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February is Library Lover's Month @ Your Library

Batavia, OH - February is Library Lover's Month at the Clermont County Public Library (CCPL). Library Lover's Month is a month-long celebration of public, school and private libraries of all types. This is a time for everyone to recognize the important role libraries play in the cultural and economic success of local communities and the nation as a whole. Whether they depend on the library for bestselling books, children's storytimes or access to computers and the Internet, Clermont County residents are encouraged to show how much they love their local public library this month.

To celebrate Library Lover's Month, we're inviting all Clermont County residents to visit their library branch during February. Tell us why you love your library, and you could win a sweet treat! Ages 13 and up are eligible to win a prize basket filled with candies, while children 13 and under could win an art kit.

All ten branches will also have a string art craft for ages 12 and up, which will begin on February 14, 2008. Children 12 and under can create a lollipop mouse starting February 1, 2008. Both crafts run until February 29 or while supplies last.

Below are some additional ideas for how Clermont County residents can love their library.

Contribute

Consider a tax-deductible gift to your public library. CCPL has memorial programs, endowments and other opportunities to support quality library services. Some other ways you can contribute to your library are:

- Donate your time, money, and expertise to your library.
- Nominate your library as your community, school or corporate organization's project for the year.
- Buy your library a subscription to a popular magazine.
- Honor a friend or relative's birthday with a book for the library.
- Donate a book...or a whole shelf of books.
- Remember your library in your estate planning.

- Write a check to your library's Foundation/Friends group.
- Give to the library through your company's matching program for charitable giving.

Be a Friend

Join Friends of the Clermont County Library, a support group of volunteers who provide fundraising and other assistance for the public library. As a member, you will be kept informed of library funding issues.

- Give the gift of membership to a friend or relative.
- Donate your used books for the Friends book sale.
- Volunteer to work in the Friends Library Bookstore or book sale.

Volunteer

Volunteer your time. Opportunities might include delivering reading materials to shut-ins, helping kids with homework after school or being a "grandparent" reader to preschool children. Other ways to volunteer include:

- Offer a committed helping hand to your library's staff.
- Become a literacy tutor.
- Shelve books or nurture plants.
- Present an adult program.
- Read stories to children or help with class visits.
- Mend materials or maintain local information or history files.
- Help out the Friends of the Library.
- Become a docent.

Promote Your Library

You don't have to be a public relations expert to promote your library. You just have to talk about your library. Here are some ways to do it

- Attend local government meetings to urge city and county legislators to invest in libraries as a vital community resource, one that will save substantial tax dollars in helping people of all ages to be more literate and productive
- Support library referenda in elections.
- Write to your state and federal legislators and demand that library service be viewed (and funded) as a necessary public service.
- Share your concern with friends, family neighbors and co-workers. Many people are not aware of the funding problems libraries are experiencing nationally - or in their own communities. Encourage others to get involved.
- Write a letter to the editor of your newspapers or call in to a radio talk show to express your concern.
- Speak up for libraries at campus or community groups that you belong to - the PTA, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, League of Women Voters, faculty groups. Invite your librarian to talk about library services and needs.

For more information about Library Lover's Month or about other ways to support your public library, contact your local branch by calling or visiting www.clermontlibrary.com.

The Clermont County Public Library strives to provide innovative access to information and services that stimulate the diverse educational, informational, and recreational needs and interests of the community. Further, the library seeks to be an integral part of the community in cooperation with other community organizations.

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