Message from the Director

I’m excited to announce that ECPL has received a $50,000 grant from The Cleveland Foundation; the funds are earmarked to expand programming for the Greg L. Reese Performing Arts Center. They will be used over the next two years to enhance the delivery of dynamic activities for the community. We’re grateful for this opportunity to bring you lots of great performances!

There is something for everyone at ECPL, and this month I invite you to come out and enjoy the warmer weather with us as we launch our Summer Reading Club on Tuesday, May 29 from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. The Summer Reading Club Kickoff and Founder’s Day Celebration offers patrons and community members a time to come together and enjoy all that ECPL has to offer.

As the school year comes to a close, I hope you’ll stop by to explore ECPL’s Summer Reading Club activities. This year’s theme is Libraries Rock, and I know ECPL won’t let you down! As we have come to enjoy in the past, this year’s celebration will have plenty of music, food, activities, giveaways, face painting, and fun for the whole family.

Whether you want to set a summer reading goal or engage your children and family in literacy activities and reading clubs to offset the “summer slide,” you will find plenty of fun ways to get involved. Join us at this annual event – we’re bound for a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you there.

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Choose Privacy Week 2018: Practicing Privacy in a Digital Age

Technology has become a significant part of the 21st Century, but what about privacy? Choose Privacy Week (CPW2018) is a project of the American Library Association (ALA) held during the first week of May. CPW aims to promote a greater public understanding of privacy risks as more personal information has become available online. CPW2018 also empowers Library users to make decisions about their privacy with tips on how to minimize unwanted data collection.

News of data leaks, spoofing and spamming techniques, and warnings of how personal information can be compromised or hacked has become a regular occurrence. Like the ALA, ECPL is dedicated to helping Library patrons understand and defend their privacy. Every month, ECPL’s department of Information Communication Technology (ICT) offers an array of classes to help computer users at all skill levels and classes also include attention to appropriate security and privacy issues. Follow ECPL’s social media pages during CPW2018 (May 1–7) to join the efforts: explore what is at risk, what values are at stake, and learn about practices that may help enhance your privacy.
Making crafts together is a wonderful way to help young readers build their literacy skills! Reinforce reading comprehension by encouraging children to read instructions aloud to you and explain them in their own words. These craft and picture books can be found in the ECPL Children’s Room.

In addition to these books, don’t miss the Mother’s Day craft: Thursday, May 10 at 4:00 pm!

- **Mother’s Day** by Anne Rockwell. Picture Book. Students share the ways they celebrate mothers day with their classmates.
- **All New Crafts For Mother’s Day And Father’s Day** by Kathy Ross. Book. This hands on activity book is loaded with fun ideas for crafts to make on these special days.
- **The Night Before Mother’s Day** by Natasha Wing. A family story of a father and children making plans to celebrate this special day.
- **The Mother’s Day Mice** by Eve Bunting is a celebration of Mother’s day with a tiny mouse family.
- **Happy Mother’s Day** by Mercer Mayer shows readers how Little Critter is celebrating.
ICT Literacy Program
for senior adults

STARTS MONDAY, MAY 7 (Next Session: Monday, June 4)
Mondays & Wednesdays
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

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

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.

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 ICT Literacy Computer Classes for all ages

Cut the Cable Cord MAY 1, 4:00-5:30 PM
Tired of paying an overpriced bill? Join us for an informative presentation on why and how you might be able to “cut the cable cord” in favor of using popular streaming subscriptions: Netflix, Hulu, and more.

Microsoft Word 2013 Series MAY 14-17, 4:00-5:30 PM
Learn the basics as well as how to format documents, adjust spacing, align text, use built-in editing features, add comments, use tables, backgrounds, WordArt and more in this four-session series.

Pinterest: Basics & Getting Started MAY 22, 4-5:30 PM
Learn how to use Pinterest to create a virtual bulletin board to share recipes, craft ideas, images, and other things you love. Learn how to build your collection of useful pins and boards, follow fellow Pinners, and adjust basic security settings in this hands-on 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 (unless noted otherwise)**

**Get Caught Reading Month**
Get caught reading and win a prize! All this month, when we see you reading, you will be rewarded.

**Children’s Book Week** MAY 1-7
Check out our special book displays, coloring pages, and activity sheets celebrating your favorite book characters.

**National Pet Week** MAY 7-13
Pet-related activities all week long.

**Mother’s Day Card**
THURSDAY, MAY 10 / 4:00 PM
Surprise Mom, Grandma, Auntie or anyone special in your life with a handmade card.

**Bicycle Safety Month**
Bike safety tips and more!

**Memorial Day Craft** FRIDAY, MAY 25 / 4:00 PM
Make a patriotic door streamer to kickoff summer!

**TEEN ACTIVITIES**

**AGES 13-19, 4:30 PM**

**Teen Reading Coloring Club**
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
Recharge your imagination with calm coloring with a twist at ECPL! Pick up your crayons, bring your iPod and earbuds and listen to your favorite music or enjoy a gripping audio book or podcast. The stress-relief of calm coloring combined with the hook of hearing the next chapter will be sure to keep you coming back for more! Light snacks and materials provided.

**Smash It Up! Smashbook Workshop**
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9
Start the summer off with a smash – journal that is! These art journals are made from anything you can find, decorated any way you want, and completed with your writing, your art, and your personality. This workshop offers all the materials you need to start chronicling your life and memories in a unique way.

**School’s Out for Summer: Pizza & Ice Cream Party** WEDNESDAY, MAY 16
Join us for food, music, and fun! Pizza, ice cream, and drinks will be provided and all teens are welcome.

**Arts for Teens: Painting Party**
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
Patriotic painting party in session! This interpretation of our beautiful flag is simple to paint and is great for honoring Memorial Day.

**ADULT ACTIVITIES**

**Mothers on the Mic**
THURSDAY, MAY 10 / 4:00 PM
Adults and youth will rap, share poems and insights as they relate to mothers. Patrons can also send a “shout out” in honor of Mother’s Day. As a tribute, we will recognize a staff member who has served as a mother to all who will be presented with a small token of appreciation.

**ECPL Book Club**
TUESDAY, MAY 22
5:30 PM  *Tears We Cannot Stop* by Michael Eric Dyson

**Radical Words: Chrystos at ECPL**
SATURDAY, JUNE 16 / 3:00 PM
Legendary, award-winning poet Chrystos will be with us for a poetry reading! Don't miss it!

**Black History Saturdays** / MAY 26 / 1:00 – 3:00 PM  *All Ages*
_In partnership with ASALH (Association for the Study of African American Life and History)_ This month’s activities explore the lives of African American musicians and commemorate a time _When Jazz Was King_, with special guests K. Kelly McElroy and poet Michelle R. Smith. Join us on the last Saturday of the month all year for innovative family programs exploring African American History!

**Summer Reading Club Kickoff & Founder’s Day Party**
TUESDAY, MAY 29 / 2:00-6:00 PM  *All Ages*
Join ECPL in launching a summer of reading fun and prizes! Music, food, crafts, activities, giveaways, face painting, and more fun for the whole family!