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**Escape To Freedom: Clermont County Public Library
Day Camp Provides Underground Railroad Experience**

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Slavery. What would you do to escape it? Freedom. How would you help someone get it? Discover how precious freedom is. Join the Clermont County Public Library for a weeklong ride on the Underground Railroad.

Escape to Freedom: Underground Railroad History Camp is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for children in grades 2 - 6 from June 16th through 23rd at the Bethel Branch. During the day, children will attend sessions filled with hands-on activities about the Underground Railroad and its historical impact. They'll explore signal lanterns, shackles, message quilts, and songs with hidden clues as well as listen to stories and watch videos.

A major highlight of the program will be a trip to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in downtown Cincinnati. The Library will provide tickets and transportation for campers.

In the evening, children and adults can register for programs to discover:

- The music of the Civil War era when Hank Arbaugh performs songs and stories of the times.
- The life of Harriet Tubman, former slave and leader in the Underground Railroad via the performance of Marie Saunders Hope.
- The roles played by Bethel citizens in the Underground Railroad during a walk through the Bethel Pioneer Cemetery with local historian Rick Crawford.

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Space in the day camp is limited so please visit the Bethel Branch of the Clermont County Public Library as soon as possible to reserve a place. Evening programs have limited space as well, so please call 513-734-2619 to reserve a place or for more information.

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