This week, we look at making new connections from both the past and the present. From a medical hero to our new social media swap with the world’s largest museum complex, learn with us about these new and historical connections below.

**Dr. R.H. Tate: Heroism in an Epidemic**

Celebrating Black History Month is the perfect time to share the inspiring story of Dr. R.H. Tate. As Cincinnati’s first professionally educated African American doctor, Dr. Tate studied at the Eclectic Medical Institute and opened his practice nearby, both just a few blocks from the Lloyd. Dr. Tate served not only Cincinnatians, but gave his life attending to those suffering from the 1878 yellow fever epidemic of Memphis, Tennessee. Read the full article [here](#).

The Lloyd and the Smithsonian Libraries are swapping Instagram feeds! All this week, our guest Instagrammer representing the Smithsonian will take over the Lloyd’s Instagram, and the Lloyd will return the favor for the Smithsonian’s. Get a new perspective on the treasures and curiosities in these amazing collections.
Contribute to nature conservation as a citizen-scientist by participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count. From February 18-21, spend time in your favorite places watching and counting as many birds as you can find. Report your findings through the app or website. More information is available here. This is a great warm-up for our spring exhibition, *On the Wing: An Illustrated Chapter on Birds*. Watch for related programs, indoors and out, in upcoming emails.

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**The Forest Calls to Us:**
*Writing Children's Stories in Nature*

When: February 26, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m  
Where: Lloyd Library

What were some of your favorite stories as a child? Did they tap into the sights and sounds and smells of the natural world? In this writing workshop, Annette Januzzi Wick will present prompts to guide writers to consider a child’s point of view or to create their own nature story for children. Co-sponsored by Women Writing for (a) Change. Tuition $35. **Registration required.** **Proof of vaccination or negative test results required.**

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**Last chance--*The Gift of Wonder* exhibition closes February 25**
The Lloyd Library will be closed Monday, February 21 in observance of Presidents' Day