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PAULA BREHM-HEEGER

Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director

On October 11th, following a national search that included meetings and forums with Library staff, Library Friends and Foundation leaders, and the general public, the Library Board of Trustees officially named me as the next Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Library Director for our Library. I can't express how honored and excited I am by this opportunity!

My vision for our Library is simple: to be recognized as a top public library in the country and be the best public library for our community. I intend to achieve this by building on our foundation of success while working to transform and grow our organization to meet the needs of generations to come. We will earn more 5-Star *Library Journal* ratings and additional ULC Innovation Awards; we will increase our digital and facilities use; we will develop and implement a Facilities Master Plan to re-envision our physical spaces; we will be bigger than our buildings with a newly-designed, accessible, mobile-friendly web presence; and will be regarded as a top workplace and highly respected employer.

There are several key areas for growth and development that are essential to achieve this vision. First, we must cultivate an engaged and motivated staff. Second, we must have a supportive, informed community. Third, we must use resources wisely, particularly to reinvent our buildings. And finally, we must offer our users what they need and want.

We've already held several events in support of these key goals. In service of cultivating an informed community and engaged staff, we held community and staff engagement events at the Main Library at the end of September. We wanted feedback as we re-envision space at the Main Library to better

serve customers. 536 community participants came to the Main Library event, and there were just over 100 attendees at the staff meeting. To gather staff and community input about improvements to be made for the Price Hill Branch Library, we held a similar a staff meeting, a public open house, and a public forum there. 51 people took part in that event.

We recently increased the hours of operation at the Avondale, Price Hill, and Walnut Hill branch libraries, from 44 open hours per week to 48 hours per week. The move is part of our goal to support cardholders wants and needs. We also added professional, expert staff at these branches to support services to teenagers. That's because these locations see lots of school-age visitors each day. These increased hours, which took effect Oct. 7, were made possible by shifting existing staffing resources.

Our Library is an industry-leading Public Library. We are nationally-recognized for our innovative and excellent services. I intend to work with and lead our staff and community to ensure we remain an essential piece of our community's success and an invaluable asset for each individual we serve.



COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SHARE IDEAS

FOR RE-ENVISIONING THE MAIN LIBRARY, PRICE HILL BRANCH LIBRARY

Earlier this fall, the Library hired Group 4 Architecture, Research+Planning, based out of California, to create a plan for re-envisioning the Main Library's two buildings and the Price Hill Branch Library. The Library hosted listening and learning sessions to gather community feedback on planned projects at these two locations. The Library also asked for feedback using an online survey. These sessions and the survey are the first step towards creating a Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for the entire Library system. Money for the FMP will come from a 1-mill levy approved by Hamilton County voters in May, 2018. The FMP will set goals and a timeline for all the improvement projects across the entire Library system.

The Price Hill Branch Library closed July 3 due to significant damage to the ceiling. The branch is temporarily relocated in the Price Hill Recreation Center. The Price Hill Branch Library was one of the branches in line for extensive renovations, including adding accessibility for people with disabilities. Price Hill is now the priority facilities project due to the ceiling collapse.

Meanwhile, a roof leak and other structural issues need to be addressed at the Main Library. The Library's decision in late 2017 to keep both the South and North buildings of the Main Library created an opportunity to rethink how those buildings are configured. Administrators are looking for opportunities to better serve the public.

Work on the Main Library and the Price Hill Branch Library will likely begin in 2019. As plans are made for additional branches, the Library will hold more listening and learning sessions to get your feedback. You can stay up-to-date on all the facilities projects by watching [CincinnatiLibrary.org](https://www.cincinnatilibrary.org) for announcements or by following us on social media.

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AVONDALE, WALNUT HILLS BRANCH LIBRARIES EXPAND HOURS

In October, the Library expanded the hours of operation for the Avondale and Walnut Hills branch libraries. Both locations are now open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Avondale and Walnut Hills branch libraries are busy and the Library wanted them to remain open for longer to serve those residents. The Library is hiring a new teen librarian for each location. You can see hours and get more information about all 41 Library locations by visiting [CincinnatiLibrary.org](https://www.cincinnatilibrary.org).



MEMORY CAFÉ CREATES SAFE SPACE FOR PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S OR DEMENTIA

A one-of-a-kind event happens each month at three Library locations. The Memory Café allows people with Alzheimer's or dementia and their caregivers to enjoy music, games, social interaction, and other fun activities.

"I saw that a library in another part of the country was doing Memory Cafe but there was nothing similar being offered in our area," said Kate Lawrence, the Library's programming and exhibits manager. "I thought a program like this could be beneficial to the larger community."

Launched in June, Memory Café is held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Harrison Branch Library. The Library, along with the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and Episcopal Retirement Services, expanded the program to the Blue Ash Branch Library in October, where the event is held on the third Monday of each month. Then in November, the Library began holding a Memory Café on the first Thursday of each month at the Greenhills Branch Library.

Activities change every month. Registration is recommended. To learn more, visit CincinnatiLibrary.org and search the event calendar for Memory Café.

LIBRARY NOW LENDING PASSES TO LOCAL ARTS, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL ATTRACTIONS

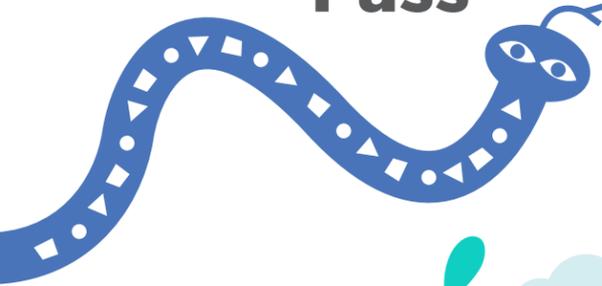
Library cardholders can now borrow a pass to four organizations that offer fun and cultural activities. The Discover Pass service gets you passes to attend the American Sign Museum, the Betts House, the Harriet Beecher Stowe House, and Great Parks of Hamilton County for free. You can reserve the passes online and print them out at home, at a Library branch, or save the pass to a mobile device. There are restrictions. Learn full details by visiting CincinnatiLibrary.org or ask any Library staff member.

AUTOMATIC RENEWALS MEAN YOU GET TO KEEP ITEMS FOR LONGER

The Library has a new auto-renewal feature that gives more cardholders a due date extension. If you check out any physical item, we'll give you a courtesy renewal at the end of your three-week lending period for an additional three weeks. Then, if your account is in good standing and no one else has put the item on hold, we'll automatically renew the item for you for an additional three weeks. And we'll keep doing that up to eight times! If you have any questions about Auto Renewal, call 513-369-6900 or ask any staff member.



Discovery Pass



FIVE QUESTIONS

WITH *TIGERLAND* AUTHOR WIL HAYGOOD

PHOTO BY JEFF SABO

Wil Haygood is currently a Visiting Distinguished Professor in the department of media, journalism, and film at Miami University. He graduated from that school in 1976 with a degree in urban planning. For nearly three decades he was a journalist, serving as a national and foreign correspondent at *The Boston Globe*, where he was a Pulitzer Prize finalist, and then at *The Washington Post*. He is the author *The Butler: A Witness to History*; *Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination That Changed America*; and *In Black and White: The Life of Sammy Davis, Jr.* *The Butler* was later adapted into the critically acclaimed film starring Forest Whitaker and Oprah Winfrey. He has received a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, and the 2017 Patrick Henry Fellowship Literary Award for his research on *Tigerland*.

HOW DOES WRITING A BOOK COMPARE TO NEWSPAPER REPORTING?

I've always felt book writing has helped me become a better journalist, and that the journalism has helped me become a better author. They've rather fed one another. The skills in each genre are quite different, but writing is writing and reporting is reporting. Books, of course, require a long form structure and a different storytelling device.

WHAT FIRST INSPIRED YOU TO WRITE THIS BOOK?

This was a story set in 1968 and 1969. So there was already great drama swirling in America. Behind that political and cultural drama was a story in Columbus, Ohio, that fascinated me: An all-black high school, East High School, won both the state basketball and baseball championship in the same year. It was an astonishing athletic feat. To win TWO state championships two months apart is almost unbelievable. And they won those championships amidst constant turmoil. I thought it was a great saga that needed telling.

HOW HAVE LIBRARIES INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE OR CAREER?

There was never a car in my family when I was growing up. But I could walk to my neighborhood library in Columbus, Ohio, and pick up a book or magazine and be transported to another world. Books took me to Florida, Nevada, Texas, England, Japan, and France. I read novels and nonfiction set in those places. It seems that so much of my growing-up life was spent in libraries. I found explanations to so many questions I had about the world in books inside the library. I've always been inspired that President Lincoln wanted to do all he could during the Civil War to keep libraries open.

WHAT AUTHORS/BOOKS INFLUENCED YOU MOST GROWING UP?

I've been influenced by a variety of authors, among them James Baldwin, Langston Hughes, Robert Caro, Richard Rhodes, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Alice Walker, and Lorraine Hansberry.

WHAT BOOK IS ON YOUR BEDSIDE TABLE RIGHT NOW?

I'm in a phase of reading short stories at the moment. *The Stories of John Cheever* is near my nightstand now.



WE ARE ABOUT BOOKS AND SO MUCH MORE

**THE LIBRARY IS EVOLVING INTO A FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY RESOURCE.
HERE ARE SOME OF THE AMAZING THINGS YOUR FELLOW
CARDHOLDERS ARE DOING... BESIDES READING!**

When Theresa Wright retired from teaching, she wanted to do something productive with her newfound free time. She took grant-writing classes in the past, and discovered the Main Library was offering a course for free.



"It turned out to be a far better course than just a refresher and surpassed anything I had paid for and taken in the past," said Wright. "As a grant writer, I can offer my services to non-profits either gratis or for a far lower salary requirement than most. I was able to help a school institute a summer program for 'at risk' kids at no cost to the school. The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County was responsible for honing this skill for me and opening doors to a new career."

For more than a hundred years, the Library inspired one image in the minds of cardholders—a quiet place filled with shelves of books. But if you've walked into any of our 41 locations lately, you've noticed things are changing—for the better. The Library is evolving into a place where creatives, entrepreneurs, community leaders, and innovators can mix and mingle with readers. And your fellow cardholders find the transformation is helping them in ways they never imagined.



"I like that there are computers and printer available," says Lisa Lerner, who lives in Montgomery. "When I was unemployed it was so easy to come to the library and spend several hours looking for jobs and researching the companies. I have also used the meeting rooms at some of the libraries and that is a nice benefit."

We know a lot of our cardholders love to learn. And our wide selection of books can certainly help you be more knowledgeable. But the Library also offers classes for free, both in our branches and online. There are as many as ten English as a Second Language conversation groups happening each week at a variety of Library locations. We also help adults (and teens and kids) learn about coding and technology with interesting and personalized classes. And you can also use your Library card to take hundreds of classes online from companies like Kanopy, Treehouse, and Lynda.com for free—no matter your age.

"I am trying to add to my knowledge base by taking online computer programming courses," says Art Patrick of Springfield Township. "I have been taking advantage of the University of Cincinnati Senior Audit



Program. It is limited and not as easy to get into sometimes. Then, I found out that the Library offers Lynda.com free of charge. I am online constantly taking advantage of the courses offered there."

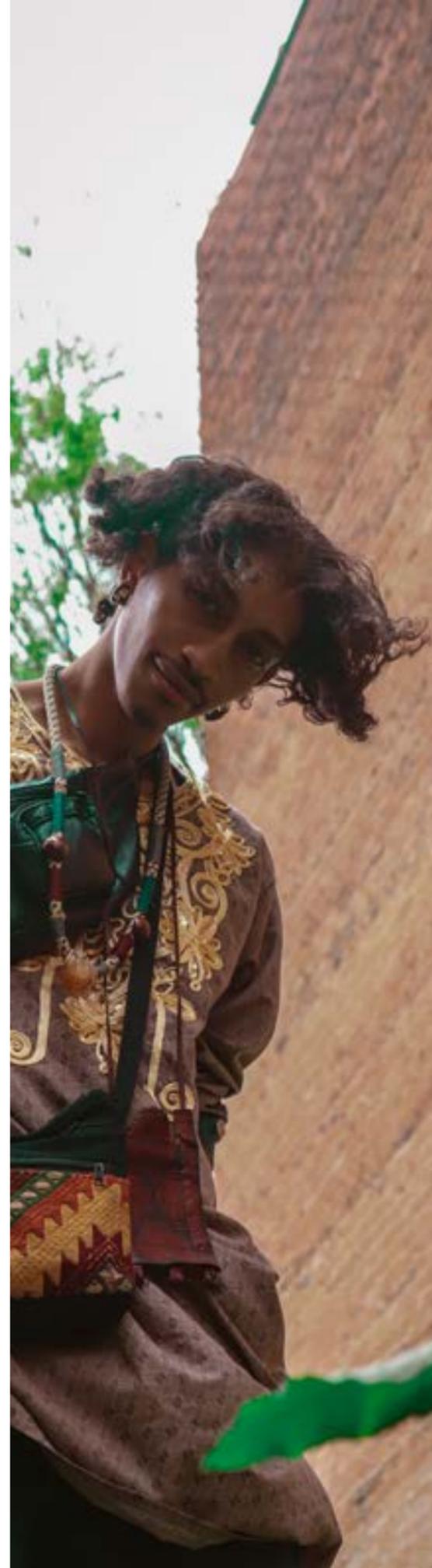


The Library can also do a bunch of things you never imagined... like file your passport application. Passport services are available at the Main Library, Anderson Township Branch Library, and the Harrison Branch Library. (And our staff is a lot friendlier than the other Passport locations!) Our Main Library Genealogy & Local History Department can help you research your family history for free—no need to pay for access to other genealogy websites. And most of our Library locations have study spaces and meeting rooms that you can book for free or for a nominal fee, depending on the event.

Every branch library is designed to provide a safe, comfortable space where all kinds of amazing things can happen. Bill Fitzwater is a home instructor for the Forest Hills School District and uses the Library as a meeting place for his students.

"The libraries have been a wonderful setting for these students to continue their academic progress," said Fitzwater. "The atmosphere within the libraries seems to promote an air of learning and understanding that most students respond to. For the students who are experiencing a library for the first time, it's amazing to see them respond and become stimulated to the surroundings and atmosphere within each building."

Of course, Library staff love to read. They love books and they will help you find a book on any subject, anytime, anywhere. But we can also help you live your best life in a host of other ways, from finding your next great job to starting your first business. To learn more about all of the things you can do at your Library (besides read), visit CincinnatiLibrary.org and use the online chat function to ask questions or call 513-369-6900 to talk to our staff directly. And if you've used the Library's services for more than just reading, share your story with us! Send an email to mystory@CincinnatiLibrary.org.



LEVELUP WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

TRIIIBE MEMBER CREATES COMMUNITY, POSITIVITY THROUGH ART AT MAKERSPACE

Artist and music producer Carl Houston finds value in uplifting his community through the arts. Also known as "Pxvce" from the local musical trio Triiibe, Houston used the Main Library's MakerSpace to connect his love for the arts with social activism.

Triiibe (True Representation of Intellectual Individuals Invoking Black Excellence) is known as a music group to some and as activists to others. But the group coined the term "artivism" as a way to express what they do. Beyond making music, Triiibe inspires community enrichment through urban gardening programs, partnerships with local schools, and a monthly Potluck for the People for the homeless at Piatt Park.

Introduced to the MakerSpace by a friend, Houston worked closely with staff to learn how to use the machines that would benefit his work.

"I'm at the MakerSpace three times a week, for three to four hours at a time," said Houston. Once Houston got the hang of things, not only was he able to create logos, graphics, and fliers, but he was also able to acquire new business prospects.

"The people who were in the MakerSpace working on their own projects began to commission me to do work for their businesses," said Houston. "It's an incubator for creativity, connections, and networking. There are many different things an entrepreneur can do here if they're looking for a more hands-on experience with their business."

For Library staff, Houston embodies the possibilities of the MakerSpace. The space, designed with the intent of connecting people to equipment and technology, enables Houston to take advantage of Adobe Suite and the Vinyl printer. He's worked with staff to learn new techniques and push his skills to the next level. "Everybody here knows Carl," said Nate Pelley, TechCenter/Makerspace team leader. "He's a joy to work with and his passion for giving back to the community is evident in every conversation you have with him."

After gaining valuable knowledge, artistic work, and clientele in the MakerSpace, Houston partnered with Triiibe member Siri Imani to give back to the Library. They present Raise the Barz the first and third Thursday of each month from 4-6 p.m. in TeenSpot at the Main Library. Raise the Barz challenges youth, ages 12-18, to explore their neighborhood and creatively express themselves through singing, rapping, writing, music production, graphic design, and more.

Triiibe released its debut album *III AM WHAT III AM* Oct. 10. For more information about Triiibe's music and the programs offered at the Library, visit [Facebook.com/triibeworldwide](https://www.facebook.com/triibeworldwide). And for more information about the Main Library's MakerSpace, visit CincinnatiLibrary.org/MakerSpace.

LEARN ABOUT SERVICE IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This February, the Main Library will host a series of programs that spotlight the many African Americans in Cincinnati who answered the call to serve and to improve the conditions of the community.



Saturday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. African Americans in Medicine

Join Dr. Charles Dillard, a longtime Walnut Hills resident, who followed his father into medicine. He will discuss African Americans in medicine in the Cincinnati area, past and present.

Saturday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. African American Funeral Directors

Independent, black-owned funeral homes became staples of black neighborhoods and gave the deceased the respect that was not always rendered to them in life. Join Joyce Coleman and Thomas Jordan

of the African American Genealogy Group of the Miami Valley for a talk on some of these funeral directors.

Saturday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. Law and Order: African Americans in Law Enforcement

Attend a panel discussion on the role that African Americans have played in keeping law and order. Panelists include Judge John Andrews West, former assistant Chief of Police Michael Cureton, and others who will share their experiences of serving the Cincinnati community.



NEW AFRICAN AMERICAN RESEARCH AVAILABLE IN THE DIGITAL LIBRARY

Recently discovered in some of Cincinnati's daily newspapers from the late 19th-century are weekly columns dedicated to reporting on the social affairs of the city's African Americans. The columns are a rare glimpse into the political, social, and cultural events of a community. They also serve as a remarkable record of church, civic, fraternal organizations, and businesses of leading African Americans of the time. These reports ran from 1884 to 1896 in the *Cincinnati Commercial Gazette* (later the *Commercial Tribune*), the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, and the *Cincinnati Times-Star*. The articles are being digitized and uploaded to the Digital Library, and are available by visiting Digital.CincinnatiLibrary.org. Stephen Headley, librarian from the Genealogy & Local History Department, will talk about this latest discovery at the Main Library, **Saturday, March 2, at 2 p.m.** The event is free and open to the public. Learn more about all these events by visiting CincinnatiLibrary.org or by calling 513-369-6905.

VINTAGE CINCY: ROOKWOOD POTTERY

Inspired by the Japanese art and ceramics she saw at the Centennial Exhibition in 1876, Maria Longworth Nichols Storer founded Rookwood Pottery in 1880. Named after her father's country estate on Grandin Road, the company spent its first decade in a renovated schoolhouse on Eastern Avenue before moving into the iconic Tudor-style building in Mount Adams in 1892.

Rookwood Pottery produced distinctive art pottery pieces from the native clays of the Ohio valley, and became known for its leaf and flower motifs, exquisite underglaze paintings, and high-gloss glazes such as "Tiger Eye." Rookwood won medals at the World's Columbian Exhibition of 1893 in Chicago, the Exposition Universelle of 1900 in Paris, and the Pan American Exhibition of 1901.

William Watts Taylor was hired to manage and direct the company in 1883, and it was under his leadership that Rookwood added an architectural faience division in 1902, producing the earthenware interior design pottery pieces that can be still be seen in Carew Tower, Union Terminal, Dixie Terminal, as well as New York's Grand Central Station. They also produced the decorative fireplace tiles and mantels that grace so many Cincinnati homes.



The company enjoyed much success through the 1920s and employed as many as 200 workers, but the stock market crash and Great Depression destroyed the market for art pottery. Rookwood never recovered, and finally declared bankruptcy in 1941. The company was purchased and sold multiple times over the years, ceasing production in 1967. The company's assets, which included over 2,000 molds, glaze recipes and its trademarks, were eventually purchased by Arthur Townley, a collector from Michigan who longed to see the company return to its hometown. In 2004, Rookwood did just that and currently operates a shop on Race Street in Over-the-Rhine.

OVER HERE AND OVER THERE: CINCINNATIANS FIGHT THE GREAT WAR

Marking the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the First World War, the exhibit *Over Here and Over There: Cincinnatians Fight the Great War* is on display in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room in the Main Library through Jan. 27, 2019. The story of Cincinnatians in the First World War, both in the service and at the homefront, will be told through photographs, scrapbooks, propaganda posters, newspaper accounts, and uniforms. University of Cincinnati Associate Professor and historian Richard Prior will display material on the wartime base hospital No. 25 in France, staffed by doctors and nurses from Cincinnati General Hospital (now University Hospital).



THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CINCINNATI AND HAMILTON COUNTY

Looking back over a year filled with change, the Friends of the Public Library are grateful for your continued support and patronage. From floor reconstruction at the Main Library this summer, making improvements at our Hartwell warehouse, promoting and moving our annual June Sale to Hartwell, and creating the new Friends' website cincylibraryfriends.org, you have remained loyal followers, not missing a beat. Fortunately, our Friends' membership roster grew. Lucky you. Lucky, lucky us.

If you have a few difficult giftees on your giving list, don't fret. Our vast collection of books, puzzles, music, movies, and Friends of the Library gift certificates are available at both locations. Additionally, the Friends' Shop offers beautiful greeting cards plus literary-themed, thoughtful gift options for everyone at Christmas time and throughout the year.

NEW ATLA VOLUNTEER REUNITES FAMILIES WITH OLD PHOTOS

It was a lucky day for the Anderson Township Library Association when Megan Fullen volunteered—lucky for them and for the families being reunited with lost photos and mementos.

Over the years, longtime Anderson Township Library Association volunteer Jackie Weist has been collecting bookmarks discovered in items donated to the group. Of these bookmarks, many were family photographs found forgotten between the pages of a book.

Every year, Weist makes a display of her collection at the summer used book sale, but this year she did something different. She posted the family photos for people to re-claim at the Anderson Branch Library. That's when she was approached by Fullen, a new ATLA volunteer and experienced genealogist.

"Megan asked if she could search for some answers and I said go for it," said Weist. "And she did with amazing results. I hated to simply throw it all away, especially the family photos. We think it is wonderful that Megan has found some family members to claim the pictures."

To date, Fullen has helped return a photo of Emma Davezac to her great-granddaughter and namesake Emilie Davezac Slater-Godfrey, who resides in Los Angeles; a family Bible from 1877; a birth announcement to a family in Canada; an Eagle Scout Honor invitation to a proud mother; and the "Mother" and "Son" photos taken of Edwin and Ida Bertha (Jordan) Alvin to one of Edward's daughters.

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Inside the Main Library
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Sunday, Jan. 20: Noon- to 5 p.m.
The Warehouse is closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 31, and Jan. 16.



"There is nothing more rewarding than reuniting families with lost treasures," said Fullen. She needs the community's help in confirming the identity of one photo believed to be of banker-lawyer-politician William Collins. She's also trying to track down the student who lost their 1956 kindergarten class photo from Forrestal Village School in Honolulu.

To see ATLA's found family photos, go to cinlib.org/ATLaphotos. To claim a photo, or for more information about ATLA, contact the Anderson Branch Library at 513-369-6030.

Thank you...

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.

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Ellen Thomas-Arnold in memory of Scrapper the Alpha Kitty, beloved pet of Ellen Thomas-Arnold



The Library held an open house for the Mariemont Parents of Preschoolers Group. The group donated about \$1,600 for new play equipment and educational toys.



St. Cecelia Catholic Parish donated a television to the Oakley Branch Library. The television was purchased with earnings from the parish's summer festival. Our thanks to the church for this gift!



THE LIBRARY IS IMPORTANT

Nine-year-old Leo and his 6-year-old brother Henry are young. But they understand the Library is important. "I was very excited when I learned how to read in preschool or kindergarten," says Leo. "I was so amazed that I could do this. And if I never learned how to read, my life would be very terrible."

The Library opens up new worlds for people. But it's about more than just books. Our buildings serve as a meeting space where important decisions are made. Children and teens learn to explore, create, and express themselves at the Library. Adults use our computers and free Wi-Fi to look up information, find a job, file important documents, and take a break in a safe and creative space.

"I feel really good when I'm at the Library," says Henry.

The Library also brings books, events, and personal interaction to people who can't make it into one of our buildings. Look around your community. The Library is everywhere, bridging the gap between what the world is and what it could be. That's important work. And you can be a part of it. Donate to the Library Foundation today. Just go to CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org and click on the red "Donate" button.





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TALES FROM THE ARCHIVES

LIBRARY DIGITIZES LOCAL MAN'S CIVIL WAR DIARY

Digging up Civil War relics is usually relegated to old battlefields and forgotten trunks in attics. But Riverview East Academy Assistant Principal Jason Dearwester managed to unearth one in the back of an office desk drawer — a diary written by John S. Hawkins who served in the U.S. Navy from September 1864 until August of 1865.

Hawkins was the sixth of the eight children born to a prominent farmer in Anderson Township. Hawkins served on the boats *USS Nymph* and *USS Benton* in the famous Mississippi River Squadron, also called the Western Gunboat Flotilla. Thanks to the scanning services of the Digital Library, readers can view the Civil War through the eyes of a 17-year-old boy away from home for the first time.



Excerpts include:

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1864: "We went down to Baton Rouge and there was a fog and the artillery fired for us to answer they did not hear them so they fired a ball at us but it did not hit the boat. Then we blew the whistle and they could not see anything but our smoke stacks and they did not know what boat it was."

Saturday, Oct. 29, 1864: "I was excused from duty on account of the mumps."

Monday, Oct. 31, 1864: "The Capt. saw 3 rebs ashore so we lifted our anchor and 2 of the boys went after them and shot at them ... we got one of their horses and fetched it aboard."

Sunday, Nov. 20, 1864: "We had inspection and when roll was called one man was missing. His name was Macdonald. They supposed that he had swam ashore and skedaddled."

Wednesday, April 19, 1865: "... we got news that the president was shot and died."

To read the complete diary online, visit Cinlib.org/HawkinsDiary.

ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 22, in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday; Monday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day holidays; and Tuesday, Jan. 1, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.