**Message from the Director**

It is hard to believe that it is November 2017! Nonetheless, it is important that we continue to highlight our resources and services. As such, East Cleveland Public Library’s vision is to cultivate and embolden the literacy of our patrons and deepen their ties as members of this community. Considering this vision, **November is national novel writing month**, and we welcome everyone to stop in and pick up a new title or stop in to participate in our local writer’s workshop. Our Writer’s Workshop has been offered for more than two years and we are proud of the progress of our local writers! Held on third Wednesdays, the next meeting is November 15th at 5:45 pm.

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**ECPL’s GED: Head of the Class**

The Aspire program (formerly ABLE) through Cuyahoga Community College strengthens academic skills and builds confidence. These free classes help adults achieve their educational and career goals, offering instruction in writing, reading, math skills, GED test preparation, and related skills helpful for planning transitions to career training or college. While classes are offered at many locations throughout Cuyahoga County, ECPL’s location has some of the highest GED graduation rates for the program.

The ECPL location has eight week sessions of classes in the morning and afternoon, and Ms. Nicole Lozada and Mr. Anthony Franklin both teach at the ECPL location. Ms. Lozada describes the ECPL location as “excellent,” with lots of resources and technology to support adult learners. Ms. Lozada describes her love of working with people as one of her favorite aspects of teaching, and finds “seeing the aha moments” as an especially rewarding aspect of working with adult students. Ms. Lozada, is a 4-day per week GED Teacher/Instructor who has taught in the program for eight years and joined the ECPL location this summer.

Mr. Franklin has taught GED courses for three years, and his favorite part is “Watching my students complete their certification—by far!” Commenting on Mr. Franklin's encouragement, a student added, “he’s a great motivator!”

Registration is required due to space limits, but sessions run from September through May, with Summer sessions also available to ensure access to anyone working to achieve their career and educational goals. With gratitude to ECPL’s exceptional on site teachers, all of us at the Library offer congratulations to all participants!
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, and 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.

Nonfiction Writing Lab, Wednesdays, 4:00–5:30 pm
Drop in with a copy of nonfiction projects (school reports, college papers, grant proposals, cover letters, etc.) for fine tuning.

Creative Writing, Wednesday Writers / Third Wednesdays / November 15 / 5:45–6:45 pm. Bring a work in progress and Celebrate National Novel Writing Month with strategies to get finished. Additional speaker to follow with Literary Cleveland, Between the Lines with author Emily St. John Mandel at Happy Dog, Euclid Tavern, 11625 Euclid Avenue.

ECPL Book Club, Fourth Tuesdays
November 28, 5:30–6:45 pm
Join us as we discuss *Gone ’Til November* by Lil Wayne.

3 for Me!
A New Card for Kids

Getting a book – or three! – just got easier for children and youth in East Cleveland. East Cleveland Public Library launched a new kind of library card for children and teens under age 17, **3forMe!** Unlike regular library cards, the 3forMe! card **does not** require a parent or guardian signature. This card may only be used to checkout books, and offers young patrons a way to borrow up to three books at a time.

Calling All Readers: Patron Reviews

Coming soon: readers will be able to submit short book reviews and recommendations to be considered for publication in the ECPL newsletter! Look for submission forms at the Circulation Desk.

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Honoring Family Literacy Day

November 1st is Family Literacy Day! The idea refers to the many ways families develop and use literacy skills, from enjoying a storybook together, to singing, or writing a letter to a relative. Family literacy activities reinforce the importance of learning with children as a means to build the knowledge necessary for 21st century skills, and also helps adults maintain literacy skills.

Here are eight quick, simple ways you can celebrate family literacy with your child November 1st and every day:

1.) **Lights out, talk on:** After a bedtime story, turn the lights out and talk about new endings that your child could make up to change the story you just read together.

2.) **Travel the world:** Use your library card as your passport to explore! Check out books about different countries. Learn together about global holiday traditions and celebrations.

3.) **Take a number walk:** Choose something you want to count on your walk. It could be dogs, stop signs, trees, cars—anything you want!

4.) **Word wall:** Learn one new word every day. Display the words by creating a family word wall with sticky notes, or use a dry erase board.

5.) **Rap chat:** Sing or rap a conversation with your children to the tune of your favorite song. *Bonus*—make it rhyme!

6.) **Explore your home:** Build an obstacle course through your home, and draw a map of how to go through it from beginning to end.

7.) **How was your day:** Exchange notes with your child telling each other about the best part of your day.

8.) **Word sleuths:** Together, look online for the meaning of funny words like “collywobbles,” or “onomatopoeia.”

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New Tech at ECPL

**Hotspots** and **MeeScan Self-Checkouts** are now available at East Cleveland Public Library. Hotspots provide Internet access at home, perfect for building Internet skills, helping students to complete homework while the library is not open, or job seekers to continue the search. Hotspots are free to checkout, but users must be 18 or older, have a library card in good standing, and present a valid photo ID. Hotspots can be checked out at the Computer Lab for 7 days at a time, only one per household. No renewals are available for Hotspots. ECPL’s Hotspots have unlimited data available, so patrons won’t have any trouble exploring the world wide web.

MeeScan Self-Checkouts launched in October at East Cleveland Public Library. MeeScan is a cloud-based self-checkout system that allows patrons to use their own smartphones, tablets, or a library-provided iPad to check out materials. With a simple app download, the system uses the built-in camera of user’s smartphone or tablet to scan the item barcode, allowing for quick service. MeeScan is user-friendly and is a new way to skip the line and limit wait times.

These exciting new features reflect ECPL’s commitment to bring the latest innovations to the community, with improved access to services and technologies.
## What We’re Reading: ECPL Staff Picks

- **Such a Pretty Girl** by Laura Weiss
- **Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools** by Monique W. Morris
- **Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard** by Liz Murray
- **Unpacking** by Eric Odum (local author!)
- **Gone ’Til November** by Lil Wayne
- **Little Green** by Walter Mosely
- **Act Like a Success, Think Like a Success** by Steve Harvey
- **The Bluest Eye** by Toni Morrison
- **By Any Greens Necessary** by Tracey McQuirter

## Special Events / Save the Date

### CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES AGES 4–12

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<td>Wednesday, Nov 8</td>
<td>4:00-4:45 PM</td>
<td>Make dry ice, and other concoctions with freezing temperatures.</td>
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<td>Draw a Story</td>
<td>Thursday, Nov 9</td>
<td>4:00-4:30 PM</td>
<td>Listen to a story and draw the characters and settings in your imagination.</td>
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<td>Origami Day</td>
<td>Monday, Nov 13</td>
<td>4:00 PM</td>
<td>Learn basic origami.</td>
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<td>National American Teddy Bear Day</td>
<td>Wednesday, Nov 15</td>
<td>5:00 PM</td>
<td>Bring your fave teddy bear for a special storytime and snack!</td>
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<td>Thanksgiving Crafts</td>
<td>Monday, Nov 20 &amp; Tuesday, Nov 21</td>
<td>4:00 PM</td>
<td>View old and new holiday favorites!</td>
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### TEEN ACTIVITIES AGES 13-19, WED. & THU., 4:30 – 5:30 PM

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<td>Writing Lab Session</td>
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<td>Read and discuss published short stories and poems, participate in creative writing, slam poetry, songwriting, more. Materials provided.</td>
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<td>Blackout Poetry</td>
<td>Thursday, Nov 2</td>
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<td>Create your own original poem and artwork.</td>
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<td>Open Mic Session</td>
<td>Wednesday, Nov 8</td>
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<td>An open session to sing, dance, rap, act, or display hidden talents.</td>
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<td>Freestyle Hip Hop Session</td>
<td>Thursday, Nov 9</td>
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<td>A freestyle battle where two or more teens compete using improvised lyrics. Teens can also choose to freestyle lyrics individually.</td>
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<td>Cuyahoga County Board of Health</td>
<td>Wednesday, Nov 15</td>
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<td>Prevent Premature Fatherhood programming for teen males improves outcomes related to teen fatherhood and more.</td>
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<td>Cleveland Rape Crisis Center</td>
<td>Thursday, Nov 16</td>
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<td>Learn about sexual harassment, flirting, assault and more.</td>
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<td>College Fair</td>
<td>Wednesday, Nov 22</td>
<td>4:30–5:30 PM</td>
<td>Meet admission representatives from Cleveland-area colleges, universities, and trade schools.</td>
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<td>Monday, Nov 13</td>
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<td>NEON (Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services), Moms &amp; Babies First, Educating Expectant Mothers</td>
<td>Tuesday, Nov 14, 4:30–7:00 PM, Lower Auditorium.</td>
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<td>Cleveland Opera performs Two Portraits by Robert Schumann</td>
<td>Saturday, Nov 18, 1:00–2:30 PM, Reese Performing Arts Center.</td>
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