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### Follow the Threads of Fungi with the Lloyd Library

As the leaves begin to fall, the Lloyd Library & Museum offers a full slate of programming this October and November in conjunction with our *A Foray into Fungi* exhibition. Through a mix of in-person and virtual events, attendees will join experts in fields like mycological fieldwork, history, and medical research on a journey of exploration. Just as fungi itself takes many forms, our fall programs go deep into topics as diverse as identifying wild mushrooms, psychedelic therapy, fungi and cancer research, and how 19th-century collectors influenced mycology today, before concluding with a critically acclaimed documentary screening.



#### **Wild Mushrooms: A World of Wonder at Our Feet**

with Walt Sturgeon

October 4, 7-8 p.m.

In-Person at the Lloyd Library

Wild mushrooms reflect the diversity of macro fungi through a wide range of colors and forms. Join field mycologist Walt Sturgeon as he reveals species that range from edible to deadly, medicinal to toxic, and saprobic to parasitic. Participants are welcome to bring mushrooms for identification!

Walt Sturgeon is a field mycologist and award-winning photographer with over 40 years of experience studying and identifying mushrooms. His photos of mushrooms and fungi can be found in numerous field guides, three of which he co-authored: *Waxcap Mushrooms of Eastern North America*, *Mushrooms and Macrofungi of Ohio and the Midwestern States*, and *Mushrooms of the Northeast*. He has also written *Appalachian Mushrooms* and was a contributing author to the *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*. [Registration Required.](#)

Visit the Lloyd's current exhibition, [A Foray into Fungi](#), now through November 18.

## Fungus on the Brain: The Fascinating World of Psilocybin with Theresa Culley



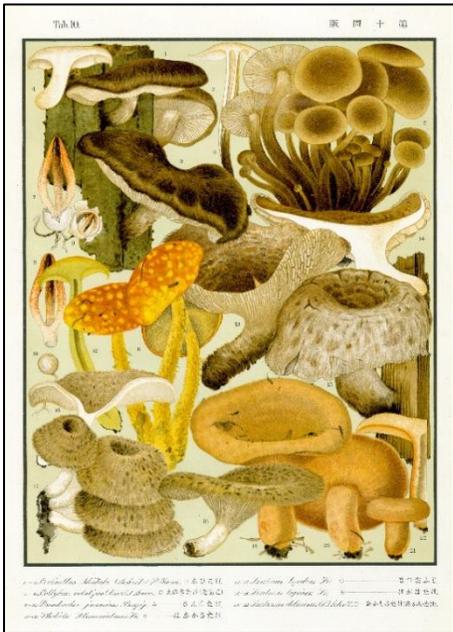
October 14, 1-2 p.m.

In-Person at the Lloyd Library

Psilocybin is rapidly gaining attention for its potential to treat mental health, but it is a tightly regulated substance. Join us as we explore the current state of research and regulation of psilocybin, and what the future may hold for this compound and the fascinating fungi that produce it. Professor Theresa Culley will discuss the biology of psilocybin's effects on the human brain and dive into its history to better understand how psychedelic mushrooms have been used ceremonially and medically over the centuries. [Registration Required.](#)

Theresa Culley is a plant biology professor at the University of Cincinnati where she teaches a popular undergraduate course on Medical Botany. An expert on both invasive and rare endangered plants, Culley is also mesmerized by the relatively understudied world of fungi and the immense they have in our society today.

## No Other Country with So Many Novelties: How Mycology Went Global with Brad Bolman



October 18, 7-8 p.m.

Virtual Program

Hunting for mushrooms is, almost by definition, a local undertaking. Forested paths, the undersides of fallen trees, and neighboring yards all make for good collecting sites. But, toward the end of the 19th century, mycology became an increasingly international undertaking as global collectors attempted to gather and chart the worldwide distribution of fungal species. Curtis Gates Lloyd played a vital part in this project through a mixture of travel, specimen solicitation, and publication. This presentation explores how Lloyd and many others developed extended webs of correspondence that set the foundations for contemporary fungal science. [Registration Required.](#)

Brad Bolman is a Postdoctoral Member of the School of Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey. His first book, *The Dog Years: A History of Beagle Science*, published by the University of Chicago Press, is due out next year. He is currently working on a second book that explores the international history of mycology and fungal science. Bolman was a 2023 Curtis Gates Lloyd Fellow.

## Fungi as a Source for Drug Discoveries with Nicholas Oberlies



November 1, 7-8 p.m.

Virtual at the Lloyd Library

Have you ever wondered how someone goes about “discovering” a fungal-derived drug in 2023? Fungi may have had one of the biggest impacts on human survival rates in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. With the discovery of penicillin and the antibiotics revolution it stimulated, most of the work leading to modern antibiotics was carried out in the 1950s through the 1980s. In this program, Nicholas Oberlies, PhD, details how fungi are still used as a source for drug leads, particularly for anticancer drug discovery in a project currently funded by the

National Cancer Institute. [Registration Required.](#)

Nicholas Oberlies, PhD, is the Patricia A. Sullivan Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. His lab focuses on the discovery of new drug leads and the analysis of herbal remedies. This includes support from the National Institutes of Health for using fungi as a source for anticancer and antimalarial leads and the analysis/quality control of herbal remedies. Prior to joining UNCG, he spent more than a decade at the Research Triangle Institute, mentored by Drs. Monroe Wall and Mansukh Wani, co-discoverers of the anti-cancer drugs Taxol and camptothecin.

## Fantastic Fungi Movie Night



November 17, 7-8:30 p.m.

In-Person at the Lloyd Library

Join us for a screening of the hit Netflix documentary *Fantastic Fungi*. Popcorn will be served!

*Fantastic Fungi* takes us on an immersive journey through time and scale into the magical mycelium

network beneath our feet, an underground network that can heal and save our planet. Through the eyes of renowned scientists and mycologists like Paul Stamets, best-selling authors like Michael Pollan, Eugenia Bone, Andrew Weil and others, this film showcases the beauty, intelligence, and solutions that the fungi kingdom offers in response to some of our most pressing medical, therapeutic, and environmental challenges. [Registration Required.](#)

## Shop the Lloyd



This autumn, fall in love with our fabulous fungi themed merchandise! From aprons to sweatshirts to notebooks to coasters, we have it all! Take a foray in person or visit our [Redbubble page](#) to review our different designs.

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Looking for more about fungi? Visit the Lloyd's [Instagram](#) Feed on "Mycology Mondays" and our YouTube Channel for programs on the [Secret Lives of Fungi](#) and [Negotiating the Fungus Fad](#) in late 19<sup>th</sup> Century America. Watch for the recording of Nik Money's [The Fungus among Us](#) and our [podcast](#) with Professor Money—coming in September!

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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](mailto:contact@lloydlibrary.org) or visit [LloydLibrary.org](http://LloydLibrary.org).

