Welcome to December! Snow, rain, or sunshine, ECPL has something for everyone. If you're looking for events and programs, homemade craft ideas, recipe collections, holiday movies, audiobooks, or fiction, I hope you find it here.

ECPL is delighted to continue bringing world class musicians to our community. This month welcomes a concert by The Bill Ransom Quintet on Sunday December 16 at 4:00 pm (doors open at 3:00 pm). Percussionist Bill Ransom is a widely celebrated local musician known for both his innovative style and skills as a bandleader, and he has and recorded with many artists including Patrice Rushen, Beth Hart, Marion Meadows, Cecil Bridgewater, James Newton, contemporary saxophonist Najee and Gerald Levert.

I am also delighted to introduce December’s Patron of the Month, Ms. Tina Goudlock, who frequently visits ECPL with her young children. Ms. Goudlock’s engagement with the Children’s Department’s many programs, activities, and events lets us know she makes the most of all ECPL has to offer for families.

Happy Holidays!

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**CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS**

- **Kids’ Café**, Monday–Friday, 3:30 PM  
  Enjoy an after school snack. Lower Auditorium.
- **Storytime**, Visit the Library for a story! Wednesdays, 11:00 AM
- **Pee Wee Reading Roundtable and Just Dance**, alternating Thursdays, 4:30 PM
- **Chess Club**, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 3:30–5:30 PM  
  Learn to play with Chess Mentor, Donald McClendon.
- **After School Tutoring**, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:00 PM  
  Drop in for homework help will resume January 2019.  
  Visit the Children’s Department for details.

**TEEN PROGRAMS**

- **Teen Advisory Group! Ask Teens** FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7  
  Have a voice in the services and programs the Library offers,  
  help plan events, enjoy some crafts and snacks!
- **Tell It All Tuesdays** Every other Tuesday, 4:30 PM, September–December.  
  Join a community of teen writers for dynamic writing workshops. We will explore many genres, writing prompts, share work, and more.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Computer Classes for Older Adults**,  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
Classes start the first Monday of each month; next session begins December 3.  
The ICT Literacy Program for older adults introduces Windows, email, Internet basics, and more.

**ECPL Book Club**, 5:30-6:45 PM (4th Tuesdays)  
Join the conversation!  
DECEMBER 18 (3rd Tuesday): **Sweet Potato Soul**  
by Jenné Claiborne

**New ICT Literacy Computer Class** for all ages

**Tablets: Getting Started & Working with Apps**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 4:00-6:00 PM**  
Learn basic features and functions of your tablet, such as how to navigate, connect to WiFi, download apps and adjust settings. Learn about some of the best apps for enhancing your life and having fun with your tablet.
Indoors and outdoors, winter can bring a wonderland of words to life with a little time for reading and learning together.

- **Four Ways to Say Cold:** Explore synonyms together with a go-anywhere, no supplies needed word game.
- **Winter Stories:** Read a winter or holiday themed story out loud.
- **Make Holiday Magic:** Checkout a book from ECPL and make homemade treats and crafts together!
- **New Classics:** Read *A Christmas Carol* by Pamela Kennedy or *Ben’s Christmas Carol* by Toby Forward, two picture books inspired by Dickens’ classic story of Scrooge; then make up a your own version!
- **Carolining:** Sing holiday tunes together! Provide printed lyrics even when you know all the words to reinforce reading skills. Visit ECPL for sing-along story books and more!

### December Favorites at ECPL

- **Christmas Songs** by Jerry Silverman (holiday book)
- **Each Kindness** by Jacqueline Woodson (picture book)
- **K is for Kwanzaa** by Juwanda G. Ford (holiday book)
- **Kwanzaa Crafts** by Marcia Odle McNair (holiday books)
- **Kids in the Holiday Kitchen** by Jessica Strand and Tammy Massman-Johnson (holiday book)

### A Look Back at 2018

There’s something for everyone at ECPL, and this month we’re pleased to share a look back at what that means in terms of programs and people. As of this writing in early November, we took a snapshot of the programs and activities that have taken place throughout the year, and we’re thrilled to share some of the highlights.

So far in 2018, ECPL has responded to about 30,000 patron questions on the phone and in person and assisted more than 9,000 young patrons in the Children’s Department!

- 3,000+ people attended adult programs
- 400+ children’s visits were to attend chess club
- 2,000+ patrons received one-to-one computer help
- 300+ patron inquiries received research assistance and reader’s advisory
- 2,000+ patron visits were to attend special events and concerts
- We’re not done with 2018 yet – we are happy to help you with your research and information needs! How can we help you?
## Special Events / Save the Date

**Check Winter Program Guide for More!**

### Children's Activities
**Ages 5–12, 4:30 PM (unless noted otherwise)**

- **Craft-a-Palooza**
  Every Tuesday in December. Join us to make a new holiday craft each week!

- **Dewey Decimal Day**
  Monday, December 10
  Learn about the Dewey Decimal system and play Dewey Bingo!

- **New Year's Literacy Contest**
  December 26-January 2
  What's your wish for 2019? Tell us what you hope for in the coming year! Submit your complete essay to the Children's Department by January 2.

### Teen Activities
**Ages 13–19, 4:30 PM (unless noted otherwise)**

- **Teen Advisory Group**
  Friday, December 7
  Have a voice in the services and programs the Library offers for teens and tweens! At these meetings, we plan upcoming events and enjoy crafts and snacks. Everyone between the ages of 13 and 18 is welcome.

- **Writing Lab: Tell It All Tuesdays**
  Tuesday, December 11
  Join other students who are passionate about creative writing. Try your hand at different literary genres, such as poetry, short stories, word games, literacy worksheets, manga, graphic novels, and more.

### Adult Activities

- **Holidaze Party**
  Thursday, December 13
  Create crafts and holiday gifts to share!

- **Teens Choice Awards**
  Thursday, December 13
  Vote for your favorites of 2018 and enjoy pizza and music!

- **Human Rights Day**
  Monday, December 10
  Join the conversation and explore how human rights are defined.

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Friday & Saturday
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

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**The Bill Ransom Quintet**

- **Featuring:**
  - Bill Ransom
    Drums
  - Kenn LeeGrand
    Reeds
  - Joe Miller
    Trumpet & Flugelhorn
  - Aidan Plank
    Acoustic Bass
  - Theron Brown
    Acoustic Piano
  - Evelyn Wright
    Guest Vocalist

Sunday, December 16, 2018 | 4:00 pm

**Greg L. Reese Performing Arts Center**

**Free Admission**
**Limited Seating**
**Doors Open 3:00 PM**