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The Greater Cincinnati Foundation Awards Planning Grant to the Lloyd Library & Museum

[The Greater Cincinnati Foundation](#) has provided grant assistance to the Lloyd Library and Museum for the first phase of its upcoming strategic planning process, the establishment and clarification of Mission, Vision and Values. The Library has employed the services of the Nagelkirk Strategy to facilitate this process. It is the Library's goal to use this work as the first component of a full-fledged strategic plan.

Considered one of Cincinnati's hidden treasures, The Lloyd Library and Museum, an independent research library, was established by three brothers, John Uri, Nelson Ashley, and Curtis Gates Lloyd, who operated a pharmacy and manufactured botanical drugs in Cincinnati beginning in the late 19th century. The library features books, manuscripts and original art dating back to the 1400s and covers the topics of pharmacy and alternative medicine, botany, scientific history, exploration and travel, and the visual arts. Its collection of botanical drawings is world-renowned and together with nearly 250,000 items provides research materials and inspiration to scientists, historians, artists, gardeners and members of the natural health movement.

The Lloyd Library and Museum also draws visitors to view its engaging exhibits, which highlight and bring to life its collections. Its current exhibition, *Off the Page*, showcases the works of the 17th century botanical illustrator and pioneering woman of science, Maria Sibylla Merian, and re-imagines it through taxidermy. The exhibit has received worldwide attention and runs through July 31.

Lloyd Library Executive Director, Patricia Van Skaik, reports, "This grant will assist us in setting a direction that marries century old collections, latest research tools, technology, art and inspiration for a 21st century audience."

The Lloyd Library and Museum is free and open to the public. Located at 917 Plum St. in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Lloyd is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and the third Saturday, September-May from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information or to schedule a visit, contact the Library at (513) 721-3707 or email contact@lloydlibrary.org or visit LloydLibrary.org.