

Welcome to EPA-Cincinnati!

Information Packet for New Hires



INTRODUCTION

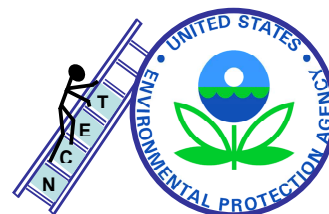
In an effort to make the transition to an employee at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Cincinnati, Ohio more enjoyable, the Network of Cincinnati EPA Trainees (NCET) has compiled the following packet. Inside the packet you will find a plethora of information, ranging from childcare to transportation resources, all compiled from individuals who also relocated and experienced the same hurdles associated with moving and beginning a new job. The information is divided into topics, with a summary and numerous links to connect you to web sites that provide more detailed descriptions.

NCET was founded in the spring of 2007. The purpose of NCET is to foster the professional advancement of students and pre- and post-doctoral

fellows at the Environmental Protection Agency in Cincinnati, Ohio. The goals of NCET are to organize and promote educational and training activities, identify and foster employment opportunities, assist in the orientation of new trainees, provide an atmosphere of communication among members and to facilitate communication with non-member peers within the scientific community, ensure continuity of and networking between past/present members and raise awareness of the student/post doc issues, expertise and collaborations.

The types of employees specific to NCET include federal post-docs, research fellows (grantees), ORISE fellows and student service contractors. This packet is applicable to all unless otherwise noted.

Network for
Cincinnati
EPA
Trainees



We hope that you find the following packet beneficial and consider participating in NCET activities while working at the EPA in Cincinnati.

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EPA FACILITIES

Main Facility

Andrew W. Breidenbach Environmental Research Center (AWBERC)
26 West Martin Luther King Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45268

About AWBERC

<http://www.epa.gov/greeningepa/facilities/cincinnati.htm>



Important Phone Numbers

Weather/Information Line	513-569-7400
Health Center	513-569-7283
ORD Help Desk	866-673-2221
Maintenance	513-569-7258



For more information, please visit Cincinnati@Work.
<http://epa.gov>

OFF-SITE FACILITIES

Although much of the research and activities of post-docs and student contractors occur at the Andrew W. Breidenbach Environmental Research Center (AWBERC), EPA-Cincinnati does have several other facilities at which research is conducted. Post-docs and student contractors may have the opportunity to be placed at these locations. Positions at these locations range on the order of positions as at AWBERC, but much of the research at off-site facilities is classified as field work. Both bench study and pilot scale projects are currently being conducted at all sites.

A brief description and location of the three major off-site facilities is presented below. Additional information and directions may be viewed at <http://www.epa.gov/nrmrl/facilities.html>.

Testing & Evaluation Facility (T&E Facility) 1600 Gest St.

Cincinnati, OH 45216

Research conducted at this facility focuses on water and hazardous waste treatment technologies. Research includes both bench and small scale studies of UV light remediation and bio-remediation. On-site chemistry labs are available as well as a large high-bay research area. Also available are water distribution systems that allow for the study of water contaminants and small water systems. The facility is located in the Municipal Sewer District (MSD) of Cincinnati. Employees may enter at the main MSD gate with your EPA identification and park at the second building on the right. Entrance to the building is electronic with your EPA identification, or the building can be accessed by pressing the buzzer by the loading door. Security is on-site.

Experimental Stream Facility (ESF)

1003 State Route 50

Milford, OH 45210

This facility focuses on the research of stream ecosystems. Using a system of pumps and a local river, the ESF is able to study a natural environment under controlled laboratory conditions. Studies are performed in which the stream structure and function is affected by known environmental stressors. With this type of laboratory setup, results

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between experimentally contaminated streams and uncontaminated streams may be compared, which is not possible in field experimentation. This information can then be used with watershed management. The ESF is located in Milford, Ohio. Entrance to the facility is electronic with your EPA identification.

Center Hill Facility **5995 Center Hill Ave.** **Cincinnati, OH 45216**

The research at this facility focuses on sediment/soil contaminant interaction and various studies regarding land contamination. This includes landfill leaching, landfill bioreactors and contaminant disposal. The facility features instrumentation capable of measuring both the chemical and microbial characteristics of waste, leachates, soils and sediments. The transport of contaminants through soil and sediment is also explored. The facility features a large high-bay research area and several research labs capable of sustaining bench and pilot scale research projects. Center Hill is located in northern Cincinnati. The gate entrance may be opened electronically or by speaking to on-site security.

EPA SECURITY

Fingerprinting, Keys, Badges, Parking at AWBERC

Point of contact
DECO Security
Extension 7597
Room G11

Hours of Operation

Monday and Wednesday 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Smart Card: 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am–12:00 pm
AWBERC Badge: 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

<http://intranet.epa.gov/oas/smartcard/index.html>

TRANSPORTATION

Live Traffic Conditions

The Advanced Regional Traffic Interactive Management & Information System (ARTIMIS) provides incident, congestion and freeway management information for the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky region.

<http://www.artimis.org>



For up-to-the-minute, route specific information, call the ARTIMIS Traveler Information service by dialing **511** from any touch-tone phone in the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky region. If outside of the region, call 513-333-3333.

METRO Bus



Public bus services are provided by two public entities: **METRO** for the greater Cincinnati area and **TANK** for the Northern Kentucky area. Transfers are available between systems. Please check web sites for cost.

Cincinnati METRO

Help Line: 513-621-4455
Monday–Friday (6:30 am–6:00 pm)

Address

Mercantile Building, 120 East 4th Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

<http://www.go-metro.com/index.html>

METRO Park and Ride Locations

<http://www.oki.org/pdf/MetroP&R.pdf>

TANK

Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky



Help Line: 859-331-8265

Address

TANK Office and Bus Garage
3375 Madison Pike
Fort Wright, KY 41017

Monday–Friday
8:30 am–5:00 pm

<http://www.tankbus.org>

TANK Park and Ride Locations

http://www.tankbus.org/documents/Park_and_Ride.pdf

To Airport—via TANK—use TANK bus 2X

A subsidy program for public bus services is available for persons where the EPA is directly paying their salary.

Contact

Cathy Cain
Management/Program Analyst
513-569-7985

AUTO REGISTRATION, TITLING AND LICENSING

Ohio Residents

If you are new to Ohio and have a car, you are going to need an Ohio driver's license and a title and registration for your car and license plates.



All of the following information can be obtained from the Ohio BMV web site:

http://www.bmv.OH.gov/misc/new_resident.htm.

(1) How to obtain an Ohio State Driver's License—Driver's License web site:

http://www.bmv.OH.gov/driver_license/dl_info.htm

Unfortunately, you have to pass a written test to get your Ohio license. To pass the test, you'll have to be aware of Ohio motor vehicle laws. The booklet is downloadable as a PDF off of the Ohio BMV web site.

The driving test is usually waived for new residents who have a valid out-of-state license. The examiner may require one for someone who may need a license restriction.

Additionally, non-U.S. citizens are required to provide **proof of legal presence** before an Ohio driver's license or identification card can be issued.

http://www.bmv.OH.gov/driver_license/mvdigest.htm

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So read the booklet [or you can decide to “wing it” and see if you can pass the test with common sense alone].

- a. Head to your local license agency. Don’t forget to bring your old driver’s license, social security card, birth certificate, passport—actually, bring everything that you are comfortable with carrying! It never hurts to have more than you need—rather than less.
- b. Take a vision test and the written test and hopefully, pass both.
- c. When you pass, they will hand you an “examination passed” form. Take this form to the nearest license agency (if you are doing this the same day, you should already be there) where you will complete an application, pay the appropriate fees, have your picture taken and get your new license upon surrendering your old one.

Congratulations! You have an Ohio driver’s license!

(2) How to obtain an Ohio title and registration for your car and license plates:

Before you do these steps, don’t forget to bring proof that you live in Ohio (i.e., copy of your lease, some notarized document proving your address, etc), all your forms of I.D., your old car title, etc. Anything that you are comfortable with carrying around and can anticipate the BMV wanting or asking for, just take it with you.

Also, please keep these things in mind:

- If your vehicle has two owners, both parties have to handle this unless you get a notarized power of attorney for the one who cannot handle this with you
- If you have a lien on your car, you will have to request that your original title be sent directly to the auto title office so the lien can be recorded on the Ohio title as well as supply an original or copy of the loan papers
- If you lease a car, contact your leasing agency to find out how they want you to handle the title transfer. It can vary with different companies.

[Helpful Hint: If you find a license agency that is right next to an auto title office, this will save you some time and gas.]

- a. Bring your car to your local license agency, and have it inspected. They will verify the make, model, body type and VIN. It takes about 5 minutes and will cost \$3.50. They will give you a completed inspection form.
- b. Take your form to the auto title office (please see the end of this section for a listing).
- c. Be prepared to pay a fee for the title transfer. Call the Clerk of Courts (see license agency or auto title office listings) to determine the charge for your title transfer.
- d. Head to a license agency to obtain your license plates and register your vehicle in Ohio. You’ll have to show them your new Ohio car title. Also, depending on when you go, what taxing district you reside in and when your birthday is, your cost will range from \$35–\$105 for your new plates.

Congratulations! You have survived the bureaucracy of the BMV. Now you’re ready for the EPA.

Kentucky Residents

This is done at the county clerk’s office. The motor vehicle licensing system can be found at <http://mvl.ky.gov>.



There you can find where your county clerk is, what you need to bring, hours of operation, phone numbers, answers to FAQ, etc.

Getting a Driver’s License

In Kentucky, this is usually done at the court house. Most people will not have to take a written test. For instructions and locations of the court house nearest you, visit the Division of Driver Licensing web site: <http://www.kytc.ky.gov/drlc/>.

(Hint: Register to vote at the same time; see below.)

Tri-State License Agencies

Ohio

http://www.bmv.OH.gov/county/dr_locs.htm

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Kentucky

<http://www.kytc.ky.gov/drlic>

Indiana

<http://www.state.in.us/bmv>

Auto Title Offices

Ohio

http://www.bmv.OH.gov/county/clerk_offices.htm

Kentucky

http://transportation.ky.gov/mvl/titles/title_inquiries.htm

Indiana

<http://www.state.in.us/bmv/3570.htm>

REGISTERING TO VOTE

Ohio Residents

All of the following information can be obtained from the Board of Elections web site:

<http://www.hamilton-co.org/boe/howtoreg.asp>.

Voter Registration Locations

Board of Elections

824 Broadway

Cincinnati, OH 45202

E-mail: registrationdepartment@hamilton-co.org

Phone: 513-632-7000

- Bureau of Motor Vehicles licensing locations
- Public libraries
- Agencies providing public assistance and/or services to people with disabilities
- Public high schools and vocational schools
- Office of the county treasurer
- City halls
- Secretary of State

After You Fill Out Your Registration Form

Return the form to the Hamilton County Board of Elections or the Secretary of State's office in person or by mail.

Mailed registration forms sent to the Board of Elections or the Secretary of State's office must be postmarked 30 days before an election to be valid for the election.

Registration forms not mailed in must be received by the Board of Elections, the Secretary of State's office, public high schools or vocational schools, public libraries, office of any Bureau of Motor Vehicles, county Treasurer's office or designated agencies 30 days before an election to be valid for that election.

After You Register

You will receive a registration card from the Board of Elections. The card will give the name of your precinct and the address of your polling place. It will also list your Congressional, State House, and State Senate districts. Remember to update your address with the Board of Elections if you move. Whenever you update your voter registration information you will receive a new card.

To Maintain Your Registration

Vote at least once every 4 years. Notify the Board of Elections in writing of any change of address/name. For information about the process call the Hamilton County Board of Elections at 513-632-7000.

Kentucky Residents

Voter Registration Locations

- County clerk's office
- Driver's license office, if you are applying for or renewing your driver's license
- K-TAP
- Food Stamp
- Medicaid
- WIC, and state-funded offices—serving those with disabilities if you are a client of these offices
- Armed forces recruitment offices, if you are a prospective member of the armed forces
- High schools, if you are a student or staff member

KY Mail-in Voter Registration Card

<http://elect.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/C4DBB006-4E58-402C-873C-532563A53AA6/0/registrationcard.pdf>

Federal Mail-in Voter Registration Card

<http://elect.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/FA14AAB4-3CFD-4C95-96ED-164D11AFCDEB/0/overseascard.pdf>

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The completed voter registration card must arrive at your county clerk's office at least 28 days before an election to vote in that election.

List of County Clerks

<http://elect.ky.gov/countyclerks.htm>

For More Information

<http://www.elect.ky.gov/register.htm>

HOUSING

Ohio

Choosing a place to live depends on many factors, but there are some things particular to Cincinnati that will be helpful when trying to find a place to live. The Greater Cincinnati Area includes parts of Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. Many EPA employees have chosen to live in Kentucky and often brag that their commute is shorter than others living within the Cincinnati city limits. The city of Cincinnati and immediate surrounding areas comprise multiple neighborhoods; many of which have a very distinctive character. Often there is a neighborhood square with small shops, restaurants and a community center. The housing branches off from the neighborhood square in all directions. Things to think about in choosing a neighborhood in which to live include the vicinity to the EPA and major highways, the character of the neighborhood including the diversity of people and shopping venues, types of housing offered and if you have children, the nearby schools and school district.

The locations discussed in this document are not intended to be inclusive. We hope the information and web-links provided in this section will assist you in finding your new home, but we stress that we are not advocating any particular location. We are simply providing some information for you to make the ultimate choice. Some general housing web sites and a comprehensive book to get you started are listed below:

<http://www.city-data.com/city/Cincinnati-OH.html>

<http://dunes.cincinnati.com/data/>

<http://www.cincinnatiusa.com/>

<http://www.cincy.com/>

<http://nky.com>

<http://northern-KY.com>.

Books

Insiders' Guide to Cincinnati; a brief description of regions is available at

<http://www.insiders.com/cincinnati/main-overviews2.htm>.

Housing—Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky

Short-Term Relocation

<http://www.cincinnati relocation.net/>

<http://www.shorttermrentalsOH.com/>

Sally Miracle 513-351-9799 rents units on a short-term basis and has given permission to be listed here. As provided by an NCET member: *“When I first got here I decided to rent short term, to give myself time to get acquainted with the city and figure out where I wanted to live. I rented in Norwood from a woman named Sally Miracle. She has a few units, and rents them on a short-term basis. I believe the minimum is one week and after that it can be as you need it—even day by day. I also believe she has furnished and unfurnished apartments depending on your needs and availability. It was very economical and included all utilities, laundry and cable. She often advertises on craigslist”*

As provided by an EPA employee:

“I stayed in a beautifully furnished studio apartment that included wireless internet, all other utilities, and cleaning service once a week. There are free laundry facilities in the basement and plenty of parking. They ask for a minimum of one month stay. After that, it's month-to-month, and they will prorate, so if you leave mid-month, they don't make you pay for the whole month. They were very welcoming of my two cats, so I know they accept at least some pets, although I don't know what their limit might be. They have one-bedroom apartments as well as studios, and they also have another property with furnished apartments in Newport. It's called the Vendome, and it's also a big old restored house. I would highly recommend where I stayed and the owners (Donna and Roger Weddle) are incredibly nice.” www.whillmansion.com/

Apartments and Houses

<http://www.rent.com>

(can get a 'rebate' if rent through them)

<http://www.rentalguidecincinnati.com>

<http://www.hellocincinnati.com/>

<http://cincinnati.craigslist.org/>

<http://cincinnati.backpage.com/gyrobase/classifieds/index>

<http://www.sibcycline.com/>

<http://www.realtor.com/Cincinnati/nbregion.asp?poec=realtor>

<http://www.coldwellbanker.com/>

<http://www.REMAX-OH.com>

<http://cincinnati.oh.house.info/>

<http://apartmentcincinnati.com/>

<http://www.rentalguidecincinnati.com/>

<http://cincinnati.apartments.com/>

<http://www.cincyrents.com/>

<http://www.nky.com>

(choose the "apartment" link)

<http://cincinnati.craigslist.org/>

After choosing your preference for type of housing, you can search to narrow to a specific area in either Cincinnati or Kentucky—e.g., Covington, Mainstrasse, etc.

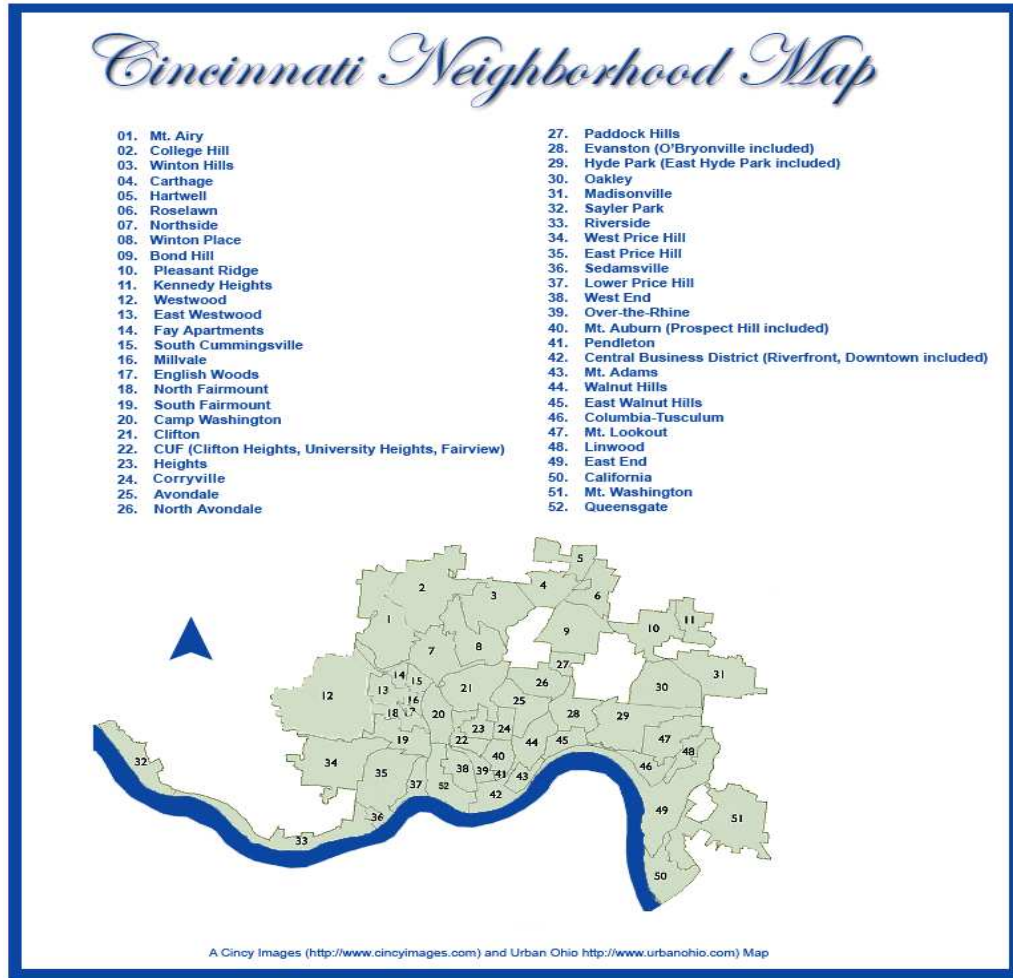
NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION



Cincinnati Neighborhoods

Cincinnati is a large city comprising numerous suburbs stretching to the north, south, east and west of the downtown city-center. The city is divided into seven geographic regions: the city, central suburbs, East Side, West Side and North Side in Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Southeastern Indiana. Within these geographical regions there are neighborhoods and suburbs. A link to a brief description of the neighborhoods in Cincinnati is <http://www.cincinnatihome.org>.

Links to neighborhood web sites can be found at http://www.cincy.com/neighborhoods/content/city_of_cincinnati.html. (You can also browse other cities and neighborhoods in the Greater Cincinnati area from this web site.)



Kentucky Neighborhoods

- www.nkyvillage.com
- www.go2newport.com
- www.mainstrasse.com

While we do not endorse or discourage any neighborhood, a recent report describes some interesting statistics and history of Cincinnati neighborhoods:

<http://www.socialareasofcincinnati.org/report/Chapter2.html>.

Also during your visit to Cincinnati, we strongly encourage you to ask the employees and postdocs here to give you recommendations on neighborhoods.

SCHOOLS

Deciding on a School District

For new employees with families, deciding on where to live is often based on where your child will attend school. However, living near the EPA building is also desirable. Therefore, here we provide some brief information about different school districts surrounding the Cincinnati area, but have a separate, more in depth section for the Cincinnati Public school district. A link to public school districts in the vicinity of Cincinnati including Kentucky: <http://sibcycline.com/schoolLinks.asp?school=CINpublic&sortby=suburb>. (You can also browse this link to find private schools in the area.)

School districts and individual schools within Ohio are ranked by the Ohio Department of Education on the Ohio Report Card according to student performance on state proficiency tests, attendance and graduation rate. Each school district's report

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card is available at the address below, but we have also summarized some of the data for you in the following tables. These results were compiled for the 2006–2007 school year.

Keep in mind that these report cards only offer ratings and statistics based on test scores which may be affected by many factors. In addition, these report cards are for the school district as a whole and individual schools may differ, so be sure to do additional research about the specific school your children would attend.

For **Hamilton County**

(includes Cincinnati and nearby townships)

[http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/districts/District_List.asp?CountyName= Hamilton%20County](http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/districts/District_List.asp?CountyName=Hamilton%20County)

For **Clermont County** (East of Cincinnati)

[http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/districts/District_List.asp?CountyName= Clermont%20County](http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/districts/District_List.asp?CountyName=Clermont%20County)

For **Warren County** (Northeast of Cincinnati)

[http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/districts/District_List.asp?CountyName= Warren%20County](http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/districts/District_List.asp?CountyName=Warren%20County)

For **Butler County** (North of Cincinnati)

[http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/districts/District_List.asp?CountyName= Butler%20County](http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/districts/District_List.asp?CountyName=Butler%20County)

Typical information on these web sites is listed on the following table (taken from the web site for Butler County, referenced above).

Butler County School Districts	Designation ^a	Performance Score	Indicators Met (out of 30)	Diversity ^b
Edgewood City	Effective	96.8	25	Low
Fairfield City	Effective	99.2	27	High
Hamilton City	Continuous Improvement	91.7	19	High
Lakota Local	Excellent	102.5	29	Middle
Madison Local	Effective	92.2	19	Low
Middletown City	Continuous Improvement	82.5	6	High
Monroe Local	Effective	97.8	26	Low
New Miami Local	Effective	95.7	23	Low
Ross Local	Effective	98.5	27	Low
Talawanda City	Effective	99.1	26	Low

^a Designations include excellent, effective, continuous improvement, academic watch and academic emergency.

^b Diversity ratings are: low, >90% one ethnic group; middle, 80–90% one ethnic group; high, <80% one ethnic group.

Cincinnati Public Schools

<http://www.cps-k12.org/>

Customer help: 513-363-0123

For each neighborhood in Cincinnati there is a public elementary school for all the residents of that neighborhood. To find out which elementary school

your child would attend based on a street address, see <http://www.cps-k12.org/slg/school-lookup.asp>. For information on preschools, please see the childcare section.

Magnet Elementary Schools

There are also magnet elementary schools, which parents can apply to between January and April preceding the Fall when the child would start school.

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Many of the magnet schools offer an alternative teaching style such as Montessori. Other magnet schools specialize in the arts or languages. The following web site provides a brief description of all the magnet schools:

<http://www.cps-k12.org/schools/SchlsChoice/magnet/magnet.htm>.

Parents must apply in person at the magnet school they would like to attend. Because spaces are limited at the magnet schools, parents are encouraged to apply early. Many parents wait outside the school they are interested in for several hours on the first day of the application period. Contact the magnet school of interest for more information about the applying to that school.

High School (grades 9–12)

Students choose between several high schools in the city. Unlike the elementary schools, there is not a neighborhood high school. Instead, students select from a variety of high-school programs with special focuses leading students into careers and higher education. Walnut Hills is a 6-year college preparatory school well known for its exceptional performance. An entrance exam is required for enrollment.

Individual information about each Cincinnati public school, and links to individual school web sites can be found at <http://www.cps-12.org/schools/Schools.asp>.

Individual schools are also ranked by the Ohio Department of Education on the Ohio Report Card according to student performance on state proficiency tests, attendance and graduation rate. Each school's report card is also available at the above address.

Many of the Cincinnati public schools, especially the elementary schools are performing poorly according to the school report card. However, these report cards only offer statistics based on test scores which may be affected by many factors. Parents are encouraged to visit the neighborhood schools and learn more about them through the school web sites and the PTA. For general enrollment information and to download enrollment forms, <http://www.cps-k12.org/Schools/schools.htm>.

Cincinnati Private Schools

There are both secular and religious private schools in the Cincinnati area including both elementary and high schools. The following link provides a combined list:

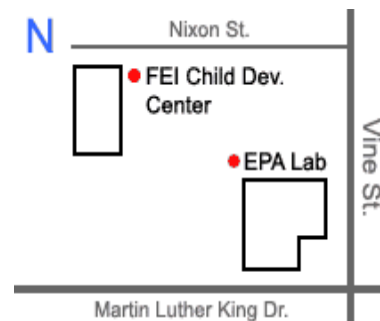
<http://www.greatschools.net/schools.page?city=Cincinnati&st=private&state=OH>.

CHILD CARE

If your children are not of school age, you may be considering child care. There are two options for child care in very close proximity to the EPA, Future Environments and the University of Cincinnati Childcare Center.

Future Environments, Inc. Child Development Center (FEI)

FEI, located at the northwest corner of the EPA campus, is managed by Memorial, Inc. and overseen by a Board of Directors (fei.ci@epa.gov) comprised of EPA parent and employee volunteers. FEI serves EPA employees and other community working parents, with EPA employees receiving priority consideration.



Future Environments offers an infant program for 9 children, ages 3 months to 18 months; a toddler program with two classrooms of 10 children each, ages 18 months to 3 years; and a preschool program with a team teaching environment of 20 children, ages 3 to 5 years. The hours are 6:30 am–6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Rates vary by classroom, but are generally competitive for the area. For more information and to enroll, contact Laura Roach, Administrative Director, 513-487-2730 or lroach@memorialinc.org.

University of Cincinnati

Another nearby option for child care is the University of Cincinnati child care program: <http://www.ucchildcare.org/>. Since University of Cincinnati faculty and students have priority at this childcare center, there may be a waiting list and so we encourage those interested to inquire about openings before they start working at the EPA.

Cincinnati Public School Preschools



The Cincinnati public school system also operates preschools (ages 3–5) at many locations and accepts new preschoolers year round. More information can be found at <http://www.cps-k12.org/Academics/EarlyChild/EarlyChild.htm>.

Preschoolers who begin at one of the magnet schools may stay at that magnet school for elementary school without having to reapply. More information about the magnet school preschool programs can be found at <http://www.cps-k12.org/schools/SchlsChoice/Magnet/MagnetPreschool.htm>.

Other Resources

One resource for child care referrals in the Greater Cincinnati Area is 4Cs: <http://www.4c-cinci.org/>.

Although they have an online search mechanism, calling and speaking to an agent is often the best way to find child care that more closely meets your unique needs: 513-221-0033.

POLICE DISTRICTS AND CRIME STATISTICS

Crime statistics for Cincinnati are available at <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/police/pages/-5304-/> for each of the five Districts in the city. The site provides a link for a PDF file that highlights the numbers of police calls and the crimes committed, with percentages within a given District relative to all the Districts. The neighborhoods/suburbs falling within each District are as follows:

District 1

310 Ezzard Charles Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45214
513-352-3505
Riverfront, Queensgate, Over-the Rhine,
Mount Adams, West End and Pendelton

District 2

3295 Erie Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45208
513-979-4400
East End, E. Walnut Hills, Evanston,
Hyde Park, California, Oakley, O'Bryonville,
Pleasant Ridge, Kennedy Heights, Mt. Lookout,
Columbia/Tusculum, Linwood, Madisonville and
Mt. Washington

District 3

3201 Warsaw Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45205
513-263-8300
Sayler Park, Riverside, Sedamsville,
North Fairmount, English Woods, East Westwood,
Millvale, Fay Apartments, South Cumminsville,
East Price Hill, West Price Hill, Westwood,
Lower Price Hill and South Fairmount

District 4

4150 Reading Road
Cincinnati, OH 45237
513-569-8600
Mt. Auburn, Corryville, Avondale, North Avondale,
Paddock Hills, Hartwell, Carthage, Roselawn,
Bond Hill and Walnut Hills

District 5

1012 Ludlow Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45223
513-569-8500

College Hill, Clifton/University Heights, Fairview, Northside, Clifton, Mt. Airy, Winton Hills, Spring Grove Village and Camp Washington

The locations having the highest violent crime rate (based on 2007 statistics) within each District are Over-the-Rhine, Fay Apartments, East Price Hill, West Price Hill, Westwood and Avondale. Walnut Hills had a very high robbery rate and District 4, as a whole, accounted for 44% of the city total for murder in 2007.

Many other suburbs exist that are not included in the Police Districts, due to their being considered cities and/or townships of their own. Some of these are Amberly, Ludlow, Norwood, Deer Park, Blue Ash, Finneytown, Loveland, Wyoming, Cheviot, Sharonville, Anderson, Madeira and Indian Hill. More information on these locations can be obtained by visiting their specific web sites.

For example, demographics for Blue Ash are located at <http://www.city-data.com/city/Blue-Ash-OH.html> and a search on specific cities/townships will take you to various web sites.

BANKING/FINANCE

Cincinnati Interagency Federal Credit Union (CIFCU)

(located in AWBERC building, Room G4, EPA main building)

<http://www.cifcu.org/>

Membership is open to everyone provided that residence is for at least 12 months.

Credit Unions in the Tri-State Area

<http://www.ncua.gov/indexdata.html>

Banks in the Tri-State Area

http://www2.fdic.gov/idasp/main_bankfind.asp

SHOPPING

Grocery Shopping in the Greater Cincinnati Area

There are four major chains of grocery stores: bigg's, Kroger, Meijer and IGA. The last stands for "Independent Grocery Association" and so although there are many such stores in the area, they are each owned independently. Information about each as well as neighborhood locations can be found at the following web sites: www.biggs.com; www.kroger.com; www.meijer.com; www.iga.com; www.freshmarket.com.

Kroger is a local company, therefore, these stores far outnumber those of the other chains. Both bigg's and Meijer include interesting combinations of grocery/department store and are good choices for those that like one-stop shopping.

Findlay Market

In addition to these, there are also several local markets that offer fresh produce. Findlay Market is the largest of these and is located in the downtown area. It has been recently renovated and offers not only fresh produce, but also several meats, cheeses and specialty foods. For the home gardener, vegetable and flower plants may also be purchased in the spring. Throughout the warmer months, there are several special events planned and more information can be found at their web site: www.findlaymarket.org.

The Fresh Market

The Fresh Market stores, located at 3088 Madison Road and 7888 Montgomery Road, convey the atmosphere of an old world European market, all under one roof, where you can visit an array of departments: old-style butcher shop and fish market, bakery, produce and floral stands, and delicatessen. For additional information, including recipes and events visit their web site: <http://www.thefreshmarket.com/company/stores.html>.

Jungle Jim's

If you are looking for ethnicity food or want to sample international variety (over 75 countries), do check out Jungle Jim's International Market located at 5540 Dixie Hwy, Fairfield, OH 513-674-6000. For directions and information, please check out <http://www.junglejims.com/>.

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Looking for Asian food?

If you are looking for Asian food, aside from Jungle Jim's, you can also go to Cincinnati Asia Supermarket (CAM), located at 10400 Reading Rd., Evendale 513-733-1828.
<http://www.huaxin.us/>

Looking for Indian food?

JagDeep's Indian Grocery located at 356 Ludlow Ave., Clifton 513-961-2699 can be a good choice. It is great for vegetarians and vegans, but there is a small selection of meat for the carnivores.

Looking for "Natural" or "Whole" food stores?

Whole Foods
2693 Edmondson Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45209
5805 Deerfield Blvd., Mason, OH 45040
www.wholefoodsmarket.com

Clifton Natural Foods, 169 W McMillan St.
Cincinnati, OH 45219
513-961-6111

Trader Joe's, 7788 Montgomery Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45236
513-984-3452
www.traderjoes.com

Looking for "Bulk" Membership Stores?

Costco
Sam's Club
Information about their membership costs and locations can be found on their respective web sites:
<http://www.costco.com/> and www.samsclub.com.

Merchandise/Retail

From Cincinnati's web site
<http://www.cincinnatiusa.com/Attractions/bycat.asp?AttCatID=12>

Malls

Kenwood Towne Centre
<http://www.kenwoodtownecentre.com/html/index13.asp>

Rookwood Commons and Pavilion
<http://www.shoprookwood.com/>

Tri-County Mall
<http://www.tricountymall.com/Index.asp?x=010|000&~>

Northgate Mall
<http://www.mynorthgatemall.com/>

Newport on the Levee
<http://www.newportonthelevee.com/>
Florence, Kentucky
<http://www.florencemall.com/>

Outlet Malls

Jeffersonville Outlets
<http://www.malls-info.com/outlet/jeffersonville.html>

GAP Distribution Center Outlet
<http://www.insiderpages.com/b/3630807340>

IKEA
<http://www.ikea.com>

West Chester Branch
http://www.ikea.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/IkeaNearYouView?storeId=12&catalogId=11001&langId=-1&StoreName=west_chester

Thrift Stores

Goodwill
<http://www.cincinnati goodwill.org/>

St. Vincent DePaul
<http://svdpusa.org/Stores/tabid/62/Default.aspx?state=OH#bop>

Salvation Army
<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>
Search for Cincinnati, Covington, Newport

Let's Do It Again Thrift Store and Cafe
3114 Springdale Rd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45251
513-742-5387

RESTAURANTS/ENTERTAINMENT

Local restaurants around the Clifton area and University of Cincinnati campus:

<http://www.bearcash.com>.

You may pick up a Bearcash coupon booklet at any local dispenser around the University of Cincinnati campus. We have a dispenser right outside the Annex entrance.

Publications

Cincinnati Magazine

This magazine is a good resource for finding out all kinds of restaurants/entertainment in Greater Cincinnati area and, in general, is a good resource for learning all facets about Cincinnati.

<http://www.cincinnatiimagazine.com/dine/default.aspx>

City Beat

A local newspaper, which also provides information on entertainment, restaurants and others:

<http://www.citybeat.com>.

Cin Weekly

Another local newspaper that provides information on entertainment and others:

<http://rodeo.cincinnati.com/cinweekly/>.

Media guide for Cincinnati area with listings of TV and radio stations along with printed media:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Media>.

Museums

Museums within the Cincinnati metropolitan area:

Cincinnati Museum Center

<http://www.cincymuseum.org/>

Cincinnati Art Museum

<http://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org/>

Taft Museum of Art

<http://www.taftmuseum.org>

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

<http://www.taftmuseum.org>

Krohn Conservatory

<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cityparks/pages/-3452/>

Other local museums may be found at

<http://www.cincinnatiusa.com/Attractions/bycat.asp?AttCatID=4>.



Music Venues

General web site for music info including complete venue listing: <http://www.cincymusic.com/>

Also check out the *City Beat* and *Cin Weekly* for music listings.

Venue Specific

U.S. Bank Arena. A commercial venue with mainstream large concerts.

www.usbankarena.com

Riverbend. Outdoor venue with a variety of music offerings.

www.riverbend.org

The Southgate House. Small venue for local and traveling bands in Newport Kentucky.

www.southgatehouse.com

Blue Wisp Jazz Club. Jazz venue downtown.

<http://www.thebluewisp.com/>

Music Hall of the Cincinnati Art Organization.

Home of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Cincinnati Opera and the May Festival Chorus; also showing other local performing arts organizations, touring performances and other concerts.

<http://www.cincinnatiarts.org/musichall>

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Aronoff Center for the Arts of the Cincinnati Art Organization. Venue for a variety of theatre productions: Broadway, plays, some concerts and more. <http://www.cincinnatiarts.org/aronoff>

Sports

Cincinnati Reds (major league baseball) at the Great American Ballpark
http://cincinnati.reds.mlb.com/index.jsp?c_id=cin

Cincinnati Bengals (pro football) at the Paul Brown Stadium www.bengals.com

Cincinnati Cyclones (ice hockey)
www.cycloneshockey.com

University of Cincinnati Bearcats athletics page
<http://gobearcats.cstv.com/>

University of Northern Kentucky Norse athletics page <http://www.nku.edu/~athletics/>

Xavier University athletics page
<http://goxavier.cstv.com/>

Sports Guides and Forums web sites:
http://www.cincinnati.com/visitorsguide/sports_guide.html

<http://www.cincinnatiports.com/forums/>

RECREATION

Spring/Summer Sports

Canoeing and Kayaking

Green Acres Canoe and Kayak Rental
<http://www.greenacrescanoe.com/>
10465 Suspension Bridge Road
Harrison, OH 45030

Morgan's Canoe and Outdoor Centers
<http://www.morganscanoe.com/brookville>
7040 Whitewater River Lane
Brookville, IN 47012

Loveland Canoe and Kayak
<http://www.lovelandcanoe.com/>
200 Crutchfield Place
Loveland, OH 45140

Biking

Little Miami Bike Trail
Ohio State Route 1

Trails are in Clark, Greene, Warren, Clermont and Hamilton Counties:

North from Xenia Station to Springfield, Ohio—17.2 miles; **South** from Xenia Station to Milford—52.4 miles; Total 76 Miles Springfield to Little Miami Golf Center

All of the following information can be found on these web sites:

<http://www.miami-valleytrails.org/miami.htm>
<http://www.lovelandbiketrial.com/>

The Little Miami Scenic Trail is over 76 miles long. The trail **starts** at Springfield in Clark County. From there the trail runs South through Yellow Springs and Xenia in Greene County. Then the trail travels through Corwin, Oregonia, Morrow and Foster in Warren County; and Loveland and Milford in Clermont County; and Terrace Park in Hamilton County.

Trails for Biking

Trail maps can be found at:

<http://www.miami-valleytrails.org/images/lmiami.jpg>.

Park and Ride Locations for Biking

Yellow Springs, Oldtown, Xenia, Spring Valley, Corwin, Caesar Creek State Canoe Access, Fort Ancient State Memorial, Morrow, Kings Mills (Glenn Island State Canoe Access), Warren/Hamilton County Line, Milford, Avoca Trailhead and Little Miami Golf Center.



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Winter Sports

Snowboarding, Skiing and Tubing

Perfect North Slopes

<http://www.perfectnorth.com/>

This site lists calendar of events, ticket prices, location, hill webcams and more.

Ice Skating

Sports Plus

<http://www.sportsplusOH.com/>

The Cincinnati Gardens

<http://www.cincygardens.com/>

The Indian Hill Winter Club

<http://www.ihwinterclub.com/>

Fountain Square

<http://www.myfountainsquare.com>



University of Cincinnati Campus Recreation Center

All of the following information can be found on the University of Cincinnati web site:

<http://www.uc.edu/reccenter/>.

Contact Information

Department of Campus Services

University of Cincinnati

2820 Bearcat Way

Cincinnati, OH 45221-0017

E-mail: RecCenter@uc.edu

Member Services: 513-556-0604

Main Office: 513-556-5706

Fax: 513-556-0601

Membership Rates

EPA employees fall under their University of Cincinnati Affiliates category. Therefore, as of December 2007, the yearly membership rate is \$550 or \$48.53/month. An application can be found at

[http://www.uc.edu/RECCENTER/Facilities and Schedules/Member_Services.html](http://www.uc.edu/RECCENTER/Facilities_and_Schedules/Member_Services.html).

Facilities and Services

- Aquatics (lap pool, leisure pool and whirlpool)
- Basketball Courts
- Climbing & Bouldering Wall
- Fitness Center (weights, bikes, treadmills)
- Racquetball/Squash Courts (7 racquetball courts, 1 squash court)
- Suspended track (suspended running/walking track, 4 lanes, 1/8 mile)

Multi-purpose Rooms

Massage Therapy

Swedish Massage and Chair Massage.

Personal Trainer

See web site for registration information.



Newport Aquarium

1 Aquarium Way

Newport, KY 41071

(859) 491-3467

For information visit

<http://www.newportaquarium.com/>.

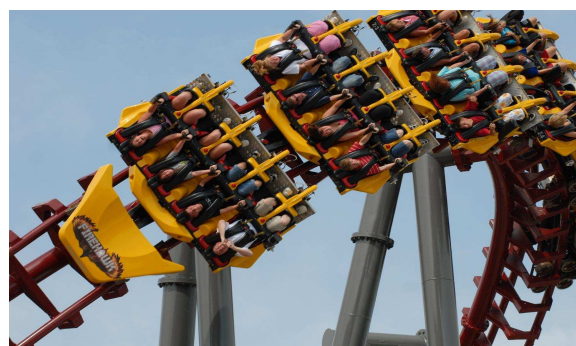
Kings Island

6300 Kings Island Drive

P.O. Box 901

Kings Island, OH 45034-0901

<http://www2.cedarfair.com/kingsisland/>



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Thrill Rides

- Firehawk: Kings Island's 14th roller coaster
- Son Of Beast: the tallest, fastest wooden coaster on the planet
- Drop Zone: the world's tallest gyro drop
- The Beast: still the world's longest wooden coaster after 28 years!

Family Entertainment

Nickelodeon Universe, Family Rides, Live Shows, Boomerang Bay Water Park

Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden

3400 Vine St.
Cincinnati, OH 45220
(800) 944-4776

For information visit
<http://www.cincy zoo.org/>.



City of Cincinnati Parks

Please see web site for local park locations, park finder, location of visitor centers and more.

For information visit
<http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/play.html>.



MISCELLANEOUS

Media Outlets in Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Ohio is served by one daily newspaper, the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, and six alternative weekly and monthly publications. It is home to 10 television stations and many radio stations. For more information, start with this web site:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Media_in_Cincinnati,OH.

Local Interest Groups

For more information on local groups in Cincinnati who have the same interests as you do, start with this web site:
<http://www.meetup.com/cities/us/oh/cincinnati/>.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Public Libraries in Hamilton County

The public library has a very informative web site and detailed information can be obtained there:
<http://www.cincinnati library.org/>.

The Main Library

800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202
513-369-6900

Hours

Sunday

1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

9:00 am–9:00 pm

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

9:00 am–6:00 pm

Departments

- Children's
- Learning Center
- Circulation Services Dept
- Genealogy and Local History
- Information and Reference Department
- Library for the Blind
- Magazines and Newspapers
- Outreach Services
- Popular Library
- TechCenter

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The Branches

<http://www.cincinnati-library.org/branches>

Anderson	Miami Township
Avondale	Madisonville
Blue Ash	Mariemont
Bond Hill	Monfort Heights
Cheviot	Mt. Healthy
Clifton	Mt. Washington
College Hill	North Central
Corryville	Northside
Covedale	Norwood
Deer Park	Oakley
Delhi Township	Pleasant Ridge
Elmwood Place	Sharonville
Forest Park	St. Bernard
Green Township	Price Hill
Greenhills	Reading
Groesbeck	Symmes Township
Harrison	Walnut Hills
Hyde Park	West End
Loveland	Westwood
Madeira	Wyoming

Other Features of the Library

Hot Titles

Get a sneak peek at future bestsellers with these exciting new titles purchased by the Library.

New Arrivals

Browse comprehensive lists of new additions to the Library's collection.

Hot Authors

Sign up to automatically receive the latest novels from your favorite authors.

<http://www.cincinnati-library.org/spotlight/hotauthors.asp>

Reading Recommendations

Look here for staff favorites, notable new titles, or recommended reading on a variety of subjects.

<http://www.cincinnati-library.org/spotlight/recommendations.html>

Exhibits at the Main Library

Varieties of permanent and temporary exhibits are on display for all ages.

Permanent Exhibits

<http://www.cincinnati-library.org/main/exhibits.asp>



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Temporary Exhibits

<http://www.cincinnati.library.org/programs/exhibits.html>

For additional information about any exhibit, call the Programs & Exhibits Coordinator at 513-369-6944.

Book Discussion Groups

Join a book discussion group and share your interest in reading with others.

<http://www.cincinnati.library.org/spotlight/discussion.asp>

Online Book Clubs

Receive chapters from popular books in your daily e-mail.

<http://www.cincinnati.library.org/spotlight/bookclubs.html>

Award Winners & Bestsellers

Find out who is being honored in the literary world which books are topping the bestseller lists.

<http://catalog.cincinnati.library.org/uhtbin/cgiirsi/x/0/0/122/2008>

Suggest a Purchase

Use this form to suggest an item for purchase.

<http://www.cincinnati.library.org/reference/purchase.asp>

Public Libraries in Northern Kentucky

Locations

<http://www.bcpl.org/library/locations/>

Kenton County

<http://www.kenton.lib.ky.us/>

Covington

<http://www.kenton.lib.ky.us/aboutus/locations/covington/index.cfm>

Erlanger

<http://www.kenton.lib.ky.us/aboutus/locations/erlanger/index.cfm>

Independence

<http://www.kenton.lib.ky.us/aboutus/locations/durridge/index.cfm>

Campbell County

<http://www.cc-pl.org/>

Newport

<http://www.cc-pl.org/branch-np.htm>

Cold Spring

<http://www.cc-pl.org/branch-cs.htm>

Fort Thomas/Carrico

<http://www.cc-pl.org/branch-ft.htm>

Boone County

<http://www.bcpl.org/>

Southwest Ohio and Neighboring Libraries (SWON)

(Previously Greater Cincinnati Library Consortium)

SWON is a “cooperative of area libraries organized to promote library services among and through member institutions. SWON Libraries consists of academic, public, school and special libraries in Southwest Ohio and Northern Kentucky. All libraries of any type (academic, public, school, special) within the 17 county service area in Ohio (Adams, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Madison, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Warren) are considered basic members of SWON Libraries.”

You can borrow materials from any of them. For example, if you are a member of the Kenton County library system, then you can be a member of Cincinnati libraries too, but you must obtain a library card for each.

Visit your county library web site

<http://www.swonlibraries.org/>, and the web site of the library you want to join for details and more information.

Obtaining Materials from Local University Libraries

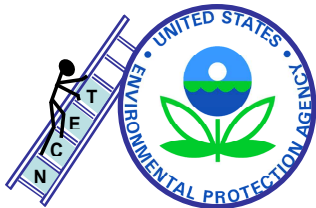
The EPA library can retrieve any reference article (journal or book) from University of Cincinnati, Xavier and other local colleges and universities (or wherever in the country the material is located, for that matter) through the Interlibrary Loan system. A request can be placed through the EPA library at <http://cincinnati.epa.gov/library/services/forms.asp?usrChoice=7>.

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University of Cincinnati has several libraries on campus, the main library located just off of Martin Luther King Drive, Langsam Library, is open to the community (access to the computer lab does require University of Cincinnati identification). The University of Cincinnati library catalog can be searched online at <http://uclid.uc.edu/search/X>.

University of Cincinnati and Xavier allow “Community Borrowers,” or non-university members to check out materials. There are several ways to become a “Community Borrower;” the easiest is to join the Greater Cincinnati Library Consortium (GCLC) also called the Southwest Ohio and Neighboring Libraries (SWON Libraries) (See above for more information). Presenting your GCLC/SWON membership card and a photo ID will allow you to check out material from all member libraries. More information on becoming a “Community Borrower” can be found at <http://www.libraries.uc.edu/services/borrow/index.html>.

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