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Now that we know what we plan to do, we have to work on the how. As we consider changes, we’ll test them against this plan. Proposed changes that don’t pass the test won’t be implemented. About every two years, we’ll revisit the plan. We’ll look at our progress and identify more “hows” to implement. We’ll revise what we need to do if that need has changed. And we’ll continue to keep YOU, our CUSTOMERS, at the center of everything we do.

KIMBER L. FENDER
The Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Library
Greenhills Branch Library re-opens in the Community Building

The Greenhills Branch Library officially moved into the Greenhills Community Building at 8 Enfield St. on Dec. 14. A week later, the branch held a celebration and open house. The former location in the Greenhills Shopping Center closed for repairs four months earlier when heavy rains caused a leak in the roof, which damaged the ceiling. The Library's Board of Trustees made the decision to move the branch to the 2,325-square-foot space in the Greenhills Community Building, which is owned and operated by Winton Woods City Schools.

New children’s area unveiled at Madeira Branch Library

The Madeira Branch Library now boasts a newly remodeled children's area. The space was unveiled in October and was built through a generous donation from siblings Shan Bhati and Dr. Amar Bhati in memory of their mother, Shammi Bhati. Workers filled the stepped kiva, bringing the area to one level, installed new carpet, added fresh paint, and purchased new educational toys.

“Our mother had a lifelong love of reading and she worked hard to instill the same in us at a very young age,” said Shan Bhati. “We are hopeful that the expansion of the children's reading area will allow larger reading programs to be held, more comfortable accommodations for the children, and hopefully more children start to think of the Library and reading as fun!”

Library named as prestigious Five-Star Library for fourth consecutive year

“Your Library is awesome to me because I can spend hours reading in peace and happiness,” wrote Autumn Vandriel, a Colerain Township student, in a recent letter to the Library.

The value of the Library is well-known to loyal fans, and was confirmed by the library field’s leading professional publication, the Library Journal. The publication recognized the Library—for the fourth year in a row — by designating it a Five-Star Library.

The Library Journal’s Index of Public Library Service is a national ranking system comparing U.S. public libraries on the quantities of services they deliver based on per capita statistics for library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet use. This year, Library Journal added circulation of eBooks, eAudiobooks, and downloadable audio and video to its scoring measure. The Library is second in the nation in this regard.
Cincinnati Museum Center artifacts now in Library branches

With the temporary closure of Cincinnati History Museum and Museum of Natural History & Science to facilitate extensive repairs and restoration to Union Terminal, Cincinnati Museum Center is bringing iconic pieces of Cincinnati’s natural and manmade history to several Library branches.

Among the CMC collection items moving to new locations are a sampling of fossils, Native American artifacts dating back to 1400 B.C.E., brewing artifacts, a salesman’s sample wagon, and drawing tools belonging to Music Hall architect Samuel Hannaford. You can find artifacts at the Blue Ash, Bond Hill, Cheviot, Clifton, Corryville, Green Township, Madisonville, Mariemont, Northside, Norwood, Oakley, Pleasant Ridge, Reading, Symmes Township, Westwood, and Wyoming branch libraries.

Story Tree exhibit moves to Madisonville Branch Library

The Story Tree, created by Artworks teens with artist Natsuko Dyer, has a new home at the Madisonville Branch Library, 4830 Whetsel Ave. It was moved from the Contemporary Arts Center in downtown Cincinnati in late December. The CAC, ArtWorks, and Natsuko Dyer donated the Story Tree to the Library so it would continue to inspire young readers. The large tree mural was inspired by the beloved children’s book author Eric Carle. The limbs have boxes with Plexiglas panes that pull out to reveal stories, including Hansel and Gretel, The Emperor’s New Clothes, The Gingerbread Man, and Urashima Taro.

Fourteen Hamilton County residents earn diplomas through Career Online High School at the Library

Fourteen adult students improved their job prospects and their lives when they received their high school diplomas during a special graduation ceremony Nov. 16 at the Main Library. The students were awarded a high school diploma and career certification in fields like retail, childcare, security, office management, and food service after completing courses online with the help of an academic coach.

Kooper Knox is one of the graduates. His girlfriend saw a Tweet in September 2014 and encouraged him to enroll. “School has never been easy for me and the time commitment was significant,” said Knox. “But I knew it was something that I needed to do. When I started COHS, I was working night shift. It was difficult for me to adjust to this schedule, while working on school. During the year and a half, I also moved, got engaged, and changed jobs. A lot of life happened while I was working on school and there were times where it was the last thing I wanted to work on, but I buckled down and did it anyway.”

Now the rewards of that hard work are beginning to pay off. “I am able to work in any field of my choice, go to college, the possibilities are endless,” said Knox. “I have started working in HVAC and am working towards becoming a Journeyman. I have also enrolled at the University of Cincinnati to try my hand at college courses. All of these things would not have been possible if it weren’t for COHS.”

Hamilton County residents who wish to earn their degree can apply at CincinnatiLibrary.org/COHS.

Above photo: WKRC-TV news anchor John Lomax, Kooper Knox, and Chief Library Experience Officer Greg Edwards at the graduation ceremony.
Ohio native Tiffany McDaniel wrote her first novel when she was 18 years old. “Writing has always been as natural as breathing to me,” she said. “I've just always loved reading it and creating it.”

She spent more than 10 years trying to get published, sending query letters, and searching for agents. But it wasn’t until last year that she was finally published. “It's been one of those writing careers that left me with plenty of scars,” McDaniel said. “But it's also been a path of hard work and determination that has taught me to take nothing for granted.”

In her debut, *The Summer that Melted Everything*, McDaniel examines the nature of good and evil in a thought-provoking way as a 13-year-old boy claiming to be the devil shows up in a small Ohio town. The novel started first as a title, explains McDaniel. “It was one of those Ohio summers that made me feel like I was melting. I felt everything was melting. Flowers and leaves were just dripping to the green summer grass. And thus the title was born.”

“I do start writing a new novel with two things: the title and the first line,” said McDaniel. “These two things direct the entire story for me. There’s not a particular inspiration because the story evolves with each new word and page that I write. But I do find the characters themselves inspiring. The characters exist as real as anybody and they inspire me to write their truths as honestly as I can.”

The book turned out to be a 2016 summer hit, earned critical acclaim, and continues to be a popular checkout at the Library. McDaniel said it's all a dream come true. “What more could I want than the magic afforded to me by word and by page?”

In her debut novel, Tiffany McDaniel explores the themes of good and evil — and so much more — all through the lives of a band of characters who make up one peculiar small town in Ohio. McDaniel recently talked to us about the book, her writing style, and what it’s like dreaming up a story about the devil.
William Mason High School teacher named as new Writer-in-Residence

Kurt Dinan is a busy man. The father of four teaches sophomore English and creative writing at William Mason High School and serves as an advisor for the school yearbook. He’s the author of the young adult novel Don’t Get Caught and was recently named the Library Foundation’s Writer-in-Residence for 2016-2017.

Recently he published The Kurt Dinan FAQ, a tongue-in-cheek Q & A conducted by...himself.

Random Person: Wait, Kurt Dinan?

That guy who graduated from Lakota High School in 1989, got his Bachelor’s degree from Ohio University, his master’s degree from Miami University, who has taught English for 22 years, and who once won $1,000 playing Bingo?

ME: Yes.

RP: And now you’re the Writer-in-Residence? Just to clarify, that means you’ll blog, do a podcast, and run writing workshops and other smaller events for the Library over the course of the year?

ME: Yes.

RP: What are those workshops going to be about? Just guessing, but are they maybe a five-session primer covering all aspects of writing a novel, from (1) developing the initial concept to (2) plotting to (3) writing tips to (4) revising to (5) getting published? Is that what you’re thinking?

ME: Yes.

RP: But don’t you have to have some sort of proven experience and knowledge to do something like that? You’d probably have to be a creative writing teacher and also have been writing for over 10 years. In fact, it’d be nice if maybe you’ve had a novel published recently that you can draw from those experiences. Do you have any of that?

ME: Yes.

RP: Wait, I may have heard of it. Are you the guy who wrote Don’t Get Caught, the young adult novel about a prank war gone awry, filled with juvenile humor and terrible knuckleheaded behavior written to make the reader laugh?

ME: Yes.

RP: So I’m guessing that you’re going to use what you learned from writing that novel, procuring an agent, and selling the novel to a publisher as the foundation of your workshops, your blog posts, and the podcast?

ME: Yes.

RP: That sounds great. I’m just hoping, you know, that you’re more lively and talkative in person than you’ve been in this interview. Will you be?

ME: Yes.
In its early days, the internet was simply a way to spread access to stored information, like pulling a book off a shelf from anywhere in the world. But the traditional barriers between those who create and publish content and those who read it are now nearly nonexistent. This incredible ease of access also led to an unfortunate side effect: credible sources are often nearly indistinguishable from uncredible ones. Phony news and information is everywhere, and figuring out what to believe is tricky.

The problem is complicated. In November, both Google and Facebook announced they would crack down on fake news sites. But the fact-checking website Snopes.com, which has checked
internet stories for accuracy since the mid-1990s, said the bigger problem is “bad news” coverage. Founder David Mikkelson says this phenomenon includes “... many forms of shoddy, unresearched, error-filled, and deliberately misleading reporting.”

Americans are losing faith in traditional institutions of trust. According to Gallup, the average confidence of the American public in institutions such as newspapers, schools, Congress, and organized religion dropped to 32 percent in 2016—a new record low.

The current online advertising model for news organizations doesn’t help either. Many digital algorithms are based on how many times a link to a website is clicked. That means there is a financial incentive to exaggerate and embellish when putting content online. Extreme reactions from internet users translate into high numbers of “clicks,” which in turn becomes advertising revenue. Some even fear that we live in a “post-truth” society, where personal preference outweighs objectivity.

So what can you do when you want to know more about the issues that affect you? How can you find information you can trust? Good research takes time and navigating the massive volume of information out there can be incredibly intimidating.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

HAPPENING at Main Library

35th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration of Song and Dance
with Dark Moll and the McGing Irish Dancers
FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 11:45 a.m. in the Main Library Reading Garden Lounge

Join us for the 35th annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration of Song and Dance, sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library. Featuring music by Dark Moll and a special performance by the McGing Irish Dancers, this tribute to Irish heritage is family-friendly and fun! Reserved seating is available for Friends of the Public Library members. Please call 513-369-6035 to reserve your seat.

Éirinn go Brách: A Tribute to Cincinnati’s Irish Heritage
MARCH 17–JUNE 4 in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room at the Main Library

Years before waves of Irish immigrants made their way to Cincinnati to escape the Great Famine, Erin’s sons and daughters had already begun to make their mark upon the city. Éirinn go Brách: A Tribute to Cincinnati’s Irish Heritage explores their many contributions to Cincinnati’s cultural, political, religious, and industrial heritage.

Above photo: Poster advertising play starring Irish actor Chauncey Olcott, printed by Strobridge Lithographing Company (Cincinnati, Ohio, 1894.)

THINKING MONEY EXHIBIT
MAY 22–JUNE 21 in the Main Library TeenSpot

This traveling exhibition teaches tweens, teens, and the adults in their lives about money. Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content, and other fun activities, the Thinking Money exhibit explores themes like wants vs. needs, preparing for a rainy or sunny day, imagining your future self, and avoiding financial fraud. Thinking Money was created by the American Library Association in partnership with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. All related programs are funded by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY will be held at the Main Library Friday, May 5, at 11:30 a.m. in the Huenefeld Tower Room. All members of The Friends’ are invited to attend. Please RSVP to friendsofplcl@fuse.net or 513-369-6035.

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For a thorough history of the first half-century of the Friends’, read Fifty Years of Friends by current Friends’ Director Robert C. Vitz. It documents the journey of a fledgling organization that started in 1957 and has evolved into a dedicated group of civic-minded individuals determined to make a difference in the community on behalf of the Library that they cherish and love. A free edition is available to read online at Friends.CincinnatiLibrary.org.

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Thousands of books are donated to the Library every year, ranging from old out-of-print books to best-selling novels by the likes of James Patterson and Janet Evanovich. But every so often a special collectible book is donated for preservation by the Library.

That’s what should have happened to an autographed first U.S. edition of Watership Down by Richard Adams, but Librarians were surprised to find it in the circulation collection in the stacks instead of the special collection in the Cincinnati Room. It was discovered after Adams’ passing Dec. 27, 2016, when a copy was requested for an Instagram photo to honor the author.

Now that copy joins more than 500 signed books in the Cincinnati Room collection at the Main Library. The first U.K. edition of Watership Down was published in 1972, and the first U.S. edition was published in 1974, the date inscribed on the Library’s copy.

According to The Cincinnati Enquirer Thursday, Nov. 21, 1974 edition, Adams was in town Tuesday evening for the Enquirer’s Evening with Books and Authors at the Netherland Hilton Hotel.