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SUCCESS GUIDE

Help with homework, research, reading, and more in a special cut-out section you can keep all year!

ACCLAIMED HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER TO HEADLINE LIBRARY EVENT

Bryan Stevenson is the first Mary S. Stern Lecture speaker. Details of the event are inside.

“NOISY NORA” AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR TO VISIT CHILDREN’S LIBRARY

See original watercolor art by Rosemary Wells on display.
NOISY NORA AUTHOR TO VISIT DOWNTOWN MAIN CHILDREN’S LIBRARY

Acclaimed children's book author and illustrator Rosemary Wells wants to give children the chance to experience original art. Through her Real Art for Young Artists initiative, Wells is allowing the Library to exhibit the original watercolor art from her classic book *Noisy Nora*.

The artwork will be on display in the Children’s Library at the Downtown Main Library beginning Sept. 15. To celebrate the opening of the exhibition, Rosemary Wells will visit the Main Library for a presentation and book signing on that day at 2 p.m. Visit the event calendar at CincinnatiLibrary.org for more information.
This July I had the opportunity to attend a discussion session focused on workforce development featuring Senator Rob Portman and a distinguished panel of experts from our region. Hosted by United Way, the invitation came to me courtesy of Sean Kelley, Talent Pipeline Director with Partners for a Competitive Workforce.

Many of the important community leaders in attendance are aware of our workforce connection but others may not know the full depth of all that we do.

**ASSISTING RETURNING CITIZENS.**
Library staff visits inmates of the Justice Center in collaboration with the Hamilton County Office of Re-Entry connecting them to workforce development resources, answering reference questions, and more. We provide basic literacy support for people with deficits in reading and writing skills.

**INDIVIDUALIZED JOB COACHING.**
We recently implemented one-on-one job coaching for our job-seeking customers with longtime partner Cincinnati Works. This coaching is offered in our Workforce Development Center, a designated area at the Downtown Main Library’s TechCenter.

**OHIOMEANSJOBS PARTNERSHIP.**
We were the first region in Ohio to boast a formal collaborative agreement between the OhioMeansJobs center and the Public Library. For the past few years, we have hosted a workshop series for those in career transition.

**IN DEMAND JOBS WEEK ACTIVITIES.**
We featured partners Cincinnati State and Cincinnati Works to provide job assistance classes and job certification opportunities during In Demand Jobs Week at the Downtown Main Library in May. We used our staff expertise to demonstrate Lynda.com, Treehouse, and other career-building resources. We now host the online resource Career Transitions, which includes resume building tools.

**REGIONAL WORKFORCE COLLABORATION GROUP.**
Along with the Sherry Marshal, CEO of the Southwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, I have taken a leadership role in establishing regular information sharing and planning meetings for Public Library and OhioMeansJobs Directors from Warren, Butler, Clermont and Hamilton counties.

During the session, Senator Portman acknowledged our region faces challenges for job-seekers related to the opioid addiction crisis. The Library is doing our part to support those tackling this difficult issue. Our staff Opioid Crisis Work Team is working to inform the community and de-stigmatize this issue. Leaders from the Hamilton County Heroin Coalition, Talbert House, and Hamilton County Public Health came to the Library to talk about the complexities of addiction, prevention of opioid pharmaceutical abuse, and the effectiveness of medical-assisted treatment. We hosted the exhibit AntiOD in collaboration with University of Cincinnati, and created a community conversation at the Westwood Branch Library in collaboration with PreventionFIRST! and neighborhood civic organizations.

Our region is working toward offering all of our residents the opportunity to achieve their full potential and your Library is at the forefront of the organizations determined to support our community’s continued growth. As the community grows and changes so too will your Library!
The Library is celebrating the first Mary S. Stern lecture, made possible through an endowment to The Library Foundation, with a dynamic speaker. Bryan Stevenson is the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Ala., and author of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*.

The Mary S. Stern Lecture is set for **Wednesday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m.** in Procter & Gamble Hall at the Aronoff Center for the Arts. Tickets for the lecture are $5 and are on sale now at [CincinnatiArts.org](http://CincinnatiArts.org), 513-621-ARTS (2787), and the CAA Ticket Offices at the Aronoff Center.

Stevenson is a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated, and the condemned. For more information on this speaker, visit [www.prhspeakers.com](http://www.prhspeakers.com).

“Bryan Stevenson sheds light on the connection between wealth, race, and our criminal justice system,” said Dr. Peter Stern, chair of the Mary S. Stern Lecture Committee and Library Foundation board member. “His work to change the public’s perception of these issues and to offer solutions is something my mother believed in strongly.”

The late Mary S. Stern endowed an annual lecture series for the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County through The Library Foundation to support bringing internationally renowned thought leaders to our community.
There's a certain magic that happens in communities across Hamilton County each year. Students head into the classroom, the smell of fresh notebooks and newly sharpened No. 2 pencils permeating the air. The world of learning is filled with exciting new possibilities.

Or so we're told. For many students of all ages and their teachers, the return to the classroom is a time of high anxiety. Who will help with homework, research, and preparation for difficult tests? Who will help fill in the gaps for schools with funding issues? Who will help students get into college or learn new skills for a better job?

That's where the Library comes in. Student success is one of our core commitments. We start helping students at a young age.

“I take my 4-year-old to the Kinderbridge Class on Wednesdays at the Green Township Branch Library,” said Stephanie Knapke. “Miss Pamela is great. She has a very educational lesson plan followed by five hands-on stations. He will be ready for kindergarten in no time!”

Kinderbridge is one of many storytimes available at most Library locations. These short sessions are formulated by Librarians with specialized training in early childhood literacy.

Many Library locations also offer homework help after school. Kids can come in and specialized staff will help them with their assignments for the day or help them build up their core educational skills.

Andy Han is the helper at the Sharonville Branch Library. “The kids that I’ve worked with so far are generally those that have been recommended for the program by a teacher at school,” said Han. “They need help understanding basic concepts.”

Hundreds of teachers are at the Library too, getting help with materials and curriculum for their students. “I am a middle school librarian and I have probably checked out around 600-700 books this school year for my teachers and students,” said Karen Reiber of Wyoming Middle School. “I consulted with the teen librarian on many projects.”

“I am a third-grade literacy teacher in a school without a librarian,” said Lucy Razor, who teaches at Withamsville-Tobasco Elementary. “I rely on the Library to bring new, shiny picture books to my kids. I can’t imagine how much smaller the world of books would be for my students without the Library.”

The Library also helps older students. “The public library is the most helpful resource I have as a commuting college student,” said Library cardholder Morgan Kichler. “Whenever I get home, there are too many distractions to get my schoolwork done. The Library is a safe haven for writing papers and doing research for my classes.”
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Here are all the ways the Library can help you this year. Find more info on all of these options at CincinnatiLibrary.org/education

IN THE LIBRARY

- Storytimes
- Early Learning Stations
- Krayon Kiosk
- AfterSchool Edge Computers
- Sprout Learning Backpacks
- Homework Help

AT HOME

- Animated online storybooks
- Homework Help Now online chat
- Online research databases
- Lynda.com
- Treehouse
- Universal Class
- Gale Virtual Reference Library
- Testing and Education Reference Center

FOR TEACHERS

- Teacher collections
- Educator cards

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BOOKS BY THE BANKS SET FOR OCT. 26 AT DUKE ENERGY CENTER

Mark your calendars! Books by the Banks, an annual celebration of books and reading, is Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Duke Energy Convention Center, 525 Elm St., in downtown Cincinnati. The day-long book festival, which is free and open to the public, features over 150 national, regional, and local authors and illustrators; book signings; panel discussions; and activities for the entire family to enjoy.

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 includes activity stations for toddlers, preschoolers and elementary children to explore and experiment; author presentations and librarian storytimes; visits with costumed storybook characters; and book-themed crafts. The Teen Scene features “VIP Meet & Greet” roundtable discussions with many of the YA authors and craft and maker stations for tinkering and creating. The popular Writing & Getting Published series returns this year with panel discussions to help aspiring writers hone their craft.

For more information, and to see a complete schedule of authors and events, visit BooksbytheBanks.org.
Robert Hamilton’s service to his country is nothing short of remarkable. Hamilton served as a Marine and an AH-1G Cobra pilot with the Army. He was sent to Vietnam in August of 1970. He was shot down once and was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses, 50 Air Medals, and the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V. He now lives in Cincinnati and is a retired surgeon and flight instructor who volunteered during Operation Desert Storm.

Hamilton is discussing his service and his life at the annual Veterans Day Commemoration Monday, Nov. 11, at 10:45 a.m. in the Downtown Main Library Atrium. Hamilton’s talk is part of an annual celebration dedicated to the men and women who serve our country. No registration is needed. Watch CincinnatiLibrary.org beginning in October for more information on this annual event.

That’s when he decided to donate them to the Library’s collection. Motl said he knew they’d be taken care of and, since he lives downtown, he can come visit them anytime he likes.

According to Reference Librarian Chris Smith, the yearbooks from 1894-1910 are stored in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room stacks, while the yearbooks from 1911-1995 are on the shelves in the Genealogy & Local History Department.

“Follow us on Twitter @binderbirthdays," said Smith, who plans on tracking down the yearbooks from 1996 onward for the Library’s collection.

To look at any of the Lucky Bags, stop by the Downtown Main Library and visit the Cincinnati Room on the third floor. Watch Motl talk about his service career at cinlib.org/Motl.
CINEMA CINCINNATI CAPTURES THE EARLY MAGIC OF MOVIES

In October of 1903, the Mills Edisonia opened on Fountain Square. It was a new amusement parlor with 140 electric motion picture machines and the first permanent location in Cincinnati devoted to exhibiting moving images. Soon the public demand for cinema led to an explosion of theaters.

This fall, the Downtown Main Library celebrates the Queen City’s cinematic history with the Cinema Cincinnati exhibit. This fascinating display explores theaters and local businesses with ties to Hollywood as well as Cincinnatians who worked in the movie industry such as Theda Bara, Doris Day, and Tyrone Power. Cinema Cincinnati will be on display Oct. 12–Jan. 26, 2020 in the Joseph S. Stern, Jr. Cincinnati Room on the third floor of the Downtown Main Library.

A FAMILY HISTORY FAIR 2019
SATURDAY, OCT. 5 AT THE DOWNTOWN MAIN LIBRARY

Featured speaker Sunny Jane Morton is an internationally known writer, speaker, and co-author of the new book, How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records. She is a contributing editor at Family Tree Magazine, editor of Ohio Genealogy News and a blogger at FamilySearch, the world’s largest free genealogy website.

11 a.m.– Reconstruct Your Ancestors’ Neighborhood: 5 Powerful Sources for Local History
Morton shows you powerful and creative examples for using city directories, urban and suburban maps, local histories, newspapers, business records, and images to reconstruct your ancestors’ stories.

Noon–2 p.m.– Free Consultations with the Experts
Ask questions of Genealogy experts representing more than 20 Greater Cincinnati organizations.

2 p.m.– ‘They Survived the Johnstown Flood?!’ How to Reconstruct Your Ancestors’ Amazing Stories
Morton teaches you how to use documents to fill in the gaps all while learning the riveting story of one of the worst disasters in U.S. history.

Tours of the Genealogy & Local History department offered at 10 a.m. and noon
Visit the event calendar of CincinnatiLibrary.org for more information.
THE LIFE OF A LIBRARY BOOK:  
A SPOTLIGHT ON THE FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CINCINNATI AND HAMILTON COUNTY

Have you ever wondered what happens to Library books removed from circulation? Do they get tossed? Where do all those extra copies of popular novels go?

Enter the Friends of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. We are a nonprofit organization supporting the Library financially for more than 60 years. We accomplish our mission by selling those former Library books.

You may be familiar with our annual June Book Sale. It began in 1972 at Fountain Square and has since been a summer staple for local bibliophiles. We recently held our 47th sale at our Used Book Store at the Warehouse in Hartwell and were once again overwhelmed by the public’s positive response. Folks traveled from as far as South Carolina to attend.

Every week our warehouse receives around 15,000 titles. Some of those books are private donations, but the majority are Library copies transported to us by the Library’s shipping department.

Before it can end up on our shelves, a first wave of volunteers checks the condition and sorts the book by category and genre. The section curators then review the books, determine their viability and, if they pass our standards, price and shelve them.

We have approximately 360 volunteers on our rosters, 80 of whom volunteer on a regular basis. Collectively they donate around 15,000 hours annually. We also have volunteers doing landscaping, maintenance, data entry, member mailings, label removal, and special crafting projects.

Our oldest volunteer is 94 years old, and our youngest is in high school. There is another set of volunteers who work at our downtown location, The Library Friends’ Shop. These men and women serve in a retail role, assisting customers and processing shop merchandise.

Not all books make the cut. The books that we can’t sell are recycled. This generates additional funds we give back to the Library. We keep books out of landfills and are proud of our environmental consciousness.

Reading allows us to take adventures to distant lands and far away places. Who knew that books take adventures of their own? For more information about the Friends, visit us on the web at cincylibraryfriends.org.

HOLIDAY & NEARLY NEW USED BOOK SALE IS BACK IN ANDERSON TOWNSHIP

The Anderson Township Library Association is holding its annual sale Nov. 7–9 at the Anderson Township Branch Library. Shoppers can get deals on rare books, cookbooks, used media, gardening books, puzzles, children’s books, and more. Proceeds benefit the events, collection, and services of the Anderson Township and Mount Washington branch libraries. The ATLA Holiday sale accepts cash or check only. For complete details including sale times, 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 memorial and tribute gifts were received between April 1 and June 30, 2019. For more information about donating to the Library Foundation, visit our website at CincinnatiLibraryFoundation.org.

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**MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES**

Jeffrey and Paula Alford in memory of Paul Bybee for Harrison Branch Library

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Sarah Adams in memory of Jenni and Drew Thompson’s beloved dog Koda Thompson

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Phyllis Crawford in memory of Eileen Kailholz’s beloved pet Bailey

Karen Glink in memory of Christy and Mark Walker’s beloved pet Tula and in memory of Jim and Sharon Curran’s beloved dog Tahoe

Lisa and Brian Kuhl in memory of Carol & Edward Alsentzer’s beloved pet Pebbles

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Researchers can now get their hands on a re-creation of *Williams’ Cincinnati Directories* from the 1920s, saved from decay by a new piece of technology. Due to the quality of paper, the original copies of the directories in the Library collection are crumbling. The Library's Digital Services Department is painstakingly digitizing the material. The pages are then resized and printed on the Espresso Book Machine in the Downtown Main Library MakerSpace.

These directories contain about 2,000 pages of information each. Researchers find it’s easier to search their contents in physical form, which is why the Library decided to reprint them. The 1919, 1921, and 1924 editions are finished so cardholders can use them for the first time in many years.

To see the re-created *Williams’ Directories*, visit the Downtown Main Library’s Genealogy & Local History Department or call 513-369-6909.

**ALL LIBRARY LOCATIONS WILL BE CLOSED** Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day and Thursday, Nov. 28, in observance of Thanksgiving Day.