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GOOD READS SPECIAL ISSUE!

Northern Ohio Libraries promote National Reading Day, March 2nd

By La Prensa Staff

Northern Ohio libraries are promoting early literacy and reading programs and services ahead of *National Read across America Day March 2*. But the strategy goes beyond one special day—to create generations of active readers who will do better in school and in their professional lives.

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is offering four reading challenges right now, which encourage families to read together and earn prizes. *101 Picture Books and 50 More Picture Books* are reading challenges meant to start reading to toddlers and preschoolers from a list of the best picture books as selected by local librarians. Successful completion brings a book for your home library.

8 Aloud is a reading challenge meant for adults and children to read aloud eight-chapter books together or listen to audiobooks. A zipper pouch is the prize for completion.

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recommendations. If completed by the end of 2022, the reader receives a backpack and entry into a grand prize drawing. (www.toledolibrary.org/readingchallenges)

"We know that kids and families who read together create great learners and great futures," said Assistant Youth Services Coordinator Lauren Boeke. "We really, really want families to come visit us. We want adults to come visit us and stop by any of our 20 locations to learn about how we can best serve our families."

The library also offers book bundles and learning packs, where librarians choose theme-based, age-appropriate materials to supplement what kids are learning in school. Those can be picked up at any library branch.

The library system puts an extra emphasis on early literacy programs aimed at families with toddlers and preschoolers.

"We know that young



children who love to read become better readers in school," said Ms. Boeke. "So if our parents, grandparents, and caregivers that are in their lives are good readers themselves and show them that reading is fun, that's going to create a love of lifelong learning."

One of the library's more popular programs is *Ready to Read*, a birth to preschool program which provides support to parents and caregivers to get kids ready for kindergarten and future

reading success. Two-thirds of Toledo's children are not ready to enter kindergarten. By encouraging parents to read, sing, talk, write, and play with children every day, their early literacy skills can be built in time. (www.toledolibrary.org/readytoread)

The years before kindergarten make a huge difference and help predict. The library also serves as the local hub for *Dolly Parton's Imagination Library*. Families who are income-eligible can sign

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Por: Isabel Flores,
 corresponsal La Prensa

CLEVELAND, 1 III 22: ¡Leer es Poder! Nos permite tener acceso a la información y cultivar conocimientos para lograr objetivos personales y prosperidad profesional. La Biblioteca Pública de Cleveland cuenta con una amplia gama de libros para toda la familia; así como actividades culturales como *Writers and Readers* (Escritores y Lectores) en donde invitan a diferentes actores para hablar de sus libros y experiencias.

El próximo sábado 19 de marzo del presente año, se contará con la presencia de la bailarina *Misty Copeland* vía zoom, para más detalles visitar el sitio web: www.cpl.org

Maria F. Estrella, Supervisora de Servicios Públicos de la Biblioteca Pública de Cleveland, comentó: "La Biblioteca ofrece programas que promueven la lectura, como por ejemplo; *Young Scholars Academy* para que los niños que van a entrar al kínder tengan apoyo en sus primeros años de escuela, se les enseña el alfabeto, números y muchas cosas más. También, ofrecemos servicios de tutoría en persona y virtual de lunes a jueves. En la sucursal de la Fulton se brinda el servicio en español".

La Biblioteca Pública de Cleveland cuenta actualmente con una colección completa de once millones de libros en 50 idiomas diferentes, 35,000 libros en español y algunos miles de DVDs, CDs de aprendizaje de idiomas y libros en CD. Los libros en español son la tercera colección de idiomas con mayor circulación en el



Maria F. Estrella

Departamento de Lenguas Internacionales, en donde se cuenta con libros para niños, jóvenes y adultos, tanto de literatura clásica, como de salud, herramientas para la vida y materiales para aprender inglés.

En las sucursales de Carnegie-West, Fulton y South también se cuenta con colecciones en español, aunque un poco más pequeñas. Mientras que en la Biblioteca para Invidentes y Discapacitados de Lectura en Ohio tienen 4,833 libros en español en la colección para jóvenes, adolescentes y adultos. De ellos, 52 están en braille, 3,498 son libros digitales y 1,283 son cassettes que aún están disponibles a través del préstamo interbibliotecario.

"Contamos con una gran variedad de libros para toda la familia", destacó la entrevistada, quien confesó que la lectura ha sido un punto central du-

rante la pandemia. "Hemos visto que el acceso a la literatura ha cambiado. Hay un aumento en la obtención de materiales a través de formatos digitales, los cuales puedes obtener con tu tarjeta de miembro".

La tarjeta de la biblioteca es gratuita, se obtiene con una licencia o identificación oficial, un comprobante de domicilio y llenar una solicitud. En caso de que se extravíe, es necesario pagar un dólar para obtener una nueva. Todos los servicios son gratuitos, lo único que tiene costo es en caso de perder o no entregar un material. Originaria de Colombia, María disfruta al máximo su trabajo ya que "promover el amor por la lectura para extender la sabiduría es mi pasión como profesional. Ya sea informando a un usuario nuestros servicios, ayudando a los clientes a obtener información necesaria para conseguir empleo, o abogando por

la prestación efectiva de servicios a los niños y adolescentes de habla hispana", compartió.

Pero esa pasión no fue desde siempre, comenzó en su adolescencia. Siendo una niña con dislexia, era extremadamente difícil disfrutar leer. Sin embargo, a medida que fue recibiendo terapia, fue ganando confianza y comprendió que el aprendizaje era interminable y la clave del crecimiento. "Por eso ahora mi objetivo es promover esa alegría en los demás. Uno puede encontrar lo que sea en la lectura. Es muy importante conectar el libro adecuado con el usuario adecuado para que encuentren esa magia. ¡Puedes obtener una abundancia de información a través de la literatura!".

María Estrella ha trabajado durante 22 años de una forma u otra

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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.

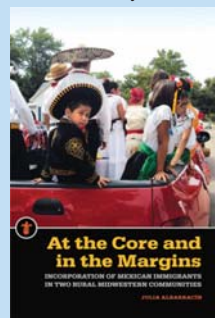
Each chapter opens with the story of one

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?

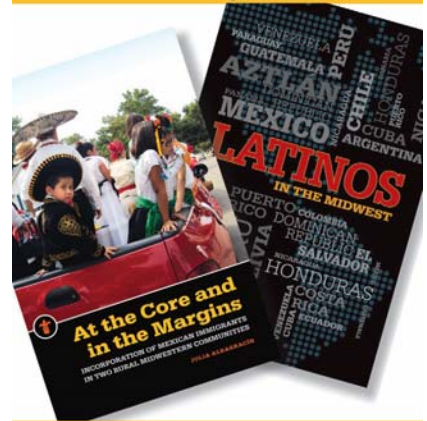
One thing I learned from studying these two towns is that there are advantages to living in a small community with a low cost of living and low crime rate, despite the lack of the type of resources available in large urban centers. Another thing I learned is that immigration has revitalized these small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



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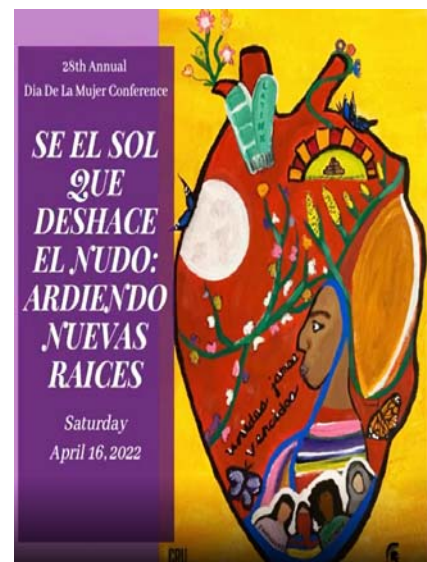
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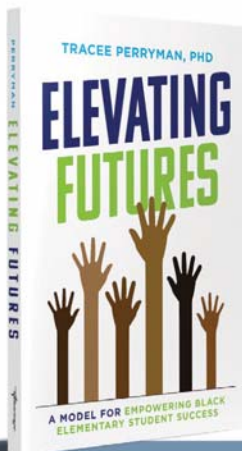
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The term “visual literacy” was defined in 1969 by John Debes, the founder of the International Visual Literacy Association, as “Visual literacy refers to a group of vision-competencies a human being can develop by seeing and at the same time having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

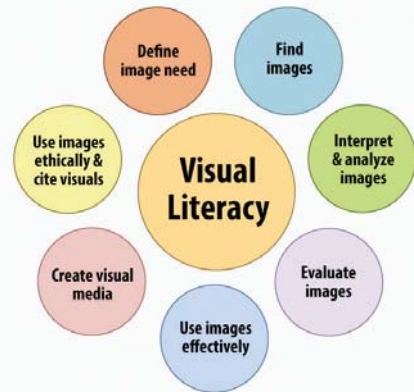
Since this definition by Debes, researchers and practitioners have re-defined ever more complex definitions that reflect the breadth of its applications. The term itself takes on different meanings in different contexts and you will therefore encounter new ideas in education, science, graphic design,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

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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



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-

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

My last books with MSU Press 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.

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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OBITUARIES



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.

SOURCE: Eggleston Meinert & Pavley Funeral Home, Millbury Chapel.

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)

Dial-a-Story allows families to listen to a children's book over the phone and doesn't require a digital device to download or a visit to the library to check out an audio book. Stories are updated every two weeks. Dial 419.745.9700 to access a variety of selections.

"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

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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; 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; 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)

MetroHealth Standing Clinics:

- Main Campus Pharmacy**, 2500 MetroHealth Drive, Cleveland, OH 44109, Monday-Friday from 9am-6pm

- Parma MetroHealth Pharmacy**, 12301 Snow Road, Parma, OH 44130, Monday-Friday from 9am-6pm

- Cleveland Heights Pharmacy**, 10 Severance Circle, Cleveland, Heights OH 44120, Monday-Friday from 9am-6pm

- Broadway Pharmacy**, 6835 Broadway Ave, Cleveland, OHIO,



Monday - Friday, from 9am-6pm.

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- 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 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 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 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 or call 800-

635-8611 to schedule an appointment; **Cost:** Free

Testing locations for Cleveland:

- Cleveland Clinic** - Main campus, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Drive-thru. • **Walgreens**, 4281 W. 130th St., Cleveland; drive-thru, 9am to 5pm. Cleveland

Ohio Dept of Health: If you have questions regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

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Are you or is someone close to you sick or has symptoms? Do you work outside the home? You should get tested for coronavirus. There are many locations where you can get tested at no charge to you.

Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136, press 1.

Testing sites in Detroit: • **CVS Pharmacy at**

Wayne County Community College:

Drive-thru, 1001 W Fort St, Detroit, MI 48226; (313) 412-2160; Appointment Required

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• Health Centers Detroit Medical Group

FQHC, 7633 E. Jefferson Ave., Suite 340, Detroit, MI 48214; (313) 822-9801

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Hours: Mo,Tu,We,Th,Fr - 08:30AM-05:00PM

Features

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- No doctor's order needed
- Tests uninsured individuals
- Insurance accepted.
- Please call the site to schedule a testing appointment.

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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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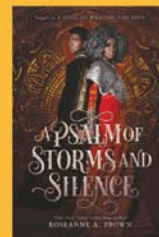
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Escribir la obra es solo el comienzo de un proceso más largo. Me encanta cuando llega el momento de que otros artistas entren en el proceso: un director, actores, diseñadores, una audiencia. Me encanta cuando tienen la oportunidad de jugar en un mundo que he creado y darle cuerpo a personajes que solo había conocido en mi imaginación. La comunidad de artistas en Columbus es diversa. Está constantemente activa. Siempre está pasando algo y siempre hay algo nuevo en proceso. Soy Chris Leyva. Escribir es mi arte y no hay lugar donde prefiera hacerlo.

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en la Biblioteca de Cleveland y su meta es seguir sirviendo a la comunidad. "Actualmente, comparto mi amor por la literatura de varias maneras, como Supervisora me aseguro de que las sucursales que superviso tengan los mejores servicios y colecciones para los clientes de nuestra comunidad. Como Latina y profesional, me aseguro de compartir mi experiencia y amor por la literatura con mi comunidad formando parte de la junta directiva de REFORMA y sirviendo como representante de un comité que monitorea varios comités".

Cabe destacar que la entrevistada es representante de la Comunidad de Servicios para Niños y Jóvenes de REFORMA (Asociación Nacional para la Información y Promoción de Servicios

Bibliotecarios para Latinos e Hispanohablantes). Cuenta con dos licenciaturas: Trabajo Social y Español, por parte de la Universidad del Estado de Cleveland; así como una maestría en Biblioteca y Ciencias de la Información en la Universidad Estatal de Kent.

Participó en el Instituto de Liderazgo de la Asociación Americana de Bibliotecarios, obtuvo un certificado de Diversidad e Inclusión en la Universidad de Cornell en el 2021. Recibió el premio al Bibliotecario del Año del Doctor Arnulfo D. Trejo en el mismo año y en un futuro, está considerando la posibilidad de obtener una segunda maestría y seguir cultivando su negocio de consejería.

Aunque bastante complicado decidir entre



Maria F. Estrella

tantos libros, la Supervisora concluyó la entrevista con algunas recomendaciones de lectura:

Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music escrito por Margarita Engle para niños, el ganador del Premio Pura Belpré del 2022, *The Last Cuentista* escrito por

Donna Barba Higuera para los adolescentes, y *Finding Latinx: In Search of the Voices Redefining Latino Identity*, de la autora Paola Ramos, para adultos.

"Les invito a visitar nuestro sistema de biblioteca para explorar nuestras colecciones en español, bilingüe e inglés", finalizó.

Seeds of Literacy: Facts About Literacy

• 66% of Cleveland residents are functionally illiterate

• Some Cleveland neighborhoods have an illiteracy rate as high as 95%

• Functional illiteracy is defined as having math, reading, or language skills below a 4th grade level

• At this level, people may struggle to read a bus schedule, medicine bottle or job application

• An adult without a high school diploma earns 42% less than an adult with a diploma

• A mother's reading skill is the greatest determinant of her children's future academic success, and outweighs other factors like neighborhood and family income

• The percentage of adults without a high school diploma who live in poverty is twice that of those who have a high school diploma

More details are available online at www.seedsofliteracy.org

Sources: Center for Urban Poverty and Social Change, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University; National Assessment of Adult Literacy, Ohio Literacy Resource Center



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The event is scheduled for April 16, 2022.

In the twenty-eight years of DDLJM 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. DDLJM 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. DDLJM 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, DDLJM 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, DDLJM Coordinator at floresj2@msu.edu.

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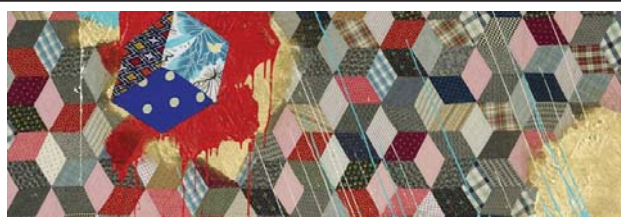


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CMA presents the Exhibition: “Currents and Constellations: Black Art in Focus”

February 22, 2022: *Currents and Constellations: Black Art in Focus* features nine thematic groupings of works by Black artists, five in the *Julia and Larry Pollock Focus Gallery* and four in the permanent collection galleries. The exhibition places Black American art and artists at the center of discussions about the relevance of art history to contemporary practice.

Works from the *Cleveland Museum of Art's (CMA)* permanent collection and significant loans are presented in conversation, exploring the ways emerging and mid-career Black artists embrace and challenge art history.

On display are works by: Sanford Biggers, Elizabeth Catlett, Richard Hunt, Dawoud Bey, Lorna Simpson, Jack Whitten, Darius Steward, Kenturah Davis, Mario Moore and Torkwase Dyson, among others. *Currents and Constellations*, a free exhibition, is on view through June 26, 2022.

“*Currents and Constellations* features a series of thematic vignettes that emphasize how Black artists have drawn from conventional art historical narratives to generate new

ones,” said William M. Griswold, director of the Cleveland Museum of Art. “The exhibition creates conversations among contemporary art and historical objects in our encyclopedic collection, inviting visitors to bring their own interpretations to these multifaceted objects.”

In the exhibition, “currents and constellations” is used as a navigational phrase that helps visitors explore the meanings of complex artworks, especially those that engage histories suppressed or erased from conventional narratives. The phrase marks both direct art historical links, or *currents*, which represent connections supported by written or recorded archival research, and indirect connections, or *constellations*, which represent what's missing from an archive or account.

Together, “currents and constellations” describes the interpretive potential of an artwork. The exhibition's nine thematic groupings illuminate some of the ways that Black artists address essential perspectives, questions and ideas.

“Through multiple, overlapping themes, visitors are encouraged to consider the vast network of relations borne of a single artwork, to experience the ways that

Blackness, broadly speaking, may impact an artist's process or content and to see challenging artworks as an invitation to delve more deeply,” said Key Jo Lee, director of academic affairs and associate curator of special projects.

The thematic groupings in the focus gallery include *Black Cartographies*, where each artwork uniquely maps Black experiences and histories; *Turning Away and Turning Toward*, both of which engage the history of portraiture; *The Sacred Mundane*, featuring works by artists who show how what they cherish might seem common or mundane; and *Resistance in Black & White*, where artists address different forms of oppression.

The four groupings in the permanent collection galleries generate new conversations with works in other parts of the CMA's collection, including American painting and sculpture, Abstract Expressionism, German Expressionism and contemporary art.



Northern Ohio Libraries promote National Reading Day, March 2nd

By La Prensa Staff

Northern Ohio libraries are promoting early literacy and reading programs and services ahead of *National Read across America Day* March 2. But the strategy goes beyond one special day—to create generations of active readers who will do better in school and in their professional lives.

The *Cleveland Public Library* offers the *On the Road to Reading* program, which provides fun, interactive storytimes for pre-school children across metro Cleveland. Those on-site storytimes focus on pre-literacy skills to ensure that children are ready for kindergarten.

Services also are offered to parents and caregivers, providing fun workshops that children and parents/caregivers can attend together to practice early literacy techniques.

Another kindergarten readiness program is the *Young Scholars Academy*, which prepares children ages 3 to 6 and their families. The year-long program will teach young learners about caring and sharing, counting, alphabets, and more. The program focuses on fun activities, such as reading, writing, talking, singing and playing together.

Virtual Storytime is held weekly, with special guests joining the library for *Tell-a-Tale Tuesdays*. Library staff, community partners, and local celebrities recorded classic children's stories for families to enjoy at the library website cpl.org or on its YouTube channel.

For families who don't have a computer, *Dial-a-Story* is available by calling 216.777.6500, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to hear a recording of children's stories and jokes.

Read to the Beat is a way to explore books and storytelling through musical instruments, listening, movement and singing. The program is in partnership with the *Music Settlement*. This program is held each Wednesday at 11:30



a.m. and offered live on the *Cleveland Public Library Facebook page*.

Another literacy program being held March through May involves a four-part series of interactive, online art classes with the *Art Therapy Studio*. Children, teens, and families can explore empowerment, identity, and self-expression through *Puppet Power*, *Art of Words*, *Sowing Seeds*, and other activities. Pre-registration is required by contacting CPL's Outreach and Programming Services at 216.623.2921 or ops@cpl.org.

The *Cuyahoga County Public Library* offers the *1-2-3 READ program*, where instructional content is intended for students in grades 1-3, with multiple units on literacy learning. Each unit consists of interactive, instructional videos and at-home learning activities with curriculum emphasizing reading and listening comprehension. There is also a parent page to explain lessons.

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The *Lorain Public Library System* offers an extensive kindergarten readiness page on its website, which outlines a wide array of online programs, services, and a downloadable assessment to see where preschoolers stand in their progress. The web portal offers helpful advice on daily activities and at-home practices to ensure children are progressing as they should.

The *Lorain Public Library* offers story times for young children; *ABC Mouse* for in-library use only, which is an educational website providing learning activities for children ages 2 and up; themed early childhood learning backpacks, which encourage early literacy with a variety of books, games, puzzles, and cards; readalongs, which are

large print books that come with an audiobook inside so they can follow along as they read; and a wide array of online resources.

The *Stocker Foundation* helped launch the *Lorain County Imagination Library (LCIL)*, established to increase children's access to print materials, promote kindergarten readiness, and encourage parents to read to their children. LCIL is open to any Lorain County child birth to age 5 and once enrolled, children receive one book per month, mailed directly to their home.

The *Lorain County and Cleveland Public Library systems* each offer a summer reading program so children don't suffer the “summer slide,” that inevitable learning loss suffered during the long break from the school year. Children can earn prizes by reading books in-person or online.

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 children's reading skills. As the cases of COVID-19 start to wane for the second time, the library is trying to reach more families to assist them in helping their kids.

“We are really excited that we are open. The pandemic has been long. We want customers to come visit us,” she said. “You can call or visit us online, but we want people to pop into our buildings, get to talking with us and we'll help you find a reading challenge or a book that is just right for you and your family. We're missing our people. We're missing our community members. We're glad it's safe enough for everyone to come see us.”

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

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

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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.

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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. 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.

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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.

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.

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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 48th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), 36th Year Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), 31st 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 th Floor Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets website: https://toledo.oh.gov/departments/neighborhoods	Lucas Metropolitan Housing 435 Nebraska Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43604 website: www.lucasmha.org
Office of the Mayor One Government Center, 22 nd Floor Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets website: https://toledo.oh.gov/government/mayor	Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board 1220 Madison Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43604 website: www.endinghomelessness.toledo.org
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The Fair Housing Center 326 N. Erie Street Toledo, Ohio 43604 website: www.toledofhc.org	Lucas Co. Board of Developmental Disabilities 1154 Larc Lane Toledo, Ohio 43614 website: www.lucasdd.info

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

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

Virtual Link: <https://toledo-oh-gov.zoom.us/j/83155435016>

Passcode: 746318

Or Telephone:

Dial: USA 216 706 7052 US Toll

USA 866 528 2256 US Toll-free

Conference code: 800378

Thursday, March 31, 2022, 5:30 p.m. by Virtual Hearing:

Virtual Link: <https://toledo-oh-gov.zoom.us/j/83761090786>

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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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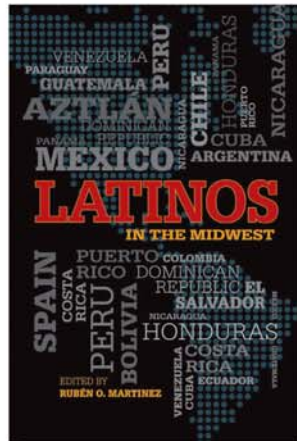
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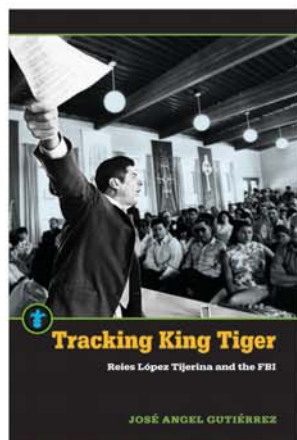


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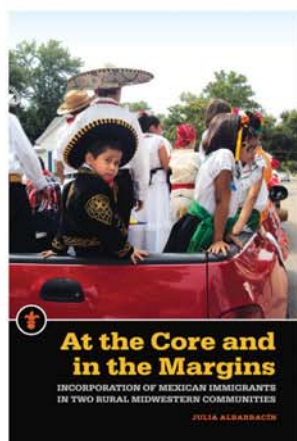


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