

FALL PROGRAM GUIDE

PROGRAMS, CLASSES & MORE FOR ADULTS & SENIORS



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A guide to programs, classes, and exhibitions at Cleveland Public Library. All offerings are free and open to the public.

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

Cleveland Public Library will be the driving force behind a powerful culture of learning that will inspire Clevelanders from all walks of life to continually learn, share, and seek out new knowledge in ways that are beneficial to themselves, their community, and the world.

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

325 Superior Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44114
216-623-2800 | cpl.org

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Saturday
10am–6pm
Closed Sunday

Immunocompromised

Monday–Saturday
10–11am
Closed Sunday

Kids Cafe

Call your local branch for hours

STAY CONNECTED



FEATURED AUTHOR VISIT
BRYAN STEVENSON
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Be on the look out for the 2020 Kids/Teens Fall Program Guide



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN INCLUSIVE DEMOCRACY?

Join Cleveland Public Library as we bring together authors, performers, journalists, activists, and educators to explore the systems impacting our voice in our democracy.

Visit cpl.org/democracy-2020 for details.

BE COUNTED

Cleveland Public Library believes an inclusive democracy is a stronger democracy, so we want everyone to **BE COUNTED** in the 2020 census. The census is **due on September 30**.

Fill out the 2020 Census today! Need help? Ask us.

COUNT ON US: CPL hosts themed discussions with Assistant Director of Public Services, Robin Wood, & Government Documents Supervisor, Sarah Dobransky, @ 12:00 p.m. on Facebook Live:

September 18: Make It Count! Don't Ghost the Census

Guest: Urban League of Greater Cleveland.

The Library believes an inclusive democracy is a stronger democracy, so we want everyone to **BE HEARD** in the 2020 election. VOTE! Are you registered to vote? Need help? Ask us! **BOOKS & BALLOTS:** CPL joins the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections to host themed discussions with Subject Department Librarian Terry Metter and E. 131 Branch Manager Marina Marquez every month at 12:00 p.m. on Facebook Live:

September 14: Voting in the Age of COVID-19 and National Voter Registration Day

Guest: Tony Perlatti, Director of Cuyahoga County Board of Elections & Mike West, Community Outreach Manager, Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

October 12: Vote-by-Mail: What You Need to Know Also, Election Job Opportunities

Guest: Tony Perlatti, Director of Cuyahoga County Board of Elections & Mike West, Community Outreach Manager, Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

November 2: What to Expect on Election Day?

Guest: Mike West, Community Outreach Manager, Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

Five Days for Democracy

Cleveland Public Library has joined forces with The City Club of Cleveland to invite you to participate in Five Days for Democracy—a week dedicated to reminding us why democracy matters and our role in keeping it strong.

Sign up and receive an email each day packed with opportunities to explore different facets of our democracy.

Five days. Five challenges. One week to better understand your role in strengthening democracy.

September 28 - October 2, 2020

Sign up at www.cityclub.org/fivedays

Polling Locations

The following branches will serve as polling locations for the general election on November 3, 2020. To vote at one of these branches, individuals must be registered to vote and assigned to vote at one of these specific locations:

Eastman Branch	7am-7pm
Fulton Branch	7am-7pm
Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch	7am-7pm
Lorain Branch	7am-7pm
Langston Hughes Branch	7am-7pm
Rice Branch	7am-7pm



CLEVELAND 20/20 PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
& CLEVELAND PRINT ROOM

A photographic celebration of everyday Cleveland in honor of CPL's 150th anniversary.
Sep 8 – Mar 31, 2021 | Monday – Saturday, 10am – 6pm | Main Library, Brett Hall

See Also | Reflect and Refract Democracy by Rose DeSiano

See Also brings temporary, interactive and immersive public art to the Eastman Reading Garden each year. This year's exhibition features a series of maze-like lenticular walls which intersperse historic photos of Cleveland with mirrored panels reflecting the garden and its visitors. Two orbital monuments in the Reading Garden honors historic Clevelanders who have played pivotal roles around democracy in our city through political action, activism, and cultural contributions. Prisms and mirrors embedded throughout the installation reflect and refract light as visitors interact with and reflect upon Cleveland's past and contemplate its future.

Sep 8 – Nov 30 | Main Library, Eastman Reading Garden

Celebrate Those Who Give Black

This exhibition is designed to tell the story of Black philanthropy in Cleveland by honoring the past, celebrating the present, and inspiring the future. We enlisted the community to nominate emerging, young, and hidden philanthropists. Through the many faces and stories of community generosity, we celebrate those who give Black.

Sep 25 – April 30, 2021 | Louis Stokes Wing, 1st Floor
Andrew Venable Visitor's Center

**CELEBRATE
THOSE WHO
GIVE BLACK™**



CPL PLAY

Free online gaming experiences hosted every other Saturday: tournaments, streaming, discussions, and more keep gaming alive during social distancing. Tune in every other Saturday starting Sep 19 from 10am–4pm on [twitch.tv/clevelandpubliclibrary](https://www.twitch.tv/clevelandpubliclibrary). Visit cpl.org/gaming for more info and a calendar of events.



warmUP CLEVELAND

Do you sew, knit, crochet, or quilt?

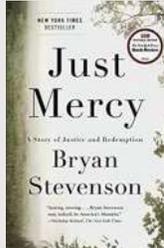
Donate handmade items at any Cleveland Public Library location year-round to help neighbors in need! For more information, contact Outreach and Programming Services at 216-623-2921 or ops@cpl.org.

find us! [ravelry.com/groups/warm-up-cleveland](https://www.ravelry.com/groups/warm-up-cleveland)



BRYAN STEVENSON

Author of the award winning, *New York Times* bestseller, *Just Mercy*, which was recently adapted into a major motion picture.



Against the backdrop of today's social and political climate, Bryan Stevenson, the founding director of the Equal Justice Institute (EJI) in Montgomery, Alabama, shares his insights and lessons learned over 30 years on the front lines fighting injustice and inequality in the United States criminal justice system.

Under Mr. Stevenson's leadership, EJI has won significant legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill, and aiding children prosecuted as adults.

Mr. Stevenson has argued and won multiple cases at the United States Supreme Court, including a 2019 ruling protecting condemned prisoners with dementia and a landmark 2012 ruling that banned mandatory life-imprisonment-without-parole sentences for children 17 years of age and younger. Mr. Stevenson and his staff have won reversals, relief, or release from prison for over 135 wrongly condemned prisoners on death row and won relief for hundreds of others wrongly convicted or unfairly sentenced.

Mr. Stevenson has initiated new anti-poverty and anti-discrimination efforts that challenge inequality in America. He led the creation of two highly acclaimed cultural sites, which opened in 2018: the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. These new national landmark institutions chronicle the legacy of slavery, lynching, racial segregation, and the connection to mass incarceration and contemporary racial bias issues. Mr. Stevenson is also a Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law.

Space is limited. Registration is required. Visit cpl.org/stevenson Sat, Dec 5 | 2pm | virtual event: Zoom



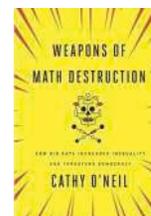
CATHY O'NEIL

Important decisions that affect our lives are made every day. Increasingly, those decisions are made not by humans but by computers. In theory, this should lead to more fairness since everyone is judged by the same rules and bias is eliminated. In reality, the algorithms that are used to make these decisions are opaque, unregulated, and uncontestable...even when they're wrong.

These algorithms regularly reinforce discrimination or are built on historical data that punishes the downtrodden based on information as innocuous as their zip code. Tracing the arc of a person's life, O'Neil exposes the black box models that shape our future as individuals and as a society. These "weapons of math destruction" score students and teachers, sort resumes, grant (or deny) loans, evaluate workers, target voters, set parole, and monitor our health.

O'Neil calls on modelers to take more responsibility for their algorithms and on policy makers to regulate their use. But in the end, it's up to us to become more savvy about the models that govern our lives. This important book empowers us to ask the tough questions, uncover the truth, and demand change.

O'Neill is a regular contributor to *Bloomberg View*, an American mathematician, and the author of the blog mathbabe.org and several books on data science, including



Weapons of Math Destruction. The book highlights how the decisions that affect our day-to-day lives are being made by mathematical models. She is the former Director of the Lede Program in Data Practices at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism's Tow Center and was employed as a Data Science Consultant at

Johnson Research Labs.

Space is limited. Registration is required. Visit cpl.org/oneil Sat, Sep 26 | 2pm | virtual event: Zoom

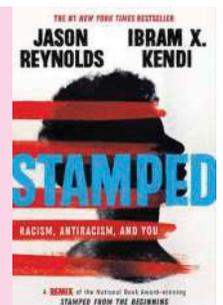


Presented as a part of #CLEReads Young Adult Book Festival

DR. IBRAM X. KENDI

Racist Ideas in America: From Slavery to Black Lives Matter
Friday, December 4 | 2pm | virtual event: TBA

Dr. Ibram X. Kendi is one of America's foremost historians and leading antiracist voices. He is a National Book Award-winner and his book *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* is a #1 *New York Times* bestseller. Kendi is the Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities and the Founding Director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research.



FEATURED EVENTS



8th ANNUAL MAKER FAIRE CLEVELAND

Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and who love sharing what they can do. From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue for these "makers" to demonstrate hobbies, experiments, and projects. It's a family-friendly showcase of invention, ingenuity, creativity, resourcefulness, and just plain fun! This year's event will be held virtually. Stay tuned for a call for makers. Event updates and schedule coming soon!

cleveland.makerfaire.com

Sat, Nov 7 | 10am - 4pm | virtual event

FEATURED EVENT

Neighborhood Voices

This city-wide writing project invites Clevelanders from every corner of The Land to pen stories, essays, and poems about their neighborhoods for inclusion in an anthology that will become part of the Cleveland Public Library's permanent collection. As part of this program, Literary Cleveland and Cleveland Public Library hosted free virtual writing workshops throughout the city in June and July, allowing residents to connect with neighbors, share stories of their communities, and draft new writing about what makes their neighborhoods unique. Join us for a virtual launch party showcasing the vibrant lives and voices in Cleveland neighborhoods and recognizing all participants.

Sat, Nov 14 | 11am | litcleveland.org/events-programs/neighborhood-voices

NEW SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & SENIORS

Reach Success

Map out your personalized journey to a productive and enjoyable career, not just a job. Free, comprehensive employment and education assistance and coaching is available whether you're in high school, an adult seeking a step up, or re-entering the workforce.

Sep – Dec | By Appointment

<https://cpl.org/services/career-development/job-search-assistance/>

OUTDOOR EVENTS

Parking Lot Plant Swap

Join our safe, socially-distanced* parking lot plant swap. Bring any pest-free plant(s) to trade and go home with a new plant baby. Plants may be potted or bare root, as long as you are willing to part with them. Get fresh air, pick up a new plant, stop inside for a new gardening book or two, and enjoy some safe interaction with like-minded plant enthusiasts. **face masks are required*

Sat, Sep 19 | 2:30pm | Jefferson



Free Outdoor Yoga

Enjoy a free, introductory yoga class for adults and seniors. Come as you are to this outdoor event* and see how yoga can improve your quality of life. **face masks are required*

Sat, Sep 19 | 11am | Jefferson



FEATURED COMPUTER CLASS: CodeCentral

Free, 8-week course in the fundamentals of writing computer code in Python and HTML/CCS features hands-on projects and interactive instruction. Participants must have established computer skills, commit to attend all 8 weeks, and be prepared to work on assignments between class sessions. Classes and independent work are required along with a computer, internet access, and downloads of appropriate software.

**Adults only. Registration is required: cpl.libcal.com/event/6938619
Tuesdays, Oct 6 - Nov 24 | 3:15pm**

Computer Classes

Registration is required for all computer classes. For more information or to register, visit the link listed for each event.

EMEDIA: CPL AND YOUR DEVICE

Thu, Oct 1 | 11:15am
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941493

Thu, Oct 29 | 3:15pm
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941403

Fri, Nov 13 | 11:15am
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941785

JOB SEARCHING ONLINE
Thu, Sep 10 | 3:15pm
cpl.libcal.com/event/6938651

Thu, Sep 24 | 11:15am
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941362

Thu, Oct 8 | 11:15am
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941410

Thu, Oct 22 | 3:15pm
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941491

Fri, Nov 6 | 11:15am
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941768

Fri, Nov 20 | 3:15pm
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941801

MICROSOFT EXCEL SERIES
Mondays, Oct 5 - 26 | 11:15am
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941395

MICROSOFT POWERPOINT SERIES
Thursdays, Nov 5 & 12 | 3:15pm
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941778

MICROSOFT WORD SERIES
Fridays, Oct 2 - 23 | 11:15am
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941383

Mondays, Nov 2 - 23 | 11:15am
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941736

RESUME WORKSHOP
Wed, Sep 9 | 3:15pm
cpl.libcal.com/event/6938647

Wed, Sep 23 | 11:15am
cpl.libcal.com/event/6938652

Wed, Oct 7 | 11:15am
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941362

Wed, Oct 21 | 3:15pm
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941474

Wed, Nov 4 | 11:15am
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941763

Wed, Nov 18 | 3:15pm
cpl.libcal.com/event/6941799

