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LIBRARY TO LET THEIR FLAGS FLY HIGH

BATAVIA, OH. – The Clermont County Public Library (CCPL) is celebrating Flag Day with a series of family-oriented activities on Thursday, June 14, 2007. A variety of events and special programs have been planned for all ten branches to pay tribute to “Old Glory”. The celebrations will also include a dedication ceremony for the new flags and flagpoles recently acquired by the library system.

From our country’s earliest days, the American Flag has been a symbol of liberty, strength, hope and unity. CCPL recently installed flagpoles and flags at all ten Library branches. “The decision to purchase and install outside flags and poles is a sign of our commitment to our country and our support of our country’s veterans and troops overseas,” said Leslie Massey, Director of the Clermont County Public Library. “It is our pleasure to be able to show such visual support for our troops and veterans and the library’s commitment to providing services for veterans, current service personnel and their families.”

The Library is asking all Clermont County citizens, government agencies and businesses to participate in the celebration of Flag Day by properly displaying the flag at 9:00 a.m. or to participate in a ceremony at one of the Library branches. Additionally, the Clermont County Board of Commissioners has issued an official proclamation urging Clermont County citizens to participate.

Veterans are also invited to participate in the Flag Day ceremonies at their local library. New Richmond resident and Korean War veteran, Ralph Shepherd believes, “Flag Day at the Library is a good opportunity for the children of the county to learn about the American Flag.”

The Library is excited to offer children the opportunity to learn more about the American Flag through various activities at the ten library branches.

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Specific activities scheduled for June 14th:

- Amelia – 9:00 a.m. library staff will conduct flag raising and dedication. 10:00 a.m. crafts and stories for children will follow.
- Batavia – 9:00 a.m. local veterans will conduct flag raising ceremony and dedication. Refreshments for all and crafts for children will follow the ceremony.
- Bethel – 9:00 a.m. flag raising ceremony and dedication. Crafts and stories for all ages immediately follow.
- Felicity – 9:00 a.m. American Legion Auxiliary Juniors (teens) will raise the flag. Crafts for children and refreshments immediately follow.
- Goshen – 9:00 a.m. Cub Scouts will raise the flag. There will also be a screening of the Veterans History Project in the meeting room. Friends of the Library will provide refreshments.
- Milford-Miami Township – 9:00 a.m. American Legion, Miami Township Trustees, and Friends of the Clermont County Public Library will raise the flag. Crafts for the children follow.
- New Richmond – 9:00 a.m. staff will conduct the flag raising ceremony. At 7:00 p.m. local veterans and Scouts will dedicate the new flag and flagpole. There will be patriotic singing and Friends of the Library will provide refreshments and crafts for the children. They are also accepting old flags for proper disposal.
- Owensville – 9:00 a.m. Servicemen from the Navy Recruiting Station will raise the flag. Breakfast snacks, story times and crafts will directly follow.
- Union Township – 9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts will raise the flag. Crafts and refreshments will follow.
- Williamsburg – 9:00 a.m. Veterans and Scouts will raise the flag. Patriotic music, crafts and refreshments will follow.

For more information, visit or call any branch of the Clermont County Public Library, check out the library's website at www.clermontlibrary.org, or call the Administration office at 513-732-2736.

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