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Read, explore, create at your Library this summer. The latest on our new passport adventure, free Brain Camps, and more inside this issue.

**PLUS THE LIBRARY IS TAKING OVER A
CINCINNATI REDS GAME THIS SUMMER**

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LANGUAGE TO HELP A YOUNG READER.**

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KIMBER L. FENDER

The Eva Jane Romaine
Coombe Director



The sneaky librarian's Summer Adventure secret ... revealed!

As a child, summer was my favorite time of the year: warm weather, long days, and plenty of time to read and play outdoors.

Throughout my childhood, library visits were a regular part of life but even more so in summer. I was part of that generation whose parents sent us out the door in the morning, telling us to be back for dinner. We'd run barefoot all over the neighborhood and come home exhausted, thirsty, and hot. No air conditioning in our home! It seemed every evening there was a storm to "clear the air" and the cooler air after the storm was always a welcome break from the heat. But, even though I spent lots of time outside, I read voraciously every summer.

Even way back then, libraries held summer reading programs urging us to keep reading by promising stickers for every level we completed. I really needed no motivation; reading was something I truly enjoyed, and a trip to the library was eagerly anticipated. But the stickers, a novelty then, were very tempting.

I'd borrow books by the armloads; everything from *The Black Stallion* to *Nancy Drew* was read and enjoyed, then carefully tallied to earn that coveted sticker. Since I had a younger brother, I took great pleasure in reading more books faster and beating him to the next level. Don't judge me—if he had been your brother you would have done the same!

What I didn't realize at the time was I had fallen into a trap set for me by my parents and those sneaky librarians.

Every summer I read lots and lots of books, thinking I was just reading and earning stickers. In reality, I was building my reading skills, preventing summer slide and learning—yes, learning—about all kinds of things.

I learned about other time periods, about mysteries (remember trying to outsmart Encyclopedia Brown?) and other countries. I learned new words and developed an appreciation for good writing—for a story that flows from the page. I learned spelling, sentence structure, and comprehension. Those librarians tricked me with their fancy stickers, urging me to keep reading to earn one more. And I fell for it. I fell hard.

Years later, I became one of those sneaky librarians, convincing children to read over the summer by promising them fabulous prizes if they would read just one more book. What they won't know for many years is that the reading they do will earn them more than a sticker or a prize. They'll earn a lifelong love of reading and success in their education more valuable than any sticker or prize we can offer today.

Thank you to everyone who makes the prizes and programs available so we sneaky librarians can convince another generation of children to read this summer. Don't tell them about the education part. It'll be our secret.

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Library director receives advocacy award from OLC

Kimber L. Fender, the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Library, was selected to receive the prestigious A. Chapman Parsons Award from the Ohio Library Council (OLC) for her outstanding work on behalf of Ohio’s public libraries. She was recognized at the OLC’s Legislative Luncheon March 29 in the Ohio Statehouse Atrium. The A. Chapman Parsons Award is given in recognition of significant activity or accomplishment in government relations.

Fender was named director of the Library in 1999. She currently serves as the chair of the OLC’s Government Relations Committee and has testified many times before the Ohio General Assembly on issues that impact public libraries across the state. She was instrumental in the release of the OLC’s 2016 Return on Investment Study which quantified the value of Ohio’s public libraries in clear and understandable economic terms. Fender has represented public libraries on a national level at the American Library Association’s annual legislative event in Washington, D.C. In 2009, the OLC’s Board of Directors named her “Librarian of the Year.”

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LIBRARY FANS GET A FREE GIFT AT CINCINNATI REDS GAME

Celebrate the last days of summer with a game of baseball at Great American Ball Park **Sunday, Aug. 6**. The Reds take on the St. Louis Cardinals at 1:10 p.m. There will be a special ticket offer, fun activities, and the first 10,000 people through the gates will get a free set of earbuds. Watch for more information on the Library’s Twitter and Facebook feeds and by visiting **CincinnatiLibrary.org** in July.

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Flag Day is celebrated at the Corryville Branch Library in 1911

CORRYVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY CELEBRATES 110 YEARS OF SERVICE

Hundreds of people turned out April 1 to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the opening of the Corryville Branch Library. Branch staff celebrated with cardholders by giving out prizes and cake.

The Corryville Branch Library is in the heart of University Village and opened in 1907 as the North Cincinnati Branch Library. It was one of nine area libraries built with funds provided by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. In 1996, the building underwent a major renovation and restoration project. It was renamed the Corryville Branch when it reopened to better reflect the community it serves.

HAMILTON COUNTY RESIDENTS IMPROVE JOB PROSPECTS WITH FREE WORKSHOPS



Five percent of Hamilton County residents are unemployed according to U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics data. Many more local workers want a better paying job with more benefits, flexible work hours, and fulfilling career challenges. The Library made a commitment to support job seekers and encourage continuous learning as part of its new strategic plan.

In partnership with Ohio Means Jobs, the Library is hosting a regular series of free career-building workshops. Attendees learn how to choose a career that fits their interests, personality, and skills. They also get tips on filling out applications, creating a résumé, and interviewing.

The Library worked with Job & Family Services to host workshops in March to help those with criminal records overcome some of the common barriers to getting a job. The workshops taught skills like personal branding, job interviewing, business etiquette, and job retention.

In February, the Library was honored as a Super Outreach Partner by the Southwest Ohio Region Workforce Investment Board.

Watch for more rounds of career workshops by visiting CincinnatiLibrary.org.



NEW MACHINE LETS CARDHOLDERS CHECK OUT A LAPTOP

The Walnut Hills Branch Library now features a freestanding, laptop-dispensing kiosk which allows most adult cardholders to check out laptops for use inside the Library.

The dispenser holds 12 laptops that charge when docked inside the machine. Cardholders may borrow one laptop at a time for four hours with no renewals. Laptops cannot be placed on hold and are only available at the Walnut Hills Branch Library.

"Walnut Hills has one of the highest computer usage rates for any of our Library locations," said Paula Brehm-Heeger, Chief Strategy and Technology Officer for the Library. "It's an older building so we don't have the capability to add more PCs in terms of space, additional plugs, and data jacks." The Library hopes to add laptop dispenser machines at more locations in the future.



NEW LIBRARY CARD AVAILABLE FOR ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL

The Library recently created a virtual card that lets active members of our armed services use eBranch materials no matter where they are deployed or stationed. The new Military Card has no fines and is available to all Ohio residents, unless you already have a Library card from our system. The Military Card lets active duty personnel use the internet and online databases, download eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines, digital music, and streaming movies and TV shows. Applications can be filled out online. Verification of military status is required. For more information, visit CincinnatiLibrary.org and look for "Apply for a Library Card" under "My Account," or call 513-369-6900.



Five strategies to a successful start as a writer

From the Library Foundation
Writer-in-Residence Kurt Dinan

I think everyone who considers himself or herself a reader has a secret desire to write a book, or at least has entertained the idea at one point or another. Writing a book is an imposing project, sort of like standing at the bottom of Mount Everest and thinking, "I have to climb that?!" So here are five tips for starting (and continuing) to write.

1. START TODAY.

I started writing when I was 30 and had my first novel published when I was 44. Do the math. Sorry to go all Grim Reaper on you, but that invisible mortality countdown timer over your head is decreasing, not increasing, by the second.

2. GIVE YOURSELF PERMISSION TO SUCK.

Look, here's what's going to happen—you're going to be all excited to write, then after an hour or so will realize, Holy cow! This is terrible. Why doesn't it sound like anything I read? And you'll want to give up. Like learning how to play a musical instrument or how to juggle flaming bowling balls, writing well takes patience and persistence (and flame-retardant gloves). And that only comes if you give yourself permission to be bad at first, and don't give up when frustration hits.

3. GET AN EARLY VICTORY.

Give yourself an early victory to motivate yourself to continue writing. To do that, pick a favorite scene from the novel you have in your head, regardless of chronology, and write that. Or instead of starting at year one of your demented family's history, write about your eccentric Aunt Helen and her collection of toilet paper rolls she's decorated to resemble the Founding Fathers, or whoever else you think you could do a damn fine job at describing. Whatever gets you excited to write, that's what you should start writing about.

4. ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS.

Writers are great at finding reasons not to write. Some days I'd rather start my taxes six months early or clean the rain gutters out with my tongue than write. And once I do start writing, that's when I realize, hey, I should check my email/Twitter feed/fantasy football lineup/etc. So eliminating those distractions and daydreams is essential. If you can, find a place to write without a lot of foot traffic, noise pollution, and, if really possible, away from the damn internet. For this last one, there are a handful of fantastic apps out there that will shut off your internet for a predetermined time while you write.

5. WRITE TODAY, TOMORROW, AND FOREVER.

If you don't commit to writing every day, you're dead before you get started. I'm not talking about setting aside two hours every day to write (do people really have that?!) but you must get some writing finished every day. Yes, you'll miss a day every now and then—for example, I wouldn't suggest writing on your anniversary, unless you want it to be your last—and six out of seven days will do just fine, but write, write, write. My life is busy, as I'm sure yours is, but I try to get at least 500 words down a day. It adds up fast, believe me.

You can find out more about Dinan, read his blog, and download episodes of his podcast *Inside the Writer's Head* by visiting CincinnatiLibrary.org/writerinresidence.



J.D. Vance

New author series happening at Main Library

David Pepper, author of *The People's House* | Tuesday, June 20 at 7 p.m.

Jane Green, author of *The Sunshine Sisters* | Thursday, June 22 at 7 p.m.

Jessica Strawser, author of *Almost Missed You* | Tuesday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.

Jay Asher, author of *Thirteen Reasons Why* | Friday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

J.D. Vance, author of *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* | Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

Visit CincinnatiLibrary.org for more information on these special appearances.



WE'RE GOING ON A SUMMER ADVENTURE!

READ, EXPLORE, AND CREATE AT YOUR LIBRARY BEGINNING JUNE 1.

For thousands of kids in Hamilton County, summer is anything but a vacation. Many spend the months away from school in unsafe situations, without enough food to eat or activities to engage their minds, bodies, and spirits. The situation is sad, and it has lasting repercussions on a child's ability to learn once school starts again in the fall.

"Summer learning is much like gardening," said Chris Rabold, media specialist at Pleasant Run Elementary School near the North Central Branch Library. "Students who return to school having had summer opportunities are ready to grow and thrive while students who sit around the house and do not have opportunities to learn over the summer have difficulty getting into a routine, get lower grades on homework and class assignments, and are more likely to need remediation."

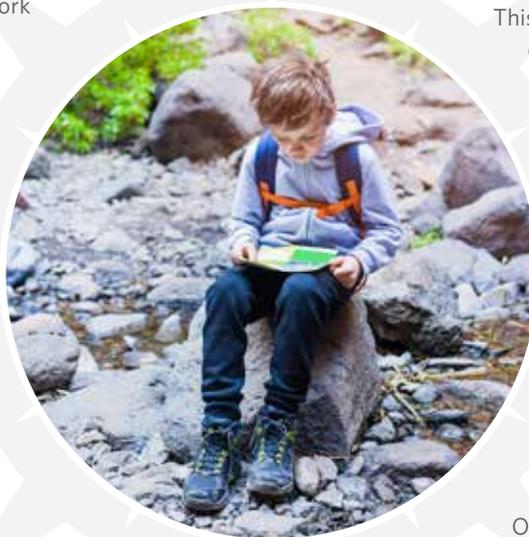
When students continue their learning over the summer, they have a better basis for applying their knowledge and are able to ask questions that go beyond the basics. Teachers tell the Library that it's easy to spot which students have participated in summer learning activities. Kids who take part in the Library's summer programs come to school with greater vocabularies, a better understanding of what books they would like to start reading, and confidence in their own academic skills.

But many parents and students cling to the notion that summer should be spent as a complete break from schooling, and that adding a learning component to a child's summer is just a way of extending the school year and adding undue pressure to kids. The teachers we spoke with want you to know that's not the case.

"Everyone needs to celebrate the growth of our children each school year and allow them to take a break and be a kid during the

summertime," said John Mattingly, principal at Brent Elementary in Finneytown. "But it is amazing how much learning you can do while journaling on a vacation, or working on math skills and number sense by counting mile markers, or using Google maps while traveling to various destinations. You can embed so much learning into your children without it being a struggle."

"It's more fun to practice multiplication facts outside with sidewalk chalk and water guns than with paper and pencil or flashcards," said Beth Wolfzorn, a third-and-fourth grade teacher at St. Aloysius Gonzaga School in Bridgetown. "The summer reading program at the Library is a great way to motivate your kids to read and they get free stuff. Summer learning doesn't have to be boring."



This year, the Library is incorporating the fun of experience-based summer learning into our Summer Adventure Program, which runs **June 1-July 31**. Everyone, even teens and adults, can participate. Adventure-seekers sign up at a Library location and receive a passport book. You can read and do activities like attend a Library event, go on a nature walk, plant a garden, collect leaves, write a story, or visit a zoo or park. Record your reading and activities in the passport book and check in at the Library once each week. When you check in, you'll get a stamp in your passport book, a prize, and a chance to enter a drawing for a weekly prize.

On Aug. 1, we'll draw the grand prize winner, who will receive four tickets to Coney Island.

"I don't know a child who doesn't like going to the zoo, listening to a great story, or trying science experiments like folding paper airplanes," said Rabold. "The great thing about summer is that your child can explore their interests instead of having to master a curriculum set by others."

You can learn more about the Summer Adventure by visiting CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerAdventure.

BRAIN CAMPS OFFER FREE FUN AND LEARNING FOR KIDS

Kids can expand their minds in creative and fun ways at one of the Library's free summer Brain Camps. Kids have two choices: week-long themed camps at various Library locations and one-day mini Brain Camps at all Library locations. Registration is required for all Brain Camps.

Registration for June Brain Camps is underway now. Registration for July Brain Camps begins June 1. To register, visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerAdventure or call or visit a Library location.

WEEK-LONG BRAIN CAMP: SUMMER ADVENTURE @ BRAIN CAMP.

Come explore the wonderful world all around us. Read great stories, play fun games, experiment with science, and create themed crafts. Sessions last three hours and are designed for children entering grades 1-8.

MINI BRAIN CAMP: CODING WITH OZOBOTS.

Learn the basics of coding with Ozobot, a tiny robot you can command through simple codes! Sessions last two hours and are designed for children entering grades 1-5.



BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE AT THE LIBRARY

Bright Star Touring Theatre will present literature-based shows for children and families at 20 Library locations during the week of July 9. Shows include *Aesop's Fables*, *Happily Ever After*, and *Building Stories*. These performances are funded through a generous donation by the Otto M. Budig Family Foundation. Visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerAdventure for a complete schedule of performances.

SUMMER LUNCHES OFFER HOPE WHILE FIGHTING HUNGER

One of the most important pieces of Summer Adventure combines feeding hungry tummies and minds. Several Library locations will serve free meals on weekdays to children 18 and younger starting June 5. Visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/SummerAdventure to find a Library serving lunch near your home.



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EXHIBIT CELEBRATES INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED WRITER, FORMER CINCINNATI RESIDENT

Patrick Lafcadio Hearn lived an uncommon life. Born in 1850 on the Greek island of Lefkada to a Greek mother and an Irish father, he was abandoned by his parents, raised by a great-aunt, and sent to America where he was told to look up a relative who lived in Cincinnati. Once he arrived in the Queen City, he was given \$5 from the relative's family and sent on his way.

Hearn befriended a printer who let him sleep in the back room of his print shop and encouraged him to write. Hearn contributed hundreds of articles about the city to the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and the *Cincinnati Commercial*. He briefly served as private secretary to the Cincinnati Public Library's Director Thomas Vickers before moving on to New Orleans, then Martinique, and finally settled in Japan in 1890.

Hearn was the first Westerner to translate Japanese stories and fairy tales into English. In the 1950s, Vickers' family donated his personal collection of Hearn material to the Library. You can see the collection in the exhibit *The Strange & Exotic World of Lafcadio Hearn* on display in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room at the Main Library **June 9-Aug. 20**.



Celebrate a love of graphic novels at Main Library event

The Cincinnati Library Comics Fun Fest happens this year **Saturday, June 17 from 1-4 p.m.** at the Main Library. The event includes a game show, cosplay, an obstacle course, photos, crafts, and more. There will also be a ceremony announcing the winners of the Comics Fun Fest Drawing Contest. Entries are accepted until May 31. Hand-drawn or painted artwork inspired by comic books, graphic novels, and manga by anyone ages five years and older are eligible for prizes. For more about the drawing contest and the Comics Fun Fest, visit CincinnatiLibrary.org.

More exhibits coming to Main Library

Bookworks, the 18th annual Cincinnati Book Arts Society (CBAS) exhibit, will be on display **June 14-Sept. 3** in the atrium of the Main Library. CBAS is a nonprofit organization of professional and amateur hand workers in the book arts. Artist walk-throughs are set for **Sunday, June 25 at 2 p.m.** and **Sunday, Aug. 20 at 2 p.m.** There will also be a hands-on bookmaking demonstration **Sunday, July 23 at 2 p.m.**

The Keith Kuhn Memorial Exhibit is an annual display of artist-created books from the Library's collection. It is curated in memory of former Library Services Director Keith Kuhn. See the exhibit **June 14-Sept. 3** in the Popular Library and in cases by the elevators on the second and third floors.

45th Annual Friends' June Book and Media Sale

June 3-9, Main Library

Open during normal Library hours

The Library's towering greeter, the Museum Center Polar Bear, is supervising preparations for the **Friends' June Book and Media Sale** in the Atrium of the Main Library. We have changed our big sale up a bit. Music aficionados and chefs will discover plenty of treasures on the Mezzanine level this year! Plan to spend quality time browsing with friends, family, and volunteers. **Friday, June 9 is "Bag Day."** Buy a Friends' bag for \$10 and fill it up! For more info on the sale or to volunteer, call 513-369-6035.

Christmas in July at the Library Friends' Shop

July 1-15, Inside the shop located on the Mezzanine level of the Main Library

Open Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bells are ringing, people are singing, Library Friends' Shop carols are in the air! Check out the holiday displays and get your shopping started early. Shelves will be stocked with thoughtful gift ideas for your friends and family. We'll keep a (Christmas) light or two on for you to shop with us late on **Tuesday, July 11**, when we'll stay open until 9 p.m. For more information, call 513-369-6920 or find us on Facebook.

Friends' Awesome End-of-Summer Warehouse Sale

Aug. 17-20, Friends Warehouse, 8456 Vine St., Hartwell

Open Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Warm summer days and breezy, firefly nights are passing quickly. It's time to grab some summer reads and locate the school reading list that the kids stashed somewhere. Scour our shelves and stock up with tons of books, movies, and audio paraphernalia. For more information, call 513-369-6035 or visit Friends.CincinnatiLibrary.org.



A volunteer group from T-Mobile prepares sale items.



Junior Woman's Club of Wyoming members at the warehouse.

Volunteer to help the Friends. Call Darlene at 513-369-6035 or email friendsofplchvolunteer@fuse.net.



Anderson Township Library Association June Sale

June 16-18, Nagel Middle School, 1500 Nagel Road

Open Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-3 p.m.

Find books in all subjects, used media, puzzles, and collectibles. Only cash or check accepted as payment. Proceeds benefit special projects at the Anderson and Mount Washington branch libraries. For more information, visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/ATLA.

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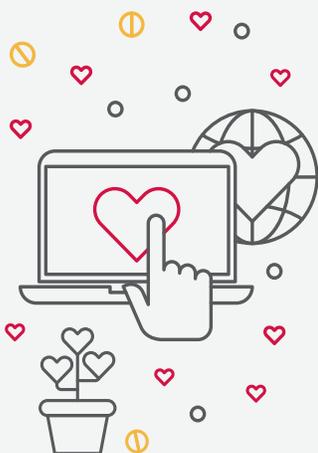
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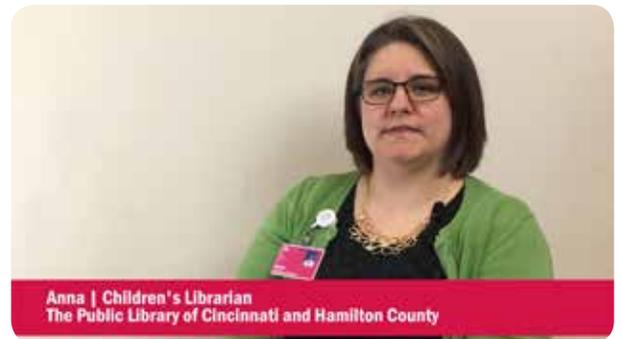
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YOU are the center of everything we do!

"One of my favorite memories is of a little boy who returned the movie *Cars* to me," said Anna, a Children's Librarian at the Symmes Township Branch Library. "I asked him 'Who was your favorite character?' And he started signing back to me. His parents told me their son had verbal apraxia, which means he can hear but he cannot speak. I said 'I know Sign Language too.'"

"I told the parents of the child that if they needed anything I would be here and happy to sign with the child. Later that hour the child had come back up and was asking me for things in sign language. I was able to give him the materials he wanted and he left the Library so happy. That family still comes in to this day and he loves having a chance to communicate with me and it brings me such joy that I was able to help them."

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TALES FROM THE ARCHIVES

The Library and the 1937 Flood



EXCERPTS FROM A DECADE OF SERVICE 1930-1940

No account of the Library from 1930 to 1940 would be inclusive without reference to the great flood of 1937. The first realization of threatened seriousness came on Friday, January 22, when staff members reported a radio announcement that schools were closing and that street car service would cease. Incoming phone calls continued, but it became impossible to make outgoing calls. The following day found many suburban thoroughfares submerged, many employees could not reach library buildings, and, although the Library's working hours were maintained, readers became fewer.

On Sunday, January 24, all library activities and those of certain other organizations were stopped by the City Manager's proclamation. Library service was not resumed until February 6, when there was a circulation in the Main Library of 6,754, all but 446 being adult books, the largest single day in the Library's history.

Library losses in books were heaviest at the California, Newtown, and Fulton deposit stations. At the last named station, failure to move the books resulted in the loss

of the entire collection. There were comparatively small book losses at branch libraries, although several of the buildings were damaged. At the East End Branch Library, water was forced through outlet pipes into the basement to a depth of three feet, but most of the Main Library books stored there were saved by moving them in time. A few rare volumes floated in the water several days before they could be rescued.

The Cleves Branch Library located in the Miami Township Hall was the only library building where flood water reached the main floor. The librarian of that branch rode many miles during a wild night to reach her library. By candle-light, she moved the books and other library property. Only thirty-eight books which were out in circulation were lost, and two were dropped in the dark while moving.

Although the West End Branch Library was not reached by flood waters, it became the center for relief work. From January 26 to February 20, it was the community headquarters for the Red Cross and the distribution center for fuel, food, clothing, and typhoid inoculations.

ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS WILL BE CLOSED Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day and Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.