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Incredible Insects Infest and Impress at the Lloyd

Like it or not, we can’t seem to get away from those six-legged creatures. While some “bug out,” the Lloyd Library rises to the occasion this summer with two new exhibitions and program series geared to raise your antennae.

**Incredible Insects: 400 Years of Entomology**

Lloyd Library & Museum, Reading Room
June 11-August 4

The Lloyd Library is well known for its botanical works as part of its nature-based focus. However, many are surprised, however, to learn that entomology, or the study of insects, is well represented in the Lloyd’s collections. The exhibition features illustrated works dating from 1634 to the early 20th century that depict habitat, anatomy, and metamorphosis of insects.

Early library records show that the Lloyd brothers acquired books and periodicals about insects, especially their relation to plants. In 1920, John Uri Lloyd’s son, John Thomas Lloyd, received his Ph.D. in Entomology from Cornell University and donated many entomology books to the Lloyd in the years that followed.
Programs

Explore the interactions between plants, bugs, and humans through the eyes of an entomologist, naturalist, ecologist, gardeners, and botanical historians.

**Insects: Plants Feed’em, Need’em, and Eat’em**
Wednesday, June 23, 7-8 p.m.
Virtual Program

Insects and plants have unique relationships, often mutually beneficial. Join noted field botanist and ecologist Andrew Lane Gibson, author of the popular blog and Instagram feed *The Buckeye Botanist*, as he turns his attention to bugs in the life of plants. **Reservations required.**

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**Friend or Foe: Bugs in Your Sustainable Garden**
Dates: July 15, 7-8 p.m.
Virtual Conversation

In the food garden, insects can be a plant’s best friend or worst enemy. Domonique Peebles of Brick Gardens; Cedric Rose, gardener, writer, and librarian at the Mercantile Library; and Scott Beuerlein, Manager of Botanical Garden Outreach at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden sit it down to discuss their strategies for attracting pollinators and protecting plants in their sustainable gardens. **Reservations required.**

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**Searching for Ancient Egypt’s Beekeepers**
July 28, 7-8 p.m.
Virtual Program

Bees and humans have engaged for thousands of years. Join entomologist Dr. Gene Kritsky of Mt. St. Joseph University as he explores beekeeping during the time of the pharaohs. A Fullbright Scholar to Egypt and author of *Tears of the Re*, Dr. Kritsky is a leading authority on the ancient interaction of people and insects. **Reservations Required.**
Can’t Get Enough Cicadas?

Visit the Cicada Room at the Lloyd Library, June 11-August 4

Experience the sounds, photo exhibition by leading cicada expert, Gene Kritsky, and artist books inspired cicadas from members of the Cincinnati Book Arts Society.

Explore the Lloyd’s Virtual Cicada Exhibit
2021 marks the return of Brood X, the most concentrated seventeen-year periodical cicada found throughout the eastern United States. In celebration of their emergence, here is a peek into their life cycle with reference to the timeline of their occurrence. Periodical cicadas have long been a fascination of scientists and naturalists and can be found throughout the Lloyd Library collection. Some notable representations are featured here including one of the earliest representation of cicadas in the Lloyd’s collection from 1658.

Purchase Cicada Merchandise from the Lloyd’s online gift
To commemorate of Brood X’s emergence we have created two t-shirt designs that can only be found at the Lloyd gift shop or our new on-line store. In addition to cicadas, you can also find several other botanical and mycological designs from some of our favorite books.

The Lloyd Library and Museum is located at 917 Plum St. in Cincinnati, Ohio. For more information or to schedule a visit, contact the Library at (513) 721-3707 or email contact@lloydlibrary.org or visit LloydLibrary.org.