THE GRAND LIBRARY ADVENTURE!

A Madeira man and his son set out to visit all 41 Library locations in one day!

Find out how they did it on page 6.

Celebrate with us at a Cincinnati Reds game and at the opening of the Cincinnati Streetcar!

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The Library makes a MONSTER book purchase.

See what we added to our collection on page 9.
As a lifelong reader, for me there’s nothing quite like starting a new book. Although I do sometimes download a book, I prefer to read print. Maybe it’s the familiarity of a longtime habit, maybe it’s because I already spend so much time on a computer, but for whatever reason, an old-fashioned print book is my first choice.

The difficult part is choosing which book to read. There are so many from which to choose! Like most avid readers I have a few favorite authors, but when you read as much as I do even the most prolific writer can’t keep up. So I’m constantly searching for my next book. Ideas are everywhere: recommendations from friends, reviews in the media, and of course, browsing at the Library.

The big moment has finally arrived. I settle in with the chosen book in hand and open the cover. At first it’s hard. A new writer’s style, the characters, the setting may be unfamiliar, but after a few pages that changes. The characters become friends, the setting like a place I’ve visited, the writer’s voice comfortable. The anticipation in the plot begins to build and soon I’m binge-reading, staying up too late to read a few more pages, carrying the book with me to snatch a few minutes of reading whenever I can.

What’s going to happen? I can hardly wait to find out. Slow down, I remind myself. Savor the story, the time you have with this writer, this place, this character. But I can’t.

Then I’m at the end. The story has been told. I close the book, holding on to the enjoyment of a well-written story, of living in an imaginary world for a little while longer before reluctantly putting the book aside. Sometimes, there’s more to the story and a sequel or whole series follows. Other times there’s just the one book, one piece of the story, leaving us readers to fill in what came before and what comes after.

This fall, take some time to enjoy reading a novel. Try a classic again; you’ll be surprised at how different it is from when you read it in school. Check out a bestseller by a well-established writer or a novel by a first-time writer. Re-read an old favorite. Join a book club and share the experience of a book with a group of friends. There are so many wonderful stories waiting to be read.

Just read for the fun of it!

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A few of my favorites:

**Death Comes to Pemberley**
by P.D. James

**American Wife**
by Curtis Sittenfeld

**Anne Perry’s World War I series**

**Our Souls at Night**
by Kent Haruf
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Celebrate the Cincinnati Streetcar opening at the Library

The Library is looking forward to the opening weekend for the Cincinnati Streetcar Sept. 9–11. You’ll be able to take the streetcar directly to the Main Library—there’s a stop at the corner of Walnut and Eighth Streets! Look for Rufus the Reading Dog at the celebration hosted by Metro. Then come by the Library to learn more about the history of the streetcar. We’re hosting a reception on Friday, Sept. 9. On Saturday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m., learn about Cincinnati’s early streetcar conductors with Genealogy & Local History Manager Patricia Van Skaik. Come back to the Main Library on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. to hear local historian and author Dr. Robert Wimberg discuss the history of trolleys, cable cars, inclines, and streetcars in Cincinnati. You can find a collection of historical streetcar images at Digital.CincinnatiLibrary.org. And look for the opportunity to share your own streetcar history with the Library. We’ll have information on CincinnatiLibrary.org in early September.

LIBRARY IS FIFTH BUSIEST IN THE COUNTRY
According to the 2016 Public Library Data Service (PLDS) statistical report, cardholders of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County checked out more than 18.7 million items in 2015, making the Library the fifth busiest library system in the United States. The 2016 PLDS report is based on survey responses collected from more than 1,800 public libraries in the United States and Canada for fiscal year 2015. The report is published each year by the Public Library Association, the largest division of the American Library Association. We want to say thank you for making us one of the busiest and best libraries in the U.S.!
Cincinnati Reds host the Library during Labor Day weekend game

Celebrate the end of summer with the Library at Great American Ball Park on Sunday, Sept. 4 at 1:10 p.m. The Cincinnati Reds host the St. Louis Cardinals and the first 10,000 people through the gate get a free booklight from the Library and the Reds.

Author explains why Ohio picks the President of the United States

Every four years, Ohio finds itself in the thick of the Presidential race. Kyle Kondik, author of The Bellwether, uses research and historical documentation to explain Ohio’s remarkable record as predictor of presidential results and why the state is essential to the 2016 election. Kondik speaks at the Main Library Monday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. This event is made possible by the Library Programs Fund.

Books by the Banks festival celebrates its 10th year

The Library is proud to once again be part of the Books by the Banks Cincinnati Regional Book Festival and to announce some exciting new additions to the programming.

After 10 years of bringing the region’s biggest and best book festival to town, Books by the Banks is expanding its reach with a brand-new lineup of year-round events, culminating with the book festival in October. Some of the 10 events include a writing contest for adults and teenagers with cash prizes; special writing programs through partnerships with organizations such as Women Writing for (a) Change, University of Cincinnati, and Word Play; a panel discussion with local illustrators to celebrate the launch of the festival’s 10th anniversary poster; and much more.

The festival is Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm St., Cincinnati. Be sure to look for the Library’s booth! For more information, and to see a complete schedule of the lead up events, visit Booksbythebanks.org.

Will Hillenbrand, who designed the very first Books by the Banks poster 10 years ago, designed the artwork for the 2016 poster. Be one of the first fans to see his new design at the Commemorative Poster Reveal on Thursday, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m. at Joseph-Beth Book Sellers, Rookwood Commons.

A CONVERSATION WITH LOCAL AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR WILL HILLENBRAND

Will Hillenbrand has led a picturesque life. He grew up in College Hill, attended the Art Academy of Cincinnati and now lives with his family in Terrace Park, where he’s an award-winning illustrator-author of more than 60 children’s books.

How was your spring book tour?
It’s been a lot of fun. It was a wonderful time to be able to meet young people who are emerging readers and introduce them to the world of literature.

What’s it like to get feedback from young fans?
I received sweet pictures where a loving mother made a special birthday cake inspired by one of my books. And a little mole made of felt was sent to me, modeled after the one in Spring Is Here! What a wonderful gift. What a surprise.

Did your travels inspire any new story ideas?
A new Bear and Mole story called First Star.

Where did you get the idea for your new book “Me and Annie McPhee”?
My job as the illustrator is to imagine what the world looks like that you’re going to see in the book, from the tiny island to the hen with a pen. Fortunately for me, I love to play with ideas and how I see them. I do that on every page in the book.

How did libraries influence you as a child and as an adult?
I didn’t go to an art museum with my family when I was a child. The places where I saw pictures that influenced me were in the library. At the library, I can find out what it’s like to live in another person’s shoes. I can also meet authors who visit and talk about their work. Often, because I’m traveling, I listen to audiobooks that I borrow from the library. That’s one of my favorite things to do now. I love books because that’s where I find the world.

What are you looking forward to most this year at the festival?
The same thing I always look forward to and that is making new friends, seeing old friends, and making memories that will last a lifetime at Books by the Banks.

For the complete conversation with Will Hillenbrand, watch the video at cinlib.org/WillHtalk.
Celebrate Family History Month at the Library

The Library is home to one of the nation’s top-ranked genealogy collections. All events are co-sponsored by the Hamilton County Genealogical Society. For more information call 513-369-6905 or visit CincinnatiLibrary.org.

Day with Genealogy Experts Kick-Off Event at the Main Library

Saturday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Take advantage of one-on-one consultations provided by more than 20 experts with specializations ranging from ethnic genealogy to court records (noon–2 p.m.) and participate in guided tours of the Library resources. Join nationally acclaimed speaker and content creator for Genealogy Gems, Amie Bowser Tennant, as she presents Have You Seen Me? Missing Persons and Proof of Parentage at 11 a.m. and Using Social Media to Break through Brick Walls at 2 p.m.

DEVOU ROOTS: DISCOVERING THE DEVOU FAMILY HISTORY AT THE MAIN LIBRARY
Saturday, Oct. 15, 2 p.m.

Tiffany Hoppenjans from the Library’s Genealogy & Local History Department shares her journey using Cincinnati Library resources to uncover the history of the family associated with some of Northern Kentucky’s most treasured historical and cultural resources.

GENEALOGY LOCK-IN AT THE MAIN LIBRARY
Saturday, Oct. 29, 6:30–11:30 p.m.

Join fellow genealogists for an after-hours research event. During the lock-in, five optional mini-tech instructional sessions will be offered. Pre-registration is required.

INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY AT BRANCH LIBRARIES
Offered at three locations, this class will help beginners get started and those who have already explored reach the next level, focusing on “how-to” and online resources.

MARIEMONT BRANCH LIBRARY:
Thursday, Oct. 6, 6 p.m.

WESTWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY:
Monday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m.

BLUE ASH BRANCH LIBRARY:
Monday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

Veterans’ service and sacrifice are focus of three Main Library events in November
Ken Williamson, author of the recently released book Saying Goodbye to Vietnam: My Personal Experience as an Army Photographer in Vietnam, will share his experiences and photographs Saturday, Nov. 5 at 11 a.m. at the Main Library. A book signing will follow, as well as a discussion on the Library’s Veterans History Project and opportunities for Vietnam veterans’ participation.

On Friday, Nov. 11 at 10:45 a.m. at the Main Library, will honor veterans during the 62nd Annual Veterans Day Commemoration. This event takes place at the Main Library.

On Saturday, Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Main Library, John Graham, author of The Gold Star Mother Pilgrimages of the 1930s, traces the journey and shows clips from his PBS documentary Gold Star Mothers: Pilgrimage of Remembrance. At 1 p.m., Rebecca Frank, President of Gold Star Mothers for Ohio, recounts the history of Gold Star Mothers.

FIND EVERYTHING AT CincinnatiLibrary.org/eBranch
The Grand Library Adventure
A Madeira man and his young son set out to visit all 41 Library locations in one day!

A visit to just one of our 41 Library locations can be a magical experience — so imagine visiting all 41 of those locations in the same day! That’s exactly what Dan Miller and his 11-year-old son, Joel, recently did as part of a personal challenge to visit the entire Library system and check out a book from each location.

“I’ve always enjoyed these types of route optimization plans and seeing how fast I can visit different places,” said Miller, who most often uses the Madeira Branch Library.

Some of his other interesting timed adventures include visiting all 88 counties in Ohio in 24 hours, visiting all 67 counties in the six New England states in 28 hours, jumping in all five of the Great Lakes in nine hours, and riding his bike the full length of every street in Madeira for a total of about 50 miles in under five hours.

Miller started thinking about tackling the 41 Library visits several years ago. He originally considered trying it on his bike, but changed his mind when his son decided to join in on the fun.

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is one of the largest library systems in the country, consisting of the Main Library in downtown Cincinnati and 40 additional locations stretching to some of the farthest corners of the county including Harrison, Loveland, and Anderson Township.

The pair used a free online mapping service to plan out the best route to visit all the locations in one day. They chose to start at the Harrison Branch Library on a Saturday, which meant they had eight hours to get all the visits in before the last Library location closed for the day.

Miller runs a travel site, PointsWithACrew.com, which helps families, especially larger ones, travel free or inexpensively using airline miles, hotel points, and credit card rewards. He’s accustomed to strategically planning trips and knows preparation is key.
“We spent some time the night before driving to some of the libraries over on the West Side that we weren’t as familiar with just to check out the route over there.”

However, despite their best planning, the pair still ran into a few unexpected detours the next day when they decided to officially start the trip.

“Our first surprise was on our first leg of driving after we had checked out a book at Harrison on our way to the Miami Township Branch,” Miller explained. “Kilby Road was closed for construction, so we had to detour around on I-74 and OH-128, which cost us about 10 minutes. We also made three or four other wrong turns, such as going too far up Hamilton Ave. and missing the Mt. Healthy storefront branch.”

During the Library stops, Miller and his son checked out one of the books from the Harry Potter series at each location. They also made a point to snap a “selfie” photo outside each location along with their family mascot, Mario, who has traveled all around the world with them. Miller posted the Library photos on social media using the hashtag: #41libraries.

“A couple of our favorite stops included our home branch of Madeira where we met up with the rest of our family for some encouragement and a much-needed phone charger,” said Miller. “Also, the last stop in Anderson Township was a good one because we were able to finally relax.”

Dan and Joel’s Library journey took a grand total of 7 hours and 24 minutes to complete. Miller says because of the tight schedule, he and his son weren’t able to spend much time at each stop, but said staff seemed happy and excited to hear what they were doing. He liked what he saw and hopes to revisit some of the locations soon — when time is more on his side.

“There’s a lot of really cool architecture that I wish I had time to visit,” he said. “Maybe another day.”

Photo Credit: PointsWithACrew.com
Nostalgic exhibit recalls the wonder of children’s stories

Who has not picked up a forgotten book from their childhood and been taken away to a fantastic and strangely familiar world? Books from early in our lives make a great and lasting impact on us. Revisit those favorite childhood stories in a new exhibit, *Once Upon A Time: The Mysterious World of Children’s Stories*, on display in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room at the Main Library Nov. 18-Jan. 8. Covering four centuries and featuring traditional fables, chapbooks, nursery rhymes, and fairy tales from the Library’s rich collection, the exhibition is sure to delight the whole family.

See the Polar Bear and Allosaurus from Cincinnati Museum Center for free

Cincinnati Museum Center’s polar bear now welcomes visitors to the Main Library downtown. The polar bear, the Earth’s largest land predator, is on display in the Main Library Atrium near the elevators. The Main Library is also housing the Museum Center’s Allosaurus, a fearsome carnivore which sat atop the food chain over 150 million years ago and has been a favorite amongst visitors to the Museum Center’s Dino Hall. The Allosaurus is now housed on the second floor bridge spanning the north and south buildings of the Main Library, between the TechCenter and MakerSpace. Both pieces are on loan from Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal and will remain at the Main Library for about the next two years, as restoration work on the Museum Center is completed.

Legislators at the Library

8th District Ohio Senator Bill Seitz sat with children enjoying the Summer Lunch program at the Covedale Branch Library June 24, 2016. Earlier in the month, staff members from the office of U.S. Senator Rob Portman stopped by the Main Library Makerspace to see and test out the equipment, open for use by everyone at the Library.
Pensak is a member of the Anderson Township Library Association, a group that raises money to purchase items and fund programs for the Anderson and Mt. Washington branch libraries. He approached staff at the Library and now the system has two copies of the book, one as reference material at Anderson and one that can be checked out systemwide.

The Illustrated History of Don Post Studios details the history of Don Post Studios from its inception in 1938 through to its closure in 2012. The company was responsible for the creation of the rubber Halloween mask and also dabbled in special effects work for the film industry. It also became the first company to receive a license to produce masks for Star Wars.

Friends of the Public Library

Do the kids need resources for special projects or a good book?
Visit the Friends Warehouse in Hartwell and have a look!

8456 Vine St.
Open Mondays 5:30–7:30 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Call 513-369-6035 or visit Friends.CincinnatiLibrary.org for more information.

Hall-o-ween Who-ooo-plah at the Friends’ Warehouse
Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Trick or Treat! Wear your costume and scare your friends at the Friends’ Warehouse. Special discounts will be given on manga, sci-fi, mysteries, and occult books. Get a spooky surprise gift with minimum five dollar purchase.

Anniversary Days at the Library Friends’ Shop in the Main Library
800 Vine St., Downtown Cincinnati Monday, Oct. 31–Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Members of the Friends enjoy 25 percent off most items, including books and media in the shop. Not a member yet? Join in the shop to receive your discount.
Call 513-369-6920 for more information.

Holiday Open House at the Library Friends’ Shop in the Main Library
Sunday, Nov. 20, 1–5 p.m.

Exclusive 2016 Friends of the Public Library mugs, Audubon note cards, and unusual gift ideas. Enjoy coffee, punch, and cookies while you shop and get a 25 percent discount on most items (excluding Rookwood Pottery and some Charley Harper merchandise). Custom gift wrapping is available with a small donation to the Friends.

Find holiday bargains at ATLA November sale

Shop for hundreds of great deals Nov. 3–5 at the Anderson Branch Library, 7450 State Road in Anderson Township. ATLA accepts checks and cash; no credit cards please.
Thursday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

To learn more about the sale and the work of ATLA, visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/ATLA.
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.

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WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE HOSTS MEMOIR-WRITING WORKSHOP

Learn how to take real-life experiences and craft them into a nonfiction project during this workshop conducted by the Library Foundation’s Writer-in-Residence Jeffrey Hillard on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Main Library. This workshop will cover the necessities of crafting your special nonfiction story. We’ll also explore how to use some elements of fiction in the art of writing creative nonfiction. Join the conversation about books and writing each month when we release a new episode of the Inside the Writer’s Head podcast. It’s available on CincinnatiLibrary.org/WriterinResidence or wherever you listen to podcasts. A new season begins soon!
Swing into Cincinnati Room for ‘Tarzan’ book collection

This summer brought us the latest reboot with the new film *The Legend of Tarzan*. The character has been popular since he debuted in 1912 with Edgar Rice Burroughs’ first work in the 22-book series *Tarzan of the Apes*. Other popular books by Burroughs include *The Land That Time Forgot* and the *John Carter of Mars* series, both of which have also been the basis for films.

The Library’s Edgar Rice Burroughs Collection was established in the 1970s, thanks to the generosity of several donors. Since that time it has grown to 140 volumes, most of which are hardback first editions. Although the emphasis is on the Tarzan titles, the collection also contains other lesser-known series, such as the Pellucidar and Venus books.

The Edgar Rice Burroughs Collection is housed in the Main Library’s Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room. The public is welcome to browse through some of the material in the collection. Just stop by the Cincinnati Room service desk and ask a staff member to help you. For more about Edgar Rice Burroughs and the Library’s collection, go to [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/Main/Burroughs.html](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org/Main/Burroughs.html).

**ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS WILL BE CLOSED** on Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of the Labor Day holiday, and on Thursday, Nov. 24, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday.