2019 will bring some changes to ECPL, and I invite you to check out what's new and to continue connecting with us. In this month's newsletter, you'll find our upcoming events and get a peek at some ECPL staff resolutions for the New Year, too. ECPL is always a place where you can find the latest books, movies, and more. Here at ECPL, more includes everything: from children's activities, teen line dance club, adult book discussions, to live music for the whole family.

Speaking of live music, this month we welcome Vanessa Rubin in concert on Sunday, January 20 at 4:00 pm (doors open at 3:00 pm). Ms. Rubin has toured internationally with Herbie Hancock, the Woody Herman Orchestra, and Jazz Crusaders. Ms. Rubin has also performed in a widely praised stage show as the incomparable Billie Holiday, and she is known for her stunning performance of the classic, “God Bless the Child.” Don't miss this spectacular storyteller of song when she visits ECPL’s Greg L. Reese Auditorium for a free concert.

Finally, as we begin the New Year, I am delighted to personally introduce January’s Patron of the Month, Mr. Jarese Jackson. Since Mr. Jackson visits ECPL nearly every day, you may recognize him from an event or program. We're lucky to have patrons like Mr. Jackson and hope you enjoy getting to know him this month, too.

Whatever goals you've set for 2019, I hope ECPL can help you reach them.

Happy New Year!

ECPL’s Black Heritage Collection in Focus: Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

As many of our loyal patrons know, the East Cleveland Public Library houses more than ten thousand items within our extensive Black Heritage Collection. This Collection includes fiction and nonfiction, with topics as vast as the entire library including religion, education, histories, cookbooks, memoirs, biographies, literary criticism, art, music, film, and more. Among the first Cleveland area libraries to develop a Black Heritage Collection, ECPL’s collection remains current and comprehensive.

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, ECPL is highlighting the fact that more than 300 items in ECPL’s Black Heritage Collection pertain specifically to Dr. King and his impact on U.S. history and the Civil Rights Movement. Those materials include more than 200 items within the adult collection and more than 100 items in the young adult and children's collections. In ECPL’s vast collection, patrons can find many resources, like photo histories and graphic novels about the Civil Rights Movement, in depth biographies, collected speeches, and more than 35 movies and audiobooks. Whether patrons are interested in learning about Dr. King’s biography, leadership, organizing and activism, or his profound impact on history, ECPL offers something for patrons of all ages. Check it out!
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 will resume January 2019. Visit the Children's Department for details.

TEEN PROGRAMS

• Crochet Circle, WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 2, 9, 16, 23, 4:30 PM
  Whether you always wanted to learn or recently began, join us and take the first step to becoming a crochet enthusiast!
• Line Dance Club, MONDAYS, JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28, 4:30 PM
  Join and learn the latest dances!
• Youth Game Day, SATURDAYS, JANUARY 19, 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 January 7. 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)
JANUARY 22:
How Are You Going to Save Yourself
by J.M. Holmes
A provocative short story collection from an exciting new author. 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

“I visit the Library to experience new activities.”

2019’s first Patron of the Month, Mr. Jarese Jackson, visits the Library almost every day. Mr. Jackson can frequently be found in the computer labs, where he attends computer classes and works on his own projects. But Mr. Jackson notes that to him the Library offers much more than just computers. Mr. Jackson also attends programs, classes, movies, writing workshops, and many other Library events.

Mr. Jackson notes that he always enjoys checking out the latest books and movies available at ECPL, too, and he often visits the Library to read. He enjoys a variety of books, including nonfiction and fiction, and is particularly interested in studying Black History. In describing what he likes most at ECPL, Mr. Jackson said, “I like that the East Cleveland Public Library offers computer classes and history programs.” In terms of growing his computer skills and keeping up with the latest tech trends, Mr. Jackson indicated being very satisfied with the advanced levels and variety of computer classes offered at ECPL.

It’s always a pleasure getting to know patrons, and Mr. Jackson definitely makes the most of ECPL! Whether finding something new to read or watch, or enjoying programs, ECPL is proud to announce Jarese Jackson as January 2019’s Patron of the Month!

Will next month’s Patron of the Month be you? Inquire at the Circulation Desk to get involved!
Children’s Literacy Corner  ❖  Winter Worlds

Learning is more fun when it happens together. Make reading a part of your children’s routine with these winter-themed ideas!

• Happy New Year: Write a list of New Year goals
• New Year, New Calendar: Write out special days on a new calendar
• Martin Luther King Day: Honor Martin Luther King Day by reading a special story, then write a letter, poem, or story commemorating his life and legacy
• Learn about the weather and what makes winter work with a nonfiction book from the Children’s Department

January Favorites at ECPL

• The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats (picture book)
• Snow Day by Patricia Lakin (picture book)
• Counting on Snow by Maxwell Newhouse (picture book)
• Martin Luther King Jr. by Pamela Hill Nettleton (biography)
• I Have a Dream paintings by Kadir Nelson (biography)
• Weather by Brian Cosgrove (nonfiction)

Staff Highlights:
Gratitude to Ms. George, Youth Services

Ms. George has been a Library Associate at the East Cleveland Public Library for over one year. During her employment at ECPL, she has enjoyed working with patrons and families, and now primarily works in the Children’s Department and Youth Services. Throughout that time, Ms. George has gotten to know a number of ECPL’s patrons of all ages. Always striving to be helpful and friendly, Ms. George’s commitment to exceptional patron services is deeply appreciated by everyone at the Library.

Around ECPL, Ms. George is known for going above and beyond expectations. Ms. George generously offers friendly, personalized attention to patrons. Ms. George also creates innovative, educational, and fun programming for children and youth. Whether assisting patrons, developing new programs, or collaborating with other Library staff members, Ms. George’s contributions always reflect ECPL’s values of community, literacy, innovation, and integrity.

Thank you, Ms. George!

ECPL Staff Resolutions for 2019

Here are just a few of the things ECPL staff are aiming for in the new year:

• Break bad habits
• Keep a positive outlook
• Enjoy Cleveland— sports, music, and parks
• Try new things
• Don’t sweat the small stuff
• More time for family and friends
• Read more Library books!
**Special Events / Save the Date**  
Check the Winter Program Guide for More!

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**  
**AGES 5–12, 4:30 PM**  
*(unless noted otherwise)*

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
  TUESDAY, JANUARY 15  
  Celebrate the legacy of Dr. King with a memory book that kids will put together themselves.

- **Handwriting Day**  
  WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23  
  Practice writing in cursive with easy to follow worksheets.

- **Soup Month**  
  WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23  
  A special soup storytime, then children will create their own disgusting soup recipes!

- **Australia Day**  
  FRIDAY, JANUARY 25  
  G'Day mate! Learn Australian slang and culture, and about famous Australian landmarks

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

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

- **Resolution Solution**  
  THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 3:00 PM  
  A new year brings new dreams and inspirations. Jump start your New Year with a resolution vision board to visualize your best life.

- **UNO Tournament**  
  THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 3:00 PM  
  Are you “Numero UNO”? Bring a friend for a challenge and compete in a game of UNO. The winner from each group will enter a final round for a chance to win a grand prize.

- **ECPL Jeopardy!**  
  THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 3:00 PM  
  Based on the TV game show, test your knowledge in a game of trivia!

- **Library Squad**  
  THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 3:30 PM  
  Join Library Squad and let your voice be heard. Read and discuss new books and movies while you enjoy snacks and literary crafts. Earn eats and treats by borrowing a book from the Teen Book Tasting collection.

- **Cleveland's Black Heritage Bingo Challenge**  
  THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 3:00 PM  
  Test your knowledge! Get to know the people and places in local history – from the arts, technology, sports, politics and more.

**ADULT ACTIVITIES**

- **Project DAWN: What Would You Do?**  
  WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 5:00 PM  
  LOWER AUDITORIUM  
  Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) is an overdose education and naloxone distribution program. Learn to recognize risk factors, warning signs, and how to administer the antidote. No registration required; space is limited.

- **Movies on Second Mondays**,  
  JANUARY 14, 4:00 PM  
  Director: Ava DuVernay.  
  A chronicle of Dr. King’s campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965.

**ALL AGES**

- **Vanessa Rubin in Concert**,  
  SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 4:00 PM,  
  REESE PERFORMING ARTS CTR.  
  Doors open at 3 pm. This jazz vocalist is widely celebrated as an electrifying musical storyteller. Ms. Rubin has toured internationally with Herbie Hancock, the Jazz Crusaders, and other bands. Don’t miss it!

- **Blax Museum**, SATURDAY,  
  FEBRUARY 2, 1:00 – 3:00 PM  
  REESE PERFORMING ARTS CTR.  
  A dynamic performance paying tribute to amazing Black men and women that have made indelible marks on the heart, mind, and soul! Featuring musicians, actors, and artistry in an afternoon celebration of icons. Doors open at 12:30 pm.