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Tablets for ECPL's Youngest Patrons

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New Technology is being introduced before the beginning of the 2018-2019 academic year at East Cleveland Public Library (ECPL). The Children's Department now has tablets available for use during Library hours. "Investing in infrastructure that helps patrons access the technology and services they need is a core value for 21st Century library services," Ms. Marcus-Bey, Executive Director stated.

Evidence of the investment in technology is everywhere at ECPL. From computer workstations designed to meet the needs of younger patrons already include a twelve computer stations in the Children's Department and ten computers in the Shirellda Helen Terry Teen Department. For adults, ECPL boasts a state of the art computer lab for classes and public use, ten additional computers on the first floor, and a Job Shop with a designated staff person to assist with online job searches, resume building, and related skills.

Commenting on other recent technology enhancements, Ms. Theresa Flood, ECPL's IT Network Manager stated that "Today's Library is not limited by walls. We have HotSpots, so patrons can checkout the Internet with a Library card, and this spring, ICT Literacy Outreach programming went off-site, taking computer classes for seniors and older adults into the community. Continuing to invest in cutting edge technology, like introducing tablets for the Children's Department, is a high priority here at East Cleveland Public Library." Through innovative programming and services that provide multiple opportunities and methods for community members to use new technology, ECPL reflects the ways that public libraries are effectively addressing the persistent digital divide.

Tablets add another enhancement to ECPL's clear commitment to providing the community with tools and resources. Tablets may be checked out by a child with a valid Library card and are available for use in the Children's Department only. Like headphones and laptops, which are offered for use in the Children's Department, tablets provide another way for community children to make use of new technology to advance learning and information literacy skills.