

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**The Lloyd Library and Museum Presents Its Newest Venture in Children's Programming: *Mother Nature's Story Time***



Lloyd staff member Heather Newkirk reads to children from Emanuel Community Center Daycare.

We are proud to present our most recent children's program—*Mother Nature's Story Time*. This program will be open to the public starting **Thursday, February 15th**. Please join us each Thursday through May 2007 from **3:00 to 3:30 p.m.** for wonderful stories and songs inspired by "Mother Nature." You and your child will discover the beauty of our natural world through literature and music! The theme for February is "Trees"—please follow the link "Lloyd for Kids" on our website for further details. **This program is FREE for children ages 3-6. Please**

**note that an accompanying adult MUST be present.**

*Mother Nature's Story Time* emerged from Lloyd Library's continuing goal to become a community resource of interest to all constituents of the general public. Following the success of our first children's program, *Budding Artists*, staff member Heather Newkirk proposed a reading program for younger children in the Spring of 2006. Her proposal suggested beginning with a pilot program for an area daycare center interested in participating. Emanuel Community Center in the nearby neighborhood of Over-the-Rhine was enthusiastic and delighted with the opportunity of a short field trip to the Lloyd and story time for their children. And, the Lloyd Library is pleased to partner with the Center, which proudly claims to have the longest running daycare in Cincinnati and is committed to meeting the needs of this inner-city community. The partnership and pilot program were exceedingly successful and the Lloyd is now ready to welcome the public to *Mother Nature's Story Time* as well as continuing its relationship with Emanuel.

For this new venture, the Lloyd has begun purchasing current juvenile literature on botany, natural history, and zoology. These new resources will complement our collection of 19<sup>th</sup> century natural science books for children. Children find these and the Library's other older books filled with imaginative, and sometimes fantastical, illustrations particularly appealing; and, parents will find the new contemporary

children's collection perfect for encouraging early literacy and language while at the same time opening young minds to the wonders of the natural world.

The Lloyd Library is proud to add *Mother Nature's Story Time* to our *Budding Artists* and *Changing Exhibits* programs, both of which have been successful in helping us meet our goal to be a community resource serving all segments of the population. We also provide meeting space, host receptions, and sponsor lectures. For more information about the **Lloyd Library and Museum**, see below.

The **Lloyd Library and Museum**, located at 917 Plum Street, downtown Cincinnati, is a local and regional treasure. The library was developed in the nineteenth century by the Lloyd brothers—John Uri, Curtis Gates, and Nelson Ashley to provide reference sources for Lloyd Brothers Pharmacists, Inc., one of the leading pharmaceutical companies of the period. Today the library is recognized worldwide by the scientific community as a vital research center. The library holds, acquires, and provides access to both historic and current materials on the subjects of pharmacy, botany, horticulture, herbal and alternative medicine, pharmacognosy, and related topics. Although our collections have a scientific focus, they also have relevance to humanities topics, such as visual arts and foreign languages through resources that feature botanical and natural history illustrations, original artworks, and travel literature, thereby revealing the convergence of science and art. The Lloyd is open to anyone with an interest in these topics. Free parking is available for patrons and visitors behind the library building. For more information, visit the Lloyd website at [www.lloydlibrary.org](http://www.lloydlibrary.org).

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**Open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Open the third Saturday of the month, September through May, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

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