Message from the Interim Director

Along with ongoing programming for all ages, Black History Month 2019 at ECPL brings an exciting and diverse array of programs, performances, and events for the whole family.

What does Black History Month mean to you? Who inspired you to take action, whose songs did you sing, whose words do you read and reread? Join ECPL for Blax Museum—a performance celebrating the music, people, and words of legendary African Americans on Saturday, February 2 at 1:00 pm (doors at 12:30 pm). This show will sizzle with artists, actors, and artists as they bring some unforgettable and irrepresible icons to life at ECPL. We are also excited to announce that Jerome Jennings will perform on Sunday, February 17 at 4:00 pm (doors open at 3:00 pm). Jerome Jennings has played every major Jazz club in New York City and has performed internationally in over 45 countries. Jerome continues to perform in concert halls and clubs nationally and internationally accompanying various accomplished artists. And then on Wednesday, February 20, ECPL welcomes the return of Djapo Cultural Arts Institute for a performance of African drumming and dance. Blax Museum, Jerome Jennings, and Djapo Cultural Arts performances will be held in the Greg L. Reese Auditorium this month, and I hope to see you there!

I am also delighted to introduce February’s Patrons of the Month, Leon and Opal Lawson, two loyal patrons who visit the Library on a daily basis! I hope you enjoy getting to know them and hearing about the programs, activities, and events they enjoy at ECPL.

Finally, this will be the last edition of ECPL’s monthly newsletter; information about upcoming programs and activities will now be featured in a quarterly ECPL Program Guide. Look for the first edition in April 2019.

– Carlos Latimer
Interim Library Director

Staff Highlights Ms. A'Sarah Green:
A 2019 NTEN Digital Inclusion Fellow

The NTEN Fellowship Program for emerging leaders represents the best of community and public service professionals, and our Network Administrator, Ms. Green, will join these innovators to develop new and enhanced digital literacy programs for adults in our community! Her commitment to empowerment by helping people get online is a reflection of ECPL’s values of community through literacy. With East Cleveland Public Library for three years, Ms. Green works closely with the community to bridge the digital divide. She holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Akron. Congratulations on this impressive achievement!

“Some of the most challenging issues of our day—climate change, homelessness, mental illness, opioid addiction, the dismantling of our civil and constitutional rights, racism and class division—all connect and collide under the roof of your local public library. It is why libraries matter. It is why librarians have become de facto social workers, first responders and the unsung heroes of our day.” – Emilio Estevez
Ongoing Programs

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 3:30–5:00 PM
  Children and youth can learn to play and enhance chess skills
  with Chess Mentor, Donald McClendon.
- **After School Tutoring**, Drop in homework help.
  Visit the Children’s Department for details.

TEEN PROGRAMS

- **Line Dance Club**, MONDAYS, FEBRUARY 4, 11, 25, 4:30 PM
  Join and learn the latest dances!
- **Crochet Circle**, WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 6, 13, 27, 4:30 PM
  Whether you always wanted to learn or recently began, join us and
  take the first step to becoming a crochet enthusiast!
- **Youth Game Day**, SATURDAYS, FEBRUARY 16, MARCH 23,
  1:10-5:30 PM Play X-Box, Nintendo Switch, tech toys and
  enjoy snacks!

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
February 4. The ICT Literacy Program for older adults
introduces Windows, email, internet basics, and other topics.

**ECPL Book Club,** 5:30-6:45 PM (4th Tuesdays)
FEBRUARY 26:
**How Long 'Til Black Future Month?**
From science fiction to urban fantasy, this story
collection is by award-winning author N.K. Jemisin.
Join the conversation!

**Job Shop**
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
**Personal Profiles:** 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
**Application Building**, 3:00 – 5:45 PM
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
**Online Job Search**, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
**Resumes & Cover Letters**, 4:00 – 6:45 PM

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**PATRONS OF THE MONTH: LEON & OPAL LAWSON**

Ms. Lawson’s interest in learning and computers is to “use time wisely”

We are delighted to introduce Leon and Opal Lawson as
February 2019’s Patrons of the Month at ECPL. This family visits
the Library daily, and they have
been loyal patrons for many years.
The Lawson family attends many
programs and events at ECPL,
including concerts and movies.

Mr. Lawson loves wrestling and
checks out many DVDs and other
materials on his favorite topic.
While at ECPL, Ms. Lawson
often uses the computers, and
she describes her interest in
learning and using computers as
a way “to use time wisely.” This
past December, Ms. Lawson also
helped Ms. Murray decorate the
Reference Desk for the holidays!
They often socialize with friends,
attend events, read magazines,
and check out a wide variety of
materials. Ms. Lawson’s favorite
hobby is knitting, and she loves
sharing her skills in knitting
circles. Ms. Lawson often enjoys
participating and volunteering
with Ms. Murray’s programs for
adults, and hopes to see more
knitting circles at the Library, too.
Visit ECPL’s Children’s Department to explore African American History! All month there will be a fact of the day, trivia question, activities, coloring sheets and more for after-school learning and fun. From playwrights and poets to singers and scientists, African American History is happening today, too, and we have the latest biographies, stories, and picture books for young readers.

Checkout a picture book, biography, or story and bring history to life by reading together!

- **Fact of the Day**: Write your own daily list of African American History facts
- **Explore ECPL**: Join ECPL’s Children’s Department for the trivia challenge, activities, and more all through February
- **My Heroes**: Write a story, letter, or poem about an inspiring history-maker
- **Civil Rights Today**: Write a list of 21st century leaders continuing the movement for equality
- **Family Legacy**: Celebrate family history by creating a family tree together

**February Favorites at ECPL**

- **Fannie Lou Hamer: From Sharecropping to Politics** by David Rubel (biography)
- **Be a King: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s Dream and You** by Carol Boston Weatherford (picture book)
- **Child of the Civil Rights Movement** by Paula Young Shelton (nonfiction)
- **Shirley Chisholm: Congresswoman** by Garnet Nelson Jackson (biography)
- **Malcolm X: A Fire Burning Brightly** by Walter Dean Myers (biography)

**Upcoming Concerts**

East Cleveland Public Library
Greg L. Reese Performing Arts Center
**Sundays, 4:00 pm** (doors open 3 pm)
Free Admission / Limited Seating

**Jerome Jennings**

February 17, 2019
Part of the Tri-C Jazzfest ‘Flying Home’ Series

**Greg Bandy**

March 17, 2019
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**CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES**
**AGES 5–12, 4:30 PM**
*unless noted otherwise*

**Black History Month – Every Day!**
Celebrate our history all month. Win prizes for answering a trivia question of the day, read Black History fact of the day; Enjoy coloring pages and activity sheets all month long.

**Chinese New Year**
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
Make a Chinese lantern and learn all about this fun holiday.

**My Child Can Read!**
(Learn & Earn) Orientation
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1:00 PM
Sign your child up to earn prizes and learn in this exciting, game-based 24 week program designed to improve reading scores. Sessions will meet every other Saturday. Space is limited; registration required. Open to grades K-5, lunch included.

**Valentine’s Day**
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Make a card and personalized poem for someone special, while enjoying a light snack.

**TEEN ACTIVITIES**
**AGES 13-19**

**Black History Film Program**
FRIDAYS, FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22
3:30-5:30 PM
Watch Black History films such as *Fruitvale Station*, *For Colored Girls*, *The Great Debaters*, *The Secret Life of Bees*, and *Remember the Titans*.

**Valentine’s Day Party**
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 3:00 PM
All teens are invited to join us for a romantic movie, craft and a blind date with a book party to celebrate Valentine’s Day!

**QR Code Black: Exploring African American History**
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 3:00 PM
This scavenger hunt will have teens following clues, solving problems, and decoding messages hidden throughout the library – just like real spies!

**ALL AGES**

**Blax Museum, SATURDAY,**
**FEBRUARY 2, 1:00 – 3:00 PM**
Artistic showcase honoring notable Black figures in American history!

**Jerome Jennings in Concert,**
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 4:00 PM**
Jazz concert by nationally celebrated drummer! Doors open 3:00 pm.

**Djapo Cultural Arts Institute Performance,**
**WEDNESDAY,**
**FEBRUARY 20, 4:30 PM**
Dancing, drumming, celebrating and preserving our rich culture!

**ADULT ACTIVITIES**

**Movies on Second Mondays**
**FEBRUARY 11, 4:00 PM**