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The East Cleveland Public Library will welcome two new programs this fall delivered by one of Northeast Ohio's preeminent musical nonprofits, The Music Settlement: Rhythm, Ready, Rock!, and Rockin' Literacy, both of which offer course content based on the Ohio English Language Arts standards. The Music Settlement's mission is to create an inclusive community where artistic expression belongs to everyone by serving those who seek personal growth through the arts, and ECPL is delighted to bring their innovative and important programs to its young patrons.

Starting Mondays, September 10, The Music Settlement will begin its educational music and literacy programming to ECPL with **Rhythm, Ready, Rock!** The half hour program designed for children aged Pre-K through second grade will start at 4:30 pm and conclude at 5:00 pm. Participants are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions that comprise this five week series. Rhythm Ready, Rock uses music to explore a new theme each week. Through books, story-telling, playing musical instruments, singing, listening, and exploring simple composition and movement experiences, each dynamic session will capture children's imaginations while aiding in the development and strengthening of important literacy skills.

The second four-week program, **Rockin' Literacy** begins Monday, October 15 at 4:30 pm. Rockin' Literacy is designed for children aged eight and older, and introduces topics like song and rap writing, recording, and more. The process engages literacy skills involving word choice and meaning and also introduces melody writing, instrument selection, style, and other skills such as creating original album art.

The Music Settlement Founded by Almeda Adams in 1912 as part of the Settlement movement to welcome new immigrants to Cleveland through the common language of music, The Music Settlement provides early childhood education, music instruction, and music therapy to people of all ages and levels of experience in Northeast Ohio. With venues in University Circle and Ohio City, The Music Settlement contributes significantly to Cleveland's growing vitality and music scene.

The East Cleveland Public Library recently celebrated it's 100th anniversary, and serves East Cleveland and surrounding neighborhoods. Always aiming to create community through literacy, the mission of the East Cleveland Public Library is to provide life enhancing, consciousness raising, Library services and cultural activities that reflect the needs of the East Cleveland community and the patrons of the institution. For information about this upcoming program contact the Children's Department at the East Cleveland Public Library at 216-541-4128.