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The East Cleveland Public Library's new partnership with the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) continues on the last Saturday of every month with all ages programming at 1:00pm. Each month, a new theme is highlighted with activities and speakers. On June 30, the event will include a celebration of Juneteenth with a drumming performance by Baba David Coleman and Dr. Craig Woodson.

Baba David Coleman is a Yoruba priest, African drummer, and African drum builder. His teachers include master drummers, Babatunde Olatunji and Chief Bey. Mr. Coleman has performed with internationally renowned players including Hugh Masekela and Dick Gregory. His workshops use African culture as a guide to help all people understand themselves and each other and to break down the wall of fear. His workshop, *Drumming for Peace*, includes lessons in drum making and learning techniques for performing Afro-Cuban, Brazilian, Afro-American and West African drum styles. Dr. Craig Woodson is an Applied Ethnomusicologist (UCLA, 1983). Through his company Ethnomusic, Inc. Dr. Woodson presents school programs and instrument-making projects for students in the U.S and overseas, and he headed a university project in Ghana for 3 years and has over 250 instrument inventions, including 12 patents, and he is a consultant to the Remo drum company. He has presented play-along concerts at the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. His www.RootsofRhythm.net is a free, online world drumming curriculum.

ECPL's programming partnership with ASALH reflects and celebrates the numerous and diverse accomplishments of African Americans throughout history. The monthly, all ages events are geared towards families and individuals. Looking ahead, the programs are scheduled to continue throughout 2018, featuring upcoming topics like African American Freedom Fighters (July 28), African American Playwrights (August 25), and African Americans in Science and Medicine (September 29). Visit ECPL online for information: <http://www.eastclevelandpubliclibrary.org/>