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On June 29, Kimber L. Fender, who led the Library for 19 years and contributed the Director’s Message to each Library Links issue, retired. I am honored to be serving as the interim Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Library Director. A native of Cincinnati, I grew up using several of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County locations, visiting the Delhi Branch Library regularly. I also frequented other West Side Library locations, including the Westwood and Covedale branch libraries and the Main Library, during my high school and college years. That was also when I began my library career, working my first job as a student assistant at the Green Township Branch Library. I have lived in a number of other cities and states and worked for other public libraries since that first job at Green Township. That perspective, plus my own experiences using our Library throughout my lifetime, make it very humbling to now be leading such a tremendous organization!

There are several important projects on which I will be focusing in the near future. Thanks to the generous support of our community, which passed our recent levy this past May, we now have much-needed funds that will ensure that all of our locations are modern and accessible. In the coming weeks and months, we will be prioritizing the work that needs to be done. Our top priority remains making Madisonville, Price Hill, and Walnut Hills handicap-accessible and making our Cheviot, Norwood, and Wyoming locations fully accessible to people with disabilities. To that end, during the May 31 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved publishing a bid advertisement for design services for the Madisonville, Price Hill, and Walnut Hills branch libraries. Design firms interested in being considered for a contract submitted Statement of Qualifications as of June 29. We look forward to making progress on these essential projects, with planning and preparation moving into full swing during the remainder of 2018. These are not, however, the only facilities projects we will be tackling, as a number of our locations need work. It’s important to keep in mind that of the 33 branch libraries we own, 19 have never been renovated. Ten of our branches are more than 85 years old, and only three Library locations are new.

While our facilities are at the top of our priority list, we will continue to maintain our excellent offerings of events and services. On that note, I’d like to make special note of the success of our 2018 Summer Adventure program. As of the end of June, Library staff had registered 31,108 people for Summer Adventure, checked in 32,291 people for Summer Adventure, served 9,137 meals and snacks as part of the Summer Food Service Program, held 13 week-long Brain Camps with total attendance of 1,093, held 43 Mini Brain Camps with total attendance of 671, and provided weekly Summer Reading Tutoring sessions for 149 students. This means that our June totals for both Summer Adventure registration and weekly check-ins have already exceeded our totals for the entire summer of 2017! I look forward to sharing our final participation figures and to keeping you informed about the exciting developments in store on our upcoming facility projects.
Libraryprovides materials for new navel ship, *USS Cincinnati*

Cincinnati City Council Member David Mann asked the Library to contribute an item for display as part of the new naval ship named for the city, the *USS Cincinnati*.

Each time a naval ship is named for the city, prominent local organizations contribute something to go on the ship. This time, Library staff created a wooden replica of the state of Ohio with the MakerSpace laser engraver, and then used the Library’s magazines and newspapers databases to find a *Cincinnati Post* article from Aug. 14, 1973 about the construction of the last *USS Cincinnati* in the U.S. Navy.

This is the fifth ship to be named after the city of Cincinnati. The first was in service during the Civil War. According to the Navy, the newest ship will be an Independence-class ship designed to defeat threats like mines, quiet submarines, and fast-surface craft. The Navy has not yet said when the new ship will be finished and ready to sail.
Friends of the Library brings Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ron Chernow to Cincinnati

**TICKETS GO ON SALE AUG. 15**

Author Ron Chernow has received rave reviews and critical acclaim for his books, which explore the lives of historical figures. Now the Pulitzer Prize-winning author is coming to Cincinnati to discuss his latest work, *Grant*, on Monday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Aronoff Center’s Procter & Gamble Hall. The event is made possible by the Friends of the Public Library.

Chernow won the Pulitzer Prize for his *New York Times* bestselling biography, *Washington: A Life*. The National Book Award winner was also the historical adviser for the musical *Hamilton*, which was inspired by his bestselling biography. He is the recipient of the 2015 National Humanities Medal.

Chernow’s latest book focuses on the life of Ulysses S. Grant, who was born and raised just outside of Cincinnati. General tickets for the Ron Chernow event are $5 and go on sale Wednesday, Aug. 15. Look for more information and a link to buy tickets by visiting CincinnatiLibrary.org on that date.

Books by the Banks 2018

**SET FOR OCT. 20 AT DUKE ENERGY CENTER**

The 12th annual Books by the Banks Cincinnati Regional Book Festival is bringing nearly 150 authors to town to celebrate literature and the love of reading. The free event runs 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm St., in downtown Cincinnati.

This year’s lineup of bestselling authors include:

- National Book Award-winning author Alice McDermott
- *New York Times* bestselling teen author Jason Reynolds
- *Bad Kitty* author Nick Bruel
- Three Fiona books by Thane Maynard, Jan Sherbin and Richard Cowdrey, respectively
- Acclaimed Kentucky author Bobbie Ann Mason
- National Teacher of the Year Sharon Draper with her new book *Blended*
- Journalist Wil Haygood, author *The Butler* and *Tigerland*

In addition to the Author Pavilion, where visitors can buy books and get them signed, there are many more activities during the festival. The Kids’ Corner offers free balloon sculptures, face painting, presentations by authors and illustrators, and craft and activity stations. There is also an area for teens packed with special events just for them, including V.I.P. author meet-and-greets and maker activities. The popular Writing & Getting Publishing panel track returns this year with discussions covering a range of topics to help aspiring writers hone their craft and connect with local experts. For more information, and to see a complete schedule of authors and events, visit booksbythebanks.org.
Local authors Michael Nye, Jessica Strawser set their books in familiar locations

There must be something in Cincinnati’s water. Not only do we have talented authors who call the Tristate home, but in the past year two of them published books set in the Greater Cincinnati area. Michael Nye, who grew up in Cincinnati and currently lives in Columbus, has a debut novel *All the Castles Burned*. Jessica Strawser, a Pittsburgh native who now lives in Cincinnati, set her second book *Not That I Could Tell* in Yellow Springs. Nye and Strawser will be at this year’s Books by the Banks festival mentioned on page 4.

**WHY DID YOU SET YOUR BOOK IN CINCINNATI?**

**Michael Nye:** *All the Castles Burned* has a strong autobiographical thread and setting it in a place that I know well made sense for the story I wanted to tell. It’s a novel about class and friendship with a particular Midwestern bent, and I felt that no city better reflected the themes and characters I wanted to explore than Cincinnati.

**Jessica Strawser:** *Not That I Could Tell*, required a more intimate setting to frame the storyline, and is thus set in nearby Yellow Springs—a favorite weekend destination of mine—but my February 2019 release, *Forget You Know Me*, returns to Cincinnati with prominent roles played by the Cincinnati Nature Center and Lunken Airport.

**WHAT SPECIAL CHALLENGES COME WITH SETTING A BOOK IN YOUR HOMETOWN?**

**Nye:** I think the challenge was not overdoing it, not trying to prove in each and every paragraph that I know the city well by name dropping or long digressions on the city’s history.

**Strawser:** I anticipated that hometown readers would be discerning, and also know that everyone’s experience of a place is individual. So I took care with the details, and made notes of any creative liberties I took in my acknowledgments (the timeline of Lumenocity, for example, had to bend a little to fit a plot point).

**WHAT IMPRESSION OF CINCINNATI WILL NON-LOCALS HAVE AFTER READING YOUR BOOK?**

**Nye:** My hope is that they’ll view Cincinnati as the complex and fascinating city that it is, and get a feel for how the different pockets—like Indian Hill or Finneytown or Blue Ash or Over-the-Rhine—vary tremendously.

**Strawser:** I’ve had readers across the country remark that *Almost Missed You* made the city really come alive beyond the more widely known oddities of cinnamon-spiced chili and an airport across state lines.
“Reading opens up a new life for you,” says Bertha Signer from a comfortable chair in the sunny common room at the Seasons Retirement Community in Deer Park. And she should know. At 103 years old, Signer talks openly and enthusiastically about her love of books and the stories and adventures she’s enjoyed during a lifetime of reading. She’s not about to stop learning now. “You don’t just sit by the wayside,” says Signer. “You learn as you read. As long as you’re reading, you’re learning. If you stop learning, you stop living.”

Signer knows the importance of the Library for the community. Born and raised in Cincinnati, she discovered her love of reading at the Deer Park Branch Library. She brought her children to the Library too.

“When my children were small, every Saturday we went to the Library to read books,” she says. “Now I see other mothers do that and I think to myself: They’re doing the right thing. Because when you take your child to the Library and open up a new world for them, they’ll never forget it.”

Outreach Services delivers books to Signer and other residents’ doors at the Seasons Retirement Community, and a bookshelf in the common room is stocked with Library books for residents to check out anytime. The Library also holds lectures and programs for residents on topics they love, free of charge. Kate Nessler, Director of Resident Programs at Seasons, says that these Library services make a huge difference in the lives of residents.

“When they move here, they’ve given up a lot of parts of their life,” says Nessler. “They’re no longer able to do everything they used to. The Library delivering books to our residents allows them to still be able get lost in books and learn. Our residents—even at 80, 90, and a 100 years old—still love to learn.”

Outreach Services provides resources to residents in our community who might not be able to use the Library otherwise. “The Cincinnati Library opens up new worlds for people,” Signer says. “If they don’t use the Library, they’ve lost a lot.”

To learn more about Outreach Services, visit CincinnatiLibrary.org or call 513-369-6900.
Radio host, Marine Corps vet Lincoln Ware to headline Veterans Day event

WDBZ 1230 radio host Lincoln Ware will be the keynote speaker at the 64th Veterans Day Commemoration at the Main Library. Monday, Nov. 12 at 10:45 a.m.

Ware is a Cincinnati native and a graduate of Woodward High School. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was a member of the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service. He officially began his radio career in 1973 and currently hosts the Lincoln Ware Show, while receiving local and national honors for his work.

The Veterans Day Commemoration is free and open to the public. It includes patriotic music, the presentation of Memorial Wreaths, the lighting of the Flame of Remembrance, and the playing of “Taps.” The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library and the Library Programs Fund.

Cincinnati and the Great War: Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the End of World War One

The Library is asking the public to bring in World War I-related documents which show a connection between local residents and the war. Items could be newspaper articles, photographs, medals, letters, or other memorabilia. Staff will scan the items. You’ll get copies on a flash drive and you may be asked permission to post the scans on the Digital Library. For more information, call 513-369-6905.

Scanning Sessions

SATURDAY, NOV. 3, 11 A.M. – 2 P.M.
at the Anderson Township Branch Library.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10, 11 A.M. – 2 P.M.
at the Green Township Branch Library

SATURDAY, NOV. 17, 11 A.M. – 2 P.M.
at Main Library

First World War — and influenza — touches the Library

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and the start of the deadly Spanish influenza pandemic of 1918. These events affected the Library, its employees, and its services. Those effects are described in the Report of the Librarian written by N.D.C. Hodges in 1918 and 1919. Here are some excerpts from his reports.

“A War Service Branch was opened July 12, 1917, in Eden Park, to serve the library needs of troops there in camp. A portable school building (28 x 30 feet) was generously loaned for the purpose by the Board of Education, but the expense of transfer, erection, painting and outfitting was borne by the Library Board. The circulation from this branch was 426 books. The Library has lost many trained and efficient employees, young women as well as young men, who as in duty bound have gone into government service, and as the year closes even boys are drawn away by the high pay offered by factories. The service to the public has been crippled, but any shortcomings in this way have been condoned as part and parcel with the conditions in many other activities which have of necessity yielded to the immediate war needs.” {1918}

“The campaign for books and magazines to be sent to the soldiers and sailors was continued. From July 6, 1918, through December 26, fifty-six boxes, weighing 11,816 lbs., were packed and shipped. These books were forwarded in accordance with instructions from the American Library Association Headquarters in Washington. The attack of Influenza in the fall of 1918 necessitated the closing of the Library for reference work from October 7, and of the entire service, circulation as well as reference, from October 11 to November 11. {1919}

Exhibit honors World War One veterans

In commemoration of the World War I armistice, the Library is presenting the exhibit Over Here: Cincinnatians Fight the Great War Nov. 2–Jan. 27, 2019 in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room at the Main Library. You also can view a World War I scrapbook of German soldiers dating from July 1915–May 1919 at cinlib.org/2LKWCp6.
Library’s Family History Month focuses on German heritage

In October, Library staff will connect you with print and digital items that will tell the story of the earliest Hamilton County settlers and the German ancestry of the southwest Ohio region.

DAYS WITH THE GENEALOGY EXPERTS
SATURDAY, OCT. 6 AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

No registration required for any of the following sessions.

10 A.M. AND NOON. — Tour the Genealogy & Local History Department

11 A.M. — Researching Your Early Hamilton County Ancestors. Explore the rich resources that are available to Hamilton County researchers for the time period before 1850.

NOON–2 P.M. — Receive free consultations with regional experts representing over 20 Greater Cincinnati organizations.

2 P.M. — What’s New in German Genealogy? Learn about the myriad resources recently available on the internet for researchers searching for their German ancestors.

GENEALOGY AFTER-HOURS LOCK-IN
SATURDAY, OCT. 20, 6:30–11:30 P.M. AT THE MAIN LIBRARY

Join fellow genealogists for this after-hours research event. During the Lock-In, four optional mini-tech instructional seminars will be offered. Pre-registration is required. To register, visit the event calendar at CincinnatiLibrary.org or call 513-369-6905.

SCANS OF HISTORIC ITEMS FROM DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

In 1920, Walnut Hills native and World War I veteran Robert S. Marx founded the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), a charitable organization that advocates for disabled soldiers and their families. The DAV helps veterans re-enter society by aiding in medical matters, work training, finances, and navigating bureaucracy. Marx himself was injured in the war, spending months recovering in a Paris hospital before he returned to Cincinnati to work as a judge.

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County recently completed a two-week project to digitize more than a decade of issues of Disabled American Veterans’ newsletters and several scrapbooks. These items provide a detailed window into the DAV’s history including conflicts, crime, and changes in policy. To see this new collection, visit Cinlib.org/DAVCollections.
Friends of the Public Library

The 46th Annual June Used Book Sale was successful! 4,300 more than plus customers found their way to our Hartwell Warehouse location. The relocation from the Main Library presented many challenges. But with the help of our amazing volunteers and staff, we still achieved our sale goals. Thank you, wonderful Friends and followers for making the June Sale, and all our summer events, so memorable and successful. Our funding supports literacy and special reading programs for children and adults at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.

Upcoming Events

The Library Friends’ Shop will join the Greeting Card Association’s international movement to mark THINKING-OF-YOU WEEK, SEPT. 24–30. It celebrates the benefits of sending and receiving handwritten notes. Follow us on Facebook or visit cincylibraryfriends.org.

- NOV. 1 – NOV. 10: FRIENDS’ ANNIVERSARY SALE
  We’re celebrating 35 years of the Library Friends’ Shop at the Main Library. Open Mondays–Saturdays 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Visit cincylibraryfriends.org for details including special discounts for Friends’ members only.

- SUNDAY, NOV. 18: LIBRARY FRIENDS’ SHOP ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
  1 P.M. – 5 P.M. We offer a 25 percent discount for everyone on most items in the Shop. Enjoy a great holiday shopping experience featuring a jewelry trunk Show, door prizes, and refreshments.

- EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS
  Holiday hours run Friday, Nov. 23 through Sunday, Dec. 23 at the Library Friends’ Shop only. Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 1–5 p.m.


The Anderson Township Library Association 2018 Holiday Sale

NOV. 8–10 AT THE ANDERSON BRANCH LIBRARY, 7450 STATE ROAD.

Find great deals and bargains to start the holiday shopping season. Rare books, cookbooks, used media, gardening books, puzzles, children’s books, fiction, and more. ATLA accepts cash and checks; no credit cards please. All proceeds used to support the programs and services of the Anderson and Mt. Washington branch libraries.

- THURSDAY, NOV. 8, 10 A.M.–8 P.M.
- FRIDAY, NOV. 9, 10 A.M.–6 P.M.
- SATURDAY, NOV. 10, 10 A.M.–5 P.M.

For more information, 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 Staci Dennison, Thomas W. Jones Executive Director, at (513) 369-4595.

The following gifts were received between March 16, 2018 and June 30, 2018. For more information about donating to the Library Foundation, visit our website at CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org.

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LASTING LEGACY

Tom Jones admits he’s been blessed with more than he needs. Now retired from a 25-year career in the Legal Division of Procter & Gamble, he deeply believes it’s his obligation to give back.

“As part of my legacy, I want to help make a positive contribution to causes and organizations I think add a meaningful benefit to our community,” says Jones.

One of those organizations is The Library Foundation—an independent 501(c)3 that raises philanthropic funds for the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Jones made a planned gift of approximately $1 million to the Foundation that will support programming and projects focused on our community’s most vulnerable citizens. In recognition of his generous contribution, The Library Foundation has established the Thomas W. Jones Executive Director position.

“We are extremely grateful,” says Staci Dennison, the Thomas W. Jones Executive Director of The Library Foundation. “Tom’s generosity shows there are all sorts of ways to give to the Library. His donation is not only inspiring, but incredibly helpful—he’s helping to keep our Library become great for generations to come.”

Jones says the Library has been a part of his life for as long as he can remember. He visited the Main Library downtown as a kid, and then used it in high school for homework and term papers, and again as an adult throughout his career working downtown.

“Libraries are the great equalizers in our society,” he says. “The vast amount of information they contain and the services they perform are available equally to everyone, the richest and the poorest, the oldest and the youngest. Thanks to libraries, our history, our literature, our arts, our science is available to everyone on equal footing at the most minimal cost.”

While not everyone can give in such a big way, Jones believes even the smallest contributions can make a lasting impact and encourages everyone to do what they can. “We must continue to make library services and resources available to all,” says Jones. “We benefit as individuals. We benefit as a city. We benefit as a society.”

In Memoriam: Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Mary S. Stern

The Library Foundation honors the generous legacy of Mary S. Stern. Stern died on June 4 at the age of 97. Mrs. Stern was a life-long library supporter. In late 2017, Mrs. Stern established the Mary S. Stern Lecture, through an endowment gift of $1 million to The Library Foundation. “Mrs. Stern’s commitment to the Library and its mission will live on and impact future generations,” says Scott Richards, board chair. “We join the family and our entire community in celebrating her life and impact on Greater Cincinnati.”
Make it in the MakerSpace: 5 Exciting Halloween Projects

There’s no better way to get into the spirit of the Halloween season than by getting creative with your plans. Here is our list of the top five Halloween projects you can create at the Library’s MakerSpace.

Sew Your Own Costume
The MakerSpace has three sewing stations perfect for creating a ghoulishly good costume. Make a creepy cape to go along with your vampire outfit, stitch together a super hero mask, or perfect your princess dress before you party. Don’t know how to sew? We offer weekly classes!

Creepy Clingy Decorations
Use one of our vinyl printers to print and cut your own customized window clings. Wicked witches, scary skulls, and ghastly ghosts are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to creative ways to customize your haunted house!

3D Print a Pumpkin
Why carve a pumpkin when you can 3D print one? Use one of our 3D printers to make the perfect pumpkin complete with a removable lid! Even better, this gourd won’t gross you out in a few days — you can reuse it year after year!

Laser Cut a Scary Spider
If you are looking for a project to really get caught up in, why not laser cut a scary spider from acrylic? Take it to the next level and create a web to give your icky arachnid a place to live.

Spooky Photo Shoot
Treat yourself to a spooky photo shoot in our photography area. For added fun, trick your friends by using our green screen to edit yourself into some creepy movie scenes or make it look like you are escaping the zombie apocalypse.

To book time in the Main Library MakerSpace, visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/makerspace. There are also MakerSpace at the Loveland, Reading, and St. Bernard branch libraries. Call those branches to book time.

ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS WILL BE CLOSED Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day and Thursday, Nov. 22, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.