YOUR LIBRARY

Gets Personal

New ways to get your hands on the information and books you want and need! Learn more on page 6

Live long and prosper! A Star Trek-themed Comic Con is coming in May. Details on page 8

A conversation with author Reba Riley. Read more on page 5
In January, we opened our first MakerSpace at the Main Library. It has been more successful than we ever imagined with thousands of people using the equipment to design and print banners, laser engrave all sorts of materials, make buttons, sew, record music, take photos, create videos, and print their own books. In December we added an Espresso Book Machine to the MakerSpace, the only one in Ohio or Kentucky. In just a few minutes, the Book Machine will print out and bind your book, with a cover. Even if you don’t have a book to print, watching the printer work is fascinating. If you haven’t already visited the MakerSpace, stop by and see all the equipment available and the expert staff there to help.

We opened three new branches in May and June. Included in our planning since 2000, funding concerns had delayed construction until 2014–15. Clifton, Reading and St. Bernard had all been previously served by smaller locations that lacked many of the amenities we now expect in public libraries. The new branches have meeting rooms, tech labs, areas for children, teens and adults, and spaces to sit and read. Plus, Reading and St. Bernard have small MakerSpaces of their own. The buildings are all energy-efficient and St. Bernard and Reading are being submitted for LEED Certification. Each project has received numerous awards. (Read more on page 3)

Then in November the Library Journal (LJ) Index 2015, which ranks libraries according to per capita circulation, visits, program attendance, and Internet use awarded us a five-star rating, the highest rating possible. (Read more on page 3)

With items borrowed, downloaded, or streamed surpassing 18.7 million, 2015 was our busiest year ever. Digital content was by far the fastest growing service, up 73% with 3.1 million items downloaded or streamed. For 2014, our Library ranked 5th in circulation nationally.

As a participant in ConnectED, a national initiative to get every school-age child a Library card, we reached out to all 22 public schools, and are busy contacting private and charter schools, to reach this goal. We can proudly claim that more than 98 percent of school-age children in Hamilton County have their own Library card. This brings our total cardholders to 620,602 with 82 percent of households in Hamilton County having at least one Library cardholder. (Read more on page 3)

We hosted the Ohio Library Council’s annual conference in October, bringing more than 700 of our colleagues to Cincinnati. Branch library tours, receptions and a Spring Grove Cemetery Tour led by Friends’ member Diana McBride were among the highlights of the three-day event.

Our Library is one of only a handful of public libraries in the United States to own a copy of John James Audubon’s Birds of America in the double elephant folio edition. That’s library language for a really big book, each of the four volumes measures 40 by 27 inches. For more than 60 years, the display case allowed only one bird from one volume to be displayed. Thanks to a number of generous donors, a new display case allowing all four volumes, and thus four birds, to be displayed simultaneously, was constructed and dedicated in November. (Read more on page 7)

We also added several new services to make it easier and more convenient to use the Library. Book Hookup provides reading recommendations from our knowledgeable staff based on your reading interests. My Librarian helps you find the information you need – quickly. With Courtesy Renewals, your first renewal of items checked out (excluding digital books) is done automatically, giving you an extra loan period to finish reading your book or watching that movie. (Read more on page 6)

With so much progress in action at the Library, we look forward to continuing to improve your experience at the Library in 2016. Thank you for coming to us for new ideas and information!

Kimber L. Fender
The Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director

FIND EVERYTHING AT CincinnatiLibrary.org/eBranch

> READ
EBOOKS
Freegal, Hoopla, Overdrive

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Flipster, Overdrive, Zinio

> WATCH
STREAMING MOVIES & TV
Hoopla, IndieFlix, Overdrive

> LISTEN
MUSIC
Freegal, Hoopla

AUDIOBOOKS
Hoopla, OneClick Digital, Overdrive, Scholastic BookFlix, TumbleBooks
Library receives Five-Star Rating, other notable awards

The Library has a Five-Star Rating for the third year in a row from Library Journal. We are one of only five libraries nationwide in the $30+ million expenditure category to receive a Five-Star Rating and are ranked second overall among libraries in this category. The ranking is based on comparisons of library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet use.

We’re also proud to share news of several other awards we recently received:

• The Reading and St. Bernard branch libraries received the Tri-State Masonry Institute’s Architectural Award, presented at the Annual Excellence in Masonry Architectural Awards Program.
• The Library received the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District’s John Van Volkenburgh Award for Recycling Innovation for our long history of effective reuse of a wide range of materials. All of the awards presented at the ceremony were produced using the Library’s MakerSpace laser engraver.
• The Library received the Cincinnati Preservation Association’s 2015 Rehabilitation Award for the renovation of the Clifton Branch.

Thousands of Hamilton County students now have a Library card

In September, the Library enlisted the help of school superintendents in Hamilton County to make sure kindergartners and older students have a Library card. The ConnectED Library Challenge was the Library’s response to a national challenge issued last spring to strengthen student learning by improving access to digital content and public libraries.

The Library distributed Child-Only and Teen-Only cards to local schools and visited every public school district’s kindergarten classes in the fall to sign students up for a Library card. In a few short months, nearly 10,000 students had a new Library card. Now, nearly every child in Hamilton County has a card!

Print your own book at the Main Library

The latest addition to the MakerSpace at the Main Library is an Espresso Book Machine, a fully integrated high-speed machine that automatically prints, binds, and trims retail-quality paperback books. Now visitors can self-publish their own books or print content provided by OnDemand Books, which has more than 7 million in-copyright and public-domain titles from publishers that include HarperCollins, Penguin, and Google Books.

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is only the third public library in the United States to have a machine of this type. “We are proud to provide the latest in cutting-edge technology to our customers, and pleased to be among the first public libraries to offer this service,” said Kimber L. Fender, the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Library.

The price of books varies depending on the set-up of each book. For further details about the new Book Printer, visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/MakerSpace.
Local authors talk about creative writing at Ohioana

Dozens of published writers from Hamilton County will chat with fans, sign books, and talk about the creative writing process during Ohioana 2016 at the Main Library Sunday, April 17, 1:30–4 p.m. Find out more at Ohioana.org.

What do gangsters, baseball, and fried chicken have in common?

A flood in 1913 ravaged Hamilton, Ohio—killing hundreds of people and leaving thousands more homeless. Businesses were ruined, including Jacob Milder’s. Milder bought a failing restaurant in Fairfield Township, and soon, Milder’s Inn became the social hub of the city serving celebrities like Powell Crosley, the 1940 Cincinnati Reds team, gangster John Dillinger, and singer Hoagy Carmichael.

Teri Horsley, a recent NKU graduate and author, looks back at the days when supper clubs were thriving, and celebrities and average folks dined together in Gangsters, Baseball, and Fried Chicken at the Main Library on Tuesday, April 5 at 6 p.m. The discussion is part of the Six@Six community lecture series sponsored by Northern Kentucky University’s Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement. For more information, call 859-572-7847 or visit sixatsix.nku.edu.

Library to Reveal Winners of Contest During National Poetry Month

Celebrate National Poetry Month in April with the Main Library’s 18th annual Poetry in the Garden series, in partnership with the Greater Cincinnati Writers League. Join us throughout the month to hear contest winners and local poets recite their original work, and read your own poems during open mic sessions. Readings will be held each Tuesday evening (April 5, 12, 19, 26) at 7 p.m. in the Reading Garden Lounge.

For more information, call 513-369-6919 or visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/Poetry.

Make, Create at Rhinegeist

Equipment from the Main Library’s MakerSpace will be at Rhinegeist Brewery, 1910 Elm St., Saturday, May 7 from 12–4 p.m. Free activities include: Introduction to Soldering, 3D Head Scanning, Button Making, Custom Bottle Openers, and Interactive Greeting Cards.
Six Questions with author Reba Riley


**What are your three favorite books of all-time?**
- *Nancy Drew and the Secret of the Old Clock* by Carolyn Keene
- *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress* by Rhoda Janzen
- *Flunking Sainthood* by Jana Riess

*Have you ever visited a branch of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County?*

“When I first moved to Cincinnati, Jana Riess, my writing coach, editor, and friend took me to the Main Library downtown to get my Library card. She gave me the grand tour, and I remember feeling overwhelmed in the best way possible by the vast number of books. I loved the different spaces for reading and creation, and that the Library is truly a hub for the neighborhood.”

**When I’m not writing, you can find me....**

“At The Shakti Factory or Foundation 513 doing yoga, cooking, or taking a nap. Nothing beats a great nap!”

**Can you give us a brief description of Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome: A Memoir of Humor and Healing?**

PTCS is the story of my twenty-ninth year, when I found myself suffering from a chronic illness. As sickness does for so many people, it forced me to face my spirituality—which was a disaster at the time because of what I call “Post-Traumatic Church Syndrome.” In search of healing, I embarked on a journey through 30 religions before my 30th birthday. In the end, I found the healing I sought and much, much more. In short, it is a book about transformation that addresses the universal question: How do we put ourselves back together when life has broken us apart?

*If your book became a movie, who would you want to play the leading role?*

“I’ve given this a huge amount of thought: Mila Kunis, no contest.”

**Any advice for aspiring authors—specifically in the memoir category?**

“Don’t wait to begin. There will never be a perfect time or place or reason to write, so start today.”

Contact Riley, who is available to speak to local book clubs, at Rebecca@rebariley.com. Find Reba online at RebaRiley.com or on Twitter @RebaRiley.

Beatles expert conducts research at your Library

Bestselling author Mark Lewisohn is considered the leading authority on The Beatles. When it was time to begin researching his upcoming book about the Fab Five – he turned to the Library.

“You have a gem in your midst,” Lewisohn told the audience at a recent event at the Main Library. “This library is an exceptional one with wonderful holdings.”

Lewisohn, who lives in England, spent four days at the Main Library working with the Library’s Information and Reference Department to sort through its world-class collection of newspapers and magazines.

“The way I write these books is that you are in the moment with The Beatles,” Lewisohn said. “The only way to achieve that is to immerse yourself, in particular, by reading contemporary printed media. People say to me ‘surely everything’s on the Internet.’ Well, no it isn’t. There’s only a fraction, a tiny fraction, of what’s been produced. So the best way is to come and turn the pages of old newspapers and make notes from things that catch your eye.”

Want to research something at the Library? Let us help! Call us at 513-369-6900 to get started.
YOUR LIBRARY Gets Personal
New ways to get your hands on the stuff you want and need, when you want and need it

BOOK HOOKUP
Wendy Gustafson is an avid reader. The Loveland Branch Library cardholder gets regular alerts from online retailers when new books are released. She belongs to a book club at her local church. She volunteers in her local elementary school library. And once a year, she spends a weekend in the woods with her college roommates reading and talking about books.

When Gustafson learned that the Library had a new, personalized service called Book HookUp that would give her three book recommendations specific to her, she liked the idea right away. “Book HookUp makes me feel very special,” says Gustafson. “I think this is such a cool idea.”

Gustafson jumped at the chance to try the new online service, launched in October. Book HookUp starts with an online form where you can tell us about your reading preferences, like whether you enjoy fiction or non-fiction, whether you want print books, eBooks, or audiobooks, and whether you would like the titles automatically placed on hold. Your answers are sent to a Library staff member, who picks three items based on your responses. And you can request new reading recommendations any time!

Every request receives personal attention from a Library staff member. Gustafson said she liked mysteries, Westerns, and books about astrophysics, so her Librarian chose The Melody Lingers On by Mary Higgins Clark, Dark Matter and the Dinosaurs by Lisa Randall, and Wanted: Sam Bass by Paul Colt. “I have started The Melody Lingers On,” says Gustafson. “So far, so good. I am just getting into it. I requested the science book you suggested. That was easy too, with the links provided on Book HookUp.”

To make your request, go to CincinnatiLibrary.org and search for Book HookUp under the drop-down menu.

COURTESY RENEWALS
Sometimes, you just need more time to read a book, listen to a CD, or watch a movie. And sometimes you just plain forget to renew an item before it is due. Your Library wanted to make it easier for you. Now we’ll automatically extend your due date for any physical item by one loan period. Your renewal happens automatically when your item reaches its initial due date. You don’t have to do anything!

PUT NEW RELEASE DVDS ON HOLD
Tuesdays used to be a stressful day for big movie fans. They’d line up outside the door of their local Library location, hoping to get a chance at checking out their favorite new movie. We’ve taken the stress out of Tuesdays by making all our new release DVDs available for hold. Now you can check the New DVD Releases page on our website, and if you see a new movie coming out soon, you can put it on hold. No more waiting in line outside the door—or waiting for months for the movie to reappear on the shelf after everyone else has watched it!

MY LIBRARIAN
The Library has another new personalized service called My Librarian for anyone searching for information and doing research. Just tell us what you’re looking for and a Librarian will look for books, articles, and audiovisual materials for you. Here’s the best part: those items will be ready for you to pick up at the Main Library within a day! To use the service, look for the “My Librarian” link at CincinnatiLibrary.org.
Library’s ancient tablets now part of Cuneiform Digital Library Initiative

The Library’s collection contains more than 50,000 rare items, among them two ancient cuneiform tablets and a clay cone dating back to 2000 B.C.E. Babylonia. The tablets are messenger tablets with a list of provisions for a trip to a temple. They were purchased in 1935 from Edgar J. Banks, a man some claimed was the inspiration for the popular fictional character Indiana Jones.

Images of the Library’s cuneiform tablets and clay cone are now part of a global digital library, the Cuneiform Digital Library Initiative. This shared digital library hosted by the University of California, Los Angeles and Oxford University along with Yale University, New York Public Library, and Hebrew Union College, brings together images of cuneiform tablets from around the world into a single searchable collection. Images of the Library’s cuneiform tablets and clay cone can be viewed at Digital.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

John Ruthven reunites with his artistic inspiration at the Library

Renowned local artist John Ruthven’s biggest professional influence was John James Audubon. Even as a child, Ruthven was captivated by the wildlife artist’s work. “I’m sorry I was born too late to travel around with him and to paint with him,” said Ruthven. “I was very well-aware of other artists who depicted American wildlife. Audubon by far was the most accurate artist on the American scene.”

Audubon’s Birds of America, printed between 1827 and 1838, contains 435 life-sized watercolors of North American birds. All were reproduced from hand-engraved plates and were considered quintessential examples of wildlife illustration.

Ruthven was thrilled when he learned the Library was installing its Birds of America set into new display cases that allow all four volumes to be seen at the same time. “The general public can now enjoy them a whole lot more,” he said. “I used to go down to the Library’s rare books room, but I only saw a fraction of them.”

Ruthven said he was humbled to be honored at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Audubon cases.

“We want to recognize Cincinnati’s own internationally renowned wildlife artist John Ruthven,” said Library Board Vice President Elizabeth LaMacchia during the ceremony. “This new exhibit for the Audubon volume is dedicated to him, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the preservation of wildlife images in art.”

Next to giant elephant folios lies a tiny book

The Smallest Book in the World, a tiny leather-bound book that is a mere eighth of an inch high, is the smallest book in the Library’s collection and one of the smallest in the world. It contains an exclusive alphabet by renowned German typographer Josua Reichert and was printed in Leipzig, Germany, in 2002 by the publisher Die Gestalten Verlag. It is now on display inside the cases that house the giant Birds of America set by John James Audubon.
THINGS YOU NEED TO SEE

AS YOU LIKE HIM: CELEBRATING WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

For four centuries, William Shakespeare’s works have been read, studied, performed, adapted, and reinterpreted. From Romeo and Juliet to West Side Story, and Hamlet to the Lion King, Shakespeare has permeated our culture with his masterful storytelling. View selections from the Library’s extensive collection of the Bard’s classic plays in the exhibit As You Like Him on display in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room at the Main Library April 29–July 29. The exhibit includes rare early editions of Shakespeare’s works dating back to the 1600’s, tiny 19th century adaptations for children, and elaborate illustrations to complement his tales.

TINY TOMES: A PEEK AT THE SMALLEST BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Enjoy a visually-intriguing exhibit featuring tiny books with lavish illustrations and surprising topics in the exhibit Tiny Tomes: A Peek at the Smallest Books in the Collection of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The exhibit is open through March 13 in the Main Library’s Popular Library.

CINCINNATI LIBRARY COMIC CON 2016 MAIN EVENT

Saturday, May 21, noon–5 p.m.
The Main Event will include face painting; crafts for all ages; board, card, and dice gaming; creator booths; costume/cosplay contest; scavenger hunt; drawing contest awards ceremony; and more! Special guests include: Eric Adams, Craig Boldman, Tim Fuller, David Michael Beck, and Scott DM Simmons.

For complete Comic Con 2016 details, visit, CincinnatiLibrary.org/ComicCon.

MORE ART EXHIBITS TO CATCH AT THE MAIN LIBRARY THIS SPRING

19th Annual Cincinnati Canstruction: March 8-March 26
Cincinnati Public Schools City Wide Art Show: March 12-Apr. 10
Taft Museum Artists Reaching Classrooms: Apr. 13-May 17
ATLA's successful sales benefit Library branches

The Anderson Township Library Association presented a check for $27,500 to the Anderson and Mt. Washington Library branches Nov. 18. The funds were proceeds from ATLA’s summer and fall sales. In attendance for the check presentation were from left to right Mt. Washington Branch Manager Larry Richmond, ATLA treasurer Jeanne Sheppard, Regional Manager Maria Sferra, and Anderson Branch Children’s Librarian Debbie Brown.

Coloring books are not just for kids anymore

New coloring books with unique and intricate images, designed with adults in mind, are growing in popularity across the country and at The Friends’ Shop inside the Main Library. Experts say coloring can help adults with stress and anxiety. “Coloring Parties” are an exciting new trend for friends who want to show off their inner-artist. The books can be used at many Library branches, which now hold regular adult coloring book clubs!

Stop by The Friends’ Shop for a variety of coloring books, plus a selection of coloring pencils and markers. The Friends’ Shop is located inside the Main Library at 800 Vine St. in downtown Cincinnati. The shop is open weekdays and Saturday from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Betty Stewart Memorial Donation

The Friends of the Public Library purchased a rare volume of Choir Guar; The Grand Orery of the Ancient Druids, Commonly called Stonehenge, On Salisbury Plain, Astronomically explained, and mathematically proved to be a Temple erected in the earliest Ages, for observing the Motions of the Heavenly Bodies, First edition, 1771 in memory of Elizabeth (Betty) Bigelow Stewart, who passed away in 2015. Her children, Cam, John, and Maggie chose this book as a fitting memorial of her life and interests, which included mathematical calculations and British culture and history. Betty held a degree in art history from Vassar, worked with codes during World War II, and was married for 63 years to the late Keith Stewart, University of Cincinnati professor of English and Friends board member.

THE FRIENDS THANK THE RECENT SUPPORTERS OF THE ROB MONTESERIN MEMORIAL FUND:

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SAVE THE DATE

The 44th Annual Friends’ Summer Sale is coming to Main Library June 4–10. Check Friends.CincinnatiLibrary.org for more details. Also the Anderson Township Library Association’s June Sale happens June 10–12 at Nagel Middle School. Find more details at CincinnatiLibrary.org/ATLA.

FRIENDS’ ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of The Friends of the Public Library will be held at the Main Library Friday, May 6 at 11:30 a.m. in the Huenefeld Tower Room. All members of the Friends are invited to attend. Please RSVP to friendsofplch1@fuse.net or 513-369-6035.
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...

The following gifts were received between October 1 and December 31, 2015. For more information about donating to the Library Foundation, visit our website at CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org.

Gifts to the Library and Foundation

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The Daniel and Susan Pfau Foundation, grant awarded for the Summer Camp Reading program

$10,000
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With the launch of the new “Inside the Writer’s Head” blog and podcast, Jeffrey Hillard is extending his creative reach far into the community. Hillard is the Library Foundation’s current Writer-In-Residence. For the second year in a row, the program allows a local writer to hone his or her craft while sharing knowledge with others. With regular posts on his blog and updates on his podcast, Hillard plans to engage readers and writers with his love of the written word. “These new platforms allow me to connect the community to writing, other writers, and literary happenings,” Hillard said. “I look forward to starting an exciting literary conversation.”

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Children’s Programs in 1911

Modern Library children’s programs consist of LEGO’s, storytimes, petting zoos, arts and crafts, karaoke, and gaming events. But what did children’s programming look like 100 years ago? Here are some selections from the 1911 Annual Report of Illustrated Lectures for the Young People presented that year by the Children’s Department.

• The England of Queen “Bess”
• Cuba of to-day
• Giotto’s story of labor
• Benvenuto and his Perseus (a bronze sculpture of Perseus made by Benvenuto Cellini in 1545)
• The Great Lakes, their commerce and traffic
• The silk caterpillar
• Colonial days in old Virginia
• Old Christmas customs
• Before we were a nation
• The Nibelungenlied (an epic poem in Middle High German about the dragon-slayer Siegfried at the court of the Burgundians, how he was murdered, and of his wife Kriemhild’s revenge)
• Reminiscences of the Civil War

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