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Be an All-Star Reader
THIS SUMMER

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★ Momo the dog is coming to the Library!
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Finally, after waiting years for their promised new branch libraries to open, three communities will soon be celebrating grand openings!

The new libraries in St. Bernard, Reading, and Clifton are almost finished, and all three are scheduled to open by the end of June. We’ll know the exact dates when we get a little closer to the completion of construction, but we can already see the beautiful buildings and the space inside. Yes, space. Because the one thing the three older branch libraries in these communities have in common is they’re tiny. The new libraries have spaces for all ages: children, teens and adults. Spaces for people who love to sit and read and spaces for lots and lots of computers — in a separate space. Spaces to meet and work collaboratively and spaces to work on your own. And at St. Bernard and Reading there are also MakerSpaces, smaller versions of the Main Library’s MakerSpace. These new libraries have parking. Bike racks. Drinking fountains — Clifton even has a dog fountain! These may seem like small things, but to us they’re huge. Because these are the things we heard you say you wanted in your new libraries.

Beyond the new (or in Clifton’s case renovated) buildings, we’re also changing to make using the Library easier. The libraries will be open seven days a week, and we’ve expanded our staff too. Clifton will offer after-hours lockers so books can be picked up 24 hours a day. We chose not to take up valuable library space with a sizable desk. Instead, staff with tablets will be mobile, assisting customers throughout the building. St. Bernard and Reading will now have room for self-service check out, and with our new RFID system, items returned will be checked in automatically.

We also considered our responsibility to be good stewards of the environment when designing these new libraries. All three utilize geothermal heating and cooling. Both St. Bernard and Reading have been submitted for LEED certification, and we’re confident that they will be LEED-certified buildings.

I’d like to thank the communities of St. Bernard, Reading, and Clifton for their patience. These projects have been planned for as many as 12 years, and you waited with us until we could fund these projects, without debt, and feel confident that we could operate them as well. Thanks also to the many who have donated toward these libraries:

- Clifton Community Fund
- Clifton Senior Center
- Village of St. Bernard
- Jacob G. Schmidlapp Foundation
- Michael L. Dever
- Carol Meyer-Keener
- David and Babette Bright Kern

We greatly appreciate your generous support.

We can’t wait for you to see everything these new libraries will have to offer. Watch for announcements of the grand openings and make plans to join us as we celebrate these new libraries.
New technology re-creates ancient fossil in MakerSpace

Museums often face a conundrum concerning artifacts in their collections. They want to display them to the public but also need to keep them in the lab for research. With the advent of 3D scanners and printers, they can now do both.

Dr. Stanley Hedeen, retired Xavier University professor and volunteer at the Cincinnati Museum Center’s paleontology department, recently brought a fossil to the MakerSpace at the Main Library to scan and make a 3D replica for exhibition. “The fossil is an ankle bone,” said Hedeen. “It belongs to a complex-toothed horse that has been extinct for around 10,000 years. Since the Museum (Center) is coordinating a new exhibit for Big Bone Lick State Historical Site, they need replicas made of the bones so (the replicas) can be exhibited.”

Hedeen, who wrote the book *Big Bone Lick: The Cradle of American Paleontology*, said he was happy with the replica created in the MakerSpace.

Complex-toothed horses were descendants of the first horses, which evolved in North America around 5.5 million years ago. They, along with mastodons, mammoths, and ground sloths, once roamed the Big Bone Lick site in Kentucky. A visitor center is scheduled to open in late May as part of a revitalization project for Big Bone Lick.

The 9,000-square-foot MakerSpace opened in January. It offers state-of-the-art software and equipment and is free for the public.

Library seeks new Writer-in-Residence

“Being chosen Writer-in-Residence by the Library Foundation of the Public Library is a life-lasting honor in itself, but being named the first-ever Writer-In-Residence was something that made me think all the years I toiled alone on sentences, trying to strike the right note, find the right language, stand tall in my truths, was all so worth it. By being the first, I have accepted that I am the standard-bearer for writers to come who will receive this great honor. And what an honor and even great fun it was to tromp about town waving the flag of literacy and holding high the banner of the great Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.”

—KATHY Y. WILSON, 2014 LIBRARY FOUNDATION WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

The Library is looking for its second Writer-in-Residence. Applications will be accepted June 1–30. You can find the application and the criteria at Foundation.CincinnatiLibrary.org. A winner will be announced in September.
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Independent filmmakers take risks. They explore life, art, humanity, and emotions. They make us think and laugh, cry and dream. Get out of your Netflix slump and find inspiration on Indieflix, the Library’s provider of free, independent movies. All you need is your Library card. To get started, go to CincinnatiLibrary.org/downloadables.

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READ ALOUD TO YOUR CHILD ANYTIME ON THE LIBRARY’S WEBSITE

Studies show reading aloud for 20 minutes a day is the single most important thing a parent can do to give their child a head start on learning. Your time is precious, so your Library makes it easy! Find new books anytime with our online service Tumblebooks. Start reading now—no trip to the Library is needed.

BOOK CLUBS: WE’VE GOT NEW READING RECOMMENDATIONS!

Our Book Clubs are always looking for a new title to discuss. They can get help from the Library. We make it easy! Our Librarians have picked great books and pulled together useful background material about each title. All you have to do is go to CincinnatiLibrary.org/bookclub to get started. And while you’re there, apply for a Book Club Card. You’ll be able to pick up multiple copies of the same title and get automatic renewals with no late fees.
Celebrate All-Star fever at your Library!

The Great AMERICAN PASTIME: BASEBALL AND THE CINCINNATI REDS

On display now through July 31 at the Main Library in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room. The exhibit features items and images showcasing the history of the Cincinnati Reds from its beginning as baseball’s first professional team to the days of the Big Red Machine. The exhibit includes items from the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame & Museum.

THE CINCINNATI REDS AND THE CUBAN CONNECTION
Saturday, June 6, 2 p.m., Main Library
Baseball and Cincinnati Reds historian Kevin Grace talks about the history of Cincinnati Reds’ Cuban players from Dolph Luque to Aroldis Chapman.

TALK CINCINNATI REDS WITH JOEL LUCKHAUPT
Saturday, June 13, 2 p.m., Madeira Branch Library
Luckhaupt, author of 100 Things Reds Fans Should Know and Do Before They Die and The Wire-to-Wire Reds: Sweet Lou, Nasty Boys, and the Wild Run to a World Championship teaches fans about Reds history and answers all your Reds questions.

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Baseball and Cincinnati Reds historian Greg Rhodes talks about the history of the All-Star games held in Cincinnati.

BASEBALL AND THE PLANETS
How would a home run look on Mars? Learn about the planets with the Cincinnati Observatory, including an exploration of baseball on each one!

Wednesday, June 10, 2 p.m.
Oakley Branch Library

Thursday, June 11, 2 p.m.
Mt. Healthy Branch Library

Tuesday, June 16, 3 p.m.
Avondale Branch Library

Tuesday, June 16, 7 p.m.
Hyde Park Branch Library

Thursday, June 18, 2 p.m.
Green Township Branch Library

Thursday, June 25, 2 p.m.
Monfort Heights Branch Library

Tuesday, June 30, 2 p.m.
Blue Ash Branch Library

Monday, July 13, 2 p.m.
Forest Park Branch Library

Saturday, July 25, 2 p.m.
Clifton Branch Library

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Fight the Summer Slide

How to make sure your child has fun this summer and keeps learning!

Say the phrase “summer slide” and most people imagine endless hours spent on a quintessential piece of playground equipment. But educators and parents are increasingly worried about another kind of summer slide which threatens to undo much of the progress our kids make during the school year.

Research shows children lose considerable academic ground over the summer months. The average student loses two months of grade-level equivalency in math. Low-income students also suffer similar losses in reading ability. In fact, summer learning loss accounts for about two-thirds of the ninth-grade achievement gap in reading.

Summer is traditionally dedicated to fun—time outdoors, time with family, and time with friends. So how do you make sure your child has a memorable summer vacation but is also ready to learn in the fall?

The Library is in the second year of a comprehensive Summer Learning program which combines reading, one-on-one instruction, nutrition, and plenty of time to make fun summer memories. Summer Learning aims to educate the whole child and promote lifelong learning for adults too. Your family can take advantage of programs like Summer Reading, Brain Camps, and Summer Lunches (see page 7 for full details).

The Library is again working with the Summer Camp Reading organization to pair at-risk students with specialized teachers for one-on-one instruction. Children chosen for this program will come to one of seven branch libraries for six weeks of reading study. Denise Bentley is an Intervention Specialist for Cincinnati Public Schools. She worked with the Summer Camp Reading students during the program’s inaugural year.

“I saw an excitement for reading developing especially from some of the reluctant readers,” said Bentley. “They will just blossom with their reading skills and their love of reading.”

It’s easy to take part. Just go to CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerLearn to get started. Then, from June 1–July 31, keep track of all the reading you do. Magazines, newspapers, textbooks, eBooks, eAudiobooks, and reading aloud to your child all count toward your reading total! You’ll get prizes every time you complete a level.
Registration for all Brain Camps is now under way. Sign up at CincinnatiLibrary.org/BrainCamp.

Kids in grades 1–5 can explore the world around us during week-long Brain Camps offered free at select branch libraries. Campers will read great stories, play fun games, experiment with science, and create themed crafts. Times vary by branch. Camps are offered at the following branches:

**June 8–12:** Cheviot, Forest Park

**June 15–19:** Norwood, Oakley

**June 22–26:** Madisonville, Northside, Sharonville

**July 6–10:** Avondale, Walnut Hills

**July 13–17:** Covedale, Groesbeck, West End

**July 20–24:** College Hill, Pleasant Ridge, Price Hill

**July 27–31:** Bond Hill, Clifton, Westwood

**Aug. 3–7:** Reading, St. Bernard

Week-long camps are also offered at the Main Library each week all summer. Themes include Under the Big Top, Star Wars, Summer Safari, and more. Camps run from 1–4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Grade levels vary weekly.

One-day Mini-Brain Camps are happening at the following branch libraries: Anderson, Deer Park, Delhi Township, Elmwood Place, Green Township, Greenhills, Harrison, Hyde Park, Loveland, Madeira, Mariemont, Miami Township, Mt. Healthy, Mt. Washington, Symmes Township, and Wyoming. Visit the Library’s program calendar at programs.cincinnatilibrary.org for exact dates and times.

**MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS**

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Book art is focus of two extraordinary exhibits

The Cincinnati Book Arts Society (CBAS) will hold its 16th annual Bookworks exhibit of traditional and contemporary handmade books in the atrium of the Main Library June 10–Sept. 6. The exhibit will showcase the work of professional and amateur artists, archivists, and conservators of book art. CBAS and the Library are organizing two artist walk-throughs of the exhibit at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28, and Sunday, Aug. 23. There will also be a hands-on bookmaking demonstration at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 26.

The Keith Kuhn Memorial Book Arts Exhibit will also be displayed during the same time frame in the cases located near the elevators on the second and third floors of the Main Library. The show is dedicated to the memory of former Library Services Director Keith Kuhn, whose passion for one-of-a-kind artists’ books gave a new scope and size to the Library’s collection.

Momo the dog to visit Library

MAIN LIBRARY

Since 2012, photographer Andrew Knapp and his border collie Momo have ensnared the hearts of more than 300,000 Instagram users with their rousing hide-and-seek photos. Knapp and Momo will visit the Main Library at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 23 to talk about their latest book, Find Momo Coast to Coast. A book signing will follow their appearance. Books will be available for sale courtesy of Joseph-Beth Booksellers.

As part of Momo’s visit, bring any 3-by-5 inch photo of your dog to the Friends of the Public Library Shop, located on the mezzanine level of the Main Library, between May 1–22 to receive a 20% discount off your purchase on that day (discount can only be used once). Your dog’s photo will be displayed in the shop and on social media. On May 23, visit the shop to vote for the People’s Choice Favorite Dog. The winner’s owner will receive an “I Love My Dog” mug from the Library Friends’ Shop.

KEEFE FAMILY CELEBRATES ST. PATRICK’S DAY AT THE LIBRARY

Ruth Keefe served on the board of directors for The Friends of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County from 1980-2003, including a term as president. During her tenure, hundreds of musical and dance performances, film programs, lecture series, and literary and creative writing programs were offered. Most notable is the annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration of Song and Dance, which was presented for the 33rd time this year. Ruth’s great-grandson, Quinn Posey, was one of the McGing Irish Dancers who performed during this year’s program.

PHOTO: Ruth Keefe was joined by her family for the St. Patrick’s Day program at the Main Library. Pictured are her sons Dan Keefe, back left, and Tom Keefe with his daughter, Lee Posey. Lee’s son Quinn Posey stands next to his great-grandmother Ruth.
Friends’ holds two huge sales this summer

This summer, the Main Library in downtown Cincinnati will be home to the biggest used book sale of the year. The Friends of the Public Library’s 43rd annual June Sale runs May 30–June 5. The weeklong sale features tens of thousands of items including books for children and adults, DVDs, CDs, and a limited supply of $1 vinyl records.

**Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.**
**Sunday, May 31, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.**
**Monday–Wednesday, June 1–3, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.**
Friends members receive a 50% off coupon to be used on one of these three days.

**Thursday, June 4, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.**
Everything half off!
**Bag Day Friday, June 5, 9 a.m.–6 p.m.**
Buy a Friends’ shopping bag for $10 and fill it up! No limit on the number of bags you can purchase.

**SUMMER WAREHOUSE SALE**

The Friends of the Library Warehouse, located at 8456 Vine St. in Hartwell, will host a huge sale Aug. 13–16 featuring hundreds of gently used books and other items at discounted prices.

**Thursday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m.**
**Friday, Aug. 14 and Saturday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.**
**Sunday, Aug. 16, noon–5 p.m.**
50% off purchase for Friends’ members.

Memberships can be purchased at both sales and are good for one year with a host of benefits including preferred seating at the Library’s great programs and a discount on purchases at the Library Friends Shop at the Main Library. Items at Friends of the Public Library book sales may be purchased with cash, check, MasterCard, or Visa.

For more on the sales, go to Friends.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

**HIT A HOME RUN AT THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SHOP**

No one knows baseball like Cincinnati. Home to the first professional team, America’s favorite pastime stretches its roots to the Queen City. The Library Friends Shop in the Main Library celebrates this grand history with a selection of gently used baseball-themed books and officially licensed Major League Baseball drink coasters created by Studio Vertu. The shop is right inside the Vine Street entrance of the Main Library, 800 Vine St., and is open 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The Anderson Township Library Association is celebrating its 35th anniversary milestone with great savings at their annual sale June 26–28 at Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road. ATLA is a volunteer group which supports the facilities, services, and resources of the Anderson and Mt. Washington branch libraries.

**Friday, June 26, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.**
**Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.**
**Sunday, June 28, noon–3 p.m.**
For more on the sale, go to CincinnatiLibrary.org/ATLA.

**ATLA CELEBRATES 35TH ANNIVERSARY WITH SAVINGS AT ANNUAL JUNE SALE**
The Library is deeply grateful for the generosity of our community and welcomes gifts of all sizes. Your donations are essential to ensuring delivery of excellent Library services and the availability of the widest possible range of informational resources for all ages. For inquiries regarding contributions, please contact Melissa H. Deters, Library Foundation Executive Director, at 513-369-4595.

Thank you...

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John DeRosa in memory of Marion Hirseman
Melissa H. Deters in memory of Tim Koch, loving husband of Mary Alice Koch
Martin Eisenberg in memory of Marion Hirseman
Robin Harvey and Bruce Baumgartner in memory of Marion Hirseman
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Connect with your fellow readers and get a heads-up on new books, movies, and music coming to the Library, plus information on Library programs and inspiring ideas by following us.

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Reading and North Central branch libraries in memory of Daubie, beloved therapy dog of Tales to Tails
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Befriend a Branch
Susan and Russell Hamrick for the Delhi Township Branch
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Ohio Valley Chapter of Romance Writers of America (OVRWA) for the Symmes Township Branch
Library donations from the early 1900s

Public libraries rely on donations from companies or individuals to help them fund programs, materials, guest speakers, and other resources for customers. Things were the same more than 100 years ago. The following list was excerpted from the Library’s Administrative Reports from 1901-1905. Besides the expected monetary giving, there were several donations that might seem a little unexpected by today’s standards.

Elizabeth Abbott of Cincinnati, **one snail**
Mabel Brown of Cincinnati, **one tadpole**
B.H. Cox of Cincinnati, **ticket (#96811) to the Opera House**
Egyptian Exploration Fund, **one Egyptian figurine**
Bernard Hirschler of Cincinnati, **snails**
M.D. White of Cincinnati, **aquarium and three goldfish**
R.P. Winkler of Cincinnati, **Declaration of Independence**
Baker, Walter & Co. of Dorchester, Mass., **exhibit of cocoa**
Miss Jennie How of Cincinnati, **shells**
Miss Delia Lowe of Cincinnati, **cotton specimens**
William Moore of Cincinnati, **beetles, butterflies, and moths**
Mrs. A.H. Symmes of Cincinnati, **slate**
Miss Georgia Treder of Cincinnati, **pampas grass**
Joseph Garretson of Cincinnati, **oriole’s nest**
Alice Thiesling of Cincinnati, **rat skins**
Hall N. Jackson of Cincinnati, **four Indian arrowheads**

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**ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, May 25, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday and Saturday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.