

Madeira Historical Society, 2025 Library Programs held in conjunction with the Madeira Public Library

[Program Number 1 / March 15th at the Madeira Branch Public Library beginning at 1 PM following the 12 PM membership meeting.](#)

Mike Widmeyer a 32-year member of Madeira, will present a program describing the history of the Cincinnati-Columbus Traction Car Company. The Traction Car ran on tracks and was powered by electricity. The Traction Car roared through Madeira and over the Little Miami River, through Milford, enroute to Hillsboro Ohio. The Traction Company provided electricity for numerous communities including Madeira. Mike will talk about the wreck, at dead man's curve where the Traction Car driver was killed and many passengers on the Traction Car were injured. Doctor McKnight, a well-known and respected Madeira doctor was also a passenger who provided medical assistance to injured passengers in spite of his own injuries incurred in the wreck. The Swingline Grill in Madeira derived their name from story from Madeira history.

[Program Number 2 / September 20th at the Madeira Branch Public Library beginning at 1 PM following the 12 PM membership meeting.](#)

A Cincinnati Museum Center docent will be at the Madeira Branch Library beginning at 1 PM presenting a program "Winold Reiss and the Union Terminal Murals". Winold Reiss, already known worldwide for his portraits of the Blackfoot American Indians, was commissioned to design the mosaic murals at Cincinnati Union Terminal. Learn the process he used in his extraordinary project. The presentation will explore his 23 murals, some located at Union Terminal and some at Cincinnati / Northern Kentucky International Airport.

[Program Number 3 / November 15th at the Madeira Branch Public Library beginning at 1 PM following the 12 PM membership meeting.](#)

Delhi historian Ray Grothaus will share his knowledge of the former "Chester Amusement Park" that was located on Spring Grove Avenue, the current location of the Cincinnati Water Works. The amusement park was a prominent place enjoyed by residents of all Greater Cincinnati communities.

[Program Number 4 / October 29th at the Madeira Branch Public Library beginning at 7 PM.](#)

Joyce Lovins -Browning a native of Ohio, grew up in Harrison, and retired in 2018 as the Great Parks of Hamilton County Naturalist Coordinator. Joyce will portray Mary Cunningham, "A Cincinnati Body Snatcher". Mary was a fun-loving woman that liked her whisky and was rough around the edges". Body snatching was very lucrative in the late 1800's. Mary will enlighten you of the fine arts of bodysnatching.

For information about Madeira History see our website: madeirahs.org, or call 513-561-9069.