As this year is about to come to a close, we want to thank the community for its continuing support. We would also ask that members of the community come out to attend our year end open house and final board meeting. During the open house we hope to expand our connections with the community through conversation, and during our board meeting and we will explore the Library’s Strategic Plan, recap our year of service, and prepare library services for 2018.

In closing, we are pleased to have had incredible opportunities to serve East Cleveland through our collections and services. Look for our winter program guide next month, stay warm, and check out our hotspots!

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Message from the Director

Staff Spotlight: Pamela Henderson

Pamela Henderson was honored in 2017 with a celebration to commemorate her 20th anniversary at ECPL, where her vision and dedication to engaging young readers is evident every day. Ms. Henderson is part of the Youth Services Team where she provides leadership in designing and delivering ongoing seasonal activities, overseeing collection development, and developing special events and programs for some of ECPL’s youngest patrons.

Throughout her career, Ms. Henderson also spent time working at ECPL’s North and Caldonia branches, and assisted when multiple Children’s Departments merged to their current location.

Ms. Henderson notes that her favorite children’s stories include Great Gracie Chase by Cynthia Rylant, Dr. Seuss books, and Mother Goose stories, because they have themes readers can return to again and again, that always bring fond memories and joys. In her free time, Ms. Henderson enjoys playing trivia games, Words with Friends, and listening to music. She especially enjoys smooth jazz and contemporary Christian music, and one of her favorite artists is jazz guitarist Pat Metheny.

In her time at ECPL, Ms. Henderson has provided thousands of hours of crafts, storybook time, and activities with children. She has also had the distinction of serving generations of patrons, as young readers have grown up and become parents who now bring their children to the library. Over the years, Ms. Henderson’s creativity and dedication have helped ECPL build a dynamic children’s collection offering plenty of fun ways to explore the library.
Ongoing Programs

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- **Kids’ Café**, Monday–Friday, 3:30 PM. Afternoon snack.
- **Storytime**, Monday & Wednesday, 11:00 AM
- **Pee Wee Reading Roundtable** and **Just Dance**, Alternating Tuesdays, 4:30 PM
- **Lego Lab**, Second Tuesdays, 4:00 PM
- **After School Tutoring**, Wednesdays–Fridays. Drop-in; no appointment needed.

CHILDREN’S & YOUTH PROGRAMS

- **Kids’ Café**, Monday–Friday, 3:30 PM. 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**, Wednesdays–Fridays. Drop-in; no appointment needed.

ADULT PROGRAMS

**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, JANUARY 17 (3rd Wednesdays)
Drop-in with memoir chapters, school essays, grant proposals, blogs, cover letters, or other projects and get real. Bring in a copy of your project for feedback. Review fact-checking standards, source citation, editing tips, more.

**Creative Writing Workshop**, 5:45-6:45 PM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 (3rd Wednesdays)
Find Your Market: Publishing and marketing tips from cover letters to author bios.

Binge Watching

**Tips** from the AV Dept

Just a few of the awesome television shows we have to offer patrons at East Cleveland Public Library:

- Political White House drama, **House of Cards**
- Enter the historical world of the **Vikings**
- Science fiction lovers who are interested in topics like cloning may enjoy **Orphan Black**
- And yes, watch Kings and Queens fight to regain a lost throne with **Game of Thrones**

What We’re Reading:

**ECPL Staff Picks**

- **Gone ‘Til November** by Lil Wayne
- **No Disrespect** by Sister Souljah
- **They Can’t Kill Us All** by Wesley Lowery
- **Mahalia: A Life In Gospel Music** by Roxane Orgill
- **On the Road** by Jack Kerouac
- **Take a Picture of Me, James VanDerZee!** by Andrea J. Loney
- **#Not Your Princess: Voices of Native American Women** edited by Lisa Charleyboy & Mary Beth Leatherdale
- **The Regional Office is Under Attack** by Manuel Gonzales
- **We’re Going to Need More Wine** by Gabrielle Union
- **1984** by George Orwell
- **Haunted** by James Patterson
- **Unwrapping the Holidays** by Nana Malone and Sheryl Lister
Children's Literacy Corner: Holiday Tips!

Over the holidays there are many ways to get your children engaged in reading skills. Families can make the most of school breaks with a few fun and simple tips:

- **Visit ECPL:** Stop in over winter break and checkout plenty of holiday books to read together!
- **Get Creative:** Make homemade holiday cards to give to friends, family, and teachers, and encourage your children to write personalized messages.
- **Card Central:** Encourage your child to read holiday cards to the family.
- **Winter Tales:** Pick a holiday or winter-themed book to read aloud together.
- **Junior Chef:** If you enjoy trying new recipes for the holidays, encourage your children to read the recipes aloud while you cook.
- **Winter Writing:** Write a winter-themed story or poem and share it with the family.

As you look ahead to 2018, be sure to check out the upcoming activities. The new year will relaunch the ECPL Book Club with patron-selected titles and topics, ongoing **Teen Zone** activities, continuing creative and nonfiction writing workshops for adults, weekly activities for youth and children, special events, and more. **There is something for everyone at East Cleveland Public Library!**
Special Events / Save the Date

**CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES**
**AGES 4–12, 4:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest** / JANUARY 8-16
Entry forms and instructions available in the Children’s Department.

**Winnie the Pooh Day** / THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 / Join us for a Winnie the Pooh craft and activity.

**National Handwriting Day**
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 / Learn and practice cursive writing with a fun activity.

**A Snowy Day** / THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 / Enjoy snowy stories and create a snowy day craft.

**TEEN ACTIVITIES**
**AGES 13-19, 4:30 – 5:30 PM**

**New Year, “New” You**
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2
A New Year’s celebration embracing powerful positive affirmations.

**Money Moves, Teen Money Camp**
JANUARY 3 & 17
Enjoy fun and informative activities about careers, personal finance, and money.

**Who Wants to Be a Millionaire/Jeopardy with a Twist**
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

**ADULT ACTIVITIES**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lead by Example Series** / THURSDAYS, JANUARY 11, 18, 4:00 PM
Discuss the mentors and leadership style of Dr. King in this two-part series.

**Just Do Your Dreams in 2018 with Montrie Rucker Adams**
THURSDAYS, JANUARY 11, 18, 23, 5:00 PM
Explore your dreams and goals and how to actualize them with this series on the following topics: What hinders you from your dreams and goals? Faith and Focus, how to move forward. Fortitude and Forgiveness, building resilience to keep you grounded.

**Resume Check-up**
MONDAY, JANUARY 16
10:00 AM–2:00 PM
Bring a copy of your resume to make sure it is up to date and free from typos.

**One Community Reads: A Community Conversation about Evicted by Matthew Desmond**
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
7:00 PM
Join local scholar Dr. Megan Hatch for a discussion of the impact of eviction and housing insecurity on the region. Conversations will be based on the book, but all are welcome to join the conversation whether or not the book has been read in advance.

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**Art of Henna**
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
Explore the history and practice of henna art.

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**National Puzzle Day** / MONDAY, JANUARY 29 / Unplug from the screens by working on puzzle games!

**Wishing you joy and peace this Holiday Season!**