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Xenia Carnegie Library Friends Schedule Final Public Planning and Information Event

Xenia, Ohio (July 31, 2017) The City of Xenia, in partnership with the volunteer group Xenia Carnegie Library Friends, will host the two final planning events on behalf of the Xenia Carnegie Library. The **first event, entitled “Carnegie Library Brown Bag Lunch and Learn”** series, will be from **1:00 pm until 2:00 pm at the Greene County Historical Society, 74 W. Church Street, Wednesday, August 9, 2017.**

The Brown Bag lunch will feature Dr. Ryan Ireland, Communications Coordinator for the Greene County Public Library, who is also a novelist and TEDx Dayton presenter. Dr. Ireland will provide excerpts from “Your Story Matters”, competitively selected by TEDx Dayton in 2016.

Ireland will present a short and intriguing glimpse into the Xenia Carnegie Library -- both its form and function – and industrialist’s Andrew Carnegie’s effect on libraries and on culture. Ireland and his wife Amber, are founders of the Third Story Literacy Project which is striving to place 100 Little Free Libraries across the region. Six are currently planned for placement within the City of Xenia.

The Carnegie Library Brown Bag Lunch and Learn event is free and open to the public, but donations are welcome.

At 2:30 pm, Wednesday, August 9th, the City of Xenia and Xenia Carnegie Library Friends invite the public to the second event at the Henry Hudson Room of the Greene County Public Library, 76 East Market Street, to attend the last of three formal planning meetings to discuss revitalization efforts for the Carnegie Library. The meeting will include a follow-up to public meetings held in April and June and to further discuss continuing efforts to adaptively reuse the building. City of Xenia and Heritage Architectural Associates staff will be on hand to discuss the Master Planning process and hear citizen input.

Interested parties can visit the Xenia Carnegie Library Facebook page or the City of Xenia's website www.explorexenia.com and search "Carnegie Library" to learn about ways to be involved. To give input, visit explorexenia.now and search "Carnegie Wish Campaign" to make suggestions known. For more information and conversations, go to the volunteer-administered Xenia Carnegie Library Facebook Page.

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Learn more about the Lunch Series and the Carnegie Library Master Planning efforts by contacting volunteer Josephine Reno at (937) 361-2354, or visit [City-of-Xenia-Government](#) on Facebook or on Twitter.