in the empty office, maintaining the hotline for reader complaints in order to pay her bills. To Billie’s surprise, the lonely job becomes the portal to a miraculous discovery.

*A Covert Affair: Julia Child and Paul Child in the OSS* by Jennet Conant
Bestselling author Jennet Conant brings us a stunning account of Julia and Paul Child’s experiences as members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in the Far East during World War II and the tumultuous years when they were caught up in the McCarthy Red spy hunt in the 1950s and behaved with bravery and honor.

*Andrew’s Brain: A Novel* by E.L. Doctorow
Andrew tells the story of his life, his loves, and the tragedies that have led him to this place and point in time. And as he confesses, we are led to question what we know about truth and memory, brain and mind, personality and fate, about one another and ourselves.

**TEEN**

*Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell
Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits—smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts but brave and desperate enough to try.

*The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness
Todd Hewitt is the only boy in a town of men. He knows that the town is hiding something from him—something so awful Todd is forced to flee with only his dog. The two stumble upon a girl. Who is she? Why wasn’t she killed by the germ like all the females on New World?

*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt
Holling Hoodhood is a seventh-grader who must spend Wednesday afternoons with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, while the rest of the class has religious instruction. His father wants Holling and his sister to be on their best behavior: the success of his business depends on it. But how can Holling stay out of trouble when he has so much to contend with?

Bod is an unusual boy who inhabits an unusual place—he’s the only living resident of a graveyard. Can a boy raised by ghosts face the wonders and terrors of the worlds of both the living and the dead?

**KIDS**

*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry
As the German troops begin their campaign to “relocate” all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen’s family takes in her best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family.

*The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner
The Aldens embark on an adventure by making a home in a boxcar. Their goal is to stay together, and in the process they find a grandfather.

*The Napping House* by Audrey Wood
An award-winning take on the cumulative rhyme “This Is the House That Jack Built.”

*Color Zoo* by Lois Ehlert
Nine animals, nine shapes, and sixteen shades of color—everyone can have fun discovering them all by turning Color Zoo’s full-color pages.

*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr.; pictures by Eric Carle
A big happy frog, a plump purple cat, a handsome blue horse, and a soft yellow duck—all parade across the pages of this delightful book.

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
When suburban Claudia Kincaid decides to run away, she chooses to hide in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Knowing that her younger brother, Jamie, has money and thus can help her with her serious cash flow problem, she invites him along. Claudia and Jamie find themselves caught up in the mystery of an angel statue. Could it be an early work of the Renaissance master Michelangelo? Claudia is determined to find out.

There is a Bird on Your Head! by Mo Willems
Gerald discovers that there is something worse than a bird on your head—two birds on your head! Can Piggie help her best friend?

**PRE-SCHOOL**

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Would-Be Authors Get Inside Tips on How to Get Published

Take part in writing and publishing workshops this summer at the Main Library featuring Chuck Sambuchino. Sambuchino is an editor and a writer for Writer’s Digest Books, Guide to Literary Agents and the accompanying blog, one of the largest blogs in publishing. He is also the editor of the Children’s Writer’s & Illustrator’s Market. He was recently included in a Forbes Top 10 list of “Social Media Influencers: Book Publishing.”

Sambuchino will lead three workshops, all happening at 7 p.m., in the Popular Library Lounge. For more information, please call (513) 369-6919.

Tuesday, July 15: Your Publishing Options Today
Tuesday, July 22: How to Get Published: Professional Writing Practices and What Editors Want
Tuesday, July 29: Building Your Freelance Portfolio: Writing for Magazines and Newspapers 101

Try Your Hand at Poetry Without Fear

Monday, Aug. 18, 12-1:30 p.m., in the Popular Library Lounge

Try your hand at creating a poem without fear of criticism! Multiple types of poetry are available to try, including traditional poetry, blackout newspaper poetry, and visual poetry. All materials provided and all ages welcome.
Photographers Encouraged to Enter Frame Cincinnati Photography Contest

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is participating in FotoFocus Cincinnati, a month-long biennial celebration spotlighting independently programmed exhibitions of historical and contemporary photography and lens-based art, held in October. To celebrate, the Library will showcase works from the region's best photographers. Between June 1 and July 31, photographers can enter our Frame Cincinnati photography competition, and the best submissions will be displayed in the Atrium of the Main Library in September and October. Submissions will be accepted in two categories: Student (high school and college) and Adult. Visit CincinnatiLibrary.org for full contest rules and details. The event is co-sponsored by the Photography Club of Greater Cincinnati and the Friends of the Public Library.

Handmade Book Art on Display at Main Library

Summer is the season for artists’ books at the Main Library! Bookworks XV, the annual Cincinnati Book Arts Society (CBAS) exhibit showcasing one-of-a-kind, handmade books, will be on view in the Main Library’s Atrium from June 10 to Sep. 7. A nonprofit organization, CBAS is comprised of professionals and amateurs in the book arts, including paper makers, book binders, printers, and artists. The Society and the Library are organizing two artist walk-throughs Sunday, June 22, at 2 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 3, at 2 p.m. There also will be a hands-on bookmaking demonstration Sunday, July 27, at 2 p.m.

In conjunction with Bookworks XV, the annual Keith Kuhn Memorial Exhibit features a display of artists’ books from the Library’s collection. The show is in memory of former Library Services Director Keith Kuhn, a passionate advocate of artists’ books whose leadership expanded the Library’s collection.

Creative Expressions Exhibit Runs Through Summer

Art fans still have time to visit the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room at the Main Library and see the creative work of world famous artists. They are featured as part of the Creative Expression: Artists Works from the Loeb Collection. Marc Chagall, Paul Gauguin, and Henri Matisse are just a few of the artists whose works can be seen until Aug. 24.

Illustrations for the Chagall Bible.
City Beat Names Friends of the Public Library Warehouse in “Best Of” Issue!

The Friends of the Public Library Used Book Warehouse in Hartwell received recognition in City Beat’s annual “Best of the City” issue! The Warehouse was named Best Bookstore (Non-Chain). Located at 8456 Vine St., the Warehouse sells a wide variety of used books, CDs, DVDs, and other items and is open most Mondays, 5:30–7:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. See Friends.CincinnatiLibrary.org for more details. Book sales enable the Library to host tens of thousands of free programs and events each year, as well as support the Summer Learning Program and add to the Library’s collection. Since its inception in 1957, the Friends has raised more than five million dollars and donated more than half of it to the Library in support of its programs and services.

Huge Used Book Sale Happening at Main Library!

The 42nd annual Friends of the Public Library June Sale happens May 31–June 6 in the Atrium of the Main Library, 800 Vine St. The giant, annual weeklong used book sale features more than 50,000 items for sale, including children’s and adult books, books on CD, DVDs and CDs, and vinyl records (in limited supply).

Join the Friends or renew your membership at the sale! We accept cash, check, Visa and MasterCard. Visit Friends.CincinnatiLibrary.org for more information.

Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday, June 1, 1–5 p.m.
Monday–Wednesday, June 2–4, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
HALF PRICE DAY: Thursday, June 5, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
BAG DAY: Friday, June 6, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.
Purchase a Friends’ shopping bag for $10 and take home everything you fit into it!

Members’ Special: 50% off entire purchase, one time only, on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday!

End of Summer Sale at Friends’ Warehouse!

Come to the Friends of the Public Library Warehouse, 8456 Vine St., for huge savings and stock up for school from Aug. 14–17.

Thursday, Aug. 14, 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, Aug. 15 and 16, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 17, 12–5 p.m.
50% off purchase for Friends’ members.
Library Friends’ Shop at Main Library Offers Unique Bath and Body, Clothing Items for Book Lovers (That’s You!)

Find the perfect gift for the book lover in your life (or indulge yourself) with a special collection of bath and body items on sale now at the Friends of the Public Library Shop on the Mezzanine level of the Main Library, 800 Vine St. This new line of hand-crafted soaps and lotions from Blithe and Bonny are made with responsible, environmentally-conscious ingredients by a family-run company and are packaged in book pages! Also new in the shop: a line of library-themed items from Out of Print Clothing, including a library stamp unisex t-shirt, library card tote bags, and library card pouches! You’ll also find a unique line of Dewey Decimal jewelry, including necklaces and earrings. Come to the Friends’ Shop to find that one-of-a-kind gift today! The Friends’ Shop is open Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Call (513) 369-6920 for more information.

ATLA BOOK SALE

Anderson Township Library Association Summer Book Sale Happening Soon!

Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Rd.

Friday, June 27, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Saturday, June 28, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday, June 29, 12–3 p.m.

Find rare books, fiction, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, cookbooks, gardening, and children’s books!

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Amy Clawson in memory of Evan William Clawson, donated by his friends and family
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Cary and Arlene Beilstein in memory of Kona, beloved dog of Mr. and Mrs. Corey Beilstein
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Joyce Ann Franklin in memory of Lincoln, beloved cat of the Eppinghoff Family
Paula Gough in memory of Buster, beloved pet of Sue Geary
Hon. Sylvia S. and Robert G. Hendon and Missy Deters in memory of Maxi, beloved dog of Tony Condia
Eileen Kues in memory of Bobby, her beloved dog
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Dave and Linda Mathews in memory of Chockey, beloved cat of Adrienne Roach
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Ellie Singleton in memory of Daisy, beloved pet of Chuck and Mary Lou Keller and in memory of Dixie, beloved pet of The Krebs Family
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Don Hild for the Mariemont Branch
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8th Annual Books by the Banks Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 10 A.M.–4 P.M.
DUKE ENERGY CONVENTION CENTER

Books by the Banks is the region’s premier book festival with the mission to entertain and enrich the lives of the citizens of Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky by presenting and promoting authors while celebrating the joy of literacy and lifelong learning through reading. Learn more at BooksByTheBanks.org and watch for new information in the next issue of Links!

Don’t Miss Out on Our Upcoming Author Visits!

The Authentic History of Cincinnati Chili
Tuesday, June 10, 7 p.m.
in the Main Library Popular Library Lounge
Dann Woellert discusses the “The Deconstructed 3-Way,” talking about the ingredients, variants, and the history behind the recipe. Woellert will also reveal recipe secrets from local chili parlors!

The Ghosts of Aquinnah
Tuesday, June 24, 7 p.m.
at the Delhi Township Branch Library
Local author Julie Flanders will talk about her book, the history of Martha’s Vineyard, and the Mayhews who came to Delhi. A book signing will follow.

The Vigilante Poets of Selwyn Academy
Tuesday, July 22, 6:30 p.m.
at the Monfort Heights Branch Library
Join Cincinnati author Kate Hattemer as she discusses her journey as a writer and her book. This debut novel was a Junior Library Guild selection and received starred reviews from both Kirkus and Booklist. A book signing will follow. Registration is required.

PLEASE NOTE: LIBRARY BRANCHES WILL BE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY, FRIDAY, JULY 4.