In 2009, Cleveland Public Library continued its tradition of hosting various events and exhibits beyond its core literacy programs. Highlights included:

**Writers & Readers Series**
Our highly acclaimed Writers & Readers Series garnered record attendance as the result of featuring some of the best authors in the world. In addition to such internationally renowned authors as Neil Gaiman and Ann Patchett, the series also featured well-known local author Loung Ung. The diversity of authors helped the Library to attract an equally diverse audience. Attendees came from throughout the Midwest, and many of the authors attracted a record number of college students.

**Spectrum: The Lockwood Thompson Dialogues**
“Civic Design and Inspired Infrastructure” was last year’s theme for Spectrum, which is an annual program of provocative conversations focusing on issues that impact our visual and popular culture. Nearly 200 people attended the event that was moderated by Steven Litt from The Plain Dealer.

**Music at Main Program**
Cleveland Public Library hosted 11 musical performances in 2009 in the Fine Arts Department. Performers varied in backgrounds from the world-famous Cavani String Quartet to the locally based Cleveland Clinic Band, which consists of Clinic physicians and other medical professionals performing patriotic music.

**Charles Dickens Exhibit**
Special exhibits are not new for Cleveland Public Library. In 2009, the Library hosted one of its largest exhibits. The Charles Dickens Exhibit, which remained in place for a full year, spanned four floors of the main branch. The exhibit, which coincided with the Dickens Fellowship Annual Conference in Cleveland, highlighted the many enduring contributions of Dickens. Books, pictorial highlights, and written materials made up the well-received exhibit.