DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 18, 2019

Strategic Plan

Our Mission:

We are "The People's University," the center of learning for a diverse and inclusive community.

Our Strategic Priorities:

- 1. Form communities of learning
- 2. Fight community deficits
- 3. Ready for the future: CPL 150
- 4. Cultivate a global perspective
- 5. Innovate for efficient and sustainable operations

PUBLIC SERVICES

Programs and Services

Center for Local and Global History Programming

Center for Local & Global History Manager Olivia Hoge worked with Government Documents Supervisor Sarah Dobransky and Web Administrator Will Skora to provide a Civic Data Community Workshop at the Rice Branch on May $9^{\rm th}$.

Ms. Hoge, Photograph Collection Librarian Brian Meggitt, and Library Assistant Subject Department Lisa Sanchez hosted an after-hours visit to the Photograph Collection by nine (9) participants in the Cleveland 20/20 project between the Cleveland Print Room and the Library on May 20th. Mr. Meggitt arranged a large display of photographs by prominent Cleveland photographers and a selection of Cleveland subject photographs. The gathering was an opportunity to meet, discuss specific issues with the project, and show off the Collection to individuals whose work will be added to our Collection.

Mr. Meggitt hosted a group from the Lakewood Senior Center on May 8th, led on a Library tour by Library Assistant Subject Department Joseph Parnell. Mr. Meggitt had prepared a small display of historic downtown Cleveland photographs for the group to view. There were eight (8) seniors in the tour group.

Ms. Hoge and Mr. Metter hosted a tour for 35 Project 60 students from Cuyahoga Community College. The tour covered the Map Collection, Photograph Collection, Cleveland Public Library Digital Library, Special Collection, and ended in the Puppet Exhibit.

Ms. Sanchez selected photographs for the department's weekly TBT feature. Some of the images included the Superior building on Superior Ave. and West $9^{\rm th}$ St., the O-Ke Doke Popcorn factory, and the Kinsman School garden.

Fine Arts and Special Collections

Fine Arts Library Assistant Mark Fox Morgan collaborated with an Art Lab session with Youth Services about the artwork of Andy Warhol and Pop Art on May 15th. He supplied books from Fine Arts and created coloring pages. No participants attended. After reviewing past low attendance of the Art Lab sessions, Fine Arts & Special Collections Manager Pam Eyerdam decided that Mr. Fox Morgan will no longer participate in the programming efforts at this time unless interest is resumed.

Special Collections Librarian Ray Rozman assisted Youth Services in hosting a large group of children from Buhrer Dual Language Academy on May 8th. He gave a tour to 25 2nd graders to see the Literature and Special Collections department and the Puppet exhibit. He and Special Collections Librarian Stacie Brisker performed "I'm a Little Teapot" for the children.

A special tour and presentation was given to 22 students (11th graders) from Maple Hts. High School on May 14th. They were interested in resources that the Library had for college-bound students. Ms. Brisker did a presentation about Primary Resources, how to do research, library databases and applied for library cards.

A special tour was set up for 17 students from the Dover Intermediate School on May 17th. They wanted to learn about and see the actual Audubon prints. Students were shown a volume of the 1860 edition of *Birds of America* and the 1845 *Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America*. Two of the students came back that weekend with their parents to see the Audubon prints.

Music at Main

Musician Austin Cane performed a selection of blues music for an audience of 38 people on May $11^{\rm th}$.

Poetry Out Loud

Literature Department Librarian Evone Jeffries presented a Cleveland Public Poetry Open Mic Poetry Reading program sponsored by The Ohio Center for the Book on May 20th.

International Languages Programming

International Languages planned and hosted six programs, both inhouse and off-site. Senior Subject Librarian Caroline Han planned four of these events which instructed both children and adults in aspects of Chinese language and culture. Subject Librarian Victoria Kabo planned two children-focused Russian literary events in the department. A total of 87 patrons participated in CPL sponsored events during the month.

Lending

Lending assisted Youth Services in registering 70-students from Campus International High School and 30 students from Cleveland Central Catholic with ConnectEd library cards on May 6th and May 13th. Lending Assistant Supervisor Tre Isaac joined Youth Services staff for an outreach event at the Children's Museum on May 9th. Mr. Isaac provided information and library card applications to dozens of patrons at the museum.

Literature

The Ohio Center for the Book hosted Free Comic Book Day among seven locations in the Cleveland Public Library system on May 4th. Over 170 people took part in the festivities visiting Fulton, Harvard-Lee, Langston Hughes, Rice, Rockport, West Park, and Main Library's Literature Department. Some branch staff even wore superhero costumes to mark the occasion! Literature Department Library Assistants Nick Durda and Michael Haverman were the primary coordinators for the event from ordering and delivering cakes to each branch to procuring comic books to distribute to patrons from Carol and John's Comic Shop. The Ohio Center for the Book hosted the annual Letters About Literature event on May 11th. Literature Department Librarian Timothy Phillips was the primary coordinator for the program, handling everything from catering arrangements to providing master-of-ceremony duties. Several Literature department staff helped with hosting winners, sponsors, and guests. Several winners read their letters at the event, and attendees found them moving and inspirational. In addition to Mr. Phillips, speakers included Director of Main Library & Research John Skrtic, Manager Don Boozer, and Youth

Services Librarian Julie Gabb who also served as a judge. A number of attendees personally expressed their gratitude for the event and the ceremony.

Knitting at PAL

Popular Library Manager Sarah Flinn and Public Administration Library Assistant Monica Musser hosted a knitting class for City Hall employees. Patrons are working on baby blankets.

Popular Library Clerk Daunte Bolden worked at the eSports event in the Learning Commons on May $25^{\rm th}$.

CDPL

Cleveland Digital Public Library regularly hosts classes, including CPL Fit Yoga, Core Strengthening, and CPL Chess Club. Our weekly Yoga and Core Strengthening offerings are regularly attended by 12 or more people, with a gate count of over 80 attendees over the month, about half of whom are from downtown offices. We have held four meetings of the CPL Chess Club with a total of 7 attendees over the month.

Main Library Tours and School Visits

Special Collections conducted tours for 8 special needs quests from Cleveland Vocational Services, 2 groups of 25 (50 total students) from Buhrer Dual Language Academy 2nd graders, and 8 GED students on May $8^{\rm th}$. Tours were provided for 50 students from Ruffing Montessori 2nd graders and 9 students from Sunbeam Elementary on May 9th. The week of May 13th welcomed 11 guests from Toronto, Australia and Arizona; as well as 21 students from Copley School (8th graders), 68 Canterbury Elementary students, 4 guests from Osaka, Japan, and 12 3rd graders from West Side Academy. A tour of Special Collections was given to researchers from Tucson, AZ doing research on servicemen who were killed on the USS Arizona during WWII. They noticed that the Cleveland Roll of Honor was out on display for Memorial Day. Tours were also give May 30th for 38 students from Tri-C campus looking at Charles Chesnutt materials, miniature books & the John G. White exhibits and 10 guests from Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee services.

Main Library Book Clubs

Award Winning Book Club

Literature Department Library Assistant Michael Haverman hosted the monthly Award-Winning Book Club on May 7th. Mr. Haverman and four attendees discussed the novel *Bluebird*, *Bluebird* by Attica Locke.

The Ohio Center for the Book hosted Literature Department Librarian Timothy Phillips' Literary Friday Frolic program on May 24th. Mr. Phillips and seven attendees discussed John Steinbeck's *The Red Pony* and the 1973 Universal made-for-TV movie with the teleplay written by Emmy-Award-winning Ohio native Ron Bishop.

Books on Tap

Center for Local & Global History Manager Olivia Hoge led the Broads, Books, and Beers book discussion on *Daughters of the Samurai: A Journey from East to West and Back* by Janice Nimura on May 8th at Noble Beast.

Brown Bag Book & Movie Club

Subject Department Librarian Terry Metter held a Brown Bag Book and a Movie Club program on May $20^{\rm th}$. Mr. Metter and four patrons discussed Seven Years in Tibet by Heinrich Harrer and the film based on the book was screened after the discussion.

Get Graphic!

The Ohio Center for the Book's Get Graphic! initiative hosted two book discussions in May in their "Comics and the Clinic" series: May $2^{\rm nd}$ on Nothing Lasts Forever by Sina Grace, and May $16^{\rm th}$ on Mis(h)adra by Iasmin Omar Ata. The discussions were hosted by Valentino Zullo, PhD student at Kent State University and former Ohio Center for the Book Scholar-in-Residence, and Literature Department Library Assistant Nick Durda.

The OLBPD adult book club met on May $10^{\rm th}$ to discuss $Merle's\ Door$ by Ted Kerasote.

Main Library Blogs

A blog for the Cleveland Roll of Honor was written by Special Collections staff (announcing that the volumes would be on

display for Memorial Day (week) https://cpl.org/special-collections-to-display-wwii-greater-cleveland-roll-of-honor/. Seven 7 people were added to the email/ mailing list.

Librarian Evone Jeffries wrote one blog post and researched and added one new biography to the Ohio Authors page. Librarian Timothy Phillips added to the website a study guide and discussion questions on the Literary Friday Frolic program on John Steinbeck's The Red Pony. Manager Don Boozer wrote three posts: one on the #1Lib1Ref initiative encouraging people to edit Wikipedia articles on Ohio Authors during late May/early June, one promoting the Literary Friday Frolic program, and one a list of recommended Ohio-authors of epic sci-fi/fantasy to assuage people's desire for reading choices after the end of the Game of Thrones TV series. On the statewide initiative's dedicated Twitter feed, Mr. Boozer posted 54 tweets or retweets in April/May. The account, @cplocfb, had 23 mentions and got 36 new followers.

Main Library Outreach

Ms. Sanchez and Library Assistant Substitute Aimee LePelley represented the Cleveland Public Library Rooms to Let in Slavic Village on May $19^{\rm th}$. They informed people about library services and the party in the streets to celebrate the $150^{\rm th}$ anniversary of CPL.

International Languages staff was busy filling Long Loan requests for seven CPL/CLEVNET agencies. To promote new materials, encourage greater use of library resources and increase awareness of CPL sponsored events, staff forwarded 12 distinct emails/mailings to 2,593 patrons affiliated with the department's mailing lists and listserv databases. These messages contained booklists of newly arrived materials, notices of upcoming library closings and related CPL news. Senior Subject Librarian Caroline Han, in conjunction with the Youth Services department, conducted a departmental tour for Copley-Fairlawn Middle School May 19th. 24 visitors were interested in learning about Chinese language-learning materials for high school students. Subject Librarian Victoria Kabo attended the Book Expo America event in NYC May 28th-30th.

Popular Library Assistant April Lancaster prepared items for display at the satellite collection at Kelvin Smith Library.

Two telescopes of books from Fine Arts were pulled and routed out for the Book Box at Edgewater.

A request to print more bookmarks of Things to See @ Cleveland Public Library was submitted. These will be circulated to the Soldiers' & Sailors' Monument who helps to promote library activities.

Ohio State PhD candidate of Russian History worked with Special Collections staff to write a profile about former library cataloger Francis Sommer for the Encyclopedia of Cleveland History https://case.edu/ech/articles/sommer-francis-erich.

On May 1st, Fine Arts & Special Collections Manager Pam Eyerdam gave an introduction to the history of Cleveland Public Library and its architecture, along with a quick tour through the Puppet exhibit for Philanthropy Ohio guests (15 attendees). Ms. Eyerdam delivered various library promotional items to support the young men's program at the Galleria called All About Your Health on May 2nd. Board member Alan Seiffullah requested materials on chess programs and any other library resources. Ms. Eyerdam attended the opening of the Cleveland Museum of Art Teen Curatorship exhibit at the Langston Hughes branch on May 30th.

A new Special Collections librarian from the Indianapolis Public Library called for a consultation about Reading Room procedures. Ms. Eyerdam provided him with a copy of the Special Collections procedures and discussed some security issues.

Ms. Eyerdam met with the new Literature Manager Don Boozer and the local chapter of the Jane Austen Society on May 8th to plan some library events for the conference in October 2020.

Mr. Boozer hosted a meeting on May 16th of the CPL Wikipedian Support Group to discuss on-going projects to use Wikipedia to promote access to library resources and to enhance content of interest to the library and the city of Cleveland. Topics discussed included uploading images to Wikimedia Commons and determining the rights issues involved, creating a legal document to provide to Wikimedia to allow library staff to upload images whose copyright is owned by the library, and creating a dedicated GLAM (Galleries-Libraries-Archives-Museums) page on Wikipedia to consolidate and promote Wikipedia activities of Cleveland Public Library and The Ohio Center for the Book. May's monthly meeting was very productive and served to move projects along.

The Literature Department officially took over responsibility for Homebound Services on May 28th. Adult Outreach & Programming Coordinator Shayna Muckerheide coordinated with Literature Mr. Boozer on the move. As part of the training, Mr. Boozer, Literature Department Librarian Timothy Phillips, and Library

Assistant Michael Haverman visited the Woodland Branch where Homebound Services was previously headquartered. Literacy Coordinator Rhonda Pai provided a demonstration of the processes used including working with the UPS Worldship software, US Postal Service procedures, and packaging. Ms. Muckerheide had a number of conversations with Mr. Boozer and also took him to the East 55th Street Post Office to explain the on-going Electronic Payment System issues. Literature staff continues to train on policies and procedures connected with Homebound Services and has begun to interact with patrons over the phone. IT/CLEVNET staff members Robert Bobick and Robert Patrick have done exemplary work in transferring equipment and re-configuring phones to accommodate the new service in Literature. Literature department staff members have been active in promoting the activities of the Ohio Center for the Book via the dedicated website and social media channels of the statewide initiative.

ClevDPL has begun collaboration with Dr. Regennia Williams on an interview project related to the anti-apartheid activism in Cleveland during the 1980s. ClevDPL continues to explore collaboration with the Edward E. Parker Museum in developing an East Cleveland artist related oral history project partnership. ClevDPL continues to explore a partnership with East Cleveland Public Library regarding arrangement, description, and digitization of the Ichabod Flewellyn collection. ClevDPL continues to work with the Cleveland Orchestra to scan scrapbooks. ClevDPL has been working with a vendor and has completed the scanning of Cleveland Scene. Currently QA, markup, metadata review and other aspects of the project remain to be completed, with a new target set for the end of summer/early fall. Delayed until May, it will embark on a COM (computer output microfilm) project with the Daily Legal News. We are waiting for Scene to be complete to go into production for digitizing the Cleveland Leader. Working with the Internet Archive, CDPL is coming to the end of the grant for curating web-content (part of a \$35,000 IMLS grant working with the Internet Archive's ArchiveIT project to document local web-content and local digital resources). ClevDPL has created a collection in the Digital Gallery (ContentDM) for Web Archives and has populated the collection. We have done numerous public presentations on our Web Archiving, and have presentations planned for the summer. ClevDPL staff have continued to enhance demonstration digitization projects with Euclid Library, the Ukrainian Museum and Archives, Shaker Heights Public Library, Cleveland Orchestra and the South Brooklyn Historical Society. CDPL has arranged with the administrator of the Literature Collection regarding storing the surveyed, refoldered, reboxed, and relabeled W. Ward Marsh

collection and will be moving the collection to Literature over the summer. CDPL had good attendance at the paper making workshop in May.

TechCentral completed a 20-week long course with the Catholic Charities Refugee Program. The program culminated with a tour of Main Library on May $30^{\rm th}$.

Interim TechCentral Manager Suzi Perez was interviewed by Kate Hogan of Pressure Life magazine regarding the MakerSpace on May $17^{\rm th}$.

Library Assistants Michael Credico and Alison Guerin brought the Mobile MakerSpace to Tech for Seniors at CMHA Beachcrest Apartments in the Collinwood neighborhood on May 9th.

TechCentral staff participated at the Cleveland Asian Festival on May $28^{\rm th}$, showcasing the Mobile MakerSpace, including the laser engraver, 3D printer and button maker.

Main Library Displays

Fine Arts Librarian Andy Kaplan set up a book display featuring books for Asian and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month.

Staff in ClevDPL collaborated with staff from Graphics, Archives, and Special Collections to design and install the "CPL: 150 Years through the Eyes of the Staff" and the "John G. White" exhibits. Support includes maintaining the media displays in Brett Hall, programming, and adding content to the Magic Box in the John G. White Gallery. At the request of OPS staff, ClevDPL also reinstalled temperature and humidity monitors in the Brett Hall exhibit space. ClevDPL worked with Special Collections on registering, shipping and storing the items and supported the cooperative project with the art museum involving youngsters as curators of art work at our MLK Branch.

Collection Development

As part of the joint project with the Encyclopedia of Cleveland History (ECH), Mr. Meggitt reviewed physical collections, selected and digitized about 40 pertinent photographs of African-American Clevelanders, and uploaded those files into CONTENTdm (where he created metadata, and added them into the Library's Digital Gallery). Links to the new items on the Digital Gallery were then provided to ECH for relevant articles.

Mr. Meggitt continued the item-level inventory of the Cleveland City Hall Collection. During the month he added unique identifying numbers, re-housed items, and created initial metadata for more than 3,000 photographs, bringing the total to 15,253 (out of roughly 35,000 total items in the Board of Zoning Appeals section of the Collection).

Library Assistant Subject Department Adam Jaenke scanned 81 items from the City of Cleveland Park Plans. Ms. Sanchez completed the General Subject Post Card Collection, which included national and international subjects. In total, Ms. Sanchez assigned item ID's and item descriptions to 695 items in the collection.

Ms. Sanchez created finding aids for 1975 images in the Subject Cleveland Collection as well as 1890 images in the Cleveland Picture Collection and Subject Cleveland Collection in aid of a patron request.

ClevDPL has completed its work on studying potential stack options for storing over-sized maps from the Maps Collection. We have received appropriate conservation housings, and have moved forward with wrapping maps in storage tubes. We have obtained appropriate storage racks for the rolled maps, but we still have the rolled maps stored in our 5th floor storage area in Main Building, we have yet to order the foam for the arms. This foam should be ordered and installed by mid-summer, 2019.

Fine Arts librarian Andy Kaplan weeded 116 books in the stack area of the 5th floor. He then began a shift project working with Shelf Division staff. Mr. Kaplan noted that two orchestral sets borrowed by The Heights Chamber Ensemble were returned (used for their May concert series).

Special Collections librarian Stacie Brisker assisted a local author in finding items related to Christmas in Cleveland for his new book. Ms. Brisker has been involved with the Storytelling project and has interviewed local poet Maxwell Shell. She also assisted Library Archivist Ann Marie Weiland and a researcher creating a documentary featuring Langston Hughes. A researcher from Melbourne, Australia came in to see books by Frank Lloyd Wright from the Schweinfurth collection. Chess Master & researcher from California visited the collection the week of May 13th to research Bobby Fischer. He also took the time to visit with a young chess student player from Joseph M. Gallagher Middle School that was featured in SCENE Magazine. Special Collections staff assisted chess master & author from Indiana and pulled a dozen items and gave him a tour of the collection. Visiting chess

researcher from the Czech Republic spent 2 weeks in Special Collections. He used the old card catalog to locate materials that fell out of Sirsi, over 100 items were pulled. A professor from Case Western Reserve requested books on the general history of board games.

CPL Cataloger Michael Gabe requested information in regards to the number of volumes in Slavic languages for a presentation at the Midwest Slavic and Eurasian Library Consortium meeting. Based on the subjects of chess, folklore, social life and customs there are approximately 1600 titles in the Slavic languages (Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Czech, Slovak, etc.) in the John G. White collection.

Two 20th century Ethiopian manuscripts were recataloged that fell out of Sirsi. Special Collections staff supplied bibliographic information about the manuscripts which were about Ethiopian law and the Queen of Sheba (OCLC subjects headings were researched).

Special Collections librarian Ray Rozman shipped 17 chess journal titles to Lake Shore for the bindery.

A Cleveland State University Literature Department professor is researching and using the $19^{\rm th}$ century issues of PUCK Magazine for a research project. CPL has the only full set available at a public library in the region.

Gifts:

Chess researcher from California donated 3 rare Latvian expatriate chess periodicals.

Research that's Possible Only at Main Library

- Staff assisted a local author with finding and obtaining images for local television personalities of the 1950s to 1970s for a new book. Some of the 46 subjects included were "Captain Penny" Ron Penfound (WEWS), Gene Carroll (WEWS), Candy Lee (WEWS), Glenn Rowell (WNBK), and Linn Sheldon (WEWS; KYW; WKYC).
- Staff assisted the Cleveland Law Library with locating photographs of local attorneys who were integral to the Law Library's 150-year history. Photographs of thirteen (13) lawyers were found from a list of 61 topics searched.
- Staff assisted a patron with a search for photographs of the Headliner bar (once owned by the patron's family) on Superior Avenue and East 17th Street. While no images of the bar were found, staff recalled an image of the bar's owner in a street

- scene of Superior Avenue and East 17th on St. Patrick's Day, 1953. The bar owner in the photograph was the patron's uncle.
- Staff assisted a patron who was seeking articles about his father, a local disability rights activist. Staff used microfilm editions of the *Plain Dealer*, *Call & Post*, and *Press* to provide the patron with more information about his father's work.
- Staff assisted a patron from California with finding articles about his father's career as a prominent African American attorney in Cleveland
- Staff assisted a patron who is doing research on Margaret Bourke-White. Staff was able to supply the patron with the addresses to her studios with Cleveland City Directories, news articles from the Plain Dealer, Cleveland News, and Press, and photographic prints from the Margaret Bourke-White Collection in the Photograph Collection.
- Staff found images for a patron from numerous subject files displaying architectural brutalism in Cleveland. Some of the buildings included the Reserve Square Apartments, Cleveland Justice Center, Cleveland State University Rhodes Tower, and Crawford Hall at Case Western Reserve University.
- Staff assisted a patron find images of the Arcade from the late $20^{\rm th}$ century to the mid- $20^{\rm th}$ century. They plan to use the images for a documentary about the Arcade.
- Staff assisted a patron research a record store from the 1960s, Unlimited Record Mart, at one time owned and operated by the Womack family in Cleveland.
- Staff helped a patron find articles about the "Beatle Twins" in the Cleveland Press September and October 1964. The Beatle twins marked a cultural phenomenon in Cleveland. After two 16 year old girls allegedly followed the Beatles back to England after their Public Hall concert, there was a city wide backlash. Other concerts were scrutinized and cancelled while the concept of teens and rock and roll was hotly debated in the Cleveland newspapers.
- Staff assisted a lawyer and researcher to find Cleveland News articles about Doris O'Donnell's encounter with Ted Williams in 1957.
- The following were requested by patrons related to art: art education books, art by Frank Frazetta, work of Peruvian painter Boris Vallejo, fantasy art of the 70s and 80s, books on LGBTQ art; how to paint using oils, Greek vase art, how to sell

- fashion clothes, digital graphic design, value of glass art, women artists of the 17th century, books on decorating, 19th century architecture, history of book publishing.
- The following were requested by patrons related to music: teach yourself mandolin, music of Brazil, black music and the jazz revolution, how to write songs.
- The following were requested by patrons related to music scores: songs by Al Green, score for the Russian Sailors' dance, songs by Hank Williams, sheet music by Mozart, spirituals, songs by Lionel Ritchie, full score for Porgy & Bess
- Patron asked about any documentation about the Aviation mural by George Danchuk at the Cleveland Hopkins airport done in the 1930s. Articles were found in the Plain Dealer.
- Researcher from Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana in Venice requested scans from the 16th century chess publication *Libro da imparare giocare a scachi: et de belitissimi partiti* by Damiano. They were trying to compare the pagination from the digital files compared to the penciled in pagination they saw on the manuscript leaf. Staff informed the patron to go by the penciled pagination.
- Researcher from Spain requested scans from a 1515 chapbook by Frei Gomes de Santo Estevao entitled *Infante D. Pedro de Portugal*. It was discovered that this edition fell out of Sirsi but located on the catalog card in Special Collections and found on the shelf. The researcher found that the Cleveland Public Library John G. White collection had the chapbook that was cited in a Spanish book entitled *Impresos científicos espanoles*.
- The medical library in Dayton requested scans on the Hindu influences in the Philippines.
- Researcher requested to see older titles of Fairy Tales.
- Author requested to view the 1886 book of *Illustrations of the Nests and Eggs of Birds of Ohio* by the Jones family.
- Visiting scholar from Ireland who is teaching at the University of Melbourne requested scans from text authored by the Sikh scholar Max Arthur Macauliffe. Special Collections has a 6 volume set and some pamphlets.
- Researcher requested to see the Tom L. Johnson Papers, 1908-1911 (former mayor of Cleveland).
- Patron requested to see early editions of *The Book of Mormon* from the 19th century.

- A visiting librarian from China took the time to read the hanging scroll on view in Special Collections (document about officials).
- Chess writer in Europe requested scans from 1934 chess periodical *Tidskrift for Schack* for his online blog.
- Local researcher requested 16 volumes of books related to witchcraft.
- Local researcher requested information about Naids, a Greek mythological figure and how it was depicted in art.
- Local researcher requested information on the Coptic religion.
- A request from Syracuse University art history professor asked for a scan from the 1941 Ladies Home Journal advertisement for Dole Pineapple. Staff requested the 1941 journal from Lake Shore storage and the copy was in terrific shape and scans were made.
- Local chess researcher from Toledo requested scans from the Letters to John G. White and from the Hazeltine chess scrapbooks.

Staff Development

Photograph Collection Page Louise Lybrook accepted a full time Librarian position at Hudson Library & Historical Society. Ms Lybrook's last day in the Photograph Collection was May 23rd.

Shelf Division Assistant Supervisor Cynthia Coccaro attended Sirsi Book Ends training and NEO-RLS workshop "Gripes, Grumbles and Grievances: Improving Labor-Management Relations through Effective Communication and Grievance Processing." Shelf Division Page Elizabeth Grushcow attended Sirsi Book Ends training.

As part of the Page Hiring Committee, Materials Handling Manager Daniel Oreskovic and Mrs. Coccaro conducted Page Assessments.

Special Collections volunteer Melissa Carr was recruited and hired as a SUB for the Library.

Fine Arts Librarian Bruce Biddle attended Circulation training at Lake Shore on May 30^{th} .

Subject Department Clerk Felicia Ramsey attended BookEnds Operations 101 training on May $21^{\rm st}$ and Subject Department Clerk Ebony Fields attended BookEnds Circulation training on May $30^{\rm th}$.

Lending Assistant Supervisor Tre Isaac assisted in facilitating BookEnds SIRSI training to CPL staff on May 7th. Mr. Isaac continued serving as a member of the Labor Management Committee. Subject Department Clerk Lamar Edmondson attended a SEIU delegate meeting on May 15th. Lending Manager Stephen Wohl assisted in facilitating BookEnds Operations 101 training to CPL staff on May 21st. Lending provided circulation and SIRSI training to a new substitute staff member Melissa Carr on May 21st and 27th. Mr. Wohl represented CPL at the Spring CLEVNET Circulation SIG Meeting on May 30th, held at Hudson Library.

Literature Department Library Assistant Nick Durda and Manager Don Boozer attended Emma newsletter training on May 9th, provided by Web Applications Assistant David Reynolds. Literature Department Pages Erin Binkley and Rebecca Johnson participated in Book Ends Training on April 30th.

Interim TechCentral Manager Suzi Perez attended onboarding for new managers at the Lakeshore Facility on May $7^{\rm th}$.

OLBPD Manager Will Reed attended the Ohio Braille and Talking Book Program Consumer Advisory Meeting on May $23^{\rm rd}$ at the State Library of Ohio.

Other

Library Assistant Subject Department Adam Jaenke went to the Stockyards, Clark-Fulton, and Downtown neighborhoods to take photographs for Cleveland 20/20.

Ms. Sanchez began selecting images to be featured on CPL's Instagram promoting Cleveland 20/20. In collaboration with Mr. Meggitt and Ms. Hoge, Ms. Sanchez selects images, writes descriptions, and keeps track of images uploaded by participating Cleveland 20/20 photographers. Some of the subjects thus far have included portraits from Rooms to Let, Lorain Ave., the west bank of the flats, and Carol & John's Comic Book Shop.

Ms. Eyerdam met with the Schweinfurth Committee on May 10th. The Committee selected trade catalogs and discussed the possible purchase of some items from Cynthia Caldwell (Rocky River). Her father, Walter G. Caldwell was a Michigan-born architect who was active in Cleveland from 1917 until his death (2003). He designed numerous schools and municipal buildings throughout Cleveland suburbs and Northeast Ohio. Schweinfurth Committee members Tony Hiti and Ms. Eyerdam visited the home on May 20th to review the catalogs, books, etc. Ms. Eyerdam will make a recommendation to

the Committee in June. Special Collections Library Assistant Bill Chase was given credit for research in the 2019 publication of Bela Lugosi and the Monogram 9. The new CD player and head phones arrived to supplement the Musicarnival CD collection. The WPA prints from the CMA Teen Camp exhibit at the MLK branch were picked up and returned to Special Collections by Ms. Eyerdam. Two Sirsi hand scanners were installed for staff. Fine Arts & Special Collections are working with Preservation to test out commercial phase boxes for large orchestral sets and misc. sized items from Special Collections.

BRANCHES

The branches continues to provide effective service and programming for the communities they respectfully serve. There were many highlights during the month of May which were impactful. The Cleveland Museum of Art held receptions at the MLK and Langston Hughes Branches to highlight artwork chosen by students involved in the curation program at the museum. Another meaningful highlight was the workshop maintained by the Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry on how to start a business as a restored citizen. Additionally, the EAST 131 Branch in collaboration with LAND Studio, MyCOM, Neighborhood Connections, Western Reserve Land Conservancy participated in the First Street's Coalition's 3rd Annual Beautification Project as a way to revitalize the East 131 community. Many patrons participated in the mulching and gardening of the front lawn of the East 131 Branch. Many thanks to the Property Management team for their support.

DISTRICT ONE

Eastman - Saturday, May 18, 2019 was the final day for students to receive tutoring sessions from the organization Shiksha Daan. Tutoring sessions were held for students grades 2-12 in the areas of English, reading and writing skills, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The program will restart on September 14, 2019.

Lorain - The Lorain Branch partnered with The Rainey Institute for Rockin' with Rainey, a visual arts and physical fitness series for youth. Other youth programs held at the branch included a Cinco de Mayo and Angry Birds in Real Life program, as well as a Mother's Day Craft, and a Sketchbook MakerLab. A Short Story Book Club was also held every other Saturday for adults. Library Assistant Computer Emphasis Peter Roth and Marlie Hooper, Branch Manager Crystal Tancak, and Adela Santana provided Outreach at Village Prep Willard's Parent Night, H. Barbara

Booker's Career Day, the Max Hayes Resource Fair, and Project Red Cord's Night Out. Roth, Santana, and Tancak gave two third grade classes from Stockyard Elementary School a tour of the Lorain Branch, a 3D printer demonstration, and an explanation of programs and services offered including the Summer Lit League, Lorain's community garden, the seed library, the sewing machines, and a tutorial of some of the most popular databases.

Rockport - The Great Lakes Science center had their finale making ice cream with liquid nitrogen with 75 people in attendance.

The Youth Services programs consisted of: Comic Book Day, Marvel Jeopardy, Retro Videogame day, Giant Piano Makerkit program, end of the year ice cream social and monthly Lego program. Staff partnered with schools for older children storytimes and programs including a fifth grade tour of the library, Manga program at John Marshall High School and presentations on Summer Lit League at several schools.

Walz - The Cat Came Back...The Cat in the Hat returned to Walz to promote the summer lit league. Ms. Jeannie Gielty took the Cat around to Waverly, Louisa May Alcott, Marion Seltzer, Jos. Gallagher, Madison Community and Our Lady of Mt Carmel schools as well as several appearances at the library. Our feline ambassador is responsible for a really well received kick-off for our summer programs. Many younger families attended many of our programs. Applications for Summer Lit League and for Library cards were processed as a result of the kick-off.

Walz continues to do the Mobile Pantry which is enormously popular with the students at the refugee center and with the Hispanic Seniors.

West Park - One of the most well-reviewed programs in West Park Branch history was held this month as the youth staff hosted a Harry Potter escape room. Many kudos go out to Libby Hampton for her incredible efforts to make this program successful. The branch also hosted Free Comic Book Day events and served cake and free comics to all youth throughout the day. Tech Central provided many MakerLab programs with attendees enjoying button making, laser engraving, and Tinkercad sessions. The Facilities Management department presented the Master Plan to the branch staff and answered questions regarding its implementation. DM Dalby participated in the CSU Leadership Academy's graduation ceremonies as well as its culminating project at CMHA housing.

DISTRICT TWO

Brooklyn - The month of May was filled with new activities and opportunities for Brooklyn Branch. This included a collaboration with Arts Renaissance Tremont which provided a music program, featuring violinist Jimmy Thompson, for children from Denison during a branch visit. Children's Librarian Laura McShane provided outreach to both Denison and Horizon Denison schools to promote the Summer Lit League. Library Assistant Computer Emphasis Lana Gionfriddo assisted youth services staff with craft program for Cinco De Mayo. The branch provided a Career Bootcamp in collaboration with Tri-C. The meeting room was used for an increasing number of family visitations. Interim Branch Manager Ron Roberts continued with community connections as he visited the Brookside Food Pantry to provide library promotional materials and discuss future collaborations, and attended the May Ward 14 meeting.

Carnegie West - Children's Librarian Helen Zaluckyj attended the Orchard S.T.E.M. School's Career Day held May 16, 2019. Zaluckyj spoke to five classrooms about the educational requirements and day-to-day duties of a children's librarian, and interspersed stories, science activities, and craft demonstrations throughout the session providing actual examples of current programs. May 18, 2019, neighborhood resident and architectural historian Tim Barrett gave a lively presentation to fifty-five people about the origins of Ohio City, and the vast architectural treasures within the neighborhood. The presentation ended with an intense discussion about the changes happening in the neighborhood regarding all the new construction and accompanying tax abatements while long-term residents' property tax bills increased significantly in the last assessment; the two hour program exemplified a "community of learning." Branch manager Angela Guinther received a hand-written note from United States Senator Sherrod Brown on May 6 thanking her for the work she does on behalf of the Ohio City community; Brown visited Carnegie West Branch twice in the month of April for community meetings.

Fulton - ASPIRE ESOL and Sahaja Yoga Meditation classes continued with the use of the meeting room, while the America Reads Tutoring and Kids Cafe after school meal program both completed their sessions for the school year. Staff and patrons of all ages donned costumes and enjoyed a variety of activities for the annual Free Comic Book Day. The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland hosted a Free Legal Aid Clinic, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University hosted a free health screening session. Children participated in weekly word games and crafting activities, making

pop-up cards for Mother's Day, and creating their own campaign posters to coincide with Primary Election day. Over one hundred students from the Thomas Jefferson Newcomer's Academy visited the branch for tours and received library cards. Staff was also very active, visiting schools and daycares to promote the upcoming Summer Lit League. Branch staff also took the People's University on Wheels book bike to the Stockyard Neighborhood Bike-a-thon which was held at Clark Elementary School.

Jefferson - The Jefferson Branch continues to distribute seeds for the Cleveland Seed Bank. The Think & Drink Book Discussion Group tackled Stephen Hawking's Brief Answers to the Big Questions at the Prosperity Social Club. The branch hosted an end of the year celebration for two classes from Tremont Montessori. After school activities included meetings of the Anime Club, gaming with the Wii and the Nintendo Switch, karaoke, and a Mother's Day craft. Club Create, a project of Lake Erie Ink, treated the young poets at the branch to pizza and wings to celebrate the creation of a Poetree, highlighting branch created poetry.

South - The South Branch youth staff have been busy wrapping up their storytimes for the year, promoting all the programs that the Library will have throughout the summer, and signing patrons up for the Summer Lit League. The Youth staff have also been promoting the program to the schools via email and in person with the schools and daycare. The South Branch has also started the Kindergarten Club, which prepares children who will be entering Kindergarten, and is the only branch offering bilingual storytimes. The Vocal Arts Mastery Program put on a mini performance for the South Branch, which showcased the material they have been working throughout the year.

South Brooklyn - South Brooklyn Branch had numerous organizations utilize the meeting room: Fruitful in a Desert Place Ministry, Councilman Kelley's Ward 13 Democratic Club/Community meeting, Old Brooklyn Knitting Club, TechCentral compute class, Care Alliance and Girl Scouts meeting. Children Librarian Ronald Palka-Roman attended Youth Services meeting, Market Day Produce Giveaway at Benjamin Franklin, Charles Mooney Career Day and NEO Adaptive Librarians Meeting, and co-hosted Kindergarten Club. District Manager Luigi Russo participated in the Second District Community Relations Committee, Old Brooklyn Safety Fair, and Page Assessments.

DISTRICT THREE

Garden Valley - For the Month of May, Ms. Csia arranged for a CFD Firetruck to come to the branch for a recreational and educational visit. Ms. Csia and Mr. Burks is currently planning and organizing the Teen Book Club Program, and arranged a visit from the Rape Crisis Center to facilitate a discussion during the Garden Valley Team Program about healthy relationships. They also visited various classrooms at Anton Grdina School to promote Summer Lit League for the Garden Valley Branch.

The Garden Valley Branch welcomed Branch Page, Ms. Mikel Jordan, to the team.

Hough - LACE Michael Barkacs completed his Master's Degree in Library and Information Science! The Hough Branch surprised him with a party to celebrate this accomplishment. Children's Librarian Ms. Spivey put on her annual program the Mommy Awards to celebrate moms with refreshments and balloons. This year she had some mom's attend with their little ones! Library Assistant-Youth Emphasis Mr. Young represented CPL at the end of the year True2U event to promote the Summer Lit League.

Mr. Young participated in the NEO Webinar, Tweens... After School Behavior: To Battle or Engage. Mrs. Kmiecik met with Liz Deagan from AdvantageCLE Tennis & Education, formerly the Inner City Tennis Clinics, to finalize a summer partnership. Mrs. Kmiecik and Lorain Branch Manager Crystal Tancak began development of the Bookends Module: Tech@Work. Mrs. Kmiecik and Ms. Tancak have also agreed to expand the Bookends Module and present a NEO-RLS Webinar, at their request, on Onedrive and Sharepoint.

Martin Luther King, Jr. - Outreach to the community continued in order to promote the Summer Lit League. Visits were made to area school, daycares and recreation centers by Youth Service staff, Ms. Angela Pope Margerum and Mr. Eric Eubanks. Ms. Cynthia Davis conducted the monthly club with Fenway Manor residents; the book, "Never Tell by Lisa Gardner" was discussed.

College Now continued and concluded its ACT/SAT preparation work with area high schoolers. Collaboration between Fenway Manor and Cleveland Metropolitan Housing allowed area senior citizens to obtain a vision screening followed by vouchers to purchase glasses. The Secretary of State representative Monique Cox-Moore held a round table discussion for business owners on starting and growing a business. The Cleveland Museum of Art held a reception to highlight artwork chosen by students involved in the curation

program at the museum. Cuyahoga County Office of Reentry held a workshop on how to start a business as a restored citizen.

Sterling - In addition to the Summer Lit League, the Sterling Branch is participating in KPMG's Summer Reading Challenge for 75 children in grades K-5. Thanks to a generous gift from KPMG, each child will receive eight new books at registration. KPMG corporate volunteers are returning to Sterling for the fourth summer to support our reading initiatives. Branch Manager Monica Rudzinski met with the Center for Arts Inspired Learning to plan nine weeks of summer programming at Sterling.

Woodland - For the Month of May, Ms. Drake El and Mrs. Estrella facilitated the Rise and Shine Pancakes Breakfast, where neighborhood families had the opportunity to meet one another as they shared a meal, and listen to bedtime stories, dressed in their favorite pajamas. Ms. Drake El and Nate LaPrairie conducted the Paint with Me Program, where they taught young library patrons the basic colors and what happens when they're mixed.

ASPIRE continues to promote Adult Basic Skills Classes for the adult neighborhood patrons. The TechCentral Department also provided Computer and Internet Basics classes.

Mrs. Estrella was asked to participate in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

The Woodland Branch also welcomed Branch Page, Ms. Coletta Monda, to the team.

DISTRICT FOUR

East 131st Street - During the month of May, Interim East 131 Manager, Marina Marquez facilitated her first all staff meeting, conducted a meeting with Brandi Glenn regarding the BUCS Collaborative, met with Mr. Smith, Manager of the Earle B. Turner Recreation, to promote and register students for Summer Lit League, met with Ciara Wilson, Community Engagement Program Manager at Mt. Pleasant Now. In addition, Ms. Marquez attended the Ward 2 Community Meeting and partnered with Paul Klodor, Executive Director of Court Community Service, and Lauren Moore, Municipal Drug Court Judge, to organize the beautification of the landscaping at East 131 by planting a Monarch Way Station and shrinking the front lawn.

Youth staff, Kelli Minter and Rosa Simone held a Cinco De Mayo program. The children learned about the history of Cinco De Mayo and made Maracas. The program was so popular that it was offered

twice. Additionally, Children expressed themselves through poetry through a program called Poetic Power.

Fleet - Manager, Pasha Moncrief Robinson, participated in Mound STEM Elementary School Career Day. She spoke to students about her childhood, educational background, and role as a Branch Manager. Mrs. Moncrief Robinson participated in Slavic Village's Homecoming Luncheon by conducting a Q & A session with critically acclaimed author and journalist Veronica Chambers. She also attended the Homecoming Community Partners Breakfast and Homecoming Dance.

Library Assistant, Youth Emphasis, Anna Fullmer hosted the Fight the Power program. Ms. Fullmer discussed civil rights, soul music, played drums and made protest buttons. Children Librarian, Tracie Forfia and Branch Clerk, R-Riana Spivey created Fleet's Flowers. Fifteen children and teens planted flowers in starter seed pots and gave them as gifts for Mother's Day. Ms. Fullmer presented Comic Book Day button making. Tracie Forfia participated in the True2U event with CMSD. Ms. Forfia also participated in Cleveland College Preparatory's Career Day. Ms. Forfia spoke with students about her career as a librarian and her educational background.

Harvard Lee - Youth Librarian Olivia Morales conducted a Free Comic Book Day program with 35 patrons. Library Assistant Youth Emphasis Kevin Moore attended the True2U event for Cleveland Metropolitan School with the OPS department, servicing 700 eighth graders on high school and college choices. Ms. Morales and Mr. Moore were active in outreach efforts around Summer Lit League, including participating in family engagement events at Louis Stokes Head Start, Adlai Stevenson, and Charles Elliot schools. Interim Branch Manager Kristen Schmidt and Ms. Morales conducted a MakerLab with Snap Circuits and LittleBits kits for teens.

TechCentral conducted the Microsoft Word series for adult patrons. Harvard-Lee hosted the Director of the Department of Aging for a program on services the city provides for older adults. Branch Clerk Rhonda Henderson attended a NEO-RLS training titled A Day for Public Service. Ms. Schmidt met with the Manager of US Bank to plan financial literacy programming for children, teens, and adults. Ms. Schmidt met with Tina Robbins of Ohio State University's Extension program to bring nutrition education to the branch in collaboration with Kids Cafe. COO Jeremiah Swetel and Jasmine Sims met with the Harvard-Lee team on plans for the branch in Phase 2 of the Facilities Master Plan.

Mt. Pleasant - During the month of May the Mt. Pleasant Branch welcomed Mr. Mark Tidrick as the new Children's Librarian and a new L.A.C.E. Ms. Larisse J Mondok. Mount Pleasant is now at full staff complement. Mount Pleasant youth staff hosted a Make a Mother's Day Present, End of School Pizza Party, Make and Take Craft, and a Make Your Master Piece: Digital Darkroom. MTP ended the month by, once again, hosted the Read to the Beat Music Therapy Classes that introduces music to story time.

Rice - Rice branch began the month of May with the knitting group teaching patrons of all ages to knit or crochet in anticipation for the end of the academic school year and Warm up Cleveland. The District Manager in collaboration with MTP's youth librarian, Mark Tidrick, facilitated a highly popular Free Comic Book Day program with over 35 families participating.

Rice youth librarian, Whitney Johnson, facilitated weekly impromptu craft programs, WVIZ Cat in the Hat programming where families participated in weekly literacy programming with the reward of a tablet full of family friendly apps and programs, made mother's day cards, salsa dancing and salsa making in celebration of Cinco De Mayo, learned about planting gardens where patrons of all ages planted vegetable seeds to get them sprouting indoors in order to replant in Rice's rain garden.

The National Congress of Black Women-Greater Cleveland Council held their monthly board meeting at Rice with Councilwoman Yvonne Conwell as president of the group.

Ms. Hutson graduated from Cleveland State University's (CSU) Leadership 28 training and began CSU's Certified Public Manager courses. Rice ended the month welcoming Ms. Patricia McCoy to the team as the new full time clerk.

Union - For the month of May 2019, Youth staff Mrs. Steward and Ms. Johnson have prepared for the Summer Lit League by attending outreach programs and enrolling students for SLL at the neighborhood schools and day cares. Other events included a Cinco de Mayo program which introduced preschoolers to Mexican food, music and other traditions while learning about the origins of the holiday. Children and teens enjoyed an UNO tournament with prizes and excitement. Title 1 teachers from E-Prep Woodland Hills held an informational meeting at the branch which discussed the importance of continuing literacy-enriched activities over the summer. The meeting included students, parents and a representative from Seeds of Literacy.

Read to the Beat and Kindergarten Club (ongoing weekly summer programs) commenced this month. During Read to the Beat, the Music Settlement plays music and reads a story to patrons. Kindergarten Club invites children ages 4-6 who have not attended kindergarten and their families for kindergarten readiness activities and supplies.

Ms. Williams and Ms. Johnson attended the year end True2U Mentor Appreciation Celebration. Ms. Williams attended the St Martin De Porres end of year presentation which was held at the Main Library.

DISTRICT FIVE

Addison - Addison's Facilities Master Plan meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. Addison Branch Manager, Tonya Briggs, provided coverage for Harvard-Lee's FMP meeting which was held on May 9, 2019.

Collinwood - Youth Services staff provided ten school visits collectively to East Clark, Euclid Park and East Academy schools to get children signed up for the Summer Lit League. Adam Tully participated in Career Day at Hannah Gibbons. Manager, Caroline Peak, is attending regular community events and workshops. Rene Jones, President and CEO of the Rene Jones Empowerment Center, will be hosting three events at the branch beginning on May 30, 2019.

Glenville - The Tri-C Vocal Arts program is still going strong for the students in preparing them for the upcoming performance in June at Severance Hall. GED classes are facilitated at our branch with low attendance. Promotional efforts are in place to increase awareness.

Langston Hughes - The RASHAD Center, via Cleveland State University, has partnered with the Langston Hughes branch to plan a tribute to Langston Hughes titled: "Hughes, History and Harmony" featuring Spelman's Dr. Akiba Harper and Dr. Regennia Williams as Moderator for October 5, 2019 International Teacher's Day. Plans are underway to install four works of art based on the history of protest on the west side of the branch along East Blvd. Children's Librarian, Christopher Busta-Peck, was interviewed by News Channel 5's Homa Bash, about the history of a house on Lexington Avenue, built in the 1850s and owned by former ship builder, Luther Moses. Cleveland Museum of Art held its kick-off for the Future Museum, Teen Curation Team Project, on Thursday, May 30, 2019.

The branch welcomed Loreal Austin as the new branch Page who replaced Aalia Abdullah. LACE, Kyle Auchter, has accepted a position with the New York Public Library and will leave the branch at the end of the month.

Memorial Nottingham - The branch hosted the annual Congressional Art Competition exhibit on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Over 150 works of art were showcased by students from local area high schools. The awards ceremony featured remarks from CPL Director, Felton Thomas and Congresswoman, Marcia Fudge.

Jowan Smith of the "Getting Our Babies to College 101" initiative, continues with her request for tie donations. Ties will be given to young at-risk makes at a "School to Work" event this summer. Shalenah Williams, a rep from the Cleveland Community Police Commission met with several Branch Managers to organize a city wide book club event entitled "Talking a Stance". The purpose of this book club is to increase community participation in a dialogue that focuses on community and police relations. The first discussion is scheduled to kick off in June.

OUTREACH & PROGRAMMING SERVICES

SUMMARY

In the month of May the Library hosted approximately 232 programs ranging from Legal Aid workshops to outreach to the arts programming for teens. The Library offered 75 preschool story times to children throughout the city in addition to food service at all 28 locations. Education services such as GED and ESOL classes, and SAT and ACT preparation classes were held at 14 branch locations and Main Library; K-8 tutoring will resume at 11 locations in the month of May.

ADULT

The Inaugural Sister Cities Conference began on May 1 with Opening Remarks in the evening from Director Thomas and Global Cleveland Director Joe Cimperman and light refreshments. On May 2, Mayor Frank Jackson, City Council President Kevin Kelley, County Administrator Armond Budish, the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, Israeli city leaders, and award-winning Israeli pianist Yaron Kohlberg all welcomed Beit She'an, Israel as the newest Sister City of Cleveland. Delegates and students from multiple Sister Cities led presentations and participated in teleconferences throughout the day. On May 3, CPL hosted a Naturalization Ceremony led by Judge Polster. Approximately 50

people became new American citizens and enjoyed music performed by Slovenian musician Vlado Kreslin during kosher lunch.

Crescendo - The Cleveland Orchestra - Slavic Village: Past & Present (May 17) showcased the Cleveland Orchestra's residence in the Slavic Village neighborhood, featuring the works of turn of the 20th century Slavic Village-based violinist, composer, and music teacher Charles Rychlik. Approximately 85 attendees enjoyed narrations about Rychlik's life and career along with live performances of his music by Cleveland Orchestra musicians and students from the Cleveland School of the Arts. The most endearing performances of the day were given by Slavic Village's newest violinists, the second-grade class from Mound Elementary school who began learning to play the violin during the 2018-2019 school year as part of a Cleveland Orchestra program.

ideastream Storytelling - CPL staff storytellers submitted nearly 20 audio recordings for ideastream's review by May 1. Ideastream re-recorded one story and fully produced it for broadcast beginning Thursday, May 31. The story was about Robert Donona, an avid font collector and typographer who lives in the Hough neighborhood, and was originally interviewed by Chatham Ewing, Manager of the Cleveland Digital Public Library.

HOMEBOUND & SENIOR SERVICES

Ms. Muckerheide worked with Early Literacy Coordinator Rhonda Pai, Literature Department Manager Don Boozer, and many other CPL staff to transition Homebound Services to Main's Literature department, distribute the Adult Mobile collection to other locations, and re-locate three Mobile staff to Branch positions.

On May 21, the Age-Friendly Cleveland episode featuring Ms. Muckerheide was uploaded to TV20's YouTube channel. She discussed CPL's 150th Anniversary and the many materials and services offered to older patrons, both onsite and in their homes.

YOUTH

The 2019 Winter/Spring Express Yourself! Youth Art Workshops offered by Art Therapy Studio kicked off on January 26 ended on May 31. Programming will resume August 2019. Hough Branch celebrated the end of the Spring session with a student art show and celebration. Art pieces by 34 program participants were displayed.

Youth Art Workshops are offered two days a week at E. 131st Street, Hough, Sterling and West Park branches. In each session, participants learn to develop their art skills using

different media - drawing, painting, sculpting - for self-expression. Workshops are facilitated by licensed art therapists.

During the month of May, Braxton Educational and Technology Consulting offered reading and math tutoring at Union and Woodland Branches. Tutoring took place Tuesdays through Thursdays, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays by appointment. Braxton tutoring services will continue throughout the month of June, and will resume fall 2019.

CSU Viking Corps and America Reads tutoring began on Monday, February 4 and ended on May 10 at Collinwood, East 131st, Fleet, Fulton, Garden Valley, Glenville, Hough, Langston Hughes, Rice, Rockport, Sterling, Walz and Woodland Branches. Assistance is offered in the subjects of math, science, history, and language arts, Monday through Thursday, 3:00-6:00 p.m. America Reads tutoring will resume fall 2019.

Main library attendance has maintained an average of 25 students weekly. College Now, an ACT/SAT prep program resumed classes on Monday, April 8th at Main Library. Spring classes are scheduled to conclude Friday, June 14, 2019. A select group of students will take a tour of various University's post ACT/SAT prep sessions.

Through a partnership with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, after-school snacks are delivered to all Cleveland Public Library branch locations and Main Library daily Monday through Friday. In addition to meal delivery, monthly nutrition education programs are provided. As of May 2019, The Cleveland Public Library served approximately 12,575 after-school meals. Summer Lunch is scheduled to begin Monday, June 3rd to Friday, August 2nd.

Rainey Institute leads Cleveland Public Library youth patrons in exploring visual art techniques, Get PHIT (Physical health and international training) and dance for ages seven and up. Lorain Branch hosted Rainey classes during the month of May on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with approximately six students in attendance each session.

Sponsored by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and PNC, Cleveland Public Library youth staff were trained in November 2019, to present Fight the Power programs at branch locations, making Rock Hall educational resources accessible to all at the Cleveland Public Library. As a result of this training, various Fight the Power presentations are scheduled throughout Cleveland Public

Library, starting in January 2019. Programs are scheduled until May 2019. In "Fight the Power," students will think critically about how rock & roll musicians in the 1960s and early 1970s challenged audiences to consider alternatives and make changes in their communities. Students will listen to and view performances by legendary artists as they are engaged in identifying social commentary in lyrics, performance styles, and historical images. In May 2019 Sterling Branch had six children in attendance, while Fleet Branch had twelve patrons.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Invest in Children held their annual meeting on May 17th, 2019. The mission of Invest in Children is to mobilize resources and energy to ensure the well-being of all young children in Cuyahoga County, provide supportive services to parents and caregivers, and build awareness, momentum, and advocacy in the community around children and family issues. Leslie Barrett and Erica Marks were in attendance on behalf of the Cleveland Public Library.

Debbie Hajzak provided training to OPS staff on LibCal program/events calendar and the use of LibCal for program submissions (May 16). She also participated in the following: Labor Management Committee - May 9, SEIU District 1199 Chapter Leadership Meeting - May 15, Multiple meetings as part of the Homebound/Mobile Services Reorganization/Transition.

Ms. Muckerheide introduced both Housing Court and Office of Reentry representatives to Branch Managers and attended the May 1 meeting. On May 9, she also attended Cuyahoga County's Complete Count Committee training for the 2020 Census. Ms. Muckerheide provided training to Literature staff on Homebound Services throughout May.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS & DEVELOPMENT AND FOUNDATION

EXTERNAL RELATIONS & ADVOCACY UPDATES:

- External Relations & Advocacy
 - o Ohio Senate Finance Committee Written Testimony, HB166
 - Director Thomas provided the Ohio Senate Finance Committee a written testimony on HB166, the biennial budget bill for FY20-21. He thanked the committee for their past support of the Public Library Fund (PLF) and requested their consideration to increase the PLF from 1.68% to 1.7%. He articulated the impact the funding has

had on the Cleveland community and beyond in the areas of education, workforce development, and digital literacy.

- o CPL Facilities Master Plan (FMP) Local Elected Officials Outreach
 - Director Thomas, Chief of Operations Jeremiah Swetel, and Chief of External Relations & Development Shenise Johnson Thomas met with local elected officials to provide an overview of the facilities master plan. The meetings also serve as an opportunity to address questions and obtain feedback on FMP efforts. Outreach will continue until all city and county council members within the CPL footprint have been briefed.
- o Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge Congressional Art Competition
 - CPL hosted Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge's Congressional Art Competition at the Memorial-Nottingham Branch in May. Congresswoman Fudge presented Director Thomas a plaque to honor the Library's 150th anniversary at the event. Director Thomas thanked the Congresswoman and presented her with her official CPL library card featuring the student winner's artwork from her 2018 Congressional Art Competition.
- o AIM Hire: Workforce and Education Conference
 - Representatives from the external relations and development office and our branches attended the Ohio Excels and Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation hosted AIM Hire: Workforce and Education Conference in Columbus. The conference featured students, educators, and businesses who have benefited from ongoing education and business partnerships. Lt. Gov. Jon Husted, director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, was the keynote speaker.

CPL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES:

- Fundraising
 - o PPG Foundation grant received to provide Rockport programming for teens through STEAM

- o PNC contribution received in support of CPL150's Tribute to Cleveland efforts and the CPL150 Anniversary Affair
- o Philanthropy Ohio's Corporate Funders Luncheon
 - CPL hosted Philanthropy Ohio's annual luncheon for their corporate funders. Director Thomas gave an overview of our anniversary year and CPL programming and partnerships. More than a dozen corporate funders took a tour of The World of Puppets exhibit, learned about the library's history and architecture, and visited TechCentral's MakerSpace receiving a personalized memento.

CPL FOUNDATION UPDATES:

- Fundraising:
 - o CPL150 Sponsorship Secured in May, 2019:
 - Eaton Corporation
 - o CPL150 Anniversary Affair Sponsorship Secured in May, 2019:
 - Third Federal
 - Benesch Law
 - PNC
 - o CPL150 Street Festival In-Kind Support Secured in May, 2019:
 - Cleveland Water Department
 - Great Lakes Brewing Co.

COLLECTION & TECHNICAL SERVICES

Director of Collection Services Jean Duncan McFarren, Assistant Director of Collection and Technical Services and Acquisitions and High Demand Manager Sandy Jelar Elwell, Collections Manager Pam Matthews, Collection Management Librarian Laura Mommers, and Receiving and Distribution Supervisor and Materials Handling Supervisor James Clardy met with Baker & Taylor Public Library Field Consultant Marne Fellows to discuss ordering leased popular titles in book, Blu-ray, and DVD formats. Ms. McFarren, Ms. Jelar Elwell, Ms. Matthews, and Ms. Mommers met with Midwest Tape Senior Account Executive Ed Altwies to review the Library's current physical and digital media needs and to receive updates and announcements for Midwest Tape products and hoopla digital media.

Ms. McFarren, Ms. Matthews, and Ms. Mommers attended a meeting with Public Services staff to discuss the possibility of reorganizing the picture book collection by designated topics at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch. Collections Services Managers and representatives from each of the Collection Services Departments attended a meeting led by Ms. McFarren to discuss implementing procedures for providing tours of the Lake Shore Facility and to identify standard descriptions to be used for each of the Departments.

Several staff from The Cleveland Museum of Art visited the Lake Shore Facility and met with Ms. Jelar Elwell and Catalog Manager Andrea Johnson to learn about the SirsiDynix software and view demonstrations of how Collection Services uses the Acquisitions, AddItem, Cataloging, and Serial Control modules for library materials. Ms. McFarren continued to participate in the negotiation preparation sessions along with other Administrators.

Acquisitions: The Acquisitions Department ordered 7,405 titles and 8,823 items (including periodical subscriptions and serial standing orders); received 15,298 items, 1,112 periodicals, and 318 serials; added 734 periodical items, 56 serial items, 972 paperbacks, and 590 comics; and processed 2,122 invoices and 82 gift items.

Acquisitions Coordinator Alicia Naab and Collections Manager Pam Matthews worked with Rakuten OverDrive Account Manager Todd Warhola to try and acquire copies of some of the bestselling eaudiobooks at a special discount. Ms. Naab assisted Assistant Director of Collection and Technical Services Sandy Jelar Elwell in receiving materials that had been prepaid.

Acquisitions Librarian Leslie Pultorak continued to assist with the unpacking and verifying of foreign language materials for the Lake Shore Shelf/Shipping Department.

<u>Catalog</u>: Librarians cataloged 4,618 titles and added 5,338 items for Cleveland Public Library, and added 1,968 titles for CLEVNET member libraries.

Technical Services Librarian Yeshen Dugarova-Montgomery joined the rotation for handling email requests from CLEVNET staff and other CPL.Newcat tasks. Senior Catalog Librarian Dawn Grattino is reviewing her work. Ms. Grattino created original catalog records for two manuscripts from Ethiopia for Special Collections.

Technical Services Librarians Barbara Satow and Erin Valentine attended the Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians (OVGTSL) conference in Lexington, Kentucky May 12-14. Catalog Manager Andrea Johnson, Technical Services Librarian Amei Hu, and Ms. Valentine attended the Northern Ohio Technical Services Librarians (NOTSL) Spring meeting on May 23. Technical Services Librarian Michael Gabe met with International Languages Department Manager Milos Markovic and Project Manager Michael Ruffing to prepare for a discussion he will facilitate at the Midwest Slavic and Eurasian Library Consortium's annual meeting in June.

<u>Collection Management</u>: Collection Management selected 1,278 titles and 9,317 copies, and spent \$182,630 in May.

Collections Manager Pam Matthews attended BookExpo and Library Journal's Day of Dialog, both in New York City, to learn about trends in editing and publishing and about the most buzzed about forthcoming titles.

<u>High Demand</u>: The High Demand Department ordered 1,298 titles and 11,173 items; received and added 14,149 items; and processed 855 invoices.

<u>Materials Processing</u>: Technical Services Associates cataloged 922 new titles for the Cleveland Public Library and added 886 records for the CLEVNET libraries. Technical Services Associates and Senior Clerks added 3,817 items. The Materials Processing Technicians processed 27,190 items for the month.

Shelf/Shipping: The staff of the Lake Shore Shelf/Shipping
Department sent 94 items to the Main Library for requests and 104
items to fill holds. Main Library received 219 telescopes, the
Branches received 511 telescopes, CLEVNET received 77 telescopes,
CASE received 6 telescopes, CSU received 5 telescopes, and Tri-C
received 1 telescope. A total of 819 telescopes were shipped
out. The Receiving and Distribution Technician continued to
receive assistance from staff in other Collection Services
Departments when needed and sent out 376 items of foreign
material and in total 16,334 new items were sent to the
Acquisitions and High Demand Departments.

Receiving and Distribution Supervisor and Materials Handling Supervisor James Clardy participated in the assessments to recruit for Page positions along with the rest of the members of the Page committee.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

The Library's $150^{\rm th}$ anniversary (CPL150) campaign continued its momentum in May with focus on the Cleveland stories projects and the kick off to Summer Lit League May $1^{\rm st}$.

HIGHLIGHTS: Through our paid partnerships with WKYC and WOIO, we had the unique opportunity to share the stories of people who have been impacted by Cleveland Public Library:

- WKYC News Vignette: Director Felton Thomas, Jr.
- WOIO News Vignette: O'Neal Family
- WKYC News Vignette: Thomas D. Corrigan taped, but not yet aired

On May 10, we had the opportunity to appear on WKYC's We The People highlighting Cleveland 20/20 Project featuring Aaron Mason, Director of Outreach & Programming Services and Da'Shaunae Marisa Jackson, Cleveland 20/20 Photographer. For a full list of CPL150 media releases and coverage, visit https://150.cpl.org/newsroom/.

PAID MEDIA as of May 2019



FACEBOOK: Organic

	2019	2018	YoY	NOTES
Net Page Likes	49	126	-61%	
Avg Post Reach	6,571	4,457	47%	
Avg Total	7,503	5,065	48%	

Reach				
Avg	35	60	-71%	Lapping new ads in 2018.
Engagement				

TWITTER: Organic

	2019	2018	YoY	NOTES		
Top Tweet (Impressions)	25,800	9,845	40.3%	Before / After: Main Library's cleaning		
Top Mention (Engagements)	4,899	6,596	- 25.7%	#Cleveland @Indians 1989 Yearbook. Found @Cleveland_PL Sports Ctr. pic.twitter.com/YqjKiAOzxO		
Top Media Tweet (Impressions)	8,600	7,332	17.3%	Extremely honored to receive an Age Friendly Cleveland Champion award! We're proud to be a strategic partner with the @ClevelandAging and we couldn't be the center of learning for a diverse and inclusive community without strong partners like @CityofCleveland! #CLESeniorday pic.twitter.com/30eJXkpe96		
Summary Tweets	40	46	-13%	Engagement is at the same rate v. YAG despite dips in new		
New Followers	96	116	-17%	followers.		

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Painters

- M.L.K- painted 2nd floor meeting area.
- LSW- painted walls by handicap ramp, also painted 10th floor hallway.
- Glenville- started painting branch and painted Edgewater Book Box.
- Rice- patched damage ceilings in men's and women's public restrooms.

Carpenters

- Harvard-Lee- removed glass block.
- Jefferson- installed new lock to side door.
- Fulton- patched hole in ceiling of parking lot entrance.
- LSW- installed cove base trim.

- Union- patched parking lot.
- Carnegie West- removed outside chess tables and chairs and filled holes with concrete.
- Garden Valley- hung thirty pictures for the Anton Grdina Project.
- South Brooklyn- repaired exterior doors.

Maintenance Mechanics

- MLK ran snake and applied drain cleaner to unclog public restroom sinks.
- Rockport repaired leaking toilet in women's public restroom.
- South Brooklyn replaced/secured electrical wall outlet behind circulation desk.
- Lakeshore replaced defective blower motor on Technical Services/server room HVAC unit.
 - o Removed damaged strainer on chilled water loop, replaced with fabricated stainless steel basket from machine shop.
 - o Replaced defective and leaking chilled water valve on air handler #3.
 - o Repaired leaking make-up water valve on cooling tower/drained sump and replaced bad o-rings.
 - o Repaired leaking drain line on portable dehumidifier in stacks area.
 - o Replaced leaking heating valve on meeting room #4 VAV box.
- LSW/Main repaired broken receptacle in hallway across from room #35.
 - o Installed reverse acting relay to address Siemens/Gamma lighting scheduling issues for external lights on the front and west side of Main building.
 - o Switched IT/data center HVAC from dry coolers to Cleveland thermal chilled water.
- Fulton installed replacement LED fixtures in main lobby area.
 - o Replaced bad ballasts on fixtures in main area of branch.
- Langston Hughes repaired leaking toilet in men's public restroom.
 - o Replaced diaphragms and rebuilt flush assemblies on all public and staff restroom toilets.

- Hough branch too hot. Reset oil pressure safety switch on main a/c compressor, replaced faulty fan cycling switch on condensing unit.
- Collinwood snaked clogged floor drain in 2nd floor mechanical room, checked/cleaned HVAC unit drain pan.
- Fleet started LED post top/parking lot lighting retrofit project.
 - o Worked with Davey tree to remove bushes and prune trees to increase visibility and improve sight lines.
- E.131 worked with the carpenters, Davey Tree, and Kurtz bros. on branch beautification project.
- LSW/Main, Lakeshore, Branches continued replacing dirty prefilters on air handlers and rooftop HVAC units.

SAFETY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Safety Services

- SPS is working with Property Management to have key cylinder locks removed from the LSW 8th floor vault doors and LSW 9th floor map vault doors. Access control cards should be the only method used to enter the vaults.
- Officer Greg Green is a retired CPD officer who was a State Certified Law Enforcement Traffic Accident Investigator. He took pictures and compiled information for a thorough report to be submitted to CPL and the insurance company.
- A Safety Meeting was held at Fleet branch with the CPD 4th district Commander and Supervisor's, CPL's Director, Councilman Brancatelli's representative, and staff members. Staff was able to voice concerns to CPD and CPL Leadership.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Activity

Month	Total Dispatch Activity	Total Alarms	Branch Incide nts	Downtown Campus Incidents	Incident Reports Gen.	CPL access activities
May 2019	1958	24	58	38	116	65
April 2019	1970	22	48	46	90	47
March 2019	126	42	45	79	168	75
Feb 2019	2249	53	117	32	153	178
Jan 2019	2830	36	46	41	84	56
Dec 2018	3166	45	95	90	78	51

Nov 2018	3669	42	51	41	76	51
Oct 2018	4128	25	46	77	77	74
Sept 2018	3463	30	53	68	37	63
Aug 2018	3788	61	65	95	87	71
July 2018	4594	51	62	81	35	106
June 2018	3785	68	54	69	22	42
May 2018	5913	44	60	73	29	33

Special Attention, Special Events, and Significant Incidents

- SPS filled the following overtime requests: Fleet coverage (special attention), Board event at Rice, after hours meeting LSW 2, GC RTA event 5/6, Sister Cities event LSW, Rice branch Community Meeting, and City Music Cleveland 5/1.
- SPS Manager Duncan attended the Ohio City Safety Meeting at the Market Brewery with Carnegie West Manager Angela Guinther.
- A meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2019 with all CPL Third District managers, branch managers, SPS, CPD's Third District Commander Anne Todd, and Mrs. Parks.
- Video requests fulfilled for Cleveland Police Department, CPL Human Resources, and CPL Legal team.
- Safety & Protective Services posted Officers at Fleet and Sterling branches for thirty days after two misdemeanor incidents in May.
- SPS officers are visiting the Edgewater Book Box checking on staff members.
- Lt. Harris and SPS Manager Duncan attended the Police Action Committee meeting with University Circle Police.

Protective and Fire Systems

- Fire and burglar system troubles were addressed at Rice, Harvard Lee, LSW, Mt. Pleasant, and Fulton branches.
- ABCO completed a quote for the 2019-2020 fire sprinkler inspections.

Contract Security

- SPS will be moving the Memorial Nottingham guard to Rice branch. The SPS officer posted at Lake Shore and Royce guard from Lake Shore will patrol and respond to all requests for service at Memorial Nottingham.
- Lt. Harris is the point of contact (POC) for Royce Security issues, questions, or concerns.

Administration

- SPS Supervisors were measured for white uniform shirts last week. This will help clearly identify Safety & Protective Services Supervisors from Field Officers.
- A procedure was developed for non SPS staff to clarify when it is appropriate to call CPD instead of SPS. The document is with the Knowledge Office for review.
- SPS met with Human Resources and identified the following times for producing CPL identification cards: Monday thru Friday 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CLEVNET

Mentor Public Library, the newest member of CLEVNET, went live on May 6, 2019. CLEVNET now totals 46 member library systems. Strategic preparation and meticulous project management by CLEVNET's Library Systems and Applications (LSA) Team made it another successful migration. Cheryl Kuonen, Director of Mentor Public Library, sent the following message to LSA staff: "Thank you so much for your time and all your assistance with our transition to CLEVNET. Your staff being here yesterday was very helpful and calming. Overall, I think it went very smoothly and we're happy to join the CLEVNET family."

Over 236,000 physical item records were added to the shared CLEVNET collection with Mentor's migration. And over 63,500 patron records were loaded. With an annual circulation last year of nearly three-quarters of a million items, Mentor Public Library is now the tenth largest library in CLEVNET. Mentor will contribute \$12,333.60 per month for membership to the CLEVNET Special Revenue Fund for the remainder of the year.

The LSA Team is truly a team and is headed by Hilary Prisbylla, Director of CLEVNET, who is recognized by her peers as an authority in her field. In March, she was nominated by a CLEVNET director to the board of the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN), an independent agency within the State Library of Ohio. The OPLIN Board agreed that Ms. Prisbylla was well qualified and submitted an appointment request to the State Library Board on May 16, 2019, which was approved. Ms. Prisbylla's three-year term begins July 1, 2019. OPLIN is a trusted and invaluable partner of CLEVNET, providing member libraries with their broadband Internet connections and CLEVNET as a whole with rack space at the State of Ohio Computer Center (SOCC) in Columbus.

Meanwhile, the Network Team continued the cleanup of the data center in the lower level of the Louis Stokes Wing. Staff removed several cages, servers, network devices and dead wiring from the CPL server room. In preparation for moving a number of CPL's servers to a more secure environment at the SOCC in June, staff virtualized the servers to new hardware for its consolidation and failover capability.

There were no CLEVNET meetings in May. The next Directors Panel meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2019, at Bellevue Public Library. The next quarterly meeting of the CLEVNET Directors will be held at Sandusky Library's Kelleys Island Branch on July 26, 2019.