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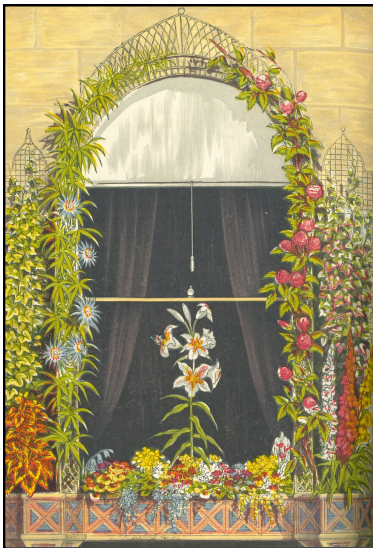
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Fun and games abound at the Lloyd Library all winter long!

Chase away those winter blues and warm up with us at our latest exhibition, ***Welcome to My Jungle: In-Door Plants***, and enjoy incredible upcoming programming in 2025. Exhibition continues through April 11.

From majestic monsteras to lush lilies, the Lloyd Library is *the* place to explore the fascinating history of houseplants. Once the domain of the wealthy, houseplants' popularity surged during the Victorian era, when an inventive form of transportation suddenly allowed tropical species to appear in the living rooms of fashionable Europeans. This sparked an exotic plant and fern fever that transcended class and gender barriers.

PROGRAMS



Cozy up and enjoy ***Green Spaces, Empire's Traces: A Victorian History of Houseplant Horticulture*** with Lindsay Wells with us from the comfort of your own home!

Wednesday, January 29, 7-8 p.m.

Virtual Program

Registration Required

As coal consumption increased in nineteenth-century Britain, so did the need to innovate new forms of gardening that could protect plants from smoke and air pollution. Advances in glasshouse technology, along with the emergence of parlor and window horticulture, subsequently allowed the Victorians to cultivate miniature gardens within their homes. Over time, these spaces became showcases for elaborate collections of ornamental plants, many of which were sourced from Africa, Asia, and other regions tied to British colonialism. This talk will explore the Victorian history of houseplants, highlighting how indoor gardens entwined a growing desire for environmental renewal with the global politics of imperial expansion.



Lindsay Wells is an art historian and scholar of nineteenth-century Britain, with a focus on histories of empire, the environment, and plants. She earned her PhD in art history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has held recent postdoctoral fellowships at the Getty Research Institute and UCLA. Her essays on botany, art, and horticulture have appeared in *Victorian Studies*, *Victorian Literature and Culture*, and *Literature Compass*.

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Have you previously found yourself unlucky in houseplant love? We can help! At our **Houseplant Matchmaker workshop with Plant Therapy by Brandie**, you'll choose from an assortment of plants and pots to create the ideal plant companion. All workshop attendees will take home a 6-inch houseplant perfectly suited for their space in a ceramic pot of their choice. If only all relationships were this easy...

Saturday, February 15, 1-3 p.m.

In Person Program at the Lloyd Library & Museum

Registration Required

Plant Therapy by Brandie is a small business retailer that serves houseplant enthusiasts, from beginners to advanced! Our mission is to share plants and education to encourage friends, family, and beyond. Plant Therapy by Brandie accomplishes this through social media, selling plants at local pop-up market events, and providing workshops in the community. Brandie, the owner, is dedicated to growing an assortment of plants and providing personal attention. She believes that plants remind us of our humanity and the need for self-care. Taking time each day to support the survival of your houseplant pulls you out of the busyness of daily life. It highlights our need for water, sun, and fertilization—not only for our plants, but also for ourselves.



Leaf It to the Experts: Houseplant Trends Unveiled with Ron Houck and Tyler Wolf

Hear from area experts Ron Houck (Plant Trolley) and Tyler Wolf (Urban Blooms, Plant Trolley) on the indoor plant trends they've seen over the years, along with tips and tricks to improve your efforts in plant parenthood!

Wednesday, February 26, 6-7 p.m.

In Person Program at the Lloyd Library & Museum

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.

