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A Forest of Knowledge

Celebrate trees this March at the Lloyd Library and Museum! Immerse yourself in our programs where we host experts on invasive plants and on natural healing. In celebration of Women's History Month, we will host a special showing on the lifework of one of the nation's foremost botanist, ecologist, and early environmentalist, E. Lucy Braun.



From Friend to Foe: The Story of the Invasive Callery Pear Tree with Theresa Culley

March 8, 7-8 p.m.

In-Person and Virtual Program

Few plant species have captured our delight and eventually our disdain as has the Callery pear tree (*Pyrus calleryana*). Imported to the United States from China in the early 1900's, this species was first considered the savior of pear fruit crops along the Pacific coast. Eventually it became one of the most popular ornamental trees in the 1980's-1990's. Prized for its gorgeous white flowers in early spring, its tree shape, and quick growth, the species was commonly sold as the cultivar 'Bradford'. It was later released as 'Chanticleer', 'Aristocrat', 'Cleveland Select', 'Respire', and many other cultivars, which more people planted in the landscape. Seeds were then carried by birds to nearby natural areas, leading to a surge in wild Callery pear, which frequently displaced other plant species. Today, increasing number of states are listing the Callery pear as an invasive species, and Ohio is the first state to ban the commercial sale and distribution of the species. This presentation explores this transition of the Callery pear from a popular garden tree to a despised invader of natural areas and implications this has for other plant species.

Registration required. In-person registration & Virtual registration.

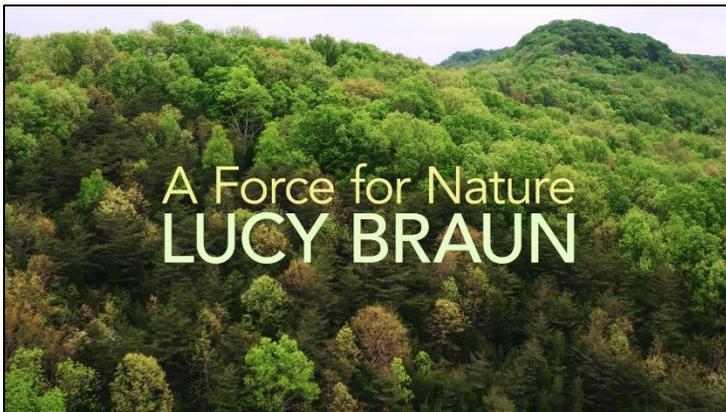
Celebrate Trees and Observe Nature in Light! Visit the Lloyd's current exhibition, *Sylvan Roots*, and *Threads of Light*, the photography of Rick Conner and TJ Vissing now until March 24.



The Healing Power of Trees: A Discussion of How Trees from the Old and New Worlds Help Us Survive and Thrive with Rama Kasturi

March 18, 1-2 p.m.
In-Person Program

How can trees provide us with health benefits? Growing research shows regularly spending time around trees provides a wide range of human health benefits. Join Dr. Rama Kasturi as she explains why trees are the best healthcare not only for us but for a planet under siege from rising temperatures and climate change. In *The Healing Power of Trees*, she presents case studies from Cincinnati, Costa Rica, and India. Dr. Kasturi has a Ph.D. in Biophysical Chemistry, is an advocate for the underserved and a promoter of environmental sustainability. Her photo essay, *Four Seasons in Burnet Woods*, published in 2019, takes the reader on her healing journey in the natural world of Cincinnati's Burnet Woods. **Registration required.**



A Force for Nature Movie Night with Meg Hanrahan

March 24, 7-8:30 p.m.
In-Person Program

It's movie night at the Lloyd! Join us for a viewing of *A Force for Nature: Lucy Braun* (2018). This one-hour documentary explores the life and legacies of E. Lucy Braun, one of the foremost botanists and ecologists in American history. A Cincinnati native, Braun helped preserve natural spaces in Kentucky and Ohio. The documentary will be introduced by its director, writer, and producer Meg Hanrahan. A question-and-answer session will follow. **Registration required.**

Located at 917 Plum St. in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Lloyd is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and the third Saturday of the month. For more information or to schedule a visit, contact the Library at (513) 721-3707 or email contact@lloydlibrary.org or visit LloydLibrary.org.

