

**The Fighting Heart of Johnny Kilbane
Exhibit and Program—Cleveland Public Library Main Branch
March 15, 2012**



Tom Corrigan, President of the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library, with Margaret Lynch Sr. and IAAS Trustee Tom Lynch at the opening of the exhibit “The Fighting Heart of Johnny Kilbane” at the Cleveland Public Library. The exhibit was organized by the Irish American Archives Society and the Cleveland Public Library with the support of Collins and Scanlon LLP.



Tom O'Toole (center) is one of two grandsons of Johnny Kilbane, along with his brother John O'Toole of Fairview Park. Tom's son Kevin O'Toole provided many of the photographs and items on display in the exhibit, and John's daughter Erin O'Toole also represented the family in helping the IAAS and the CPL to plan the exhibit.



Singer James Kilbane, of Achill Island, was on hand, with recent Walks of Life Honoree Sr. Kathleen Kilbane and her sister Margaret Kilbane Barden. The three were sorting out Kilbane family history.

For more photographs, see the IAAS Facebook Page: [Irish American Archives Society of Northeast Ohio](#).



Retired Judge John Donnelly, another past Walks of Life Honoree, is a longtime family friend of the O'Tooles.

The display is on view at the Main Branch of the Cleveland Public Library through April 30 and will subsequently travel to 5 branches: West Park (May 7-31), Walz (June 4-30), Memorial-Nottingham (July 9-31), Rice (August 6-31) and Carnegie West (September 10-October 20).