WELCOME

In “Choose Your Own Adventure” books you get to play the role of the main characters and make choices that determine the outcome of their stories.

In the spirit of a “Choose Your Own Adventure” we offer you, dear reader, the choice of four unique adventures, all of which began at Cuyahoga County Public Library – an aspiring author, a budding entrepreneur, a new American and a super parent.

You decide what paths they will take. How their stories end is up to you.

If you are ready to choose an adventure, turn to page 16. Otherwise, turn the page for a message from our Executive Director.

This Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) is a summary of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended December 31, 2018. The financial data included in the PAFR is derived from the more detailed CAFR. Both reports are consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and guidelines established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. You can find both the CAFR and the PAFR online at cuyahogalibrary.org.

The data and listings in this report are accurate as of December 31, 2018.
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Greetings,

This will be my final letter for a Cuyahoga County Public Library annual report. In August 2019, I will retire after more than 16 years leading Cuyahoga County Public Library and more than 40 years as a public librarian. This annual report theme seems fitting in that I see my career as one great “adventure” after another. Few librarians get to become a library director, represent American libraries around the world, and meet their literary heroes; yet, I had the tremendous privilege of doing all of that and more while advancing our organization’s goals.

What drew me to libraries as a career – a love of books, reading and helping people solve complex problems – is the foundation of our work today. But, in my time at CCPL, we have transformed in ways that change how we deliver on that foundation.

In support of our broad goal of fostering a community of enthusiastic readers, we have expanded our extensive collection to include the many formats that our customers want. But simply making content available isn’t enough – we connect readers with writers to deepen relationships, and we also work to build readers through a nationally recognized early childhood literacy model, one-on-one reading tutoring and adult literacy classes.

We recognize that the economic vitality of our region is tied to a skilled workforce and an educated pipeline for the future. This is why Cuyahoga County Public Library has invested in robust lifelong learning programs – after-school Homework Centers, summer STEAM camps, and basic adult education and GED prep, to name a few.

In living our core public library value of making information accessible for all, we embrace digital literacy by maintaining a strong fleet of public computers and an ultra high-speed broadband connection. A professional highlight for me was earning a Google.org innovation grant late last year, which will fund WiFi hotspots for adult learners enrolled in our high school equivalency program.

Cuyahoga County Public Library strives to be recognized as an essential local asset that addresses current community needs while forecasting what those needs will be in the future. In listening to our community, we learned that space for entrepreneurs and remote workers is increasingly important; we discovered that hands-on learning experiences in our Innovation Centers and digital recording studios bring new customers through our doors; and, we found that many of the programs that differentiate Cuyahoga County Public Library as the nation’s #1 large public library system are the very services that are most deeply connected to creating individual opportunity and community progress here in Cuyahoga County.

It has been my great honor to serve our community as executive director of this exceptional library system. I sincerely appreciate the support from our staff, customers, elected officials, Foundation, donors, Friends and, of course, the leadership of our Board of Trustees. As I look forward to choosing my next adventure, I feel overwhelming pride and gratitude for my time at Cuyahoga County Public Library – a remarkable chapter in an adventure-filled life.

Sara Feldman
ABOUT US

Cuyahoga County Public Library was established in 1922 as a separate political subdivision governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees authorized by the state of Ohio to establish policies and an annual budget.

Our Board members represent the citizens’ interests while promoting the highest level of library service appropriate to the community in accordance with state law. Board members are appointed for seven-year terms by Cuyahoga County government and the Court of Common Pleas, and they serve without remuneration.

Cuyahoga County Public Library serves 47 communities with 27 branches and a service point in MetroHealth hospital. Our administrative offices are located in the city of Parma.

MISSION

Cuyahoga County Public Library will be at the center of community life by providing an environment where reading, lifelong learning and civic engagement thrive.

VISION

Cuyahoga County Public Library will support initiatives and efforts that impact the quality of life for all in Cuyahoga County. We will be the most convenient library in the nation and be known for the quality of our customer service. Our branches and website will be centers of excellence and serve as gathering places. Through innovative services and collaborations, we will satisfy our communities’ needs and exceed expectations. Our staff will reflect the diversity of our communities and promote and create an accessible, friendly environment.

VALUES

Our worked is guided by our shared belief in service to each other and to our communities. Through service we make our community an even better place to live, work and play.

WE SERVE

We …

Support each other
Embrace change
Respond to our communities
Value diversity
Emphasize reading and learning

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## HOURS OF OPERATION

- **Monday – Thursday**: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- **Friday – Saturday**: 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- **Sunday**: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Explore our branches at [cuyahogalibrary.org/branches](http://cuyahogalibrary.org/branches).

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**Library Journal 5-Star Library 10 Years in a Row! 2009 – 2018**

For the tenth consecutive year (2009-2018) Cuyahoga County Public Library earned a five-star rating in Library Journal’s Index of Public Library Service (LJ Index), a national rating system designed to recognize and promote America’s best public libraries. Its latest five-star rating marks the ninth consecutive year that CCPL has earned Library Journal’s highest overall score (1,930) among libraries in its expenditure range. In its expenditure range, CCPL ranked first in the nation in per capita circulation and number of visitors.
FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Over the past 16 years, Cuyahoga County Public Library (CCPL) Executive Director Sari Feldman has guided our organization to new heights and through incredible transformation, including the completion of the most significant capital improvement program in the Library's history, numerous accolades, and the development of many forward-thinking partnerships, programs and services. This August, Sari is retiring, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of leadership, collaboration and innovation. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I extend our deepest gratitude to Sari for her many years of exemplary service and unparalleled passion for public libraries. The bar has been set high for our Library system.

Our organization is entering a period of change, but what will remain unchanged is our commitment to the compassionate and comprehensive customer service that has helped make us a top-rated library system. Our work also remains critically important – more important, perhaps, than it has ever been.

In his fascinating and insightful book, Palaces for the People, author Eric Klinenberg asserts that libraries are essential infrastructure for healthy communities because they are places where neighbors can debate big topics like immigration, access critical social benefits and connect with one another in meaningful ways. One of the things I appreciate most about Klinenberg is that he sees libraries for what they are – not simply places where people can find books and information, but places where people can find themselves and find one another. “People forge bonds in places that have healthy social infrastructures,” he writes, “not because they set out to build community, but because when people engage in sustained, recurrent interaction, particularly while doing things they enjoy, relationships inevitably grow.”

I am a reader at heart. What draws me to libraries is their emphasis on books and reading. But I also recognize that reading is the foundation of a broader mission to bring people together to build a better, stronger community and to improve lives. CCPL is the place where reading, learning and community life intersect to create opportunity – and everyone is welcome. It’s an awesome responsibility that our entire organization embraces wholeheartedly. We love what we do, because we do what we love.

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Chris A. Mays
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES
$42,725,870

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND
$20,769,026

PATRON FINES & FEES
$1,356,592

MISCELLANEOUS
$667,899

CARRYOVER
$500,000

GIFTS & DONATIONS
$56,074

INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS
$38,930

SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER ENTITIES
$2,710

REVENUES
$66,117,101

SPECIAL REVENUES
These charts reflect revenues and expenditures from Cuyahoga County Public Library’s general operating budget. In 2018, the Library raised approximately $2.7 million in additional funding to support programs and services.
EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Cuyahoga County Public Library has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for ten consecutive years (2008 – 2017).
**BORROW**
15,548,987 ITEMS BORROWED
- PHYSICAL ITEMS 12,885,147
- DIGITAL ITEMS 2,693,840

834,295 REGISTERED CARDHOLDERS

**ENGAGE**
15,156 PROGRAMS SPONSORED
337,112 PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

**CONNECT**
939,807 HOURS OF PUBLIC COMPUTER USE

**VISIT**
5,240,072 BRANCH VISITORS
CIRCULATION

READ – 61.76%
BOOKS, MAGAZINES, GRAPHIC NOVELS, eBOOKS & DIGITAL MAGAZINES

WATCH – 25.58%
DVDS, BLU-RAYS, DIGITAL VIDEO DEVICES & STREAMING VIDEO

LISTEN – 12.32%
MUSIC CDS, AUDIOBOOKS, BOOKS ON CD, eAUDIOBOOKS & STREAMING MUSIC

PLAY – 0.33%
CHILDREN’S TOYS, VIDEO GAMES & STORY KITS
STRONGSVILLE BRANCH RENOVATION

We held a public event to celebrate the completion of the Strongsville Branch renovation. As part of the event, the Library dedicated the branch’s new audiovisual recording studio in memory of Kathleen Cochrane DePiero, who passed away unexpectedly. Kathleen was the spouse of Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees member Dean DePiero.

The ribbon cutting included ice cream and refreshments courtesy of the Library and staff-led demonstrations of the audiovisual recording studio’s capabilities, including its green screen video studio.

GOOGLE.ORG IMPACT CHALLENGE

We won the public voting segment of the Google.org Impact Challenge Cleveland. As the winner of the public vote, Cuyahoga County Public Library received $50,000 to create a hotspot lending program that aims to bridge the digital divide by providing free internet hotspots to adult learners.
FIND YOURSELF

We embarked on a broad awareness campaign called “Find Yourself.” The key message of the campaign was that Cuyahoga County Public Library is so much more than a mere book repository. We are a dynamic, innovative organization that is building the future of lifelong learning in our community by offering access to digital and traditional resources, relevant programming and creative community partnerships.

We have something for everyone, and everyone is welcome in our libraries.

DEBRA ANN NOVEMBER EARLY LEARNING CENTER

The Centers for Families and Children opened the Debra Ann November Early Learning Center in our Maple Heights Branch. It is the first high-quality early learning center in Ohio to be located in a library. Parents and guardians who enroll their children in the center receive a library card and a tour of the campus. Special library story times, art experiences and other enrichment programs are also held in conjunction with the center.

The Centers and the Library co-hosted a ribbon cutting in the Debra Ann November Early Learning Center. Guest speakers included David E. Weiss, Chair, The Centers Board of Directors; Iris November, Philanthropist; Elizabeth Newman, President & CEO, The Centers; Mayor Annette Blackwell, The City of Maple Heights; and Sari Feldman, Executive Director, Cuyahoga County Public Library.
MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS BRANCH GRAND OPENING

On June 9, 2018, we celebrated the grand opening of the new Middleburg Heights Branch. More than 2,000 people attended the celebration, which included a library scavenger hunt, library swag, a food truck, prize raffle, family-friendly activities and commemorative library cards.

KIDS CAFÉ & SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Last year, we provided more than 15,000 summer lunches and after-school snacks to hungry children who rely on free or reduced-fee lunch programs.
ONE COMMUNITY READS

Beginning in the fall of 2017, we began a collaboration with The City Club of Cleveland, Playhouse Square and eight other library systems. That collaboration, dubbed One Community Reads, was a months-long shared reading experience that sought to transform our community’s understanding of the complex issues surrounding the cycle of poverty. The book at the center of our community discussion was Matthew Desmond’s Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. On March 15th, we welcomed Desmond to Playhouse Square for a special public event.

One Community Reads was designed to broaden and deepen county residents’ appreciation of reading and compel friends, families, and neighbors to share their experience while reading the same book.

The One Community Reads collaboration was made possible, in part, by Ohio Humanities, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

THE GREAT AMERICAN READ

Cuyahoga County Public Library was selected as one of only a handful of public libraries in the country to receive grant funding from the American Library Association to participate in the PBS Great American Read television series project. The Great American Read invited viewers to cast their votes online for America’s favorite novel. One hundred of America’s best-loved novels vied for the title of “The Great American Read.”

As a grant recipient, we received funding that allowed us to partner with our local public television station, WVIZ/PBS Ideastream, to host a grand finale watch party in the Parma-Snow Branch auditorium in conjunction with a visit by best-selling author Jodi Picoult.

Which title came out on top? Americans voted *To Kill a Mockingbird* as their #1 best-loved novel.
The rules of a Choose Your Own Adventure story are simple. The reader assumes the role of the story’s main character and makes choices to determine how the story ends. We have four stories for you to choose from. How their stories end is up to you.

**STORY 1: THE ASPIRING WRITER**

You are a graphic designer and marketing professional named Elizabeth. You have a great idea for a young adult novel, but you have come down with a bad case of writer’s block. On top of that, you have no idea how to go about getting your book noticed. What should you do next?

If you want to start by finding some inspiration to overcome your writer’s block, turn to page 18.

If you are more worried about getting your book noticed than getting it out of your head and onto the page, turn to page 22.

**STORY 2: THE OPPORTUNITY SEEKER**

Your name is Charbel. You were a teenager when you and your younger sister Cherelle left Lebanon to find new opportunities in America. It was a difficult transition. That was seven years ago, but it feels like your journey has just begun. Now you are an adult hoping to put down roots in Cuyahoga County.

Your aunt says you should take free citizenship classes at the Library. You should take her advice and turn to page 19.

Your other aunt says you should take free English for Speakers of Other Languages classes at the Library. If you would rather take her advice, turn to page 23.
STORY 3:
THE BUDDING ENTREPRENEUR

You are a talented fashion designer named Candence looking to start your own business. You know the fashion world like the back of your hand, but the business world … you may need some help with that. You also need to market your business, but hiring someone to do it for you will be expensive. What you choose to do next could make or break your fledgling business. Choose wisely.

If you think you should look for help with the business side of fashion, turn to page 23.

If you think you should focus on marketing first, turn to page 25.

STORY 4:
THE SUPER MOMS

You are a busy single mom named Megan. You have two amazing sons with very different learning styles. Will is “by-the-book.” Harrison learns best through hands-on experiences. What you could really use right now is a safe, welcoming place where your kids can learn and have fun on their own terms – so you can get a few precious moments of well-deserved “you-time.”

Your bestie Andrea left you a voicemail. She says she found a program that could be great for Harrison. To call her back, turn to page 21.

Your neighbor left you a voicemail too. She found a program that could be a great fit for Will. To call her back, turn to page 27.
In your quest to find a remedy for your writer’s block you eventually stumble across Cuyahoga County Public Library’s Beyond the Book Jacket Author Series, a treasure trove of inspiration for readers and writers alike. Last year alone, the series hosted nearly 100 best-selling and award-winning authors, including Jojo Moyes, Laura Lippman, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Amy Bloom and Dave Eggers. After hearing them speak your writer’s block is long gone!

Meeting your favorite authors has you energized and inspired. If you are ready to harness that energy and get to writing, turn to page 22.

If you are still curious about how to get your book in front of readers, turn to page 24.
ASPIRE GREATER CLEVELAND

You took your aunt’s advice and enrolled yourself in Aspire Greater Cleveland’s free citizenship classes at the Library. Now you are on your way toward becoming a U.S. citizen with a group of fellow students who share many of the same challenges and goals as you do.

Cherelle decided to enroll, too. The two of you have really bonded with the instructor and you are feeling good about your decision – but you are super nervous about taking the citizenship test. What if you don’t pass?

If you are ready to take the citizenship test, turn to page 26.

If you think you should work on improving your English skills, turn to page 23.

DIGITAL COLLECTION

Congratulations, Megan. It’s time to hang up your supermom cape, kick back and relax. Your boys are at a Library STEAM camp and you have the next couple of hours all to yourself. You have an indie flick on the TV courtesy of the Library’s Kanopy streaming video collection and some glorious peace and quiet. Tomorrow you are meeting Andrea and her kids at the Library for a playdate, but today … today is all yours.

To choose another story, turn to pages 16 and 17.

To learn more about the Library’s digital collection, visit cuyahogalibrary.org/digital.
KEY ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

Congratulations, Candence! You completed the Key Advanced Entrepreneur Series at the top of your class and have been selected to receive the 2019 Key Advanced Entrepreneur Award presented by KeyBank, the Economic and Community Development Institute and Cuyahoga County Public Library. With the award comes $5,000 in seed money. You now have a comprehensive business plan and capital to help you take your next steps.

You are well on your way to becoming the next big fashionista! To find out what happens next, turn to page 28.
Andrea is a such a good friend. She’s always looking out for you. It turns out she was calling to tell you about a free hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) program she took her kids to at Cuyahoga County Public Library. Based on her recommendation you decided to try it with your boys – and they loved it!

Now you go to as many STEAM programs at the Library as you can. Will and Harrison like them because they get to do cool things like build robots and perform messy science experiments. You like them because they’re teaching your boys about perseverance and getting them excited about learning. Now, if you could just get them as excited about doing their homework.

Oh, no! You just realized you forgot to call your neighbor back! To call her back now, turn to page 27.

If you are ready for some “you” time, turn to page 19.
THE WILLIAM N. SKIRBALL WRITERS’ CENTER

Trying to figure out how to get your book published has led you down many dead-end roads. Then you heard about the Writers’ Center located in Cuyahoga County Public Library’s South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch and suddenly you found yourself on the expressway to becoming a bona fide author.

You started taking free writing workshops to hone your writing skills and learned how to use the Library’s free publishing tools to create professional quality books and eBooks and share them with readers across Ohio and the nation. Now you are a part of a growing community of writers who make the Writers’ Center their second home – and your writer’s block is finally in your rearview mirror.

To find out what happens next, turn to page 24.
ESOL CLASSES

Having grown up in Lebanon you are fluent in French and Arabic. Since you came to the U.S. seven years ago you have learned enough English to get by, but you don’t feel like you are truly fluent yet. You enrolled in Aspire Greater Cleveland’s free English for Speakers of Other Languages classes about a month ago and already you are starting to feel more confident in your English skills. You know you need to master the language if you want to achieve your goals, and for the first time you feel you are on the right track.

If you have already enrolled in citizenship classes at the Library, skip ahead to page 26.

If you haven’t enrolled in citizenship classes yet, turn to page 19.
INDIE AUTHOR AWARD

You were at a free authors’ conference at Cuyahoga County Public Library’s William N. Skirball Writers’ Center when an agent gave you a piece of advice you will never forget – publish your young adult novel, On Vacation from Sanity, on the Library’s SELF-e self-publishing platform and leverage your experience as a graphic designer and marketing professional to market it yourself.

You took the agent’s advice and it paid off. Your novel won the 2018 Indie Author Award for Young Adult fiction from Biblioboard and Library Journal. Now your book is receiving wide exposure and you are getting tweeted at by fans who say your book is changing lives. You were blown away when a parole officer in southern Ohio reached out to tell you how he’s using your book to help underage offenders get interested in reading so they can get their high school equivalency diplomas and turn their lives around.

Congratulations, Elizabeth! You have realized a lifelong dream.

To choose another story, turn to pages 16 and 17.

To learn more about the William N. Skirball Writers’ Center, visit cuyahogalibrary.org/write.
INNOVATION CENTERS

It’s been a few weeks since you decided to focus on marketing your business and your suspicions have been confirmed. It’s going to be too expensive to hire someone to design a logo for your small business. Your business is just starting out and you simply can’t afford it.

Luckily your research also unearthed a very affordable solution – Cuyahoga County Public Library’s Innovation Centers. You took an orientation class and in no time you were able to design a logo for your business using the Center’s free design software. There was a bit of a learning curve, but the Library staff were there to help you work through it.

Now that you have an awesome logo it’s time to find some help with your business plan.

*Let’s get moving on a plan by turning to page 23.*
Congratulations, Charbel. All of your hard work has paid off. You and Cherelle are now United States citizens! You were both so nervous, but thanks to your Aspire Greater Cleveland instructors you were well-prepared and passed the test on your first attempts.

You also heard some great news. The Library had the honor of hosting its first-ever naturalization ceremony at the Parma-Snow Branch auditorium. Twenty-five new Americans were naturalized in a powerful ceremony officiated by The Honorable Christopher A. Boyko. You heard these new Americans registered to vote, applied for passports and signed up for library cards right there at the Library after the ceremony.

To find out what happens next, turn to page 29.
Turns out your neighbor’s kids have been getting help with their homework after school at the Library – for free. The program is called Homework Centers, and she said their grades have improved since they started going to it. Even better, she said, is that their attitudes toward school have improved too. No more fighting with them to do their school work every night.

You make a mental note to check out Homework Centers. Will is great at math but could use some help with social studies. You think Harrison might benefit as well. Plus, you can’t beat the price. Do you know how much tutors cost these days?

If you want to learn more about the Library’s free after-school homework help programs, visit cuyahogalibrary.org/homework.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You have come a long way, Candence. With help from the Library you have developed a winning business plan, learned valuable new skills and won a major award. Now you are thinking about what you can do to give back, whether it’s working with adult learners who want to get their high school diplomas, or helping kids with their homework at the Library after school, or visiting the parents of newborn children at MetroHealth Medical Center to share important information about childhood literacy.

The Library offers so many opportunities to make a difference in the community. Which will you choose?

To choose another story, turn to pages 16 and 17.

To see what volunteer opportunities are available at the Library, visit cuyahogalibrary.org/volunteer or email us at volunteering@cuyahogalibrary.org.
Now that you and Cherelle are officially U.S. citizens you are looking ahead to the future. You are both enrolled at Cuyahoga Community College. She is studying to become a nurse and holding down a full-time job. You are working toward an associate’s degree in art and taking digital literacy classes at the Library to increase your marketability – all while holding down a job, too. Ultimately, you’d like to become a high school art teacher.

It hasn’t always been easy, but you are understandably proud of all that you have accomplished. Your journey is far from over, but Cuyahoga County is starting to feel like home, and you know there are many more adventures to come.

To choose another story, turn to pages 16 and 17.

To find out more about what Aspire Greater Cleveland can do for you, visit aspiregreatercleveland.org.
INDULGE: A NIGHT FOR READERS & EATERS

This event held at Spice Acres raised nearly $90,000 to support the Library’s food programs for children in need.

WRITERS CENTER STAGE

Two-time National Book Award winner Jesmyn Ward and acclaimed author Ayana Mathis entertained a sold-out audience at the Maltz Performing Arts Center.

READING THE GREEN

Our fourteenth annual golf outing fundraiser was held at Lakewood Country Club.
CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Cuyahoga County Public Library relies on gifts and grants from individuals, foundations and corporations to fund innovative Library programming and services that benefit our community. The Cuyahoga County Library Foundation was created to raise financial resources in support of the Library’s mission and to elevate awareness of the Library’s critical role in the community. It exists to raise funds in support of the Library’s mission.

The Foundation holds an annual campaign and hosts fundraising events throughout the year, including the William N. Skirball Writers Center Stage Series, the Reading the Green golf outing and dinner and Indulge: A Night for Readers and Eaters.

In addition to gifts and grants, the Library benefits from strong support of the Cuyahoga County Public Library Foundation. To learn more, visit cuyahogalibrary.org/donate.

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