



# 2024

Year In Review

# 2024

## Board of Trustees

Carol Shaheed,  
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*Member*



Nathan Paige,  
*Member*



# *2024 Board of Trustees Data*



11 SCHEDULED  
MEETINGS



41 COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS



34 PASSED  
RESOLUTIONS

# ECPL BOARD COMMITTEES

*The Board also decided to remove the tree and keep the shed on the property behind the library.*

## Nominating

**Chair:** Otis Mays  
**Co-Chair:** MaryAnn Harris, PhD.  
**Co-Chair:** Tyisha Blade  
**Co-Chair:** Nathan Paige

## Library Services

**Chair:** Joy A. Jordan, DDS  
**Co-Chair:** Tyisha Blade

## Personnel

**Chair:** Sheila Hunt-Sharpley  
**Co-Chair:** Carol Shaheed

## Buildings & Grounds

**Chair:** Otis Mays  
**Co-Chair:** Sheila Hunt-Sharpley

## Finance

**Chair:** Nathan Paige  
**Co-Chair:** MaryAnn Harris, PhD.

## Strategic Planning

**Chair:** MaryAnn Harris, PhD.  
**Co-Chair:** All Board

# Patron Review

ECPL Material  
Circulated –  
15,789

Hotspots  
Circulated -  
275

Social Media  
Followers –  
7,515

Snack  
Program –  
5,410

New Library  
Card holders -  
339

Walk-in  
Attendance –  
59,272



# 2024 Library Upgrades

# Land- scaping Upgrades

Perimeter fencing around property replaced by boulders.

Before:



After:





# Paper Cut/Printing Upgrades

- New Papercut software allows patrons to load funds onto their library cards. They can use the use funds to pay for prints and copies.
- New high-volume printers in entire library
- Partnership with Visual Edge IT to streamline printing efficiency throughout the library

# Children's Area Re-opening

## Children's Area

- 10 brand new computers.
- A 98-inch display for interactive games, dance activities, and Bose surround sound.
- A 75-inch touch display for interactive educational games, classroom learning, handwriting practice, and more.
- A robot dog that performs tricks on command, learns new faces, and navigates its environment.
- Two storytelling robots (boy and girl) that respond to voice commands, dance, and more.
- New Furniture, paint and carpet.

## Maker Space Enhancements

- A 2-in-1 laser engraving and blade cutting tool for novelty arts and crafts.
- A 3D printer.
- A robotic arm that moves in all directions, picks up, and moves items (STEM-focused).
- A robotic hand that can hold items and independently move its fingers and palm (STEM-focused).





# 2024 New Library Services

# The Maker Space



# Adult Maker Space Facts

- ▶ Debuted in the upstairs computer lab in Sept. 2024
- ▶ 78 appointments total
- ▶ Appointments made through our website
- ▶ 6 new features available
  - Vinyl to Digital
  - Super8 to Digital
  - 3D Printing
  - Sewing Machine
  - Button Maker
  - Cricut Creations



# Tech Upgrades

- ▶ SenSource people counters positioned at entries and exits to track library traffic.
- ▶ Lobby display for live streaming ECPL concerts, local sports and other live events.
- ▶ Faxing is back with Egoldfax. And it's free!





Aspen  
Discovery

Aspen  
Discovery  
Digital Library  
Service



# 2024 Sponsored Events

# East Side Chess Club Tournament Sponsors



- ▶ Jack of Trades
- ▶ Dana
- ▶ Werner G. Smith
- ▶ Ascend Advisors
- ▶ Locke Step Partners
- ▶ Dr. Adrienne Hatten
- ▶ 3D Chess Design
- ▶ Costco
- ▶ Hands on Sports Foundation
- ▶ Third Federal
- ▶ FRIENDS of ECPL
- ▶ Myron Bennett

# ECPL Back to School Sponsors

- ▶ BARK
- ▶ Oriental Trading
- ▶ Apex Academy
- ▶ Raising Canes
- ▶ Ohio Kidney Advocacy
- ▶ A Vision Of Change
- ▶ Strong Hands United
- ▶ Friends of ECPL
- ▶ Oriental Trading
- ▶ LaptopBatteryExpress
- ▶ IfICanYouCan
- ▶ The Toy Closet LLC
- ▶ BerryGood Films
- ▶ Patricia Cook
- ▶ Nelleeta Coleman
- ▶ George A. Berry
- ▶ Karen Berry
- ▶ A 'Sarah Green
- ▶ Nathaniel Martin



# 2024 Library Programs

491 In-person programs  
with 8,668 patrons in  
attendance.

# ECPL 2024 HIGHLIGHT EVENTS



## Founder's Day

We celebrated ECPL with activities for all, including line dancing, food, the Shaw Band, and more.



## Total Solar Eclipse

We all gathered outside in the parking lot to witness this beautiful natural phenomenon.



## Name That Tune

Patrons had to guess songs based on the lyrics during this fun program.

# ECPL 2024 HIGHLIGHT EVENTS



## Apex Academy Ice Cream Truck

Apex Academy brought in an Ice Cream Truck this August for our patrons to enjoy a sweet treat.



## Cleveland Metroparks

The Cleveland Metroparks came to show the Children's Department some of their animal furs with a special guest: a live turtle.



## Second Saturday Stanzas

Local authors came to recite poetry each month this Fall, and shared writing tips. Patrons also shared their poetry during this open mic!

# ECPL Holiday Events



## Holidays

The holidays are always special; Each year we have a toy drive and give over 100 families gifts for their children!



## Black History Month

Each year we collaborate with Ms. Michelle's BLAX Museum, an event showcasing the art and culture of Black folks throughout history.

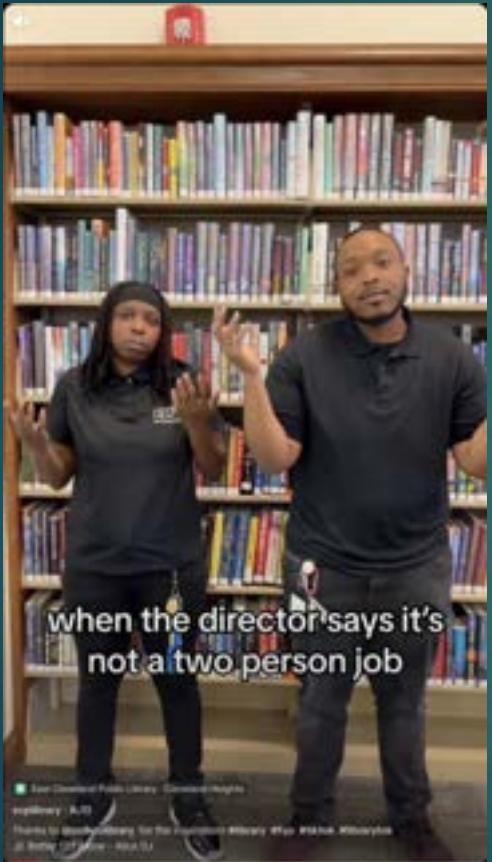


## Halloweek

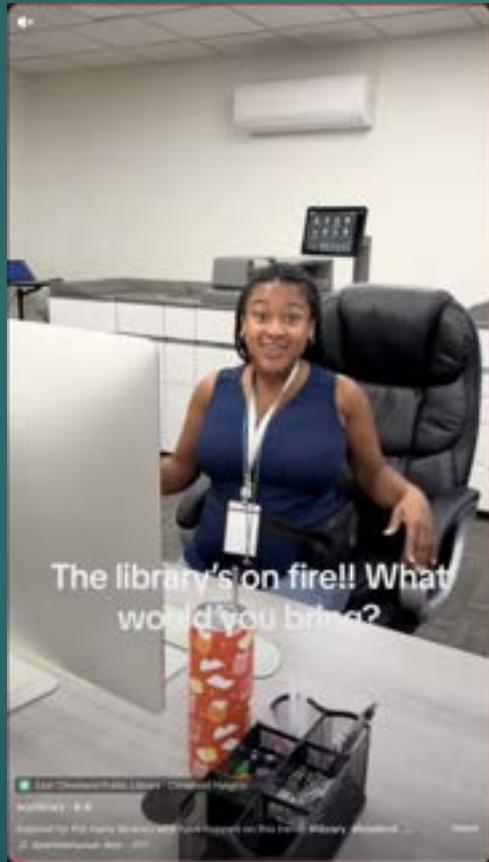
All ghost and goblins came out for this year's Halloweek. We reintroduced our Escape Rooms after years of doing only a haunted house.

# ECPL Virtual Programming

51 Virtual Programs with 484,149 views on all social media accounts!



when the director says it's  
not a two person job



The library's on fire!! What would you bring?



put the books in the bag!!  
Put them in!



Sample  
**OUR**  
Stocks  
ECPLI

204.3K Views

134.8K Views

114.3K Views

1.6K Views

# ECPL 2024 Grant Sponsored Events

\$198,660 in grants received in 2024!



## Cuyahoga Reads -

- ▶ Programs Include:
  - Founder's Day
  - Back to School
  - Coding4Kids

## Cleveland Foundation/Key Bank -

- ▶ Programs Include:
  - HotSpot Lending Program
  - Concert Series

# ECPL 2024 Grant Sponsored Events



# Sponsorships

- BarkBox
- Oriental Trading
- Waterway Carwash
- Raising Cane's
- Cooper's Hawk  
Winery & Restaurant
- Dewey's Pizza
- AutoZone
- Kredo True Value
- Snow Trails

## List of sponsors

- Meijer
- Escape Game
- PSE Credit UNION
- Texas Roadhouse
- Gourmetgiftbaskets
- First Federal of  
Lakewood
- Cleveland Monsters
- Cleveland Cavaliers
- Cleveland Browns
- Flagstar Bank

\$1,909 was given  
to the ECPL.

# *Thank you to the following partners:*

David's Challenge

**FRIENDS of ECPL**

BLAX Museum

Forest Hill Towers

Step Forward

Visual Edge IT

Greg L. Reese

Guardian

The Cleveland Foundation

Key Bank

3MB

Sensource

Owl's nest

Mcgregor Senior Center

Mildred brewer

Helen S. Brown

Salvation Army

East Cleveland City Schools

**East Cleveland City School board**

City of East Cleveland

**East Cleveland City Council**

Cuyahoga Community College

**East Cleveland Bridges of Hope Coalition**

Euclid Glass Company

American Red Cross

**First Baptist Church or Greater Cleveland**

Greater Cleveland Foodbank

East Cleveland Daycare Centers

A close-up, low-angle shot of several people's hands held together in a circle. The hands belong to different ethnicities and skin tones. Some are wearing rings. The background is dark and out of focus.

**THERE'S SOMETHING FOR  
EVERYONE.**

**THANK YOU**