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Message from the Director

East Cleveland Public Library is proud to announce that Founder's Day for the East Cleveland Public Library this year is Monday, May 29, 2017. Accordingly, the library has been able to offer 101 years of library services to East Cleveland. As we move closer to the year being half-way over, it is important to remember that Ohio Libraries are committed to serving its citizens; and at East

Cleveland we are focusing our priorities to meet the unique community needs. During the Spring and Summer 2017 students, families, and patrons can look forward to robust programing initiatives. Please take a moment to mark your calendars and come out and visit with us over the next several months.

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Imagination Library – Free Books for Young Children

Calling parents, grandparents, and guardians ready to start a children's library at home! ECPL is proud to present an exciting partnership with The Literacy Cooperative and Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Through this partnership, children in East Cleveland can sign up to receive a free age appropriate book EVERY month in the mail at home, from birth to age 5.

More information and sign up sheets are available in the Children's Room, at the Circulation Desk, upstairs in the AV department, and in the computer area on the second floor. Patrons can simply complete the brief form, including the child's name, address, and parent signature, then return them to a library employee or to Ms. Cohen, ECPL's Literacy Specialist.

All completed forms will be sent by ECPL so patrons do not even have to pay postage. Children should receive their first book in the mail in 6-8 weeks. We invite all ECPL patrons to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, placing books into the hands of children every month and fostering early literacy!



Ongoing Programs

Children (Ages 12 & Under)

- **Kids Café:** Enjoy lunch at ECPL Mondays through Fridays, 12:30 – 1:30 pm
- **Children's Summer Reading Club:** Mondays through Fridays, June 5-July 31, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Join the Summer Reading Club for giveaways, activities, prizes, and more to keep children reading during the summer. Kids can read at home or at the library for credit, and may choose their own books.
- **Game & Puzzle Day:** Fridays in June and July, 2:00 pm
Kids can play board games or do puzzles, compete with friends for some friendly competition. We'll play fun games like Life, Chess, Sorry, Candy Land, and more.
- **Lego Club:** 6 years and up—Second Tuesday of each month, 2:00-3:00 pm
- **Musical Mondays:** Mondays in June & July, 2:00 pm—Experiment with percussion instruments.
- **Pee Wee Reading Roundtable:** Tuesdays in June & July, 2:00 pm
Group reading for kids! Read for summer reading credit or just for fun.



- **Recycle Wednesdays:** Wednesdays in June & July, 2:00 pm
Children will learn to make crafts out of everyday items found around the house with a new craft every week.



- **Throwback Thursdays:** Thursdays in June & July, 2:00 pm
We will play games from the past that many kids may not be aware of: Hot Potato, Simon Says, Musical Chairs, and more!

Youth (ages 13 – 19)

- **Teen Zone:** Programs Wednesdays, 4:30 – 6:30 pm / June – August
Join the Teen Zone for special activities every week, from gaming, crafts, speakers, movies, and more every Wednesday! Check out ECPL's Summer Program Calendar for detailed descriptions.
- **Build a Better World: Summer Reading Club Programs:** Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 pm / June 1-August 17
Activities, movies, art, and more, Build a Better World Programs will inspire you to change the world! Check out ECPL's Summer Program Calendar for detailed program descriptions.

Adults

- **Free Adult Computer Classes** are offered at ECPL. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Register during regular library hours for placement in class.



Beginner Computer Classes: Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30 am-Noon

Learn the basics of using the internet, using Microsoft programs to create documents, flyers, and more.

Specialty Computer Classes: Tuesdays, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Learn about Hoopla, using PowerPoint, using the computer to pay bills, and more.

Build a Better World - Summer Reading Program Kickoff June 5 at ECPL

Children and Youth are encouraged to join the Summer Reading Program at ECPL. From building challenges to exploring the world, ECPL has a summer full of activities for children and youth ready to make a difference in the world.

All participants will receive giveaways and prizes are awarded to the biggest readers! The Summer

Reading Club will help you track your reading goals and accomplishments, and is a great way to keep literacy skills sharp over the summer break.

The Summer Reading Program Kickoff is June 5 from noon until 5:00 pm, with lots of activities, raffle, games, and more to celebrate a summer of reading fun!

Staff Highlight: Angela Pope Margerum, MSLS, Public Services Manager

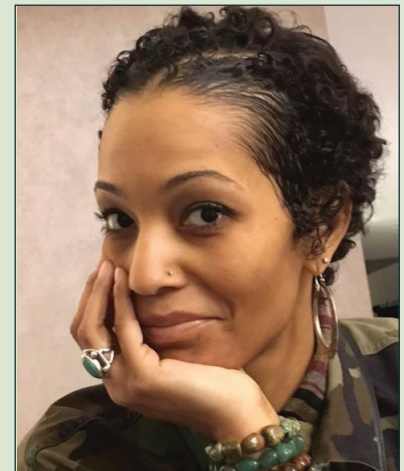
It is a 'homecoming' of sorts. In 1996, ECPL Library Director, Greg Reese, encouraged me to enroll in "Library School." I responded with, "There's a school for Librarians?" He knew of my interest in community outreach, family literacy & accessing free educational and enriching community programs for youth and their caregivers. I had completed my undergraduate studies at Hampton University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, and was then working as a Probation Officer for the Juvenile Court of Cuyahoga County. I worked out of the University Circle and East Cleveland Juvenile Probation offices. Director Reese handed me my own copy of Ebony Man magazine which featured African American Male Library Directors from throughout the United States. I was so impressed and intrigued, and I still have that issue of Ebony Man!

I applied to Clark Atlanta University's School of Library & Information Science in Atlanta, GA. I chose to attend "Library School" at CAU because of the historical legacy of the school and its ties to my alma mater. The very first Library School at an HBCU was located at Hampton University. It closed in the 1940s and was moved to Atlanta University – which at that time was the premier graduate school for African

Americans – but was open to people of all nationalities/ethnicities. They produced high numbers of African American scholars in many fields, most notably, they produced the largest amount of African American Librarians throughout the history of African American Librarians in the United States and abroad.

I completed my graduate studies in July of 1998, earning a Master of Science in Library Service, and have been working as a professional Librarian ever since. Initially, I pursued a career in Public Libraries because the youth in all of our urban areas in particular needed to see a face smiling at them, beckoning their myriad of questions while supplying them with the answers, resources and skills relevant to their immediate and long term needs, interests and life's purpose. Additionally, I have worked as an Academic Librarian, serving the Atlanta University Center via the Robert W. Woodruff Library, which provides library services to the students & faculty of Clark Atlanta University, the Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse College, and Spelman College and the general public who used the library daily.

I have spent more than 19 years as a Librarian & Educator serving



communities in Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, Milwaukee, and now East Cleveland. Throughout my career, I've positively impacted the lives of many youth and their families (blood-related & fictive kin), by introducing them to the power of words and knowledge, while exposing them to the plethora of untapped community resources in their neighborhoods, such as Libraries, Recreation & Performing Arts Centers – all of which ECPL encompass. After almost 20 years in this field, I am even more passionate about what these wonderful institutions have to offer the communities we serve and therefore the entire world. In addition to my official professional title, I am also a devoted mother, diligent daughter, an artist, and an editor.

Save the Dates & Join Us!

Summer Reading Club Kick-off (All Ages) JUNE 5, Noon-5 pm
Fun & games, giveaways, and more.
Get your summer reading started with a party at ECPL.

Mad Science, Grades 2-6, JUNE 13, 1:30 pm – Build and launch a rocket with the Mad Science team!

Nature Center Canal Way, JUNE 13, 1:30pm – Exploring animals and nature.

Cleveland Botanical Gardens, JUNE 14, 2:00 pm—As part of our Summer Reading Club theme, “Build a Better World,” children will learn how plants help our environment, and get to do their own planting.

Science Dome, JUNE 19, 10 am-7:00 pm—See the stars as the Reese Auditorium transforms into an interplanetary adventure!

Going Green Magic Show, JUNE 26, 2:30 pm
Join Zap Entertainment for a fun

and eco-conscious magic show.

Holden Arboretum, JUNE 28, 11 am—Learning and activities with a special visit from naturalists and educators.

Zenworks Yoga for Kids, (Ages 6-12) JUNE 15, 22, JULY 6, 1:30 – 2:15 pm—A signed parent/guardian waiver is required to participate (available in Children’s Area). Wear comfortable clothes.

Bridge Building Contest (Ages 6-10), JULY 11, 2:00 pm
Join this fun challenge!

Mad Science (Grades 2-6)
JULY 20, 1:30 pm—Black and Blue oceans – Explore the effects of oil spills. AUGUST 10, 1:30 pm—Test your Detective Science skills.

Intergenerational Founder’s Day May 29: Come celebrate ECPL’s history!

Intergenerational Scrapbooking (Ages 13-Adult), Thursdays, JULY 6, 13, 20 & 27, 4:00-5:00 pm
Transform your thoughts into memories. Join us for a make and take craft! Feel free to bring any items from home. Some materials provided.

Computer Classes: (Grades 3 – Adult) No previous experience necessary.

- **Storytelling with Scratch**, Mondays & Wednesdays, JUNE 12-JULY 5, 2:00-3:30 pm
Learn computer skills to design, create, and share your own animations and digital stories!
- **Fashion & Design with Scratch**, Mondays & Wednesdays, JULY 10-AUGUST 2, 2:00-3:30 pm
Create beautiful projects and de-

signs to show off your fashion sense with a digital runway.

ADULT (Ages 18 & Older)

Purple Day, JUNE 7, 3:30-5:45 pm
Celebrate Black Music Appreciation Month on Prince’s birthday at ECPL – movies, music, and more. Calling look alikes and fans: wear your best purple attire!

ECPL Wednesday Movies, 3:30 pm

- JUNE 14: **Still Bill**
Honoring Black Music Appreciation month with a portrait of soul legend Bill Withers.
- JUNE 28: **Bayard Rustin: Brother Outsider**
Celebrate PRIDE month and learn about this groundbreaking activist and leader who organized the 1963 March on Washington.

ECPL Book Club, 4th Tuesdays monthly, 5:30-6:45 pm—Popular books by African-American authors were selected for the book club. Books are available at ECPL or can be obtained from other libraries. JUNE 27: **I’m Judging You: The Do-Better Manual** by Luvvie Ajayi; JULY 25: **The Mothers** by Brit Bennett; AUGUST 22: **The Sellout** by Paul Beatty

Let’s Talk Herbs, Mondays, JUNE 12, 19 & 26, 4:00-5:00 pm
This is a hand-on workshop exploring herbs are used for culinary, spiritual and medicinal reasons. Join us to discuss the world of herbs! Light refreshments served!

Calm Coloring, Thursdays, AUGUST 10, 17 & 24, 4:00-5:00 pm
Relax and demonstrate your artistic side with coloring for adults. All materials provided.



Striving to fulfill the educational, recreational, and informational needs of patrons of all ages in the community.

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HOURS:
Monday – Thursday
10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday & Saturday
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

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