ECPL’s poetry collection is growing – with new works by today’s most celebrated and respected African American poets including Patricia Smith and Tyehimba Jess. Author of the critically-acclaimed Blood Dazzler and other books, Smith is widely regarded as one of the most esteemed poets in the contemporary literary landscape. Smith’s Incendiary Art has won the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work in Poetry, the prestigious 2018 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award, the 2018 BLACA Best Poetry Award, and the Abel Meeropol Award for Social Justice (to name a few). Poetry lovers and historians alike will find Tyehimba Jess’ Olio a compelling and powerful collection of verse unlike any other. Winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize in poetry, the 2017 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award in Poetry, and the 2017 Book Award from the Society of Midland Authors, Jess’ playful and poignant collection has fast become an immediate classic of contemporary verse. Check out these and other great authors at ECPL.
April welcomes warmer weather and National Poetry Month. Here are some of ECPL’s children’s resources on the subject of poetry for parents and caregivers to share with young readers. Whether seeking poems to read together or biographies of writers, ECPL has resources sure to spark interest!

- **One Last Word** by Nikki Grimes
- **I Live in Music** by Ntzoke Shange
- **Coconut Kind of Day** by Lynn Joseph
- **Langston Hughes: American Poet** by Alice Walker
- **The Other Side** by Angela Johnson
- **We Are Americans: a Tribute from the Heart** by Walter Dean Myers

Visit the Children’s Department all month to check out a display highlighting African American poets and poetry!

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**Ongoing Programs**

**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**

- **Kids’ Café**, Monday–Friday, 3:30 PM. Enjoy an afternoon snack.
- **Storytime**, Monday & Wednesday, 11:00 AM
- **Pee Wee Reading Roundtable** and **Just Dance**, Alternating Thursdays, 4:30 PM
- **Lego Lab**, Second Tuesdays, 4:00 PM
- **After School Tutoring**, Tuesdays & Thursdays.
  No appointment needed.

**CHILDREN’S & YOUTH PROGRAMS**

- **Kids’ Café**, Monday–Friday, 3:30 PM. Enjoy an afternoon snack.
- **Chess Club**, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 3:30–5:30 PM
  Learn and Play with Chess Mentor, Donald McClendon
- **Teen Zone**, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 4:30–5:30 PM
  Join the Teen Zone for special activities every week, from gaming, crafts, speakers, movies, more!
- **After School Tutoring**, Tuesdays & Thursdays.
  No appointment needed.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Computer Classes**, Mondays & Wednesdays, starting April 2, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Beginner and advanced classes.
Register during library hours.

**Tech Toys Mondays**, 4:00–5:00 PM
Learn about the latest cool devices available, from tablets, remote control drones, and Bluetooth blood pressure cuffs, and more.

**Wired Wednesdays**, 3:00–3:30 PM
Bring your Kindle, laptop, or portable device for simple tech support.

**Fear Not Thursdays**, 4:00–5:00 PM
You’ve got questions, ECPL has answers! Bring in your mobile devices for troubleshooting and tech support.

**Get Real: Nonfiction Writing Lab**, 4:30–5:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 (3rd Wednesdays)
Drop-in with your memoir chapters, school essays, grant proposals, blogs, cover letters, or other projects and get real. Bring in a copy for feedback. Review fact-checking standards, source citation, editing tips, and more.

**Creative Writing Workshop**, 5:45-6:45 PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 (3rd Wednesdays)
Guest writer, Michelle R. Smith, author of **Ariel in Black**, will discuss writing techniques, poetry, and more!
ICT Literacy Program
for senior adults

STARTS MONDAY, APRIL 2 (Next Session: Monday, May 7)
Mondays & Wednesdays
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Learn the basics and more in a class designed for older adults. Monthly Literacy Outreach classes are also held at partner agencies: Salvation Army, Owl’s Nest Apartments, Helen S. Brown, McGregor. Space is limited, so register early.

Also Learn:

Windows 10 Basics
Learn how to navigate, use the task manager, manage your files, and more with Microsoft’s latest operating system, Windows 10.

Internet Basics
Learn basic Internet terminology, what is a browser and how to navigate one, locate websites, identify common domains, and keep your information safe while searching the Internet.

Gmail Basics
Learn how to create a free Google email account, use its features to send, receive, and organize email messages.

File Management Basics
Learn how to find electronic files quickly and easily by creating folders, organizing files into folders, and managing content in this class.

Cybersecurity Basics
Learn about common viruses, email and Internet safety, firewalls, and other security features and practices in this class.

Gmail Basics
Learn how to create a free Google email account, use its features to send, receive, and organize email messages.

Microsoft Word: Basics
Learn how to create text-based documents using Microsoft Word, as well as how to complete simple actions such as saving, opening, and printing documents in class.

New Computer Classes for all ages

Windows 10 Intermediate APRIL 3, 4:00-5:30 PM
Now that you know the basics, learn more about interacting with Windows 10 including adding desktop icons, exploring settings, using task manager, understanding Windows defender, uninstalling programs, and using the Windows store.

Health & Wellness Apps APRIL 12, 4:00-5:30 PM
Learn about some of the best new health and wellness apps for nutrition, fitness, medical information, personal care, and more in this class.

Craigslist Basics APRIL 17, 4:00-5:30 PM
The classifieds have moved online! Learn how to use Craigslist – the largest online classified ad website – to buy, sell, trade, and more in this class.

eBay Basics & Selling APRIL 24 & 26, 4:00-5:30 PM
Learn how to navigate and buy merchandise on eBay – the world’s largest online marketplace – as well as how to pay for purchases with PayPal in this class. Learn how to create an auction, employ selling strategies to maximize profit, navigate eBay’s rules, and earn seller ratings that boost future business in this class.

All classes held in Computer Lab 2 on the second floor. Stop up for more info and to register!
## Special Events / Save the Date

### CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES
**AGES 4–12, 4:30 PM**

- **Jazz Appreciation Month**
  Listen to a different type of Jazz on Fridays this month, and browse our book display on the genre.

- **Jellybean Jar Contest**
  APRIL 3-14 / Guess the number of jellybeans in the jar and win the whole jar! Prizes awarded April 14.

### TEEN ACTIVITIES
**AGES 13-19, 4:30 PM**

- **Pop Bottle Terrarium**
  APRIL 17 / For Earth Day, teens will have the opportunity to create pop bottle terrariums, a collection of small plants growing in a sealed container. It can be used to illustrate how an ecosystem works.

- **Glamblition: Vision Board Party**
  APRIL 18 / Get excited for your future! We will focus on goal setting for your life: relationships, education, career, self-image, and more!

- **Prevent Premature Fatherhood**
  APRIL 4 / Cuyahoga County Board of Health will provide guidance to males to improve outcomes related to teen fatherhood.

- **Poetry of Hip Hop Workshop**
  APRIL 11, 18, 25, 4:00 PM with Lake Erie Ink

### ADULT ACTIVITIES

- **Lou Rawls Tribute Concert**
  APRIL 8, 4:00 PM Enjoy a tribute to the jazz great by Good Vibes! Doors open at 3:00 pm.

- **National Library Week**
  APRIL 9-15
  Learn about your library! Explore articles and books about ECPL and other libraries. Design a library and join a discussion.

- **Local Author Panel**
  APRIL 14
  1:00 PM / Join a lively conversation with local authors, Mary Oluonye, Martin Reese, and Ladosha Wright, facilitated by Cynthia Harris-Allen.

- **Reading and Book Signing**
  APRIL 21, 1:00 PM
  Book signing with local author Cynthia Harris-Allen for *The Cricket Cries, the Year Changes*.

- **ECPL Book Club**
  APRIL 24, 5:30 PM
  *A Dirt Road to Somewhere* by Romona Robinson.

- **Brief Legal Clinic**
  APRIL 28, 10:30-11:30 AM
  The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland provides free advice clinic for individuals with civil legal issues. Bring all relevant paperwork with you. First come, first served. Clinic will be staffed by volunteer attorneys.

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Friday & Saturday
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

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### Twelve Literary Arts

**All Ages**

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**Performance APRIL 4, 10:00 AM**
(Reese Performing Arts Center)
This will be part of the One Community Reads programming, students poets will share writing in response to *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond.

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### BLACK HISTORY SATURDAYS

**All Ages**

**Harlem Renaissance, APRIL 28, 1:00–3:00 PM**
In partnership with ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History). In honor of National Poetry Month, activities will focus on the dynamic poets of the Harlem Renaissance. Join us on the last Saturday of the month all year for fun family programs exploring African American History!