Message from the Director

ECPL has a brand new way to honor our loyal visitors with the launch of our new Patron of the Month program. We appreciate each and every one of the patrons who visit the East Cleveland Public Library, many of whom have been coming to the Library for years—sometimes generations.

This month, we are proud to highlight our first Patron of the Month, Ms. Melinda Fitzpatrick. Ms. Fitzpatrick has been coming to ECPL for three years, and she really makes the most of ECPL. She checks out books, music, and movies; attends concerts, events and programs; and described her love of “all the blessings of the Library” with an enthusiasm that is inspiring.

We are blessed to have such loyal patrons, and I hope you take a moment to read her story in this month’s newsletter. Maybe Ms. Fitzpatrick’s story will inspire you to write your own. We love hearing from our extended ECPL family, so stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up an entry form. Next month, I hope we hear from you!

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Frankenstein’s Makeover: Victor LaValle’s Destroyer

Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein is turning 200 this year, so it’s a perfect time to revisit the classic with a look at an inspired new sequel, Destroyer, by acclaimed African American author, Victor LaValle. This graphic novel continues Frankenstein’s story in the modern day United States. Confronted with relentless violence, The Monster sets out to destroy humanity and finds a new partner in Dr. Baker, a descendant of the Frankenstein family who has lost her teenage son to police violence. An epic tale of love, grief, loss, systemic racism, and vengeance, this widely praised new book has made several top lists in horror and earned noteworthy reviews for its classic horror elements and contemporary relevance. It’s available now in the YA (Young Adult) graphic novel section of the East Cleveland Public Library. Check it out!

New ICT Literacy Computer Classes for all ages

Google Series OCTOBER 2-30, TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 4:00-5:30 PM
This five-week series helps build a working knowledge of Google Chrome, Docs, Sheets, Drive, Forms, Slides, Calendar, more.

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!

All classes held in Computer Lab 2 on the second floor. Stop up for more info and to register!
## CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

- **Kids’ Café**, Monday–Friday, 3:30 PM  
  Enjoy an after school snack.
- **Storytime**, Wednesdays, 11:00 AM
- **Pee Wee Reading Roundtable** and **Just Dance**, alternating Tuesdays, 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

- **Job Readiness** Every other Monday, 4:30 PM, September–October.  
  Join this Job Readiness series for youth aged 13 - 19 to prepare job applications and resumes, practice mock interviews, and more.
- **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

**ICT Computer Literacy Program for Older Adults**,  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
Classes start the first Monday of each month, and introduce Windows, email, Internet basics, and more. Next session begins Monday, October 1.

**Wednesday Writers (3rd Wednesdays)**  
OCTOBER 17, LOCAL HISTORY ROOM  
Focus on skills and craft! Bring in work for friendly feedback, editing tips, publication ideas, 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**: Making a Monster? Editing a poem? Stop by and share your work.

**ECPL Book Club**, 5:30-6:45 PM (4th Tuesdays)  
Join the conversation!  
OCTOBER 23: **Blast the Sugar Out!**  
by Ian K. Smith, MD  
NOVEMBER 27: **Tap into Wellness**  
by Karen M. McFadden

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**ECPL is delighted to announce its first Patron of the Month, Ms. Melinda Fitzpatrick!**  
She described the Library as “wonderful and inspiring” and “a place to enjoy crafts, art, educational events, and so much more.” When asked what she likes best about ECPL, she described how much she enjoyed the Library staff by saying, “I love the professional, friendly, kind-hearted attitudes of the front desk people. They are amazing at all times.” To describe how she uses the library, Ms. Fitzpatrick stated that she loves concerts and events, and visits the Library “for learning, knowledge, studying making things, creating, meeting others.”

Ms. Fitzpatrick concluded, “The Library is a safe haven, a place of feeling safe and secure in learning so much. I also love the fact that the Library provides so many things for our children and the youth. It gives them education and a sharp awareness preparing them for daily life and activities in their lives. I am truly grateful for all the blessings of the Library resources and to all the people. I visit the Library because it is a wonderful place. I check out books, music, and movies; read magazines and use computers, and I love attending events and concerts at ECPL.” We appreciate her enthusiasm, and are grateful she makes the most of all ECPL has to offer!
Children’s Literacy Corner - Fall into Reading

October is a wonderful time to nestle into a good book! It’s also a great time to explore literacy activities indoors and outdoors. Enjoy some activities and books to make the most of fall!

- **Leaf Look Up & Seed Sorting:** Collect fallen leaves, pine cones, acorns, and buckeyes, and then learn to identify trees by type with a book about trees or online search. This fun activity will enhance research and information literacy skills.
- **Collage Poetry:** Make a collage of images and objects (like leaves) and make up a poem about the day.
- **Scary Stories:** Celebrate Halloween by making up a story together.
- **Decorations & Treats:** Explore homemade crafts and snacks to make for Halloween, reading recipes and instructions aloud together for reading practice.
- **Fall for Books:** check out a favorite fall read to share together.

October Favorites at ECPL

- **Fall** by Chris L. Demarest. 1996. Board Book.
- **Halloween Crafts** by Jean Eick. 2011. (Holiday)
- **Family Fun: Tricks and Treats**
  edited by Deanna F. Cook. 2000. (Holiday)
- **Pumpkin Soup** by Helen Cooper. 2000. Picture Book. (Holiday)
- **Goosebumps**

Chillers and Thrillers: Highlighting African American Authors

Looking for some scary books this October? In our Black Heritage collection, you’ll find some of the best speculative fiction by African American authors available: supernatural thrillers, steamfunk, Afrofuturism, and more. Checkout these amazing authors:

- **Linda Addison** Speculative poet and fiction writer, Addison also co-edited Sycorax’s Daughters, a collection of stories and poems by African American women. Addison received the Horror Writers Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2017.
- **L.A. Banks** Best selling author of paranormal series books, including Left for Undead, Bad Blood, and the Vampire Huntress series, and others.
- **Steven Barnes** Author of Devil’s Wake, Domino Falls, Iron Shadows, and more than twenty other books, Barnes is a New York Times bestselling novelist and screenwriter.
- **Octavia Butler** Legendary Hugo and Nebula award winning author is often referred to as the “grand dame of science fiction.” Her numerous publications include the Parable novels, Parable of the Sower and Parable of the Talents; Kindred, Fledging, Bloodchild and Other Stories. The graphic novel adaptation of Kindred is also available!
- **Bill Campbell** Editor, author, and founder of Rosarium Publishing, Campbell’s works include Sunshine Patriots, Mothership: Tales from Afrofuturism and Beyond, and other titles.
- **Tananarive Due** Author of Ghost Summer, the acclaimed African Immortals trilogy, and other works, Due’s work has won many awards, including the American Book Award and an NAACP Image Award.
- **Victor LaValle** Destroyer, Devil in the Silver, Slapboxing with Jesus, The Ecstatic, and others. LaValle’s books have earned many accolades including the PEN Open Book Award and a Shirley Jackson Award.
- **Brandon Massey** The Gold Pen Award winning author of The Other Brother, Twisted Tales, and other books, Massey was also editor of Voices from the Other Side.
- **Sheree R. Thomas** Author and editor of Dark Matter: A Century of Speculative Fiction from the African Diaspora. Her edited collections have earned a World Fantasy Award and other honors.
**ADULT ACTIVITIES**

Intro to Google Tools
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
OCTOBER 2-30, 4:00-5:30 PM
This five-week series helps build a working knowledge of Google Chrome, Docs, Drive, Forms and more.

**CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES**

Rhythm, Ready, Read! (PreK-Gr. 2)
OCTOBER 3, 10
MONDAYS, 4:30-5:00 PM
The music and literacy program is designed to jumpstart literacy and musical skills with song and movement. Children are welcome to attend one or all of these sessions.

Rockin’ Literacy (Age 8+)
OCTOBER 15-NOVEMBER 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.

**TEEN ACTIVITIES**

Youth Quilting
TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 2, 16, 23, 30
Tuesdays in October we will be creating our youth quilt. Join us to learn how to hand stitch a quilt.

Line Dance Club
THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 4, 18, 25
Join our Thursday line dance club and learn the latest dances!

**FRANKENREADS**

Frankenfest
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3
4:30-6:00 PM, LOCAL HISTORY ROOM
Kick off October and celebrate the 200th anniversary of Frankenstein with fun activities: test your monster IQ, enjoy crafts, and more.

**Special Events**

All Ages
Shirellda H. Terry Memorial
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Celebrate the life and legacy of Shirellda H. Terry, the young woman whose life inspired the dedication of ECPL’s teen services room.

**TEEN ACTIVITIES**

AGES 13-19, 4:30 PM

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 8
Make a special craft to commemorate Native Americans.

Dictionary Day
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16
Take the dictionary challenge!

Sweetest Day Craft
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18
Make a Sweetest Day card for a special relative.

Children's Halloween Party
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