



Cincinnati Parks Foundation, Ellen Sole & QCBB Promote Summer Reading

We are proud to partner with the **Cincinnati Parks Foundation** as they encourage summer reading and honor the legacy of the late **Ellen Sole**! Ellen, a beloved Cincinnati Parks Foundation Board Member, was passionate about kids, literacy, and our amazing parks! At the Smale Family Fun Days this summer, children will have the opportunity to receive a free copy of "Dear Earth: From Your Friends in Room 5" in honor of Ellen! Ellen's husband, Clark, and many of Ellen's closest friends joined Colleen, from the Cincinnati Parks Foundation, at QCBB to sticker the books in preparation for the Smale Family Fun Days on June 5th, July 3rd, and August 7th at Smale Riverfront Park! Thank you for helping us champion literacy and expand book access!



New Shelving = New and Improved Space!

QCBB received an upgrade this month thanks to the generosity of **Morgan Busam** and **John Busam**! We are truly grateful for the generous donation of shelving units and office supplies! Thanks to Sam, Will, and Joseph with **Partners in Projects** for ensuring a smooth and seamless delivery and for getting everything moved into place. We are loving our new and improved space!





Queen City Book Bank Team Takes a Field Trip!

The Queen City Book Bank team recently took the time to go on a very important field trip! Our first stop was the **Cincinnati Recycling & Reuse Hub (CRRH)** where we were blown away by all the items that can be recycled here from toothpaste tubes to styrofoam. Thank you **Carrie Harms**, CRRH warehouse director, for taking the time to enlighten us! We all left more knowledgeable about how we can increase our recycling efforts at home and at QCBB!

Next, we traveled to the **Freestore Foodbank** for a delicious Lunch & Learn, thanks to the efforts of Cincinnati COOKS!, a free culinary job training program for under and unemployed individuals. Much gratitude to **Kurt Reiber**, President & CEO of the Freestore Foodbank, for an amazing facility tour where we had the opportunity to see our QCBB bookshelf in action at the Bea Taylor Market. Thank you to **Karen Reiber**, for joining her two passions and making this collaboration possible!

We greatly appreciate everyone's hospitality and tireless efforts to improve our community. It was an inspiring day as we learned about the crucial work being done by these amazing change-makers!



First Student Delivers!

We want to thank **First Student**, provider of school and employee bus services, for assisting us with book deliveries this school year, especially Ernie, our regular bus driver, who greeted us with a smile each time. The First Student team also took the time to spend a day volunteering at QCBB this month! This enthusiastic group accomplished much in our warehouse by stickering books and getting them ready for distribution. They also loaded the books onto one of their buses to be delivered to local schools serving K-3 students. We have appreciated your partnership in helping us expand book access in our community!



Joseph-Beth Cincinnati Book Donation

We are filled with gratitude for the recent book donation by **Joseph-Beth Cincinnati**! We also want to give a huge thank you to authors **Alyson Gerber** and **Debbie Rigaud** for donating signed copies of their books – wow! Thank you Joseph-Beth for your ongoing support and for being a true partner in championing literacy in our community!



Local author donates copies of his book, *In My World*


Thanks to local author, **Chuck Aardema**, who joined us earlier this year at our Book Giveaway Day! Chuck recently donated 250 copies of his book *In My World* so that students in our Curated Book Distribution can benefit from reading this captivating tale with whimsical images!



Feeding Students' Bodies and Minds

QCBB was proud to be part of a special morning at **Holy Family School (HF)** along with **Feed the Soul** and **All Saints Catholic School**! We were able to provide one new book for every student, Preschool to 8th grade, allowing each child to choose a book that appealed to them. Through Feed the Soul (Produce with Purpose), HF students were able to learn about how eating nutritious food powers their bodies and then select fresh produce to take home to their families. All Saints 7th graders came to distribute stuffed animals from a school-wide collection and to assist with the event as part of Shamrocks Serve Day, a school-wide day of service. They partnered with HF students to lead them through the various stations and also enjoyed recess time with them. Overall, it was a beautiful morning that fed students' bodies as well as their minds. Thank you, Holy Family administration and staff, All Saints School, and Feed the Soul for allowing us to participate in this uplifting day and to spread the love of reading!






SUMMER 2025

Gently Used
**CHILDREN'S
 BOOK
 GIVEAWAY**

JULY 15, 2025

**9 a.m. to
 3 p.m.**

Queen City Book Bank
 1200 Gest St.
 Cincinnati 45203



KHAC Exhibition & QCBB Book Drive • Through July 10th

The Kennedy Heights Arts Center (KHAC) is hosting an exhibition: *Independent Bookstores and the Art of Reading: Paintings & Drawings* by Lynn Niehaus. To promote literacy, they are also hosting a book drive for QCBB. This a great opportunity to drop off books closer to home for our Northern based supporters! For more information go to:

<https://kennedyarts.org/exhibitions/>

Book Drive Corner

- Girl Scout Troop #4893 (St. Jude the Apostle) & Kennedy family: 750 books
- NSTEP: 720 new picture books
- Tynisha Crews (Protiviti Americas Delivery Center): 707 books
- Wyoming Middle School, 6th grade: 700+ books
- Eliana Volmer (Cardinal Pacelli School): 150 books
- Miami University's Kappa Delta Pi Education Honors Fraternity & Wish Upon a Star: 100 books
- Morgan Ramey: 100 books
- Alpha Delta Kappa International & Woods on Wilkens: 75 books

Thanks to our May Volunteers and Special Guests!



Ray Attiyah – Author



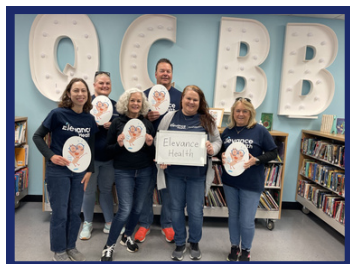
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Cincinnati Marriott At RiverCenter



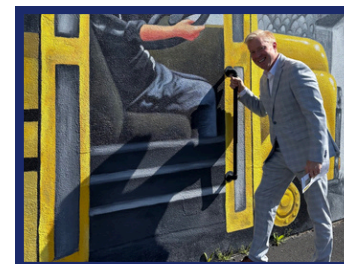
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Thanks to our May Volunteers and Special Guests!



Al Kovacic – Elder HS



Loreli and Aubrey



Leslie Maloney, Sallie Westheimer and Jen Stien



Casey & Bryan Moran – Mason's Comet Cupboard



Miami Univ. – Dr. Kelli Rushek and Lada Gallant



Tina Neely – Author



NSTEP – Newport Services, Tools, Empowerment Program



Adam White – POAH



P&G Professional



P&G Legal – Curtis Scribner and Sarah Topy



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Thank you for brightening our busy and bustling month of May!