DIRECTOR’S REPORT
November 16, 2023

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

MAIN LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT
PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND EXHIBITS

Writers Unplugged
Popular Department Manager Jen Jumba hosted Writers Unplugged at the Rice Campus on October 5 with local writer, Dameyonna Willis. Ms. Jumba continues to schedule authors for Writers Unplugged in 2024.

Music at Main
Fine Arts Music Librarian Andy Kaplan hosted the Squirrel Hillbillies who performed a mix of folk, americana, bluegrass, and rock in the Fine Arts Lobby. Forty-six people attended.

Genealogy Programs and Services
The Center for Local and Global History (CLGH) held a Genealogy & Family History Research Clinic October 14 in partnership with the African American Genealogical Society (AAGS) of Cleveland. CLGH Librarian Terry Metter hosted Family History Day, an all-day genealogy program featuring six speakers. Mr. Metter delivered a presentation about under-utilized collections for genealogical research at Cleveland Public Library to members of the Geauga County Genealogy Society on October 10 via Zoom.
Special Collections
On October 11 Special Collections Librarian Ray Rozman hosted 35 students and five instructors from the Royal Oak Academy of Columbus, OH. The group was given a tour, which focused on chess, how to use the library, and primary source research. After lunch in the indoor reading garden, the group left the library premises to tour downtown Cleveland, returning to the library later in the day to collect their belongings.

Fine Arts and Special Collections Public Services Associate Kalie Boshara gave a short tour of Special Collections to 27 scholars from Lake Ridge Academy on September 18, and 19 visitors from the Bridge Avenue School October 6.

International Languages and Yoga Instruction
International Languages Senior Subject Librarian Caroline Han led the Chinese Conversation class with eight participants and a yoga exercise session with four participants.

Literature and Ohio Center for the Book
On September 22 and 23, the Ohio Center for the Book participated in the Literary Cleveland Inkubator Writing Conference held at the Main Library. The Center staffed an information table and Ohio Center for the Book Fellow Laura Walter recorded a live Page Count podcast episode with author and Assistant Professor of Creative Writing at the Ohio State University Elissa Washuta.

Ohio Center for the Book Fellow Laura Maylene Walter posted two episodes of the podcast Page Count. One featured a guest episode of The Asterisk (the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards podcast) with author Tiya Miles, and an episode with author Athena Dixon on the day her new book was released. The two episodes have a total of 150 downloads to date with over 6,000 downloads total for the podcast.

Superman’s Cleveland
For two months, Cleveland was host to a series of events online and in person for “Superman's Cleveland: Lineage and Legacy”. Literature/Ohio Center for the Book Manager Don Boozer and Senior Librarian Nick Durda were official organizers of this massive event, culminating in a full-day conference held at the Main Library. Events took place across the city, and Mr. Boozer and Mr. Durda hosted several:
- On September 19, the Ohio Center for the Book hosted a program at the West Park Branch with Dr. Dennis Dooley, author of Superman at Fifty.
• On September 30, Mr. Boozer co-hosted a “Coffee & Comics” program with guest comics creator Terri Libenson at the Cleveland Museum of Art’s Community Arts Center at The Pivot Center for Art, Dance and Expression. Thirty-one multi-generational attendees engaging in hands-on activities along with a presentation by Ms. Libenson on her artwork, her process, and her career.

• On October 5, Mr. Durda hosted a “Get Graphic!” comics discussion on Mark Waid’s Birthright graphic novel at Bookhouse Brewing with 11 engaged participants taking part in the conversation.

On October 7, Mr. Boozer hosted a live online conversation moderated by Ursuline College’s Dr. Valentino Zullo of the Rust Belt Humanities Lab (series co-sponsor) with acclaimed comics creator Mark Waid and Voices from Krypton: The Complete, Unauthorized Oral History of Superman author Ed Gross. The video has garnered almost 200 views (live and recorded).

On October 14, the Ohio Center for the Book hosted “It’s a Bird, It’s a Plane, It’s a Cultural Icon” conference, an academic meeting devoted to Superman scholarship. Speakers from around the country gave lectures and panel presentations, including a presentation by board members of the Siegel and Shuster Society. Hands-on activities included button-making with TechCentral Manager Suzi Perez and silk-screening posters with original Superman artwork with Zygote Press. Lake Erie Ink hosted a comics-making workshop, and the day was capped off in the Main Library auditorium with a conversation between comic creator Mark Waid and Brad Ricca, author of the Super Boys: The Amazing Adventures of Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster--the Creators of Superman.

Exhibits and Displays
Staff across the Main Library have curated several displays as part of a mini exhibit for the Black, White, and Read Cleveland Public Library Foundation fundraiser. Items include the Photograph Department stereoscope, original plans for the Goodyear Blimp, Literature books on Shakespear, and the boxer’s robe of a Golden Gloves Championship fighter, donated to the Sports Research Center by his daughter.
**Lending Department Services**

The Lending Department staff continue to distribute a limited supply of free Flex-Flow at-home COVID tests to patrons via the Drive-Up Window. In addition they continue to serve as a Passport Acceptance Facility, reviewing and processing 22 new Passport applications, including providing 28 Passport photograph services for a total of $1,050 in revenue.

**Books by Mail Programs**

- **Words on Wheels:** The Shelf Department sent 16 items to seven Cleveland Public Library patrons using “Words on Wheels” service as of October 16.

- **Homebound:** Homebound Services sent 73 packages to 72 patrons. Year-to-date, Literature staff have sent out 917 packages to homebound patrons.

**CPL Tours**

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Main Library Services Coordinator William Spencer along with staff across Main Library continued to promote the library by providing patron tours of the downtown campus. Tour groups included: Visitors from the Milan-Berlin Library District, a group with the Akron - Summit County Public Library with visitors from Long Island, NY (2) and Indiana (2), and a group of Jane Austin Society of North America members who will be adding CPL to the list of places to visit for their 2024 annual meeting.

**CPL Patron Photo Shoots**

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This month, The Cleveland Public Library enjoyed hosting six unscheduled bridal parties who generously donated a total of $250.00.

**OUTREACH**

On September 19, Literature/Ohio Center for the Book Manager Don Boozer appeared on Fox 8 New Day Cleveland to promote the Superman Exhibit as well as the Superman’s Cleveland: Lineage

Popular Library Clerk Daunte Bolden was part of CPL Play September 22 -24 at the Cleveland Gaming Classic and again on September 30 at Main Library.

On September 25, Special Collections Librarian Ray Rozman participated remotely in the MuseumNext conference to promote the library’s recent AI-driven chess chatbot project. Over the previous month he collaborated with Immersive Learning & Innovation Manager Jungu Guo and Digital Initiatives Strategist Chatham Ewing to film a short, prerecorded video presentation. On the day of the conference, he participated in the live Q&A session accompanying the video.

CLGH Librarian Terry Metter delivered a presentation about under-utilized collections for genealogical research at Cleveland Public Library to members of the Geauga County Genealogy Society on October 10 via Zoom.

International Languages Senior Subject Librarian Caroline Han conducted Chinese language outreach Story Time on October 10, at GALA (Global Ambassadors Language Academy) with 27 students participating.

On October 10, Ms. Dobransky gave a two-hour workshop on federal small business data analysis resources at the DataDays CLE 2023 Workshop session, and on October 17 she was part of a panel presentation for the 2023 Federal Depository Library annual conference online.

On October 11, Map Collection Librarian Lisa Sanchez and Knowledge Manager Nancy Mocsiran spoke to a Cleveland State University Urban Studies graduate class. The senior capstone students are working on a collaborative research project related to the library’s neighborhood branch service.

International Language Subject Librarian Victoria Kabo hosted a Russian language Book Club at the Memorial Nottingham Branch with five seniors participating.

CLGH Librarian Mark Tidrick held a program, “Let’s Have a Postcard Party!” at the Mt. Pleasant, Carnegie-West, and Harvard-Lee Branches. Children learned about the library’s postcard collection and created postcards of their own that were mailed to friends or family.
Social Sciences Senior Subject Department Librarian Eric Hanshaw, along with OPS Project Coordinator Alexander Leonard and Archivist Melissa Carr representing the Library at Flaming River Con by staffing an informational table, giving out books and other giveaways, and talking about the Library and Cleveland READS.

General Research Collections Manager Sarah Dobransky was a guest lecturer for the Case Western Reserve University Law School Intellectual Property Venture Clinic (IPVC) students for advanced patent searching.

**COLLECTION MANAGEMENT**

On October 11, Map Collection Librarian Lisa Sanchez accepted the City Hall Cartography Collection which includes Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, aerial views, base maps of the city of Cleveland, and development plans.

Special Collections Public Services Associate Michael Barkacs relocated department material previously housed in the Map Vault into the Special Collections Vault.

**MAIN LIBRARY RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**

- Special Collections Library Assistant Bill Chase assisted a visitor from Idaho who asked to see *Sunrise is Coming After While* (Signed by Maya Angelou).

- Special Collections Librarian Ray Rozman and Fine Arts and Special Collections Public Services Associate Kalie Boshara showcased the collection’s Jan Sobota artist books. The patron called back the next day to set up a return visit for these and for Edris Eckhardt items.

- CLGH Librarian Mark Tidrick helped a patron find information regarding Clevelander Reverend O. M. Hoover. Hoover worked closely with Martin Luther King, Jr. and led one of the largest African American churches in Ohio, Olivet Institutional Baptist Church.

- Mr. Tidrick helped a documentary filmmaker find news articles related to the bankruptcy of the Cleveland Works mill when it was owned by LTV in 2001 and when it reopened as ISG in 2002.
• CLGH Public Services Associate Aimee LePelley assisted a children’s nonfiction book writer with finding a photograph of Cleveland’s Annie Perkins who was famous for wearing short white pants year-round as she sold newspapers in the early 1900s.

• Map Collection Librarian Lisa Sanchez researched a street relevant to the Albert Wise Farm in Medina County. Mx. Sanchez referenced the historic Medina County atlases from the late 19th early 20th centuries.

• Mx. Sanchez assisted a patron who was trying to find a rumored sanitarium in Richland County. Mx. Sanchez used their personal knowledge of the area and historic atlases of Richland County to facilitate the patron’s research.

• Business, Economics, and Labor Librarian Susan Mullee requested the books *Products of the Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation and its Subsidiaries* and the 1929 *Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation* for a patron researching said company. Cleveland Public Library is one of four libraries to hold the former and the only library in the world with a copy of the latter.

• The Digital Gallery (ClevDPL) had 55,000 views in the first two weeks of October.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

Popular Department Manager Jen Jumba attended the Cleveland Leadership Institute over the course of six sessions.

The following Main Library staff attended the Ohio Library Council 2023 Annual Convention and Expo in Cincinnati, Ohio: Sr. Director of Public Services, Main Library, Robin Wood, Literature/Ohio Center for the Book Manager Don Boozer, General Research Collections Manager Sarah Dobransky, and Social Sciences Senior Librarian Eric Hanshaw.

Map Collection Librarian Lisa Sanchez, Shelf Assistant Manager Cynthia Coccaro, and Ms. Dobransky attended the “Data Days Cleveland” conference at Cleveland Public Library on October 12.
International Languages Public Services Associate Lisa Held attended the NEO-RLS webinar *DEIA Networking*. Ms. Held and Public Administration Library Public Services Associate Denise Williams-Riseng also attended the NEO-RLS webinar *Staying Current with Recent Technological Trends*.

Social Sciences Subject Department Librarian Forrest Kilb attended the WebJunction webinar, *Low Morale in Libraries: Impacts and Countermeasures*.

Fine Arts and Special Collections Public Services Associate Kale Boshara attended the NEORLS webinar *Practical Budget Management: How to Avoid Disaster, Make Smart Moves, Report Responsibly, and Stress Less About your Budget!*

Public Administration Library (PAL) Library Assistant David Furyes and General Research Collections Manager Sarah Dobransky participated in the three-day 2023 Federal Depositary Library Conference online.

Business, Economics, and Labor Librarian Susan Mullee attended the following webinars: *How to Profit in a Bull or Bear Market Using Options* (Cabot Wealth Network), *Show Me the Money. Financial Literacy for All Ages at the Library* (EBSCO), *Accessing Restricted Government Data: NY Federal Statistical Research Center at Baruch College* (NYC Economics & Business METRO Community), *Wellness Webinar* (RUSA [Reference and User Services Association]), and *Holiday Hop or Drop* (CFRA [Center for Financial Research and Analysis]).

Business Department Librarian Zachary Hay watched the WebJunction webinar *AI and Libraries: Enhancing Services and Engaging Communities*.

Science and Technology Librarian Jorge Arganz viewed sessions from *The Impact of ChatGPT Talks from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)* available on YouTube.

Science and Technology Public Services Associate Tarra McSears and CLGH Public Service Associates Aimee LePelley and Kristin Galewood attended the NEO-RLS online webinars *Library Bootcamp: Refresh & Reboot: Leveling Up Your Reference Interview & Information Searching Skills*. Ms. McSears also attended *Library Bootcamp: Library Operations*. 
OTHER

Public Administration Library (PAL) Library Assistant David Furyes and General Research Collections Manager Sarah Dobransky have submitted the 2023 Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries as required by law for the Federal Depository Library Program.

On October 11, Sr. Manager of Lending, Logistics, and Circulation Stephen Wohl met with Program Analyst from the Passport Services Office of Acceptance Facility Oversight Tracy Barber. Ms. Barber conducted a routine oversight audit of CPL’s Passport Services to ensure all parts of the CPL Passport program are up-to-date and in line with standards set by the National Passport Center and U.S. Department of State.

Lending and Circulation Manager Reginald Rudolph continues to serve on the Public Service Training Steering Committee and assisted in the facilitation of De-Escalation Training to all CPL staff.

Lending and Circulation Manager Reginald Rudolph continues to serve on the Book Ends Training Team.

Sr. Director of Public Services Robin Wood continues to serve on the staff De-escalation Training Team.

CLEVELAND DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summary
ClevDPL scanned, described, and uploaded; repaired books and flat paper; did ILL; and served patrons.

Programs & Exhibits
Staff participated in professional groups and Main Library meetings. Staff monitored environmental conditions in exhibits, showed off exhibits on the touch wall in our space, and prepared appropriate exhibit supports for displays in Main Library display cases. Working with Special Projects and Arts and Culture, staff continue to support moving, preserving, storing, framing, and installing art works.

Public Service Statistics
ClevDPL had 189 in-person visitors during October. Staff had 16 two-hour scanning appointments, hosted several tours, and hosted a planning meeting for CPL’s finance team and met with the Cleveland Architecture Foundation. From October 1 to October 30, Google Analytics (GA) reports 7105 sessions for 4756 users and
103,000+ page-views. Search engines delivered 53% of our sessions. Searching in CONTENTdm accounted for 22% of our sessions. Referrals were 7% of our sessions. 2% of our sessions came through social media. About 15% of sessions were unassigned. 54% of our users accessed our site using desktop computers, and 46% accessed CONTENTdm through mobile devices (4% tablets and 42% mobile).

Outreach
Community partners' work in October continued. Collaborated with Playhouse Square staff and Literature to add to their project now up online in the Digital Gallery. Worked with Shaker Area Development Corporation to scan their community newsletter Connection. Staff scanned original issues of Habitat, a Cleveland real-estate newspaper. Staff collaborated with the Cleveland Architecture Foundation, Hyatt Hotels, and Skyline Investments and obtained donation of original plans of the Cleveland Arcade to the library. The Cleveland Orchestra scrapbook scanning project continues. ClevDPL had numerous family collections scanned and many local artists scanned their works.

Collection Development
As of October 31, 2056 images were scanned, 1513 were post-processed and QA’d, and 1006 images were uploaded, many of which were included in multi-image pdfs. The web archives continue to document 44 unique Cleveland and NE Ohio organizations. Scanning highlights include continuing scanning local newspapers, uploading urban planning documents, uploading Cleveland Orchestra scrapbooks, and scanning sheet music. Staff continued work scanning and uploading Hi-Gear Magazine and Habitat, both local journals documenting unique, diverse communities in Cleveland. Staff uploaded three urban planning reports sent by PAL.

ILL
Statistics from OCLC are one month behind and cover September. CDPL had 109 requests from CPL users for materials from other libraries. The response time averaged 11 days and five hours. Partner libraries made 804 requests through OCLC to borrow from CPL and made 13 requests through ALA forms. CPL staff managed a response time for books of three days and 18 hours. CDPL again had ILL requests from incarcerated persons and general researchers using ALA forms.
Staff Development
CDPL is reviewing digitization procedures with staff. Staff retrained on the i2s Quartz Scanners this month and learned about CONTENTdm. Staff also retrained on ILL procedures this month. CDPL has a pilot project teaching using Google Cultural institutes developing with Literature and Maps.

Preservation
As of October 31, preservation/conservation did 20 complex repairs on codex books. The team processed 106 books for digicovers. Currently the prescon team is down to half strength due to a retirement. The team continued uploading materials for an inventory of artwork in the library system. Working with the new arts director, the team continued planning reinstallation and moves of artwork. Additionally, staff continued enhancing navigation for a staff only interface to a digital art collection in CONTENTdm and updated the MS Teams art management database with added information from Special Collections files including artist nationality, artist names, accession information, and donor information.

Planning Activities
Staff continue to plan for art moves and storage of art. CDPL is developing and planning for programming for next year.

Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled
Activities
For October 2023, OLBPD circulated 67,601 books and magazines directly to patrons. OLBPD registered 108 new readers to the service. Approximately 720 BARD patrons among 1,180 active users downloaded 13,203 items.

OLBPD and CPL Financial Services submitted the State Fiscal Year 2024 First Quarter Budget Report to the State Library of Ohio (SLO).

On October 24, OLBPD and SLO co-hosted a one-day in-person conference about the Ohio Braille and Talking Book Program at the State Library. This event was open to sub-lending agencies and public library outreach support staff throughout the state. Over 50 attendees participated and received information about the program as well as updates on the upcoming new digital talking book player and smart speaker mobile app, along with an overview of the braille e-reader. Attendees were also treated to visits from two puppies in training to be guide dogs from Pilot Dogs in Columbus. Feedback from the conference was quite
positive, and plans are to continue hosting future meetings as a biennial conference.

CPL Safety & Protective Services completed its 2023 Lakeshore security audit that included OLBPD, along with Technical Services and Memorial-Nottingham Branch.

OLBPD staff participated in remote programming and provided information and talks about the service at the Cleveland Sight Center Self Advisory Day on October 5; Avon Lake Vision Fair on October 12; Euclid Public Library Staff Development Day on October 13; The MARC Apartments for Seniors and the Disabled Health Fair on October 17; and the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Health Fair at Great Northern Mall on October 26.

The OLBPD adult book club met remotely on October 19 to discuss How to Sell a Haunted House by Grady Hendrix.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LIBRARY

Programs/Exhibits
PAL continued to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a City Hall rotunda book display until mid-month, when we changed the display to cozy reads for autumn. Many thanks to Main Library departments for their assistance with our book displays.

Collections
PAL received a donation of The Way We Are: 100 Plain Dealer Op-Eds by Thomas Bier from the author. Another patron donated multiple copies of The Cleveland Police Department 2002 Commemorative Album. Two copies of the title were sent to Social Sciences.

The following titles have been sent to Preservation for repair: Spectacle in the White City: The Chicago 1893 World’s Fair 0009226978121, and Romance in Lakewood Streets 0009132319055.

PAL transferred 9 titles.

Cleveland Public Digital Library has added the topic heading Public Health and added the following titles to PAL’s digital gallery:

- Annexation; Report of the Committee on Annexation of Cleveland Chamber of Commerce. Approved by the Board of Directors, October 23, 1916. 0009120639738
• The Cleveland Thorofare Plan. City of Cleveland. City Planning Commission. 0009105294038
A Community Analysis and General Development Plan for the Glenville Community. [Prepared by Renewal Planning Section. 0009226185958

• Old Brooklyn: Commercial Improvement Program / Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation. 0009132316077

• Ohio City - Central Park West. Technical Report on a Preliminary Plan for the Future Development of the Area. 0009111718707

• #22 City Planning The Sanscrainte Naughton Report Cleveland (Ohio). Little Hoover Commission. 0009120640033

• Tentative Zoning Ordinance for Cleveland. 000913232108

• The Tracks of Time : A Collection of Stories and Photographs From Those Who Have Traveled the Tracks of Time in Our Neighborhood / Compiled by Westown Community Development Corporation. 0009185214179

PAL has emailed the following titles to the Cleveland Public Digital Library as future additions to the digital gallery:
• Cleveland Landmarks Binders, year 2015 and year 2020.

• A Community Analysis and General Development Plan for the Glenville Community. Prepared by Renewal Planning Section. 0009226185958

• The Fairfax Renaissance Plan / Prepared for the Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation. 0009132319212

• Old Brooklyn: Commercial Improvement Program / Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation. 0009132316077

• Ohio City - Central Park West. Technical Report on a Preliminary Plan for the Future Development of the Area. 0009111718707

• The Tracks of Time: A Collection of Stories and Photographs From Those Who Have Traveled the Tracks of Time in Our
Neighborhood / Compiled by Westown Community Development Corporation. 0009185214179

- West Side Neighborhood to Plan its Future / Cleveland City Planning Commission. 0009947699717

The following titles have been transferred to CPL Digital Library for scanning:
- Cleveland Parks and Recreation Study, 1976 / Prepared by William A. Behnke Associates. 0009120634713, GV54.03 C542X
- Fairfax Commercial Study Cleveland, Ohio / Fairfax Foundation Inc., Whitley/Whitley Inc. Architects & Planners. 0009936678771, HT177.C6 F36 1977
- A Strategic Investment Plan for Fairfax. 0009185456804, HT177.C6 F357 2003

City Hall worker borrowed and returned reference copy of An Analysis of a Slum Area in Cleveland / Prepared for Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority by Rev. R.B. Navin.

Another City worker borrowed a reference copy of Cleveland Parks and Recreation Study, 1976.

Reference Questions Unique to PAL
- PAL switched to LibChat hours 10-1 on Wednesday.
- Staff assisted a patron with the 1919-1922 years of the City Planning microfilmed minutes.
- Staff assisted patrons with Charter information.
- Staff assisted a patron with Lee-Harvard neighborhood information.
- Staff assisted a patron with neighbor law resources on trees.
- Staff assisted a patron with information about ordinances on feeding wildlife.
- Staff assisted a patron from the Law Department with a list of ordinances.
• Staff assisted a patron with use of epson machine.

**Outreach**

PAL emailed the new title list to the distribution list.

The Lunchtime Knitting Circle was held October 11. Warm and lovely donations have been provided by the members.

**Staff**

David Furyes has submitted the 2023 Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries for PAL. The Biennial Survey of Depository Libraries is how depository libraries report their conditions to the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO). It is administered in odd numbered years, and participation is required by law. Data from the survey is used to administer the FDLP, to identify new trends, and to assist in the assessments of the conditions and services of the Federal Depository Library Program.

David Furyes participated in the 2023 Federal Depository Library Conference virtually watching over 17 hours of live and recorded proceedings.

Denise Williams-Riseng attended the NEO-RLS webinar *Staying Current & Assisting Library Patrons through Rapid Technological Changes*.

Elaine Herroon attended the Fire Safety Class in City Hall on October 17.

**Issues/Concerns**

On October 4, all the ceiling lights in PAL’s back workroom were changed.

**ARCHIVES**

**Events**

One hundred years ago, on October 23, 1923, Cleveland Public Library marked the laying of the cornerstone of the landmark Main Library building with a gala affair. Former British Prime Minister David Lloyd George traveled to Cleveland to give the main address; he was introduced by former Cleveland Mayor and U.S. Secretary of War Newton D. Baker. Arthur A. Stearns, Vice President of the Board of Library Trustees and Chairman of the Building Committee, and John Griswold White, President of the Board, spoke, and Librarian Linda A. Eastman officiated. A loudspeaker was brought in from Chicago, and Superior Avenue was
closed to traffic between Public Square and East 9th Street; a crowd of an estimated 100,000 people filled the streets to witness the proceedings.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of this occasion, the Library’s Archives invited preeminent geologist and former CPL librarian Joseph T. Hannibal, Ph.D., to lead a program on the limestone and marble used to build and decorate Main Library. Dr. Hannibal is on the Geology Department faculty at the University of Akron, and he has served as Curator of Invertebrate Paleontology at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Probing deep in time, Dr. Hannibal gave a lively presentation to about 30 attendees on October 23, 2023, in the John G. White Reading Room. Using a slideshow he prepared especially for the event, featuring photographs of Main Library and numerous images of material found in the Archives during his research visits, as well as fossils and pieces of stone he passed around, Dr. Hannibal described the origins and characteristics of these stones and shared why they were chosen by architect Frank R. Walker. He then led a guided tour of the outside and inside of the Library, allowing attendees to uncover the special features – including numerous fossils! – found in these stones.

Physical Space
As part of the installation of high-density mobile shelving on the seventh, eighth, and ninth floors of the Louis Stokes Wing, the 9” deep metal shelves in the Archives are being replaced by 11” shelves. Fifteen shelves were replaced during the month of September, and another 15 were replaced in October.

ARTS AND CULTURE

The Archive by Rebecca Louise Law continues to be a draw. Director Tiffany Graham Charkosky facilitated a plenary session for the National Organization for Arts in Health Conference on October 4.

Artwork was installed at the Hough Campus on October 9. The project was designed by three Cleveland residents who are members of the Volunteers Group at East 131 Street Branch at the Hough Campus. These artists are Ky’Rhys Miller, Jayden Hardaway, and Taniya Jarba. Their work was the result of a collaboration between FRONT, artist Kameelah Janan Rasheed, and was fabricated by Museum Acrylics.
On October 11, Ms. Graham Charkosky organized a tour of the Cleveland Foundation’s new headquarters. Several members of the Library’s ELT, Property Management, and Communications teams participated.

On October 19, Ms. Graham Charkosky hosted a tour with the Four Corners Garden Club. Twenty-five members visited The Archive and the Eastman Reading Garden. The group made a donation to the Cleveland Public Library Foundation as a result.

Cleveland Institute of Music student Noelle Naito played the violin for a performance in the Fine Arts Garden on October 14. CAN Journal hosted its benefit in the lobby of Main on Saturday, October 21. Over 100 guests were able to view The Archive.

Head of the Cleveland Cello Society, Ida Mercer, gave a performance in Brett Hall on Thursday, October 26. Starting on October 13, yoga has been taking place at 12:00pm in Brett Hall on Fridays, led by Heather Young from Yoga Roots. Ms. Graham Charkosky has continued efforts to build partnerships with area institutions and arts groups and has met with Case Western Reserve University, GroundWorks, Towards Employment, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and Global Cleveland.

YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Youth and Family Engagement
The Youth Services Department demonstrated a solid commitment to improving our services and community outreach throughout October. On October 3, Youth Services Manager Annisha Jeffries appeared on Fox 8 News's "Kicking it with Kenny" to promote the upcoming Flannel Funday event at Voinovich Park on October 7. She also moderated a discussion on young adult books and book banning. On October 18, Annisha and Director of Youth & Family Engagement Jacqueline Lamb conducted the monthly Youth Services meeting, where they discussed best practices.

Our Senior Children's Librarian Lan Gao, was involved in various events. She attended an ERG meeting on October 3, which focused on planning for the Indigenous People's Day Lunch & Learn event. She also participated in the event itself on October 9, which was an initiative sponsored by the Cultural Diversity ERG. Lan Gao served on the Employee Engagement Task Force and collaborated with the current Chair of the IFLA Library Services to Multicultural Populations Section on October 11 to plan future activities and projects.
Children's Librarian Maria Lopez led the "¡Buscar la Bandera! Find the Flag!" scavenger hunt from September 15 to October 15 for Hispanic Heritage Month, with 27 individuals participating. On September 21, she championed the Bilingual Buddies initiative, which combined the International Day of Peace and Hispanic Heritage Month, creating bilingual bookmarks.

**0-3 Read to Me**
0 to 3 Read to Me Playdates were conducted at the Carnegie West Branch on Friday October 13, with 26 adults & children and on Saturday October 14, with 20 adults and children in attendance. A session was conducted at the Rice Branch on Friday October 20, with four adults and children in attendance.

Carnegie West and Rice were the first two branches added under the 0 to 3: Read to Me Grant with Playdates beginning in the Fall of 2022 and a Playspace added at Rice in early 2023.

Jefferson and West Park added Playdates in early 2023. Toys arrived this month for Playspace and Playdates at Union and for a Playspace at West Park. This month, Harvard Lee, Lorain, Union and Woodland committed to Playspaces and Playdates with branch visits at the end of this month and concluding the first week in November. With the addition of these branches, 0 to 3 Read to Me programs and services will be in eight branches across the system equally on the east and west side.

**FamilySpace**
As of October 25, FamilySpace at Carnegie West enjoyed 106 visitors during the nine sessions. The FamilySpace Family Advisory Committee at Carnegie West met this month with six of eight members in attendance. We meet via Zoom every 3rd Friday of the month at 9 a.m. as the time and date were chosen by the families involved. This month was the second session for Participatory Evaluation training conducted by staff from Invest in Children and consultant Monique Inc.

As of October 25, FamilySpace at Hough enjoyed 50 visitors during the eight sessions so far this month. The Family Advisory Committee is nine members strong, with seven members in attendance this month. This committee meets in person on the last Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. and they enjoy dinner together immediately following. This group is a very solid, vocal, and cohesive group that seem comfortable together. This group is also involved in the Participatory Evaluation process with Invest in Children and Monique Inc.
Jacqueline Lamb, Sandra Nosse, and Helen Zaluckyj attended FamilyPlace Training in Long Island, NY.

**BRANCH NARRATIVES**

**D1 Eastman** - Staff returned prior to the grand opening to prepare the branch for reopening. The opening was well attended. Participants enjoyed balloon twisting, character portraits, giant games, local food, and CPL Play. Librarian Cassie Feliciano presented Story Time at Wilbur Wright to three pre-K classes. Feliciano attended Wilbur Wright Education Night and presented an overview of library resources. Youth enjoyed fall treats and snacks on Halloween.

**D1 Lorain** - Librarian Andrea Csia and Library Assistant Todd Fagan provided Story Times at the branch for Halle, Willard E Prep, Willard Headstart, Stockyard Constellation, Marion Seltzer, and Cleverbee Daycare. Youth programs included a weekly Hispanic Heritage Month craft, Halloween bead crafts, a book scavenger hunt, making friendship bracelets, crafts using upcycled paper, and painting mini pumpkins. Csia attended Halle’s Literacy Night. We hosted the Young Scholars Academy. The Yoga Room provided a family yoga session. Adult programs included Sew Yourself Sustainable with Cosmic Bobbins, an ongoing partnership with Aspire and TechCentral for Microsoft Word certification, and Tech Central’s weekly My Digital Life series.

**D1 Rockport** - Library Assistant Bill Petrucz provided a variety of youth programs, such as Game Night with Nintendo Switch, Simple STEM building kits with snap circuits, and Chess Club. Public Services Associate Kyra Berzonsky provided a book-to-movie night. Librarian Kendra Proctor hosted a Graphic Novel discussion club at John Marshall High School and at the branch. Staff worked together to provide a Halloween Party with candy, scary music, a movie, and spooky crafts.

**D1 Best Buy Teen Tech Center (BBTTC)** - The Career Pathways program launched its three-week course on entrepreneurship and e-commerce. Youth had the opportunity to tour the facility of local partner Regency Technologies. Regency Technologies hosted a Take-a-Part Day for youth to see the inner workings of old technology. Best Buy hosted Studio 101 to train youth on recording studio software.

**D1 Walz** - (closed for FMP)

**D1 West Park** - We had a Reading Buddy Adoption program, providing stuffed animals and books. Youth worked to find a zombie antidote.
in our Halloween escape room and showed off their costumes and reading lists in exchange for candy, crafts, and Cleveland READS spins. Our take-home Story Time kit was based on *Go Away Big Green Monster*. We partnered with Westown CDC and YMusic to present a traditional flute and drum program where children left with a professional grade instrument. Librarian Tracie Forfia performed 19 outreach programs, including Story Times at Discovery Point, Newton D. Baker, Discovery World, and more; and school-age outreach at Al Ihsan, Newton D. Baker, and others. Riverside School students visited to learn about library resources and received library cards, book recommendations, and a swag bag. Preschoolers from Care-a-Lot Childcare and the YMCA visited for Story Time, craft, and play time. We hosted a community meeting with Councilman Slife. Manager Forrest Lykins started the Civic Leaderships Institute through the Cleveland Leadership Center.

**D2 Carnegie West** - Librarian Helen Zaluckyj partnered with CLGH Librarian Mark Tidrick to introduce 3rd graders from Joseph M. Gallager School to the history of postcards. Zaluckyj attended Family Place Libraries Training Institute at Middle County Public Library in Long Island, NY, courtesy of a Bruening Foundation grant, and read at Orchard School of Science for Literacy Day. Manager Angela Guinther attended Data Days. Our branch was a stop on the pre-Halloween Family Fun Walk with Ohio City Inc.

**D2 Fulton** - We hosted Gaga for Goats with 30 attendees. Staff hosted Le Salsa for Hispanic Heritage Month and a Halloween costume party. CWRU's Mean Green Science Machine program resumed with scholars from Garden Christian Academy.

**D2 Jefferson** - For Hispanic Heritage Month, we hosted Le Salsa, who provided instruction in the Bachata, a dance style from the Dominican Republic. Public Services Generalist Grafton Lee led an Acrylic Painting for Beginners class focused on Bansky. Public Services Associate Danielle Konkoly led a discussion of *The Sun is a Compass* by Caroline Van Hemert for the monthly Think & Drink book club at the Lincoln Park Pub. American Sign Language classes concluded after eight weeks. Librarian Kelly Grasso taught a program for upper elementary students in research methods toward project-based learning. Nicholas Durda began as the new Manager.

**D2 South Brooklyn** - Librarian Adela Torres and Library Assistant Ray Cruz visited schools and day cares for Story Times and crafts. Programs offered were Book Club, Gamer's Guild, a Hispanic Heritage Month series, Dungeons and Dragons, and Frankenstein Friday. Adult programming by Manager Joanna Rivera included Book Club and Crafty and Cozy, with fall and Hispanic Heritage Month themes. The
Cleveland Metroparks held an informational table for two days about Zoo activities.

**D2 South** - We opened a fourth drop collection in partnership with Scranton Castle CMHA. Over 13 children participated in the Barriletes kite-making program, to celebrate Dia de los Muertos. One participant in the STEM Robotics program continued to work on building and coding. Scranton Elementary 6th and 8th graders visited to tour and learn about Maker opportunities. Children decorated Mexican sugar skulls to celebrate el Dia de los Muertos.

**D3 Garden Valley** - Tech Central presented the MakerLab Mystery Project, where youth followed clues to solve a mystery and unlocked a box of gifts. We hosted the Bomba drumming class with Olga Rosada. Public Services Associate Eren Crebs created a Creep Games matching game for patrons, plus an Inktober workstation where patrons drew in ink for a prompt of the day to create a community art wall. Crebs shadowed Library Assistant Leonard Burks at Rainbow Daycare.

**D3 Hough** - Manager Marcie Williams registered attendees for library cards during a Hough Day community event by Dollar Bank at MAGNET. Library Assistant Romael Young attended Mary B. Martin’s back-to-school literacy and steam night with a focus on library programs and tech centers. We partnered with Fatima Family for Banned Book Week. With assistance from Tech Central, students made posters and buttons for their banned book parade.

**D3 MLK** - Library Assistant Eric Eubanks and Clerk Bessie Coleman led our weekly, in-person line dancing. Manager Kimberly Hunter continued her monthly Fenway Manor book club with a book off the banned book list. Our Y.O.U. student worker returned to assist with Page and programming duties. Librarian Angela Margerum and Eubanks continued weekly Story Times at Quincy Place and Little Kiddles, and a monthly Story Time at PNC Connections. They hosted a weekly Teentober event. Staff hosted a Halloween party where teens created trick-or-treat bags. Ohioans for Disabilities hosted a Job Fair/Hiring Event.

**D3 Sterling** - Center for Arts-Inspired Learning presented a series of drumming workshops. The twice-weekly Express Yourself Art Therapy sessions continued. We resumed after-school tutoring with six CSU tutors. Public Services Associate Valerie Gee led a friendship bracelet MakerLab and a pumpkin painting party. Children’s Librarian Sonja McCord made Halloween crafts with children ages 6-12 and visited the YWCA and Marion-Sterling Elementary School for Story Times. Manager Monica Rudzinski
continued outreach to Joseph’s and Mary’s Home respite care facilities. Rudzinski and Manager Maria Estrella hosted a car at Friendly Inn’s Harvest Festival and Trunk and Treat.

D3 Woodland - We hosted Breast Cancer Awareness 101 with Cleveland Clinic Stopping Cancer in Its Tracks, LegalWorks, Young Scholars Academy Program, Fall Family Story Time with Councilman Richard Starr, and the Bomba drumming class with Olga Rosada. The Curb Cut ERG hosted a film screening at our campus for the ReelAbilities Film Fest. Librarian Lanecia Smith conducted preschool Story Times at All Around Daycare, and a Colorful Tape Art program. Manager Maria Estrella facilitated the Día de los Muertos: Celebrating Life and Remembrance series. Our CSU tutors started, and we welcomed Page Mason Barkley.

D4 East 131st Street - Public Services Generalist Sebastian Fickel hosted a spiderweb Halloween craft. Scholars participated in Express Yourself Art workshops. Public Services Associate Ericka Smith held an October Fun Day with Minute to Win It party games. Librarian Kelli Minter hosted a 3D fruit craft to celebrate National Fruit Day.

D4 Fleet - Public Services Associate Giovonni Braden-Dorsey provided six outreach Story Times and collected community donations to create a Story Time nook for families to read together. Manager Magnolia Peters hosted an Autumn Matinee for seniors in partnership with University Settlement with refreshments and prizes. City Music provided a children’s program for preschoolers featuring Native American composer, Jerod Tate’s string quartet, “Moonstrike” with narration and slides. Lastly Councilwoman Maurer restarted her monthly, walk-in office hours for patrons.

D4 Harvard-Lee - Librarian Alycia Woodman hosted a Banned Books awareness event, a Spooky Season party, and a rain stick craft for Indigenous People's Day. CLGH Librarian Mark Tidrick hosted a Postcard Party where youth learned about the library's postcard collection and designed one. Twelve patrons enjoyed Bomba drumming with Olga for Hispanic Heritage Month. Crafty Ladies Society donated 80 items to WarmUp Cleveland. Woodman attended the Mt Pleasant MyCom meeting at Cleveland Foundation, SLJ’s Day of Dialog, and Back to the Book by NEO-RLS. UMADAOP tabled with resources about preventing deaths from overdose.

D4 Mt. Pleasant - Librarian Dianna Trent led 40 kindergarteners from Andrew J Rickoff in a tour, Story Time, and craft. Manager Shayla Boyce began Cleveland Leadership Academy, a program that
provides participants with a greater understanding of the interconnectedness of community assets, organizations, and issues. Public Services Associate Marzi Margo hosted the program What are Your Pronouns for seven patrons to discuss the importance of respect and allyship in the LGBTIA+ community.

D4 Rice – Public Services Associate Shavonne Bolton executed a Halloween Mini Bash where scholars listened to spooky music and danced, decorated treat bags and coloring sheets, and learned about Cleveland READS. Bi-monthly meetings between Harvey-Rice staff and CPL began in hopes of building upon the relationship.

D4 Union – Young Scholars Academy welcomed 20 participants. An interactive story workshop series with FeltSmart Story Alive LLC welcomed 18 scholars. Library Assistant Valerie Johnson’s outreach included Nathan Hale, Miles Park, Miles, and Prep Woodland Hills schools. Johnson's True2U mentoring commenced at Stonebrook-White Montessori. Assistant Manager Tammy Houghton attended the DAW Library Fantasy Book Buzz webinar and the Care for Caregivers presentation. Lending Supervisor Karie Felder started as Manager, and Public Services Associate Maxine Williams transferred to the team. Staff held a Read and Treat program with decorating Halloween bags and a scavenger hunt.

D5 Addison – Public Services Associate Ashley Martinez attended a new collaboration meeting with Greater Cleveland Film Commission President Garvey. Our Saint Martin de Porres student returned for a second year. Manager Tamara Means participated in a planning meeting with the League of Women Voters Program Director Hexter. Librarian Heidi Malinoski started a new outreach partnership with Early Steam Academy. Library Assistant Ronald Clark connected with Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland toward future programming. UMADAOP tabled with resources about preventing deaths from overdose.

D5 Collinwood – We provided weekly Story Times to Key 4 Kids and Scholars of Tomorrow. We committed to a new Story Time at Memorial School. Library Assistant Kiaira Jefferson created activities and gift bags for Halloween. Manager Caroline Peak supported Big City Boo at Collinwood Recreation Center. Public Services Associate Isabelle Del Turco and Library Assistant Sheila Mudgett-Price developed way finders for Healthy Eating resources using library databases.

D5 Glenville – Public Services Associate Shawnte Baldwin led a Pumpkin Painting program. Manager Peter Roth and Baldwin threw a spooky Friday the 13th party with Ghostbusters Cleveland.
Biologist Stonedahl presented Think Like a Scientist weekly. Dr. Roketenetz of the Nature Inspiration Academy dissected owl pellets with young patrons. Librarian Maggie Lawrence visited Wade Early Learning Center weekly and Murtis Taylor Childcare Center, began monthly visits to Stephanie Tubbs Jones and FDR Elementary schools, and hosted Glenville High’s 9th grade Special Education class. UMADAOP tabled to provide patrons with resources about preventing deaths from overdose. The Lead Resource Center distributed information about lead poisoning.

**D5 Langston Hughes** - Librarian Christopher Busta-Peck visited Wilson Elementary School for Story Time. Fall programs included Collaging the Fall Landscape, Books that go Boo, Books that go Bump in the Night, and Characters and Costumes. Dr. Williams of the Western Reserve Historical Society started a photography class. Our Saint Martin de Porres student returned. Community partnerships were developed with Stonebrook White Montessori School, Creative Arts Academy of Cuyahoga Community College, and the 5th District Community Relations Board.

**D5 Memorial-Nottingham** - An author visit by Shardae Webb drew 43 patrons who received a free copy of her book. Over 20 people attended An Honest Conversation with a Black Female Entrepreneur featuring Ms. McGrady via Zoom. Public Services Generalist Michael Fillinger conducted Paint and Sip with 17 patrons. Over 30 patrons attended Pound for Pink and Yoga classes. Manager Pasha Moncrief Robinson and Library Assistant Cassandra Dunn-Childress attended the Senior Empowerment and Resource Fair at Collinwood Recreation Center. Librarian Adam Tully and Library Assistant Marvin Benton conducted over 15 outreach Story Times. They engaged 8th graders from Memorial School in STEM workshops. Tully resumed True2U mentoring at Memorial School.

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

During the month of October, the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Ashley Boyd has engaged in and/or championed the following, as CPL strives toward operating with excellence:

- Met with Senior Manager of Stark County Library Jo Phillips to discuss her ALA proposal and CPL’s willingness to participate in next year’s panel to discuss employee resource groups and their importance.
- Met with members of Lake Erie Native American Council (LENAC) – Cynthia Connolly, Marie Toledo, Nancy Kelsy, and Robbi Swift to begin planning for panel discussion in recognition of Native American Heritage Month.
- Hosted a Lunch and Learn session on Monday, October 9, 2023, to discuss the importance of Indigenous Peoples’ Day with presenter Nancy Kelsey.
- Began planning the Martin Luther King, Jr. televised event (January 2024) with partners from WKYC and CPL’s Marketing Department.
- Participated in Rainbow Readers initial Meet and Greet with John Adams High School students (Junior Rainbow Readers). This is a newly established partnership between CPL and John Adams High School.
- Hosted presenters Jared Daly and Chris Carpenter from the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the October Townhall meeting to highlight National Disability Awareness Month and speak about the importance of inclusivity and employing people with disabilities.
- Visited the following Campuses - Langston Hughes, Addison, Garden Valley and Westpark.
- Began planning with Workforce Development team to create an action plan to support CPL’s Strategic Plan.
- Provided HR recommendations and support upon request/as needed.
- Met with ERGs to finalize end of the year activities - Dia De Muertos Parade, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Kwanza Celebration and Lunch and Learn segments.
- At the request of Tri-C’s Director of DEI Magda Gomez, joined Tri-C’ Women’s Summit Committee – March 2024 event.
- Attended Eastman Ribbon Cutting.
EXTERNAL RELATIONS & DEVELOPMENT AND FOUNDATION

EXTERNAL RELATIONS & ADVOCACY UPDATES:
- **Goal:** Increase Elected Officials and Key External Stakeholders’ Awareness and Understanding of CPL’s Community Impact

CPL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES:
- **Goal:** Align fundraising to support CPL strategic plan
  - Fundraising
    - Submitted application for early literacy programming.
    - Hosted design review for new Glenville Branch with funder.
    - Held interviews for new Annual Fund Manager position.

CPL FOUNDATION UPDATES:
- **Goal:** Reach Financial Targets
  - Continued to advance the Foundation’s 2023 financial targets.
    - Met with prospective funders around social and criminal justice program opportunities.
    - Submitted proposals to secure funding for 2023 Data Days conference, hosted by CPL.
    - Began FY24 budgeting.
  - Cleveland READS Program Year
    - Submitted two proposals for support of the Cleveland READS campaign.
  - Cleveland READS Fundraising Event
    - Hosted fundraiser on Friday, October 20 to celebrate the success of the Cleveland READS campaign on the first and second floor of the Main Library building featuring food, drinks and entertainment for over 350 guests.
ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT EFFORTS

- Staff attended The Power of Prohibited of Words with Angela Davis event at The City Club on October 3.
- Staff attended Creating and Maintaining a Professional, Respectful and Harassment-Free Workplace presented by ERC.

COLLECTION & TECHNICAL SERVICES

Marquetta Brown was selected for the Technical Services Associate position in the Catalog Department and began working in the department on October 9. Michael Earley was selected for the Technical Services Associate position in the Acquisitions Department and began working in the department on October 10. Both Ms. Brown and Mr. Earley previously held the position of Subject Department Clerk in the Lending Department.

Director of Collection and Technical Services Sandy Jelar Elwell, Catalog Manager Andrea Johnson, Collection and Acquisitions Manager Olivia Morales attended a Move Management meeting focused specifically on preparing for the move to the Central Distribution Facility (CDF) on October 10. Ms. Jelar Elwell, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Morales, Director of the Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (OLBPD) Will Reed, and Memorial-Nottingham Branch Manager Pasha Moncrief Robinson participated in the annual Security Audit for the Lake Shore facility lead by Safety & Protective Services Supervisor Jose Santana on October 16.

Ms. Jelar Elwell met with Laura Armstrong to discuss the handling of database subscriptions and renewals on October 6. Ms. Jelar Elwell attended the 2023 Kanopy Fall Town Hall on October 12 and the Eastman Campus grand opening on October 28.


Ms. Gohring, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Earley attended Harassment Prevention training at the Lake Shore facility on October 19. Ms. Morales and Mr. Gabe attended the first session of the
Northeast Ohio Regional Library System (NEO-RLS) 2023-2024 Leadership Academy at the Cuyahoga Falls Library on October 31.

**Acquisitions:** The Acquisitions Department ordered 5,308 titles and 6,362 items (including periodical subscriptions and serial standing orders); received 11,774 items, 1,095 periodicals, and 110 serials; added 353 periodical items, 48 serial items, 531 comics, and 70 paperbacks; and processed 1,814 invoices and 4 gift items.

Acquisitions Coordinator Alicia Naab provided clarification to Technical Services Associate Michael Earley regarding workflow questions and to High Demand Technical Services Librarian Libby McCuan regarding issues related to ordering.

Ms. Naab assisted International Languages Manager Milos Markovic in determining fund balances and the process for transferring funds. Ms. Naab and Mr. Markovic also discussed vendor availability and the allocation for each format several times throughout the month. Ms. Naab communicated with Fine Arts & Special Collections Librarian Stacie Brisker to clarify a difficulty with a vendor who had not sent ordered materials in more than a year. The Library will no longer be working with this vendor. Ms. Naab had several telephone conversations with Social Sciences/Public Administration Library Manager Steve Capuozzo to provide clarification on the ordering process for OverDrive, budget questions, and the workflow for gift materials.

**Catalog:** Staff cataloged 4,692 titles, including 137 original records and 56 upgrades, added 5,206 items, created 207 Library of Congress call numbers, completed 425 bibliographic quality control transactions, and transferred 253 titles or call numbers for Cleveland Public Library. The Department also added 3,551 titles, made 239 corrections, and performed 106 transfers for CLEVNET member libraries. Librarians handled 112 email and phone requests from Library staff and 259 requests from CLEVNET.

Technical Services Librarian Heather Gohring began to assist with the cataloging responsibilities for the High Demand Department. Technical Services Librarians Michael Gabe and Erin Valentine continued to catalog High Demand material as well. Technical Services Librarian Barbara Satow and Mr. Gabe began reviewing finished trucks of non-book material. Ms. Valentine worked half a day on October 11 in Special Collections as part of the Embedded Catalog Librarian Project. As part of the project, Ms. Valentine created five original records and
imported one serial record for automotive and related trade catalogs being separated from a collection level record.

OUTREACH & PROGRAMMING SERVICES

OUTREACH

The Cleveland Public Library, Young Adult author Justin A. Reynolds, and Greater Cleveland College Now hosted the 4th #CLEReads Young Adult Book Festival. Focusing on banned books as the event was hosted during Banned Books Week, the line-up featured several noted middle-grade, adult, and young adult authors passionate about the freedom to read. Leah Johnson, Maulik Pancholy, Rasheed Newson, Sonora Reyes, Torrey Maldonado, Quartez Harris, Don P. Hooper, Justin A. Reynolds, and Angela Davis graced the audience of three hundred on October 3, 2023. Following the early afternoon event, Cleveland Public hosted Angela Davis in partnership with The City Club at yet another sold-out engagement. Cleveland READS Co-Chair Connie Hill-Johnson moderated the discussion.

On October 4, Outreach and Programming Services (OPS) staff facilitated a meet and greet with the Fairhill Senior Book Club; 11 members attended. Each Book Club member received a copy of “Happiness Becomes You” by Tina Turner as a follow-up to the seniors’ previous attendance at “Tina the Musical” in May 2023. A similar meet and greet for the Abington Arms Book Club took place on October 5, with 17 members in attendance and 15 new members joining.

Dr. Raquel Ortiz, Cleveland Public Library Artist in Residence, released three music videos featuring the works of Grammy-nominated composer William Cepeda, in conjunction with her CD “Que Vengan Los Ninos.” These videos featured the artwork of Kenneth Melendez and Olga Rosado, and were produced, edited, and directed by various individuals. Dr. Ortiz’s CD and a series of children’s books she authored are available to borrow from the Cleveland Public Library.

OPS Coordinators and the Education Director, Mr. Charles Byrd, distributed to all participating Barbershop Books locations, serving as an integral step in assessing the program’s advances. By soliciting feedback from each shop, Cleveland Public Library and the Urban Library Council gain insights into the program’s challenges and successes. CPL staff conducted regular visits to
ensure the barbershop bookshelves remained stocked, contributing to the program’s continued success in promoting reading within the community. The Urban Library Council gave kudos to the Cleveland Public Library team for being the only library to receive surveys from each participating barbershop. Outreach Manager Isabelle Rew continued outreach, promoting the Cleveland READS program. She, along with other OPS staff, participated in events such as the Community Cancer Walk organized by My Sister’s Keeper Cleveland, the City of Cleveland’s Youth Summit Resource Fair, and a Trick-Or-Treat community engagement hosted by the Ohio House of Representatives at the Zelma Washington George Recreation Center. Additionally, Isabelle served as the Cleveland Public Library representative at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new early literacy center at Fourth Quarter Laundry in Collinwood. At the event, The LaundryCares Foundation offered free food and laundry services to the public, while the library distributed free books to youth of all ages, sharing early literacy resources with over 50 visitors.

Marina Marquez, The People’s University Manager, Isabelle Rew, and OPS staff continue to provide weekly service at The West Side Market. The focus has shifted from registering new Cleveland READS users to tracking books and reading minutes. This change resulted in over 100 new Cleveland READS sign-ups and thousands of books logged, such as the 133 unique users and 4,336 books logged on October 14. In total, OPS staff distributed over 5,000 at the West Side Market, further enhancing the community’s access to reading materials and literacy support. Partners Literary Cleveland, Rust Belt Humanities Lab, and Seeds of Literacy joined in signing up readers and tracking minutes.

Cleveland READS Metrics:
Books Read: 1,275,441
Minutes Read: 7,021,707
Readers: 26,050
Books Distributed: 368,958

TPU

TPU has been collaborating with the City of Cleveland and the Western Reserve Land Conservancy to introduce the CLEVLOT toolkit to Cleveland Public Library branches. This initiative involves hosting monthly land use clinics at the library to
offer in-person, drop-in assistance with land use matters. Additionally, with the assistance of manager Chatham Ewing, an online archive within the Digital Public Library is being created to house all plans and reports from the CLEVLOT project, forming a continually expanding resource for vacant land planning information in Cleveland. These efforts, along with TPU Manager Marina Marquez’s participation in the CLEVLOT Prototype Status Webinar, collectively aim to provide comprehensive and easily accessible support for community members dealing with vacant land use and planning.

In addition, as a member of the Latinos Juntos Employee Resource Group, Marina facilitated multiple Alebriji puppet-making workshops for Dia de los Muertos Parade, contributing to cultural and artistic engagement within the community.

EDUCATION
In October, the Young Scholars’ Academy program for Transitional 4-6-year-olds entering Kindergarten in Fall 2023 continued its kindergarten readiness efforts. This program is designed for scholars and their parent(s) or adult family members, focusing on transitional lessons aligned with the Ohio Department of Education Standards for Kindergarten. A Lead Model Mentor PK-3 teacher from the Cleveland Municipal School District acts as the Parent Partner, ensuring that children and parents benefit from this two-generational program. The 10-week, in-person fall sessions occurred at library branches, specifically Woodland, Lorain, and Union. Transitional scholars engaged in activities covering Letter Phonics, Writing, and various science topics, emphasizing observation, discussion, and experimentation. These science topics encompassed color changes, weather/meteorology, and squirrel structures.

The October YSA (Young Scholars Academy) Beginner lessons concentrated on developing early literacy skills such as vocabulary, narrative, and phonological awareness, along with Ohio Education Standards for math, including counting and cardinality. Parents were provided with books, writing materials, and information to support their child’s learning at home. Feedback from parents indicated their appreciation for these resources. By October 25, the Transitional program had offered 77 touchpoints for library services, while the Beginner program provided 46 touchpoints, demonstrating the program’s
commitment to delivering comprehensive support for both scholars and their families.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The month of October had no tricks, just treats! On Tuesday, October 3 the CLE Reads YA Book Festival was held at Main Library. This year’s theme was “Stories Unbound” which focused on censorship and banned books. Our esteemed guest was author and activist, Angela Davis. After the book fest, she headed over to City Club for a panel moderated by Connie Hill-Johnson. Our See Also exhibit The Archive continues to be hugely popular with people coming near and far to visit and take photos. Mr. Charles Byrd went on New Day Cleveland to discuss the FamilySpace program and other helpful resources from the Library that support early literacy. Comic book fans took over at Main Library on Saturday, October 14 for Superman’s Cleveland – a conference all about the iconic hero.

All our programming continues to push Cleveland READS and reaching our 10-million-minute goal. Three authors appeared on Writers Unplugged, a series of author discussion events that is also recorded as a podcast. Dr. Shenise Johnson Thomas and Mike Polk went on We The People to discuss the upcoming Black, White, and REaD fundraising gala in support of Cleveland READS and the purpose of the challenge.

Capping off the month was the reopening of the Eastman Campus on Saturday, October 28. Patrons were welcomed back by Wally the Walrus, got to see the reimagined space, enjoy activities and food, and pick out free books. Senator Nicky Antonio attended as well as Councilman Danny Kelly.

Our marketing efforts included media releases, social media and digital (cpl.org, Off the Shelf, community calendars), and printed materials.

Library Programs & Services

Objective: Remain relevant by promoting programs and services to help Greater Clevelanders thrive.
**FACILITIES MASTER PLAN:** Work on reimagined branches continues. The ribbon cutting for the Eastman Campus was held on Saturday, October 28. Activities included caricatures, food from local restaurant, free books from Cleveland READS, CPL Play gaming, balloon twisting, and more. Additional coverage included updates on the Walz Campus Karam Senior Living project.

**MEDIA COVERAGE:**
WKYC:
https://app.criticalmention.com/app/#/clip/public/10136417-c13d-4411-9b93-33f78bcc712

FAMILYSPACE: Charles Byrd, Director of Education went on New Day Cleveland to discuss the FamilySpace program at the Hough Campus and Carnegie West Branch and how it encourages early literacy.

**MEDIA COVERAGE:**

**SEE ALSO – THE ARCHIVE:** The extremely popular “Archive Exhibit” is drawing people from near and far into the Main Library Campus. Ideastream did a feature on the exhibit with interviews from Director Thomas, Tiffany Graham Charkosky, and Erin Guido of LAND Studio. The CAN Journal hosted a fundraising gala outside of Brett Hall and invite attendees into the exhibit.

**MEDIA COVERAGE:**

**CLE READS YA BOOK FESTIVAL:** On Tuesday, October 3, Cleveland Public Library hosted its #CLEreads YA Book Festival. The theme was “Stories Unbound: Celebrating the Freedom to Read”, which focused on censorship and banned books. Nine authors were part of the day, but author and activist Angela Davis was the esteemed guest. Following the Book Fest, Angela participated in a discussion at the City Club of Cleveland where she continued a conversation on “The Power of Prohibitied Words” moderated by Connie Hill-Johnson.
MEDIA COVERAGE:

BLACK, WHITE, AND READ GALA: Dr. Shenise Johnson Thomas and Mike Polk were guests on We The People on October 16 to discuss the Foundation’s upcoming Black, White, and REaD Gala supporting Cleveland READS.

MEDIA COVERAGE:
https://www.wkyc.com/video/entertainment/television/programs/we-the-people/cleveland-reads-an-event-encouraging-reading/95-6affa0db-346e-431d-93b6-8b5dd368d06a

SUPERMAN’S CLEVELAND: This year marks the 85th anniversary of Superman. Rust Belt Lab of Ursuline College and Ohio Center for the Book at Cleveland Public Library have been in the news to promote the Superman’s Cleveland Conference, which took place Saturday, October 14 at Main Library. The Library livestreamed conversations to our YouTube channel.

MEDIA COVERAGE:
YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEJBY6CjsMs

Fox 8:
https://app.criticalmention.com/app/#/clip/public/48714c3c-97f4-47c6-86d1-fc117b96a9ea

WRITERS UNPLUGGED: Three Writers Unplugged conversations were held in October. Author Dameyonna Willis visited the Rice Branch on October 5, while Hank Phillippi-Ryan and Jean Kwok did an online discussions on the 26th and 30th. Listen to previous conversations here: https://clevelandreads.com/events/writers-unplugged/ or https://www.youtube.com/@ClevelandPublicLib

MEDIA COVERAGE:
NORTHEAST OHIO SMART 50: Chief Operating Officer, John Lang was recognized in Smart Business as part of Northeast Ohio’s Smart 50 Awards for his innovative work and leadership on the Facilities Master Plan.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

PUBLIC RELATIONS OVERVIEW
Cleveland Public Library garnered 228 mentions for the month of October reaching more than 5.8 million via national and local TV news, radio, and online and print.

SOCIAL MEDIA SUMMARY
Broadcasts, production, multimedia support: Marketing continues to explore streaming opportunities, conversations, and content that promote learning and timely topics.
- **Events:** Writers Unplugged: Authors in conversation; Family History Day; Black, White, REaD gala; CLE Reads YA Book Festival, Eastman Campus ribbon cutting; Superman’s Cleveland Conference; Music at Main; Moments of Unity exhibit reception;
- **Projects:** Cleveland READS Ambassador videos; timelapse of Mass Storage; Mayor Frank Jackson interview (oral history); Cleveland READS at West Side Market
- **Podcasts:** Writers Unplugged & Page Count
Most Popular Posts by Platform:

**@Cleveland_PL**
**Mon 10/23/2023 11:58 am EDT**

#TBT on a Monday! Today is the 100th anniversary of the laying of our Main Library cornerstone.

**@Cleveland_PL**
**Tue 10/3/2023 4:21 pm EDT**

*People fear books that cause readers to raise questions about the world or imagine the world differently, to...*

**@Cleveland_PL**
**Fri 10/20/2023 8:24 pm EDT**

Where else would you tell twisted tales of Cleveland? @Cleveland_PL of course! @mikepoljak and @SkrticX @...

**Cleveland Public Library**
**Sat 10/7/2023 7:52 am EDT**

Come see us at West Side Market. No haggling needed 😊

**Cleveland Public Library**
**Mon 10/23/2023 12:30 am EDT**

#TBT on a Monday! 100th Anniversary of the laying of the Main Library cornerstone. Geologist and former CP...

**Cleveland Public Library**
**Mon 10/3/2023 7:56 pm EDT**

**clevelandpubliclibrary**
**Sat 10/7/2023 11:56 am EDT**

Eat, dance, laugh! Thanks to everyone who got down with us last night at the Cleveland Public Library Foundation's...

**clevelandpubliclibrary**
**Wed 10/4/2023 5:17 pm EDT**

#CLEReads was amazing! Can't wait for next year! This year, our festival proudly explored the theme of "Banned Books..."

**clevelandpubliclibrary**
**Tue 10/31/2023 8:59 am EDT**

If there's something strange in your neighborhood, who you gonna call? A librarian! Librarians by day, ghost...
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Carpenters/Painters

- Several weeks’ worth of work from the carpentry department spent in preparation for the grand opening of the Eastman branch, including filling potholes in the parking lot with cold patch near our side of the building.
- Rockport- removed all wet ceiling tiles, old insulation, and rotted sheathing planks and replaced with new materials.
- Main- removed all damaged ceiling tiles and insulation that were caused by the dumpster fire and replaced with new materials. Prepped and painted room 38, also replaced stained carpet tiles.

Maintenance Mechanics

- Ionization installation on-going at Memorial Nottingham.
- Yearly boiler P.M’s continuing.
- Camera installs at Addison and Rice completed.
- Boiler repairs completed at Lakeshore facility.
- Installing exit and emergency lights at Hough and Addison branches.
- Started install of lighting occupancy sensors in employee restrooms in Main and LSW.
- Repaired all damage caused by Main dock fire.
- Worked with External Relations on Gala set-up.
- Pulled data cable to LSW roof for weather camera.
- LED lighting conversion continuing in Main.

SAFETY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Safety Services

- 10-4-23 Rockport-Regency construction experienced a theft of construction equipment from one of their lockers.
- 10-6-23: Main-Dock-dumpster fire at 0330a. A small fire contained in dumpster on dock area. The sprinkler system engaged, and cleanup conducted by PM. System placed in test during clean-up.
• 10-7-23: LSW-staff member stuck in elevator-CFD responded and assisted with removal (2023-3059325).
• 10-11-23: Lorain-patron injury report completed due to fall. EMS notified and responded.
• 10-12-23: LSW Garden-Alba construction sidewalk repair.
• 10-13-23: LSW/Main-out of an abundance of caution due to potential protest related to Israel-Hamas tensions, CPL admin (Skritic) advised staff of emergency close at the downtown campus effective 15:30 hours.
• 10-21-23: Collective Art Network
• 10-25-23: Woodland-SPS & CPD responded to Woodland due to a staff complaint of a male patron harassing her. Police report completed and SPS assisting with prosecution.
• 10-27-23: Glenville; male assaulted off property sought refuge at Glenville. 911 was called, but male left prior to emergency services arrival.
• 10-28-23: LSW family history day
• 10-28-23: Glenville-burned out vehicle removed from Glenville lot (maintenance related not criminal).

**Protective Services**

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Special Attention, Special Events, and Significant Incidents
• 10-3-23 LSW- Banned Books week speaker Angela Davis
• 10-4-23: Fulton-Jumpstart program
• 10-10-23: Woodland Curb Cut Collaborative
• 10-10-23: Main-Literature Department Cuy. Exec Ronayne visiting and recording for Cleveland Reads.
• 10-11-23: Fulton-Jumpstart
• 10-12-23: Congresspeople Brown
• 10-14-23: LSW Superman Conference
• 10-17-23: Film crew scouting location with Brook Hodge
• 10-18-23: GCRTA on LSW 2
• 10-18-23: Fulton Jumpstart
• 10-20-23: Black, White Read event.
• 10-21-23: Main Concert by Free Black
• 10-21-23: wedding party is taking photos in Main (87 guest)
• 10-21-23: Main-Collective Arts
• 10-24 & 10-25: Accounting GFOA on site (Krenicky)
• 10-25-23: Fulton-Jumpstart
• 10-28-23: Eastman ribbon cutting.
• 10-30-23: LSW Data Conference

Protective and Fire Systems
• 10-4-23 MLK alarm monitoring panel being evaluated by ATT & Guardian & SA Communale
• 10-7-23: Rockport accidental fire alarm activation-check ok with CFD (SIR 23-0949)
• 10-10-23: Addison additional Cameras installed.
• 10-11-23: LSW-water not working on floors 5-10
• 10-16-23: Glenville closed at 14:00 for a potential gas leak.
• 10-27-23: Woodland malfunctioning fire alarm system activation. False alarm.
• 10-29-23: Carnegie West-alarm malfunction; CFD notified.

Contract Security
• 10-3-23: Personnel issue under investigation involving Royce supervisor. Royce administrators to be advised for appropriate resolution. Per SPS investigation no cause on violations.

Administration
• 10-3-23: Participate in Cleveland Reads Internal Steering and Foundation Black White and Read planning committee.
• 10-4-23: Contracted with IPS to install Loiter Guard AI technology at 10 of the FMP 1A/1B locations.
• 10-4-23: Continue to experience billing issues with Guardian Alarms. They have assigned us VIP status and given CPL points of contact to resolve irregularities.
• 10-12-23: Badge created for Stephanie Janksy
• 10-12-23: Meet with City of Cleveland Officials re Safe Smart Cleveland Camera Registry (CPL Legal & IT onboard).
• 10-16-23: Eastman staff assigned; 10-25-23 Eastman safety audit conducted. 10-28-23 Eastman Ribbon Cutting.
• 10-30-23: SPS plans to partner with RTA in recruiting efforts at several neighborhood branches including Harvard Lee, Rice, Langston Hughes, Fleet, Fulton, C. West.
• 10-30-23: Main/LSW FUSUS Core Project with Cleveland Department Public Safety (Parks, CPL IT & CPL Legal. External Camera Surveillance Sharing pilot at downtown campus.
• 10-30-23: Agreed to work with OPS on 12-2-23 Cleveland Reads Event

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CLEVNET

• Jamie Mason, Andy Busch, Jesse Scaggs, and Chris Strnad attended virtual planning meetings with Logicalis weekly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout October to plan the Microsoft Office365 Tenant Migration. We are upgrading libraries on Mondays and Thursdays each week. In September, we completed: Kinsman, Kirtland, Madison, Medina, Milan Berlin Heights, and Morley

• Jamie Mason, Jim Benson, Megan Trifiletti, John Pas, and Caitlin Ryan attended virtual SirsiDynix Consortia User Group meeting. This was a hybrid meeting held in Provo, UT at SirsiDynix headquarters. We are looking to host the event in person at CPL next year.

• Various staff members attended the CLEVNET PC Tech SIG meeting at Mentor Public Library on October 20. This was a hybrid meeting.

• Various staff members attended the CLEVNET Quarterly Directors meeting at Mentor Public Library on October 27. This was a hybrid meeting. Jamie Mason collaborated with
Carrie Krenicky on the 2024 CLEVNET budget and presented it and the 2024 costs to member Directors.

- Jamie Mason met with Teri Bullock from Unique at West Park Campus on October 17 to discuss electronic messaging options for patron notices.

Team Activities:

SOFTWARE

- Jamie Mason, Jim Benson, Megan Trifiletti, and John Pas met with representatives from SirsiDynix on October 11, 19, and 26.

- Software team continues to work on the redesign of the base profile of Enterprise, our online catalog. Redesign was presented to the Quarterly Director’s meeting on October 27.

- Jim Benson, Caitlin Ryan, John Pas, and Megan Trifilitti worked on various tasks to assist with Eastman Campus Reopening:
  - When they closed, hide/shadow their collection in the public catalog and make those items non-holdable.
  - Reverse that when they opened.
  - Create policies for new holds pickup locker, and make that visible to the public as a pickup location.
  - Set up special staff logins and properties to switch from regular hold slips to "hold wrappers" (spine labels formatted for self-service hold pickup).
  - Set up a special procedure to "transit in" en masse all the new items purchased and processed from CPL Tech Services.
  - Add Eastman campus back as a pickup location in Enterprise and the Mobile app and re-enable mobile checkout in the app.

SOLUTIONS

- Office 365 Tenant migrations performed for: Kinsman, Kirtland, Madison, Medina, Milan Berlin Heights, and Morley
• Jesse Scaggs continues to migrate servers from the HP 3PAR to the new HP Nimble.

HARDWARE

• New hire Clevnet Senior Computer and Networking Technician onboarding- in progress.

• Assistance in the Tenant migrations of: Kinsman, Kirtland, Madison, Medina, Milan Berlin Heights, and Morley

• After Tenant Migrations, following up on issues and mitigation.

NETWORK

• Upgraded Lorain Public Library, Avon Branch AP’s and moved them to the new wireless controller.

• Installed a Site-to-Site VPN for Geauga County Public Library to Chardon High School.

• Cleveland Public Library - LSW
  o Replaced 1 WAP and installed a new WAP

• Wayne County Public Library (WCPL) - Creston
  o Replaced 1 AP

• WCPL - Dalton
  o Replaced 3 APs

• WCPL - Doylestown
  o Replaced 1 AP

• WCPL - Shreve
  o Replaced 3 APs

• WCPL - West Salem
  o Replaced 1 AP

• WCPL - Wooster
  o Replaced 4 APs at OP Center
Executive Panel Updates:

- Panel met October 4 (2024 Budget Review), October 16 and 23.

- Panel has appointed a search committee to find a Senior Director of CLEVNET. Members of the search committee are: Katie Ringenbach (Burton), Jamie Mason, Jennifer Starkey (Elyria), Joe Zappitello (Harbor-Topky), and Gale Koritansky (Stow-Munroe Falls).

- Search Committee met October 2 and 23. The search committee reviewed proposals for the Senior Director of CLEVNET search. They selected Organizational Architecture to perform the search. The position should be posted in November.