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## Panel discussion at Main Library to focus on family homelessness

**Who:** Strategies to End Homelessness and The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

**What:** Homeless in Cincinnati: Focus on Families

**Where:** Reading Garden Lounge (Main Library), 800 Vine St., Downtown Cincinnati

**When:** 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018

**Why:** Join us for a one-hour panel session discussion on the issue of family homelessness in Greater Cincinnati.

The discussion will focus on why homelessness happens, how kids and families are impacted and how the community can help. Panelists will include: Kevin Finn of Strategies to End Homelessness, Susan Schiller of Bethany House Services and Jessy Lyons of YWCA Greater Cincinnati.



The Library reached out to Strategies to End Homelessness out of a desire to help the community, inspired by the premiere of *the public*, a movie shot at the Main Library last year and showing at Santa Barbara Film Festival on Jan. 31. The movie, written, directed, and starring Emilio Estevez, centers on a public library, which becomes a temporary shelter for the homeless during a brutal winter cold spell. The Main Library is heavily featured throughout the film, which also stars Alec Baldwin, Christian Slater, Jenna Malone, Taylor Schilling and Gabrielle Union.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. For more information about the partnership between the Library and Strategies to End Homelessness, including the [Socks and Gloves Drive](#), call 513-369-6900 or visit [www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://www.CincinnatiLibrary.org).

### About Strategies to End Homelessness

Since 2007, Strategies to End Homelessness has led a comprehensive system of care to assist the homeless in Cincinnati/Hamilton County. Working in partnership with 30 non-profit organizations, Strategies to End Homelessness coordinates a centralized emergency shelter hotline, homelessness prevention, street outreach, emergency shelter and housing solutions toward the goal of ending homelessness. A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the organization is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and is a United Way Agency Partner. To learn more, visit [www.strategiestoendhomelessness.org](http://www.strategiestoendhomelessness.org).



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