

A CULTURAL EXCHANGE

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A literacy based non-profit multicultural
arts organization for children

June 5, 2012

Felton Thomas
Executive Director and CEO
Cleveland Public Library
325 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Director Thomas,

On behalf of A Cultural Exchange and all the *Read, Baby, Read!*® and CHAPTERS BOOK CLUB® members, I would like to thank you so much for your generosity in allowing us to host our Reading Celebrations at the Cleveland Public Library. The celebrations were special and memorable for so many children, teachers, parents and community members.

Everyone was excited to be at such great spaces that are so supportive of literacy and fun. The programs were a great success due to all the efforts of the fabulous Cleveland Public Library staff to ensure that everything progressed smoothly. I appreciate all that you do for Cleveland's youngest citizens and for A Cultural Exchange.

Thank you for your continued advocacy and for helping us to Build Communities Where Children Read.

Sincerely,

Deborah McHamm
President and Chief Executive Officer



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June 29, 2012

Felton Thomas
Cleveland Public Library
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Cleveland, OH 44114-1271

Dear Felton,

Thank you for your leadership in the Cleveland Public Library's 2012 Harvest for Hunger drive through your participation on our Campaign Cabinet. We sincerely appreciate you and your company's long-standing support of Harvest for Hunger and the Cleveland Foodbank and are grateful for your involvement.

As you know, we recently announced that this year's campaign raised a record-breaking \$3.6 million and more than 405,000 pounds of food! These resources will provide **over 15 million nutritious meals** at local hunger centers throughout Northeast Ohio.

While the economy is starting to show signs of improvement, the number of men, women, and children who are food insecure continues to grow in our community. According to a recent study by Feeding America, there are currently over 2 million people in Ohio who are struggling to put food on the table every day.

We are truly grateful that the Cleveland Public Library was able to be a part of this year's efforts and we are incredibly grateful for your continued leadership on not only the Harvest for Hunger Campaign Cabinet but the Cleveland Foodbank Board of Directors as well.

We were overwhelmed by the level of giving from the Cleveland Public Library this year. It seemed as though every time we turned around, there was a food donation being delivered! Thanks to the amazing support of your staff, the \$5,916.09 and 8,157 pounds of food raised will provide more than 30,000 meals to hungry families.

Thank you again for your continued support and generosity. The compassion you and your staff have for those in need is remarkable.

Sincerely,

Anne Goodman
President & CEO
Cleveland Foodbank

Mary Lavin
Director of Fundraising
Cleveland Foodbank



Harvest for Hunger is a 21-county food and funds drive coordinated locally by the Cleveland Foodbank.

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August 15, 2012

Mr. Felton Thomas, Jr.
Cleveland Public Library
325 Superior Avenue, N.E.
Cleveland, OH 44114

Dear Mr. Thomas:

We wanted to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to the Cleveland Public Library for being one of our sponsors for this event. We couldn't have been more pleased to have them be a part of this flagship event. Your mobile unit was quite impressive and was a great visual.

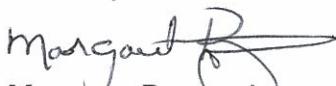
We thank you for very kind words of support and admonition. We would also like to add that it was our pleasure to work with Aaron and Heidi on the planning of this event (and Aaron did a great job on the weekend Morning Show).


This event allowed us to share something very special with everyone in attendance that day. It was not only an opportunity to share the book "All in a Dads Day", but to give everyone an opportunity to visit the various vendors that were on site for all types of helpful information and services.

Our Dads, Moms, and other family members in attendance had a great time, and a wonderful experience as the "Reading Flash Mob" read the book together at the end.

Thank you again for being a wonderful partner in this effort, and we look forward to the opportunity of working with you again on other projects in the future.

Sincerely


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August 30, 2012

Felton Thomas, Jr.
Executive Director, CEO
Cleveland Public Library
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Cleveland, OH 44114

Felton,

Thank you and the wonderful staff of Cleveland Public Library for a most informative tour. The LCCC Library staff thoroughly enjoyed our visit on Thursday, August 23, 2012. All of us learned so much about the Cleveland Public Library, the various special collections, the diversity of its resources, and the outstanding architecture. What a jewel the Cleveland Public Library is to the community!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan G. Paul".

Susan G. Paul, MLS
Interim Dean, LCCC Library
Interim Director, Distance Learning
Associate Professor

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "Valarie McCall" <vmccall@city.cleveland.oh.us>

To: "Valarie McCall" <vmccall@city.cleveland.oh.us>

Sent: Monday, June 25, 2012 12:37:47 PM

Subject: Mayor Jackson's Note of Appreciation for the Cleveland Plan

Description: City Logo 2006

June 25, 2012

Dear Friend:

I would like to personally thank you for your leadership on Substitute Amended S.B. 335 and Substitute Amended H.B. 525. We are now one step closer to realizing our objective of providing quality education for all of Cleveland's children thanks to your continued support for the Cleveland Plan.

As you know, the Cleveland Plan focuses on a three-pronged approach: the first was passing this legislation (HB 525 and SB 335); the second is passing a levy to support these systematic changes; and the final step will be implementation.

Our collaborative efforts, which work to bring this plan to fruition, stem from a firm commitment to the future of our children and the future of the City of Cleveland. Providing quality education to all of our children is critical for Cleveland to prosper and compete in the future.

Again, I would like to thank you for realizing that educating Cleveland's children must come first. The passage of this legislation could not have been possible without your support.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Jackson

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Mayor

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Felton Thomas

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From: "Robert Young" <ryoung@lorainccc.edu>

To: "larry finnegan" <larry.finnegan@cpl.org>

Cc: "Douglas Huber" <dhuber@lorainccc.edu>

Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2012 1:50:31 PM

Subject: Many Thanks!

Hi Larry,

On behalf of the Business Division at Lorain County Community College we thank you and your talented team for the half day event at the Cleveland Public Library today! I'm sure I can speak for the group when I say we were all blown away with the people, collections, architecture and facility, and the Tech Center, among all the other treasures you have there! We greatly appreciated the time and attention and please relate our appreciation to Fenton, Tim, Ann, CJ and all the others who gave up their time for the group. I am a total book lover so it was totally awesome to me to hear what you have there!

If we can reciprocate in any way by showing off our campus please feel free to let us know any time. Great job Doug and excellent idea to involve our own library folks! You hit another grand slam today for sure!!

Excellent all around everyone!

Best regards,

RBV

Dr. Robert B. Young
Dean, Business Division
Lorain County Community College