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GRAND RAPIDS, MI: On Tuesday, February 22, 2022 portions of two streets were renamed in honor of César E. Chávez and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Gathering at Iglesia de Dios Manantial de Vida in Grand Rapids. Photo by Larry Arreguin.

## At the Core and in the Margins: Incorporation of Mexican Immigrants in Two Rural Midwestern Communities by Julia Albarracín

I moved from Florida to the Midwest in the fall of 2005 to start my job as an assistant professor in the political science department at Western Illinois University. The university is in the small town of Macomb, which itself is surrounded by a multiplicity of other small towns, including Monmouth to the north and Beardstown to the south. When I visited these two towns in 2006, I realized they had important Latino communities that celebrated Cinco de Mayo and

Mexican Independence. This realization led to several questions: How and why are these Latino communities moving to the middle of rural Illinois? Are these immigrants successfully integrating in these small communities?

I wanted to find the answers to these questions and tell a story. This is the reason I wrote my book, *At the Core and in the Margins*, published by Michigan State University Press in 2016. The written word is a powerful way of communicating observations and knowledge across people. But I also wanted to be sure to give voice to the protagonists of my story: the Mexican immigrants who live in Monmouth and Beardstown. For this reason, I decided to include their stories in my book.

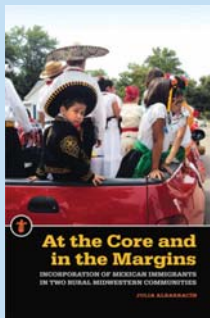
Each chapter opens with the story of one

specific immigrant who exemplifies the issues discussed in the chapter. The individual chapters also include information from a survey with 260 immigrants and the stories that more than forty immigrants shared with me. The survey helps us answer big questions about the immigrant community: Are the immigrants in the community citizens or planning to be? Do they speak English and make friends? Do they feel discriminated against? Do they participate in social and political activities? Their life stories help us understand why and how things happen, including questions such as: Why don't they have papers? What difficulties have they faced? How did they learn the language? How were they discriminated against? Why do they only have



Latino friends? What are the barriers for participation in society?

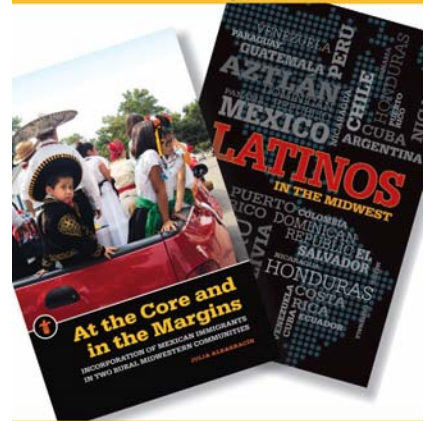
One thing I learned from studying these two towns is that there are advantages to living in a small community with a low cost of living and low crime rate, despite the lack of the type of resources available in large urban centers. Another thing I learned is that immigration has revitalized these small communities that have been losing population for decades.



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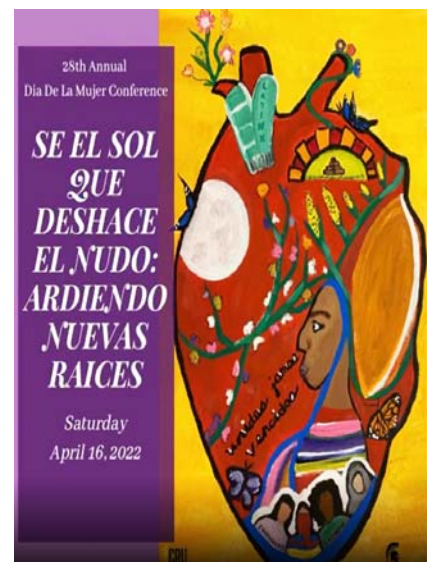
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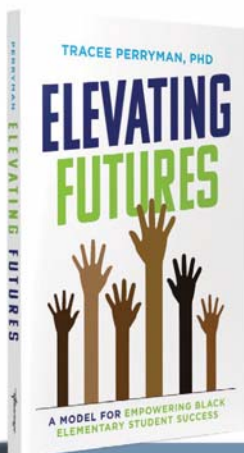
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The term "visual literacy" was defined in 1969 by John Debes, the founder of the International Visual Literacy Association, as "Visual literacy refers to a group of vision-competencies a human being can develop by seeing and at the same time having and integrating other sensory experiences."

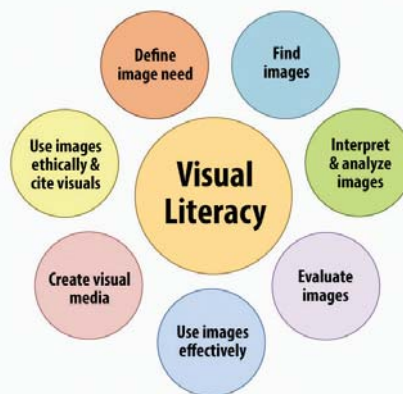
Since this definition by Debes, researchers and practitioners have re-defined ever more complex definitions that reflect the breadth of its applications. The term itself takes on different meanings in different contexts and you will therefore encounter new ideas in education, science, graphic design, art, technology, philosophy and so on.

Visual literacy is, by nature, an organic concept that requires us to continually define and re-define its meaning as our world changes. Digital technology has greatly impacted our understanding of visual literacy as we now see children growing up with tablets and computers and what appears to be highly developed visual literacy instincts.

But are they picking up this new 'language' as a result of their interactions with digital technologies? These, and many more, are the questions that we ask and explore on this website.

We welcome you to put forth your own definition of visual literacy so that our collective knowledge can continue to inform progress in this important field.

*Kristen Harrison, Founding Editor, The Curved House*  
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## Invasión rusa a Ucrania refleja las diferencias en LatAm

Por ALMUDENA CALATRAVA, Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, 24 II 22 (AP): Las diferencias políticas que subsisten entre los países de América Latina quedaron en evidencia el jueves luego de que varios de ellos repudiaran rotundamente la invasión de Rusia a Ucrania, otros lo hicieron con tibieza y algunos guardaron silencio o apoyaron tácitamente al presidente Vladimir Putin.

La condenas más firmes a la ofensiva de Putin provinieron de gobiernos de signo conservador como los de Colombia y Uruguay, reflejando una vez más las diferencias en la región ante potencias como Estados Unidos y Rusia.

Después de guardar silencio durante horas y sin hacer mención a la agresión rusa, el mandatario venezolano Nicolás Maduro dijo en Twitter que su país “rechaza el agravamiento de la crisis en Ucrania producto del quebrantamiento de los acuerdos de Minsk por parte de la OTAN”. Maduro también instó a la búsqueda de soluciones pacíficas para dirimir las diferencias entre las partes.

Algo parecido hizo Bolivia—otro de los países enfrentados con la Casa Blanca—al dar a conocer una breve declaración en la que llamó a las partes a que busquen soluciones político-diplomáticas y a que eviten el uso de la fuerza.

En tanto, los gobiernos izquierdistas de Nicaragua y Cuba no se han pronunciado aún, aunque ya habían expresado su apoyo a Putin en los últimos días.

En contraposición, el presidente colombiano Iván Duque rechazó “categóricamente” la invasión y acotó que su país apoyará la coordinación internacional en busca de respuestas humanitarias y “las sanciones que correspondan”. Las relaciones diplomáticas entre Colombia y Rusia se tensaron recientemente por el apoyo militar de Moscú al régimen de Maduro en Venezuela.

Como otros países, Colombia busca la evacuación de decenas de sus ciudadanos que se encuentran en la zona bélica, para lo cual inició conversaciones con Polonia y Rumania al no contar con embajada en Ucrania.

El presidente de Uruguay, Luis Lacalle Pou, también rechazó el ataque al considerar que atenta contra el derecho internacional e instó a una negociación para resolver el conflicto.

La Secretaría General de la Organización de los Estados Americanos, que preside el uruguayo Luis Almagro—uno de los mayores críticos del gobierno venezolano en la región—, condenó la invasión de Rusia y llamó a ese país “a un inmediato cese de las hostilidades que irresponsablemente ha iniciado”.

Sobre ello también se pronunció el opositor venezolano Juan Guaidó, afirmando que “como presidente encargado y representante del único Poder Público Nacional legítimo y democrático” de Venezuela daba su apoyo al pueblo ucraniano y a las autoridades ucranianas “tras la injustificable y atroz invasión militar perpetrada por el presidente Putin respaldada por la dictadura de Nicolás Maduro”.

Por su lado, el presidente saliente de Chile, el derechista Sebastián Piñera, tuiteó su repudio a la “agresión armada”. Gabriel Boric—el izquierdista que lo reemplazará en el poder a partir del 11 de marzo—se mantuvo en la misma línea al señalar que “desde Chile condenamos la invasión a Ucrania, la violación de su soberanía y el uso ilegítimo de la fuerza”.

La cancillería de Chile indicó que chilenos que se encuentran en Ucrania han solicitado ayuda a través del consulado de Varsovia y que se los está tratando de asistir, ya que el país sudamericano no tiene embajada ni consulado en Kiev.

Por su lado, el presidente argentino Alberto Fernández, en lo que constituye una postura más crítica hacia las acciones de Moscú, hizo un llamado a todas las partes a no usar la fuerza militar y pidió a Rusia “que ponga fin a las acciones emprendidas y que todas las partes involucradas vuelvan a la mesa del diálogo”.

La cancillería destacó por su parte la necesidad del pleno apego a todos los principios consagrados en la Carta de las Naciones Unidas, sin ambigüedades ni dando preeminencia a unos sobre otros, con

pleno respeto del derecho internacional, la soberanía de los estados y su integridad territorial.

Argentina es uno de los países latinoamericanos que mantiene relaciones acieitadas con el gobierno ruso, y muestra de ello es la reciente visita que hizo Fernández a Moscú. Allí el dirigente peronista le dijo a Putin que el país sudamericano “debe ser la puerta de entrada” de Rusia a América Latina.

Con un tono más moderado frente al Kremlin se manifestó Brasil, uno de los países latinoamericanos que actualmente ocupa un asiento en el Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU.

México, que preside el Consejo, inicialmente se había mostrado más moderado, pero al final de la jornada endureció su posición frente a Rusia al condenar enérgicamente la invasión y la presencia de sus fuerzas en casi todo el territorio de Ucrania.

“Demandamos que cesen las operaciones militares por parte de la Federación Rusa en territorio de Ucrania, que se respete su integridad territorial, que se proteja a su población civil”, declaró el jueves por la tarde el canciller mexicano Marcelo Ebrard en un video difundido en Twitter.

Ebrard expresó que México seguirá insistiendo en una salida diplomática y apoyará al secretario general de las Naciones Unidas en lo que consideró una “difícil tarea” en este momento. El canciller precisó que esta será la postura del país latinoamericano en el Consejo de Seguridad.

Tras el endurecimiento de la postura del gobierno mexicano, la embajadora de Ucrania en la Ciudad de México, Oksana Dramaretska, agradeció la posición y dijo en su cuenta de Twitter que “hoy en día es esencial llamar a las cosas por su nombre”.

Por su parte, Brasil pidió la suspensión inmediata de las hostilidades y el inicio de negociaciones, sin expresar una condena explícita al ataque. Como miembros del Consejo de



Luis Lacalle Pou

Seguridad, Brasil y México participan en discusiones multilaterales que buscan una solución pacífica.

En su cuenta de Twitter, el presidente Jair Bolsonaro manifestó su determinación de auxiliar a los 500 brasileños que viven en Ucrania y a los que están allí de paso, pero no mencionó la agresión rusa, ni para aprobarla ni para condenarla. El gobierno brasileño ha rechazado recientemente las críticas de Estados Unidos al viaje realizado por Bolsonaro a Moscú para estrechar lazos bilaterales en un momento de enormes tensiones entre el Kremlin y Kiev.

Por su parte, el presidente ecuatoriano Guillermo Lasso expresó su disposición a apoyar las decisiones que tome el Consejo de Seguridad.

El ataque ruso generó protestas ciudadanas ante las embajadas de Rusia en algunos países, como Chile y Argentina.

Los periodistas de la AP Guillermo Garat, en Uruguay; Gonzalo Solano en Ecuador; María Verza en México; David Biller en Brasil; Patricia Luna en Chile, y Claudia Torrens en Estados Unidos colaboraron a esta nota.

## El envío alemán de armas a Ucrania es histórico

Por EMILY SCHULTHEIS, Associated Press

VIENA, 27 II 22 (AP): La sorprendente decisión de Alemania de enviar armas antitanque y misiles tierra-aire a Ucrania abandonando su añeja negativa a exportar equipo bélico a zonas de conflicto, marca un rompimiento histórico con su política exterior que siguió a la Segunda Guerra Mundial.

“Una nueva realidad”, fue como el canciller Olaf Scholz la describió en un discurso inusualmente apasionado ante una sesión especial del parlamento. Scholz, quien suele ser de temperamento apacible, dijo que la invasión de Rusia a Ucrania requería una respuesta de Alemania radicalmente distinta a la del pasado.

“Con su invasión de Ucrania el jueves, el presidente Putin creó una nueva realidad”, declaró Scholz ante el Bundestag, donde su discurso fue aplaudido en distintas ocasiones, en particular su condenas del gobernante ruso. “Esta realidad exige una respuesta clara. Hemos dado una”.

Scholz dijo que Alemania decidió enviar armas antitanque y misiles tierra-aire a Ucrania. También indicó que el gobierno alemán canalizará 100.000 millones de euros (113.000 millones de dólares) a un fondo especial para sus fuerzas armadas y aumentará su gasto de defensa por encima del 2% del PIB, nivel al que no se ajustaba desde hace mucho tiempo.

El cambio de decisión de Alemania ejemplifica claramente cómo la guerra de Rusia en Ucrania está reconfigurando la política de seguridad de Europa después de la Segunda Guerra Mundial.

Desde hace tiempo la política exterior de Alemania se ha caracterizado por una fuerte aversión al uso de la fuerza militar, una postura que los políticos alemanes explican tiene sus raíces en su historia de agresión bélica contra sus vecinos en el siglo XX.

Aunque es un firme aliado de Estados Unidos y miembro de la OTAN, la Alemania de la posguerra ha

intentado mantener buenos vínculos con Moscú, una política también impulsada por sus intereses de negocios y sus necesidades energéticas.

“Muchas de las cosas que Olaf Scholz dijo habrían sido impensables incluso hace meses”, dijo Marcel Dirsus, miembro no residente del Instituto para la Política de Seguridad de la Universidad de Kiel. “Se ha vuelto muy evidente que Rusia simplemente ha ido demasiado lejos, y como resultado, Alemania está despertando ahora”.

Aun así, hasta este fin de semana, el gobierno alemán se había mostrado renuente a enviar armas a Ucrania, incluso cuando enfrentaba crecientes críticas internacionales debido a sus titubeos.

Pero luego, una serie de anuncios que comenzaron el sábado por la noche sacudieron los conceptos tradicionales de la política alemana.

Dieron inicio cuando el gobierno dijo que permitiría el envío de 400 armas antitanque de fabricación alemana de Holanda a Ucrania, algo a lo que hasta ahora se había rehusado a hacer.

Poco después, la oficina del canciller fue más allá y dijo que enviaría sus propias armas, entre ellas 1.000 armas antitanque y 500 misiles Stinger tierra-aire directamente a Ucrania. También se comprometió a hacer efectiva la exclusión de los bancos rusos del sistema financiero global SWIFT, algo que las autoridades alemanas se habían mostrado renuentes a hacer.

El domingo continuó el rompimiento con el pasado, cuando Scholz anunció un mayor gasto de defensa.

Los sucesos fueron aún más notables si se toma en cuenta que siguieron a otra decisión histórica la semana pasada, cuando Alemania tomó medidas para detener el proceso de certificar el gasoducto Nord Stream 2 de Rusia.

Lorne Cook en Bruselas y Geir Moulson en Berlín contribuyeron a este despacho.

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## Why I write books by José Angel Gutiérrez

When we began the 1969 school walkout by Chicano students in Crystal City, Texas, our goals were to stop the punishment for speaking Spanish, have Mexican food served in the cafeteria, hire more Chicano teachers, and initiate formal studies of our heritage and history as people of Mexican origin. We were successful not only in getting the school board to meet most of our demands but also in winning several school board elections. I became the president of the board of trustees. With a new Chicano superintendent of schools, only the sixth in the state's history, we initiated a Bilingual (speak Spanish), Biliterate (read and write in Spanish and English by 12th grade and graduation), and Bicultural (be Chicanos continuing to live the Mexican origin life experience) program (B3). There were over 300 other Chicano student walkouts across the nation with similar demands. Yet, very little has been written about these walkouts, which are part of our recent civil right struggles. Few write



munist Party member, when she was held in prison without bail pending trial.

My last books with MSUPress are about "hidden histories" found in FBI files and at the National Archives and Records Administration. Using Freedom of Information Act requests, I obtained the government files documenting the surveillance, harassment, and repression of two major civil rights leaders in the United States: Cesar E. Chavez and Reies Lopez Tijerina. Chavez's work was with farm workers across the nation, mainly in California and Arizona. The Tijerina book is about the land recovery movement for our homeland. There was a Spanish-speaking America (most of the United States) before an English-speaking one (the 13 colonies). Chavez died unexpectedly in 1993 and an autopsy was never conducted. The FBI still withholds records from 1973 to 1993. Tijerina died of illnesses related to old age and poverty. He had been imprisoned by state and federal authorities just after his leadership involvement with Martin L. King Jr. and then Ralph Abernathy on the Poor People's Campaign; after seven years he was pardoned by Governor Toney Anaya of New Mexico.

about our stories, and we have plenty of stories to tell. We seemed locked into a black-white paradigm of historical analysis and history. Now in 26 states, Texas included, it is illegal to write, read, and teach about any history other than an American Exceptionalism history that only features whites. I willingly engage in civil disobedience because it cannot be made illegal to tell the truth.

Starting with biographies of others and mine, I moved on to my first book with the Michigan State University Press on Albert A. Peña Jr. of San Antonio, Texas. He was the first elected Bexar County Commissioner and became the first urban political boss of Mexican origin in the United States. He was among the first attorneys to fight desegregation cases; he opposed the Poll Tax; and he organized many presidential campaigns for Democrats in Texas, the most famously known one being the Viva Kennedy Clubs. To his last days, he championed the rights of immigrants. His electoral demise partly can be attributed to defending Angela Davis, a black Com-



## Rubén Martínez

I am a sociologist who, by profession, conducts studies of society and transmits the results in written form as a way of imparting knowledge both to the communities of social scientists and the public at large. The Latinos in the United States book series at Michigan State University Press expands the transmission of knowledge about Latinos in this country by making available the works of other scholars and writers. It provides publications on different aspects of the experiences of Latinos in this country, most of which have not been widely investigated and made available in written works. I kicked off the series by editing a volume on *Latinos in the Midwest*, and since then have worked with authors on several volumes of their own.

The written word is a powerful medium of communication not only because it transmits our ideas but also

because once published it is accessible by and imparts knowledge and wisdom to readers across the generations. Written words communicate our most powerful ideas and feelings and help others see themselves in relation to what is communicated. That is why literacy is so important for us. It allows us to craft ways of saying things that we often cannot express verbally, and it is a way of providing details that documentaries and films cannot. Literacy is a very important skill set needed to carry out daily activities in a society that is grounded in the written word, but it does require the ability to read and write. There are four major styles of writing: expository, descriptive, persuasive, and narrative.

Expository writing tends to explain or provide instructions. Examples range from scientific to recipe pieces. Descriptive writing



seeks to provide readers with images and can range from essays to poetry, while persuasive writing seeks to convince readers of the validity of a view or perspective. Examples include political speeches and editorial opinion pieces. Finally, narrative writing shares information within the context of a story. Examples include short stories, novels, and biographies. The styles mainly differ in terms of purpose. I have written in each of these styles, but as a sociologist tend to write within the expository style, attempting to explain aspects of the social world and how they are related to each other.

## Progress Michigan Statement of Support for Nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson

MICHIGAN, Feb. 25, 2022: Following President Joe Biden's historic nomination of *Ketanji Brown Jackson* to serve on the U. S. Supreme Court, progressive advocates in Michigan and across the country are speaking up to show their support. The following statement can be attributed to *Lonnie Scott, executive director of Progress Michigan*:

"Ketanji Brown Jackson is one of America's brightest legal minds, and she is

supremely qualified to serve on our nation's highest court. From her history as a public defender to her current position as a federal judge, Judge Jackson has shown a remarkable commitment to equal justice and the rule of law. "And, of course, after more than two full centuries of the Supreme Court being dominated by white men, Ketanji Brown Jackson will be the first Black woman to serve, making the U.S. Supreme Court more representative of



our diverse nation.

"Judge Jackson has already been approved by a bipartisan majority of the Senate on three separate occasions, and we expect this time will be no different. We look forward to welcoming Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court and could not be more excited to see the vast impact she will have."

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**MARTIN PECINA, JR.**

Martin Pecina Jr., 61, of Curtice, Ohio passed away, Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at Mercy St. Anne Hospital. Marty was born in Toledo, Ohio to Martin Sr. and Celia (née Martínez) Pecina.

Marty was a roofer for Local 134. Sportswise, Marty was a huge Dallas Cowboy fan. He also was actively involved for many years with various softball teams—performing, coaching, and overall supporting. He played for/with teams like the infamous Rick Jiménez and Chendo Ramirez teams.

Marty especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

Surviving are his loving wife, Mercedes; children, Carlos, Martin, Jacinto, Selena, Marcos, Manuel, Michael; many grandchildren; other immediate family members, Ruperta Pecina, Flora Gonzáles, Ramona Pecina, Greg Pecina, Magdalena Pecina. Marty was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Rick, Robert, Sonia and Virginia.

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## Libraries promote National Reading Day

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up to receive a free book mailed to the child's home monthly until the age of five. If a child is registered at birth, they would receive up to 60 books for their home library. The program is entirely funded by community sponsors. ([www.toledolibrary.org/imaginationlibrary](http://www.toledolibrary.org/imaginationlibrary))

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"There's a lot of new, additional education requirements out there. Kindergarten is the new first grade. It's not like when we went to school," explained Ms. Boeke. "Additionally, the pandemic has complicated that even further. We really want to be here as a resource for customers of all ages and let them know that reading is a great way to instill a love of learning and life-long learning and the library is here through every step of their lives."

Many families continue to struggle to prepare

young children to meet Ohio's third grade reading guarantee. A child's promotion to fourth grade depends on their reading proficiency being good enough to meet that guarantee.

"The third-grade reading guarantee is a huge step and milestone in every family's life," said Ms. Boeke, herself the mother of girls in kindergarten and fourth grade. "It is a definite change for the kids because instead of learning to read, they change to reading to learn (from textbooks). It absolutely can put stress on families and one of the great ways to support children through that process is by building vocabulary."

According to Ms. Boeke, the more children listen to others reading aloud to them, research shows the better fluency and vocabulary that child will develop. In fact, she still reads aloud to her fourth-grade daughter.

"She has not asked me to stop and I don't plan to stop anytime soon," she said with a laugh. "She also listens to audio books, which means she's getting vocabulary

and expressive reading and getting that deeper plot. My children can read at a certain level, but they can listen at a level that is much higher than what they can read themselves, which is why they're getting deeper plot and making deeper connections when they're doing any audio books."

Ms. Boeke even encourages families to consider comic books or graphic novels, which she contends "contain very strategic reading."

For example, her kids enjoy a series of books called *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. But she'll check out the actual book so they can follow along with the audio book for greater understanding.

Her kindergartener is reading one of that book series alongside the recording, which she stated "that's not something I would give a six-year-old otherwise." But the two in tandem are giving such a young child a lot of foundational learning and reading skills at an early age.

Unfortunately for many other families, COVID-19 has created a disconnect in the ability of many families to engage the library as a resource to help their



## Toledo Mayor Debuts Kid Mayor, Council

By La Prensa Staff

Toledo's mayor introduced a kid version of the executive and legislative branches of city government Feb. 16, 2022, a group of 13 fourth-graders who will learn how to make policy and get a first-hand look at municipal operations over the next year.

The 8- to 10-year-olds from *Toledo Public Schools* and *Washington Local Schools* also will learn about community partnerships and make a policy recommendation at the end of their term. The Kid Mayor and Kid Council met the mayor, attended their first *Toledo City Council* meeting and enjoyed a meal together during their first session.

"These kids, while between 8-10 years old, are individually impacted by very serious issues in our community, not least of which is gun violence," said Mayor

Wade Kapsukiewicz in his weekly community newsletter. "Our new Kid Mayor is in the same

class as Damia Ezell, a 10-year-old Toledo girl, who was shot and killed while riding in a car with her uncle last week."

According to the mayor's office, hundreds of kids from both school districts applied to be members of Kid Council. The top 13 candidates were selected by their schools and then interviewed by a panel of community leaders to choose the Kid Mayor, Evelyn Bush, who attends Glenwood Elementary School. Ms. Bush later led the mayor on a tour of her school, where he read the morning announcements with her help.

"I look forward to seeing what these talented young people can do in our city," the mayor said in a Facebook post. Mayor Kapsukiewicz also introduced the Kid Mayor and Kid Council via social media, hosting a press conference broadcast on Facebook Live.

Members of the Kid Council include: Elliott Worthington, Hailey Dixon, and Elizabeth Kushlan, who each at-

tend Beverly Elementary; Tyler Brister of Birmingham Elementary; Alayah Wappner of DeVeaux Elementary; John Russell Taylor of Marshall STEM Academy; Caylee Simmons of Hiawatha Elementary; Aubree Heaton of Jackman Elementary; Tahj Bannister and Brooklyn Berrios, who attend McGregor Elementary; Michael Aiken of Meadowvale Elementary; and Peyton Peters of Greenwood Elementary.

The fourth graders will meet quarterly for the rest of the year. They'll have the opportunity to visit and learn about the water treatment plant, Engage Toledo, Toledo Police, Toledo Fire and Rescue, and community partners such as the Toledo Mud Hens.

Program co-sponsors include the two school districts and the Youth Empowerment and Engagement Committee of the city's Human Relations Commission.

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## Cleveland COVID-19 Vaccine Locations

### Homebound Options:

People who are homebound and need a vaccine can be referred to the **Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging** by calling (216) 621-0303. When making a referral, be prepared to provide the individual's name, demographic information, DOB, phone number, and address.

### Standing Clinics:

Vaccine Locations below sorted by hub zip code:

- Monday-Sunday, **Cleveland Clinic Euclid Avenue Pharmacy**, 9211 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44195. Walk-ins for the J&J vaccine from 7:30am-3:30pm
- Monday-Friday, **Cleveland Clinic Willoughby Hills Pharmacy**, 2550 Som Center Rd, Willoughby, OH 44094. Walk-ins for the J&J vaccine from 7:30am-3:30pm
- Monday-Friday, **Cleveland Clinic Strongsville Pharmacy**, 16761 South Park Center, Strongsville, OH 44136. Walk-ins for the J&J vaccine from 7:30am-3:30pm
- Every Tuesday, **J. Glenn Health Center**, 11100 St. Clair Ave. from 1p - 6:30p. Walk-in or pre-register at [gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov); phone 216-664-2222 for assistance. 1st and 2nd dose Pfizer and Moderna and one-dose J&J. Flyer in shared folder in English and Spanish.
- Tuesdays and Fridays @ **International Community Health Center - Akron**, 370 E. Market Street, Akron, OH 44304 from 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM. To register, call 234-300-3400.
- Every Thursday, **McCafferty Health Center**, 4242 Lorain Ave, from 1p - 6:30p. Walk-in or pre-register at [gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov); phone 216-664-2222 for assistance. 1st and 2nd dose Pfizer and Moderna and one-dose J&J. Flyer in shared folder in English and Spanish.
- Case Western Reserve University, **Veale Convocation, Recreation and Athletic Center** at 2138 Adelbert Road. Check eligibility, then register online or

call 216-368-1964. For more information, visit CWRU website.

- **The Centers & Circle Health Services**, Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Register online or by phone at: 216-325-WELL
- **Neighborhood Family Practice**, is offering walk-in or scheduled vaccine appointments at all seven community health center locations.

Register online or call 216-281-0872 for assistance.

### Cleveland Clinic Standing Clinics:

You can schedule an appointment on this link: <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/landing/covid-19-vaccine/ohio#> or call 216-448-4117. Our schedulers are available Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm.

- **Cleveland Clinic Business Operations Center**—6801 Brecksville Road, Independence, Ohio 44131 (Appointment only)
- **Cleveland Clinic Main Campus**, G-10—9500 Euclid Ave, Cleveland, OH 44195 (Walk-in vaccinations for Cleveland Clinic patients 18 and older available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-3pm)
- **Fairview Hospital**—18101 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, OH 44111 (Appointment only)
- **Hillcrest North Campus**—6777 Mayfield Rd, Mayfield Heights, OH 44124 (Appointment Only)
- **Langston Hughes Health and Education Center**—2390 E 79th St, Suite 206, Cleveland, OH 44104 (Walk-in vaccinations available Mondays from 7:30am-3:30pm)

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Monday - Friday, from 9am-6pm.

### Moderna only.

• **Ohio City Health Center Pharmacy**, 4757 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, OH 44102 Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.

• **Old Brooklyn Pharmacy**, 4229 Pearl Rd, Cleveland, OH 44109. Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm

• **Middleburg Heights Pharmacy**, 7800 Pearl Rd, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130. Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm

• **Brecksville Pharmacy**, 9200 Treeworth Blvd, Brecksville, OH 44141 Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.

• **Buckeye Pharmacy**, 2816 E. 116th St., Cleveland, OH 44120 Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.

• **Bedford Pharmacy**, 19999 Rockside Rd, Bedford OH 44146 Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.

### Pop-Ups:

**Cleveland Public Library** is offering a dose of protection against COVID-19. In partnership with **Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (NEON)**, the Library will host COVID-19 vaccination clinics at select neighborhood branches.

• **Clevelanders** who get the shot can win bus passes, gift cards, and other prizes. Managed Plan Medicaid members aged 18 and over receiving their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine will get a \$100 gift card.

• **Cuyahoga County Public Library** is partnering with **United Healthcare** to offer mobile vaccine clinics at the branches below (Medicaid members will receive a \$100 gift card after the first shot).

SOURCE: **Mike Heuer & Maria García-Olalla**, HUB+Spoke Vaccine Task Force.—*Gracias!*

## COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

### Toledo Health Department:

#### • RITE AID:

Drive-thru testing available at the 7225 Airport Highway; Time: Starting 6/4 testing hours will be 10-8 M-F and 10-5 on the Weekend;

#### Appointment: Must have an appointment.

Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at [www.riteaid.com](http://www.riteaid.com) For Questions: (419) 866-8943; Cost: Free

#### • WALMART ON CENTRAL:

Drive-thru testing available at the Walmart Supercenter at 5821 Central Ave, Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M-W-F from 7 am - 9 am;

#### Appointment: Must have an appointment.

Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at [www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com](http://www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com) For Questions: (866) 697-8378; Cost: Free

#### • LABCORP:

Anti-body testing available at 1565 S. Byrne Rd Suite 105, Toledo;

Time: Testing available Monday-Friday from 7:30 am - 4 pm

#### Appointment: Order Required, No Appointment Needed.

**How Labcorp Works** (419-381-1300); Individuals without an order may have one created at **Labcorp COVID-19 Antibody Testing**; Cost: \$10 if order is purchased from Labcorp website.

• **NHA: NEXUS HEALTHCARE CENTER:** Drive-thru and walk-up testing available at the Nexus Healthcare Center at 1415 Jefferson Ave;

Time: Beginning 4/27; Appointment: Must have an appointment.

Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 419-214-5700;

Cost: Free

• **NHA: NAVARRE PARK FAMILY CARE CENTER:** Drive-thru and walk-up testing available at the Navarre Park Family Care Center at 1020 Varland Ave (Spanish Speakers Available); Appointment: Must have an appointment.

Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 419-214-5700;

Cost: Free

• **CVS:** Drive-thru testing available at the CVS Pharmacy at 2104 S. Byrne Road, Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M-F from 9 am - 6 pm, on Sat 9 am - 5 pm, and on Sun 10 am - 5 pm;

Appointment: Must have an appointment.

Pre-screening and appointments can be set up at [www.CVS.com](http://www.CVS.com) For Questions: 419-389-9112 Cost: Free

• **Health Partners of Western Ohio:** Drive-thru and walk-up Drive-thru testing available at the Old West End Site (former Girl Scout Building) at 2244 Collingwood Blvd Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M-F from 8:15 am - 4 pm (All Ages); Appointment: Must have an appointment.

Pre-screening and appointments can be set up by calling 567-318-3900; Cost: Free

• **NEW LOCATION- Toledo Family Pharmacy:** Drive-thru testing available at 324 Main Street, Toledo;

Time: Testing is available M/TR: 10am - 1 pm, W/F: 1 pm-6 pm, Sat : 11 am-3 pm;

Appointment: Must have an appointment; Visit [DoINeedCOVID19test.com](http://DoINeedCOVID19test.com) or call 800-635-8611 to schedule an appointment; Cost: Free

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• **AFC URGENT CARE GRAND RAPIDS**

Appointment is Required for COVID Testing. PHONE: 616-288-2980; 1740 28th Street SE Grand Rapids, MI 49508

• **CVS:** Drug store - Grand Rapids, MI - (616) 514-5602; COVID-19 testing center

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• Tests limited to certain patients

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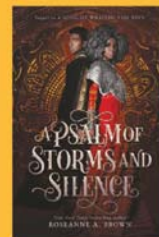
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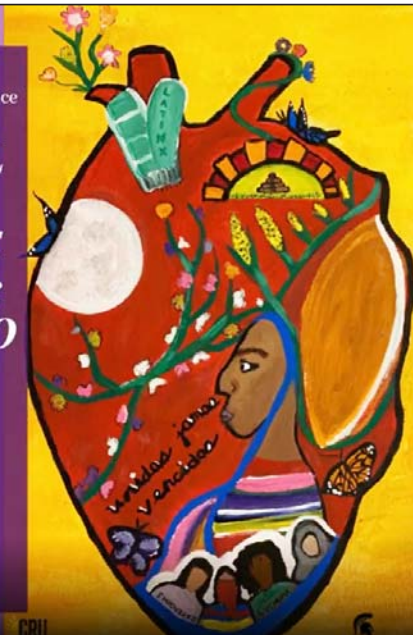
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### Día de la Mujer conference

According to MSU's website, the *Día de la Mujer (DDLJ)* conference, coordinated by the Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions (OCAT) and sponsored by C.R.U. and other MSU departments, is an event that has become a source of education and development for the many hundreds of people it attracts each year. DDLJ provides an environment where networking connections are made for employment and educational opportunities for Michigan Latina empowerment.

The event is scheduled for April 16, 2022.

In the twenty-eight years of DDLJ history, a great number of issues and concerns have been addressed through keynote presenters, forums and workshops facilitated by Latina experts on education, health, politics, community, family, history, culture, professional, and personal development areas. DDLJ is the only conference of its kind in the state of Michigan and serves as the premiere leader in enhancing the Latino community to reach new levels of success. DDLJ is organized by a planning committee consisting of MSU students, MSU Faculty, MSU Staff,

and community members from across the state.

Held at Kellogg Center of Michigan State University in the spring semester annually, DDLJ offers close to 30 workshops and many exhibit tables for agencies in the community to display their materials and services.

If you would like more information regarding: The Planning Committee, Offering a Workshop, Donations, Group Rates, Purchasing a booth for your organization, etc. contact Juan Flores, DDLJ Coordinator at [floresj2@msu.edu](mailto:floresj2@msu.edu).

### PREGUNTAS FRECUENTES SOBRE LA VACUNA DEL COVID-19

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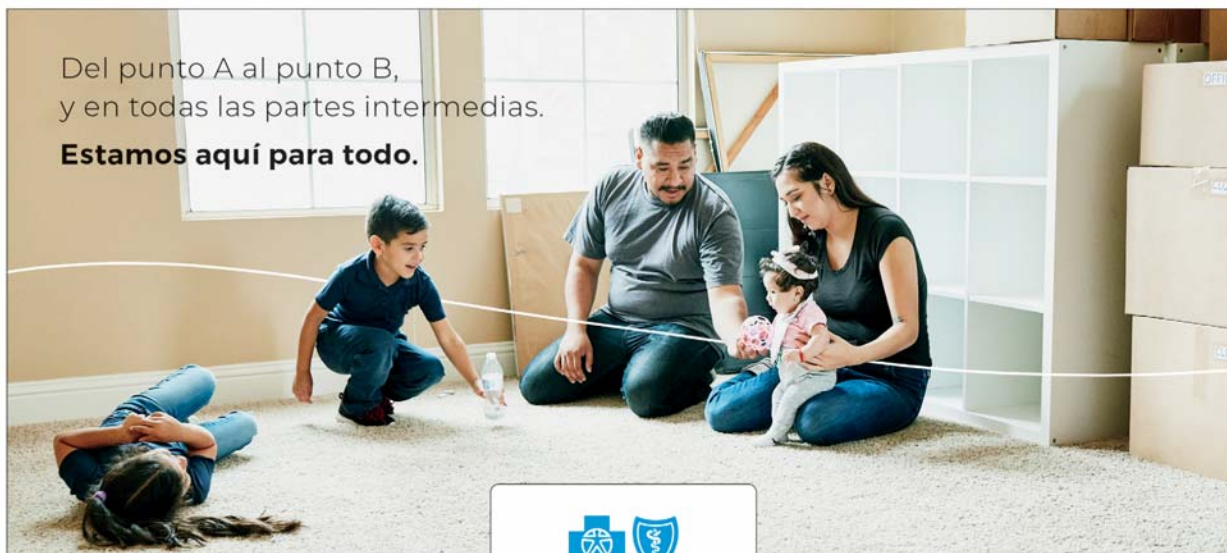
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La Agencia de los Adultos Mayores del Área de Detroit está organizando tres reuniones públicas para obtener información que le permita construir su plan de servicio de los próximos tres años.

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WHY *Adult Literacy* MATTERS

**66%** of Cleveland adults are functionally illiterate

They may have trouble understanding  
bus schedules  utility bills  or a doctor's instructions 

**110,000+** Adults in Cuyahoga County Lack a *High School Diploma* Or GED

**x2 IN POVERTY**  
The percentage of adults without a high school diploma who live in poverty is twice that of those who have a high school diploma. An increase in education leads to an increase in  employment and a decrease in  poverty.

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Sources: Cuyahoga County Library Study Center on Urban Poverty and Community Development, 2006; US Census Bureau, ACS 2010; 2012 estimates, National Assessment of Adult Literacy; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2012; National Institute of Health

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## LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATES



### United Way Tax Assistance

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### Free Online Courses

Tuesday, March 8; 2 to 3 p.m.  
North Ridgeville Branch

Have you ever wanted to learn how to write code, start your own business or learn a new language? Find out how to access hundreds of online courses with your library card. Preregistration required. Hybrid

### Maker-in-Residence Open Studio Hours

Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Main Library  
Stop in and visit with our current Maker-in-Residence, *Carida Diaz*, and learn about her techniques and methods as she designs, engraves, and cuts with the Glowforge in our Create Space.

### Domonkas Friends General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 8; 6 to 7 p.m.

Domonkas Branch  
Join a fun group of other library enthusiasts who host book sales and volunteer at various programs in support of your beloved branch. Preregistration required. Hybrid

### Tabletop Games Club:

Tuesdays, March 8; 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Columbia Branch  
Join us for a fun evening of card games and board games.

### Maker-in-Residence Workshop

Tuesdays, March 8, 22; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Main Library  
Adults, come and learn the basics of the Glowforge with our current Maker-in-Residence *Carida Diaz*. Each program will be hands-on and participants will learn a new skill. Preregistration required.

### Golden Grab Bag: The Harvard Computers: The Women Who Launched 20th Century Astronomy

Wednesday, March 9; 10 to 11 a.m.

Domonkas Branch  
Seniors, join us for a series of programs designed specifically for you! "*The Harvard Computers: The Women who Launched Twentieth-Century Astronomy*". *Edward Pickering* at Harvard observatory hired a group of women to do the lab analysis, and the discoveries they made launched twentieth-century astronomy. Presented by Gary Kader, director of the Burrell Observatory at Baldwin Wallace University. Preregistration required.

### Chess Club

Wednesday, March 9, 16, 23, 30; 4 p.m.

South Lorain Branch  
Open play sessions are for all levels from beginner to expert. Preregistration required.

### Maker-in-Residence: Open Studio Hours

Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

South Lorain Branch  
Stop in and visit with our current Maker-in-Residence, author *Raquel M. Ortiz*, and learn about her techniques and methods as she works on multimedia storytelling, Kamishibai and more.

### Book Tastings

Wednesday, March 9; 6 p.m. at the South Lorain Branch

Thursday, March 10; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Domonkas Branch  
Saturday, March 19; 2 p.m. at the North Ridgeville Branch  
Join us to explore family-friendly books handpicked by your favorite librarians. Enjoy interactive activities and book talks that expand your palate as you explore different genres, authors and newer titles. Intended for ages 5 to 12. Preregistration required.

### Basic Puppy and Dog Care

Wednesday, March 9; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

North Ridgeville Branch  
A family presentation on tips and techniques for raising a puppy and taking care of an adult dog, including feeding, exercise, daily care, vet visits, costs and some training techniques. Preregistration required.  
[www.lorainpubliclibrary.org](http://www.lorainpubliclibrary.org)

## El Centro de Servicios Sociales Próximos Eventos



Debido al aumento de casos de COVID-19, la puerta principal de El Centro permanecerá cerrada hasta nuevo aviso. Les agradecemos a todos por el apoyo y la comprensión durante el tiempo que hemos estado obligados a ofrecer los servicios de formas poco tradicionales.

**Durante el mes de febrero, continuaremos brindando servicios de manera virtual, telefónica y con cita previa.**

Si necesitas servicios o venir a la oficina, le recomendamos que llame primero a la oficina (440-277-8235) para recibir instrucciones del nuevo procedimiento para visitas.

*El equipo de atención de COVID de El Centro ahora puede programar citas de vacunación de COVID-19 de primera, segunda dosis y vacunas de refuerzo en asociación con el Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Lorain. Para registrarse, llame al 440-240-7064 para hablar con un consejero del equipo de atención de COVID. Este servicio está disponible tanto en inglés como en español.*

**El Centro, Clínica Ambulatoria de Cleveland Clinic ya está abierta al público** (solo con cita previa) los martes y jueves de 9:00 am a 4:00 pm. Algunos de los servicios que se brindan son exámenes generales preventivos anuales para adultos, salud de la mujer, examen de bienestar de Medicare, manejo de enfermedades crónicas, atención aguda, etc. Llame al 440-204-7400 para programar una cita.

**Tutoría gratuita - 231Go!** El programa colaborativo de escuelas intermedia de El Centro está ofreciendo tutoría y sesiones de ayuda con la tarea con cita previa. Contamos con tutores bilingües disponibles durante todo el año escolar. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con *Verónica González* al 440-277-8235 Ext. 7014.



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## Ohio Supreme Court to decide fate of Red Light, Speed Cameras,...again!

By La Prensa Staff

Toledo's city government is watching closely another Ohio Supreme Court case involving red light and speeding cameras, which challenges a state law which partially caused Toledo to shut down its use of the cameras, at least for now.

A pair of Cleveland suburbs are challenging an Ohio law passed in 2019 as part of a two-year transportation budget. HB 62 requires communities that operate such cameras to file a report with the state tax commissioner totaling up its annual revenue from traffic camera fines. The state then reduces the same amount from that community's share of the local government fund.

The traffic-camera laws also require communities operating those programs to pay advance deposits to local municipal or county courts to cover court costs and fees for civil cases regarding traffic-camera tickets.

Attorneys for Newburgh Heights and East Cleveland argued before Ohio Supreme Court justices Feb. 9 that the law is unconstitutional, claiming the law exceeds the Ohio General Assembly's discretionary spending power and violates their home rule authority under the state constitution.

The Ohio attorney general counters the state legislature has broad discretionary powers to determine how to fund local governments. The state's brief also contends home rule doesn't entitle communities to funding, it only empowers them to govern themselves.

The attorney general argues the court-deposit provision address judicial proceeds and local governments have no power to regulate state court proceedings. That said, there is no

violation of the home-rule powers of local communities.

Toledo, Dayton, the Ohio Municipal League, and the Ohio Municipal Attorneys Association all filed a joint brief siding with the argument of the Cleveland suburbs bringing the case. Toledo city attorneys make a similar home-rule argument in a case that has yet to make it to the Ohio Supreme Court, claiming the legislature is purposely making camera programs too expensive to run in the pursuit of traffic safety.

Toledo collected about \$7 million each year from cameras, before suspending their use in 2020. The Ohio Supreme Court then struck down Toledo's administrative hearing appeals process, ruling either municipal or county courts held proper jurisdiction for such cases instead.

Following oral arguments in the Cleveland-area case, the Ohio Supreme Court said it will consider the matter and make a ruling in the future.

While the state supreme court has previously sided with communities twice before in their arguments that the Ohio legislature has purposely violated their home rule authority with unconstitutional state laws, this case is different because it involves Ohio's authority to make spending decisions.

Alongside the pending Ohio Supreme Court decision, a Northeast Ohio state legislator has introduced seven bills which would further restrict and regulate use of red light and speeding cameras across the state.

"These bills provide reasonable solutions to our ever-growing problem of the misuse of local authority," said Rep. Tom Patton (R-Strongsville). "Traffic cameras have proven to be a nuisance to the public providing zero increase to public safety, and while I understand their purpose in principle,



pal, I have yet to see it in practice."

**Here are the bills and the purpose of each:**

### House Bill 547:

Prohibit a municipal corporation or township that does not operate either a fire department or an emergency medical services organization from utilizing traffic law photo-monitoring devices.

### House Bill 548:

Prohibit a local authority with a population of 200 or fewer from utilizing traffic law photo-monitoring devices.

### House Bill 549:

Prohibit a local authority, in any year, from issuing a total number of traffic tickets based on the use of traffic law photo-monitoring devices that exceeds two times the population of the local authority.

### House Bill 550:

Prohibit a local authority from deriving more than 30% of the total annual revenue of the local authority from the issuance of tickets for traffic law violations based on evidence recorded by traffic law photo-monitoring devices.

### House Bill 551:

Require 80% of all revenue from a traffic camera ticket be used for law enforcement expenses.

### House Bill 552:

Prohibit placement of a traffic camera within one-half mile of an interstate highway entrance

### House Bill 553:

Prohibit a local authority, located in a county with a population of one million or more, from using traffic cameras to enforce traffic violations on interstate highways.

## CELEBRATE HER: HONORING WOMEN AT CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 28, 2022: March is Women's History Month. During the month, Cleveland Public Library will host programs and activities to celebrate women's contributions to history, culture, and society.

"Throughout history, women have made extraordinary contributions to their communities. Some women are well-known; others go without little-to-no recognition.

During Women's History Month, Cleveland Public Library will celebrate all women – past and present – who have made a difference in our world," said Twyla Turner, Director of Inclusion & Leadership Education at Cleveland Public Library.

### WRITERS & READERS:

In honor of strong, bold, and fearless women, the Library will host a candid conversation with New York Times bestselling and award-winning author and American Ballet Theatre principal dancer Misty Copeland on Saturday, March 19 at noon via Zoom. Attendees will receive a FREE copy of Copeland's latest book, *Black Ballerinas: My Journey to Our Legacy*, which pays tribute to Black Ballerinas, who have influenced her on and off the stage. Registration is now open at [cpl.org/writersandreaders](http://cpl.org/writersandreaders). Copeland's discussion is part of the 2022 season of Writers & Readers which engages authors and public figures in conversations surrounding the books

and stories that have shaped their lives.

As a tie-in to Copeland's virtual discussion, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch of Cleveland Public Library will host an Afro-Fusion and Step Dance Workshop on Saturday, March 26 at noon. The in-person class will explore African and Western dance styles, hip hop, stepping, and HBCU dance styles. No dance experience is necessary. Participants must be 16 years of age or older and wear comfortable clothing. Space is limited. Registration is required. Sign up TODAY at [cpl.org/writersandreaders](http://cpl.org/writersandreaders).

### A LONG OVERDUE CONVERSATION:

Overlooked. Ignored. Misunderstood. That's how many women feel especially in the workplace. What's blocking their shine? Cleveland Public Library delves into the topic with a thought-provoking discussion and networking event entitled *OVERDUE: The Candid Conversation Women of Color Need to Have More Often* on Tuesday, March 15 from 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium in downtown Cleveland. Panelists include Minda Harts, speaker and New York Times best-selling author of *The Memo: What Women of Color Need to Know to Secure a Seat at the Table*, along with the creators of Project Noir and Enlightened Solutions Chinenye ("ChiChi") Nkemere and Bethany Studenic. Moderated by Simone Swanson, Soul 2 Soul



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Podcast. *Registration* is required. Attendees will receive a copy of *Right Within* and the Project Noir report.

### CITY CLEVELAND SERIES:

In partnership with the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, Cleveland Public Library will host a virtual community forum to address the intersection of gender, class, and victimization on Wednesday, March 23 at 6 p.m. The discussion will define the power dynamics of gender-based violence and empower participants with skills to stand up on behalf of others. Registration is now open at [cpl.org/diverseCITY](http://cpl.org/diverseCITY).

### TRAVELING EXHIBIT:

A traveling exhibit on the life and legacy of Shirley Graham Du Bois is now on display through March 31 at the Langston Hughes Branch of Cleveland Public Library. The exhibit, in partnership with the Oberlin College Libraries, was created by students and faculty in Oberlin's History Design Lab. Du Bois was an *Anisfield-Wolf* award-winning author, playwright, composer, and civil rights activist.

Select neighborhood branches will be hosting Women's History Month crafts, games, and other activities for the entire family. Visit [cpl.org/WHM](http://cpl.org/WHM) for a complete list of programs.



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### 2022-2023 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

To all interested agencies, groups, and persons:

The City of Toledo is seeking comments on its **Draft July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 One-Year Action Plan** to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before May 18, 2022. The One-Year Action Plan is based on the HUD-approved Five-Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan submitted by the City of Toledo for housing, community, and economic development.

The One-Year Action Plan includes a description of the federal funds anticipated to be received, as well as other resources expected to be available within the City of Toledo during the 2022-2023 program year. The Action Plan provides a description of the activities to be undertaken when using these resources and the expected results of those activities. Also, the Action Plan depicts a geographic distribution of assistance, special needs activities, general and public housing actions, and activities specific to the 2022 48<sup>th</sup> Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), 36<sup>th</sup> Year Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), 31<sup>st</sup> Year HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP) (if applicable), and the 2020 Lead-Based Paint and Healthy Homes Grant. In addition, the Plan will contain HUD-required certifications, as well as a summary of the community input received at the public hearings regarding the Action Plan.

The **Draft One-Year Action Plan** will be available for review beginning **Wednesday, March 23, 2022**, on the website of the following entities:

Department of Housing and Community Development One Government Center, 18 <sup>th</sup> Floor Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets website: <a href="https://toledo.oh.gov/departments/neighborhoods">https://toledo.oh.gov/departments/neighborhoods</a>	Lucas Metropolitan Housing 435 Nebraska Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43604 website: <a href="http://www.lucasmha.org">www.lucasmha.org</a>
Office of the Mayor One Government Center, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets website: <a href="https://toledo.oh.gov/government/mayor">https://toledo.oh.gov/government/mayor</a>	Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board 1220 Madison Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43604 website: <a href="http://www.endinghomelessness.toledo.org">www.endinghomelessness.toledo.org</a>
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The Fair Housing Center 326 N. Erie Street Toledo, Ohio 43604 website: <a href="http://www.toledofhc.org">www.toledofhc.org</a>	Lucas Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities 1154 Larc Lane Toledo, Ohio 43614 website: <a href="http://www.lucasdd.info">www.lucasdd.info</a>

Public hearings on the **Draft One-Year Action Plan** are scheduled as follows:

#### Thursday, March 24, 2022, 5:30 p.m. by Virtual Hearing:

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Passcode: 961385

Or Telephone:

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Conference code: 800378

The City of Toledo will also receive comments from the public in writing beginning Wednesday, March 23, 2022 through Thursday, April 21, 2022, at the following address:

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
2022-2023 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN  
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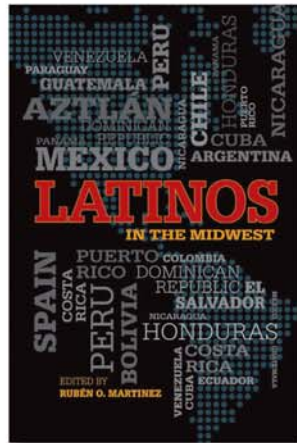
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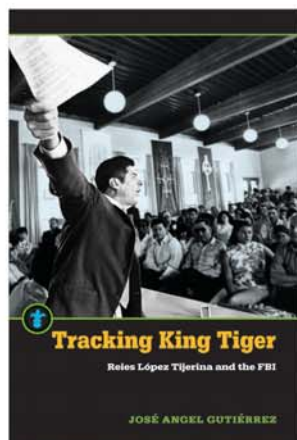


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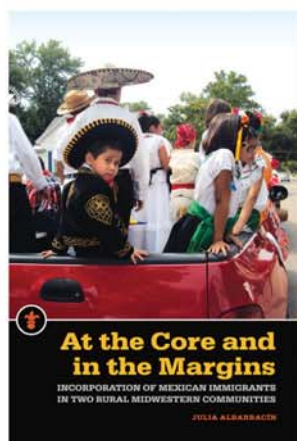


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