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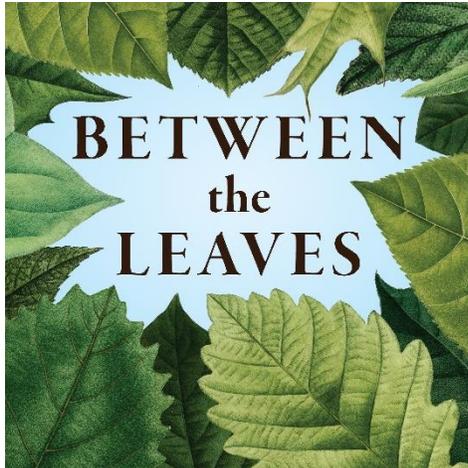
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Podcast Launch: *Between the Leaves at the Lloyd* brings eclectic Library's stories to life

At the Lloyd Library and Museum, books and artifacts in display cases and carefully preserved boxes are filled with important—and fascinating—stories about nature, science, culture and history. A new monthly podcast series unearths and illuminates those stories and brings them to life. From the middle of a forest in eastern Ohio to living rooms and patios of local experts, [*Between the Leaves*](#) takes listeners on unexpected journeys as they explore highlights from the Library's collections and related topics.



[*Between the Leaves at the Lloyd*](#) launches with an episode that roots out the beginnings of Ohio's largest and most biodiverse nature preserve—The Richard and Lucile Durrell Edge of Appalachia Preserve System in Adams County. In the episode, Hardy Eshbaugh, Emeritus Professor of Botany at Miami University, recalls his introduction to the group of conservationists determined to protect the land and its geological and botanical riches. One of those determined researchers was Mary Elizabeth Brockschlager, a respected botanist and Cincinnati Public School teacher whose donation of \$100 secured the first piece of land in what now comprises more than 20,000 acres. Brockschlager, a friend and colleague of famed ecologist E. Lucy Braun and her sister Annette Braun, a world-renowned entomologist, left her archives to the Lloyd.

"Our library is filled with so many compelling stories that have a real impact and importance in our world today," said Lloyd Executive Director Patricia Van Skaik. "By taking listeners 'Between the Leaves,' we can share those stories in a new and engaging way."

Funding for the launch of the podcast and the inaugural episodes comes from a FotoFocus Emergency Art Grant. Upcoming episodes will feature local conservationists, experts and researchers, and the October episode will highlight an aspect of the Lloyd's previously scheduled FotoFocus Biennial 2020 exhibition, *Nature Prints*.

"Capturing the voices and stories of our community members, in connection with resources from our collections, is an exciting new path for us," Van Skaik said. "We can't wait to see where it leads."

Between the Leaves at the Lloyd launches with new episodes published monthly. The podcast is created, written and hosted by Elissa Yancey, a longtime Cincinnati-based journalist and educator passionate about the Lloyd and its amazing archives. Podcast production and sound design is by Samantha Gattsek, who worked for more than a decade as an audio engineer, sound designer and mixer in radio before immersing herself in the world of podcasts. When she's not mixing stories, the New York native and resident loves escaping the city and surrounding herself with nature.

Listen and subscribe to *Between the Leaves* on [Stitcher](#), iTunes (coming soon) or wherever you get your podcasts, and betweentheleaves.podbean.com/.

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