November is National Family Literacy Month! I hope you find lots of ways to enjoy your local Library this month. Make the most of all the programs, resources, and activities that ECPL has to offer. I hope you find something here that inspires your whole family!

November also means another winter is heading our way, so it’s a great time to visit the Library to stock up on books, movies, music, and television shows— who doesn’t want to indulge in a little binge-worthy fun during an unpredictable Cleveland November? ECPL also has all sorts of cookbooks and holiday craft books to make the most of the season.

At this time when we begin to reflect on our connections and community, I invite you to take a moment to connect with ECPL. There are plenty of ways to share your experiences with us. Patrons are always welcome to share a book review to be considered for the newsletter, as well as sharing ECPL stories, so don’t forget to fill out a form to be considered for Patron of the Month.

Finally, I’m also delighted to share November’s Patron of the Month, Ms. Julia Robinson, who has been visiting ECPL for many years. We’re all grateful for the joy she brings to the Library every month!

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Message from the Director

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Executive Director

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TEENS TOURNAMENT
Saturday, November 10
12:30-6:00 pm

ADULTS TOURNAMENT
Saturday, November 24
1:00-6:00 pm

Winner of Teens Tournament vs. Winner of Adults Tournament
GRAND PRIZE: $50 WALMART GIFT CARD!
Saturday, December 15
1:00-6:00 pm
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

- **Lego Lab**, Second Tuesdays, 4:00 PM Lego time!

- **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! No appointment needed.

TEEN PROGRAMS

- **Teen Advisory Group! Ask Teens**, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9
  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 Monday, November 5. The ICT Literacy Program for older adults introduces Windows, email, Internet basics, and more.

**Wednesday Writers (3rd Wednesdays)**
NOVEMBER 21, LOCAL HISTORY ROOM
Focus on skills and craft! Bring in work for friendly feedback, editing tips, publication resources, and more. Open to all, facilitated by published local authors and special guests.

4:45-5:30 PM **Get Real**: Nonfiction. Memoirs, essays, and blogs, oh my!

5:45-6:45 PM **Get Creative**: Self Publishing with guest author Joseph Swain, *Pure Thoughts.*

**ECPL Book Club**, 5:30-6:45 PM (4th Tuesdays)
Join the conversation!

NOVEMBER 27: **Blast the Sugar Out!**
by Ian K. Smith, MD
DECEMBER 18 (3rd Tuesday): **Sweet Potato Soul**
by Jenne Clairborne

“*The staff helps me with all my needs.*”

ECPL is delighted to announce our second Patron of the Month, **Ms. Julia Robinson**, who visits the Library almost daily. Years ago before transitioning to a single branch district, Ms. Robinson used the North Branch of ECPL. She now continues to visit us on Euclid and has been a frequent patron for more than 14 years. Ms. Robinson primarily checks out movies, magazines, and music, and she also visits ECPL to attend concerts and events. Additionally, Ms. Robinson visits to use the computers and take computer classes.

Ms. Robinson describes the role the East Cleveland Public Library played in her life, especially while recovering from a stroke. She explains, “When I come to East Cleveland Public Library the staff helps me with all my needs. I like the entire atmosphere. They help me push forward and improve my skills.” While here, Ms. Robinson can often be found exploring ECPL’s collection. A frequent patron, Ms. Robinson checks out hundreds of items each year.

ECPL is grateful for each and every one of our loyal patrons and we hope you enjoy getting to know them, too. Will next month’s Patron of the Month be you? Inquire at the Circulation Desk to see how to get involved!
November welcomes Family Literacy Month and the holidays, making it a time for fun, family togetherness, and friends. ECPL is a perfect place to engage the whole family in literacy. There are many wonderful ways to support literacy skills throughout family celebrations as the holiday season begins. Just a little time reading together makes a big difference. In fact, 15 minutes seems to be the ‘magic number’ that produces “substantial positive gains in reading achievement” (Renaissance Learning). Whether it’s reading instructions, recipes, comics, or this newsletter, there are many simple ways to engage the whole family in a reading activity that doesn’t feel like a lesson. ECPL offers books, resources, and activities to enjoy this month to make Family Literacy Month fun!

- **Name Tags**: Having a holiday get-together or party with friends and family? Your children can help make homemade name tags and practice their writing skills.
- **Holiday Cards**: Write holiday cards together and include personal notes.
- **Winter Stories**: Read a winter or holiday themed story together.
- **Kitchen Fun**: Explore homemade treats and meals to prepare together. Reading recipes aloud offers great practice.
- **Library + You = Family Fun**: Visit ECPL to check-out books, movies, and more over holiday breaks!
- **Voter Know-How**: Introduce civics and voter-know-how into your children’s lives with stories about voting, civil rights, and by reading voting materials together.


**November Favorites at ECPL**
- **A Turkey for Thanksgiving** by Eve Bunting. Holiday.
- **Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats. Picture book.
- **The Day Gogo Went to Vote** by Elinor Batezt Sisulu. Picture book.
- **Granddaddy’s Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box** by Michael Bandy. Picture book.

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

**Microsoft PowerPoint & Publisher 2013 Series**

**NOVEMBER 5-8, 4:00-5:30 PM**

Learn how to use PowerPoint and Publisher to create projects such as flyers, invites, greeting cards, calendars, more!

**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.

All classes held in Computer Lab 2 on the second floor. Stop up for more info and to register!
CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES
AGES 5–12, 4:30 PM
(unless noted otherwise)

Native American Heritage Month
Explore books on display all month long with information about Native American history and culture.

Rockin’ Literacy (Age 8+)
NOVEMBER 5, 12
MONDAYS, 4:30-5:30 PM
Introduces topics like song and rap writing, recording, and more! Children are welcome to attend one or all of these sessions.

In partnership with:

The Music Settlement
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National Origami Day
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Learn to make a paper pig then try your hand at some other easy origami.

National Aviation Month
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 4:00 PM
Hear the story of Bessie Coleman and learn to make a paper airplane.

Thanksgiving Craft
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
4:00 PM Stop by for an activity!

Thanksgiving Literacy Contest
NOVEMBER 19-23
“What am I thankful for?” Write an essay explaining what you are grateful for in your life and submit it to the Children’s Department by November 23.

TEEN ACTIVITIES
AGES 13-19, 4:30 PM

Culture Day
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Celebrate Culture Day, Japan’s national holiday with activities essential to Japanese culture. Explore anime films, books, and Japanese cuisine.

Writing Lab: Tell it All Tuesdays
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
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.

Holiday Movie Matinee
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Join us to create your very own Harvest Hash Chex Mix while enjoying holiday movies!

Adult Activities

American Diabetes Month
THURSDAYS, 3:45 PM
NOVEMBER 8, 15, 29
Diabetes is manageable. Exercise and diet can help. Explore ECPL resources and diabetic cookbooks!

Wednesday Writers
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Get editing tips, publishing resources, and more at drop-in writing workshops. Facilitated by published local authors and special guests. Open to aspiring authors in all genres. Includes a local resource roundup.

Nonfiction Lab, 4:45 PM
Writing a blog or article? Stop by and tell your story.

Creative Writing, 5:30 PM
Special guest Joseph Swain discusses self-publishing and his book, Pure Thoughts.

ALL AGES

Romeo & Juliet
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1:00 PM
REESE PERFORMING ARTS CTR.
The Cleveland Opera presents the eternal story of love retold through the music of composer Vincenzo Bellini. Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes