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CSU LIBRARY CONNECTION LOUNGE DEBUTS

Cleveland Public Library, in partnership with Cleveland State University celebrated the grand opening of the CSU Library Connection Lounge on Tuesday, August 30, 2005. The new CSU Library Connection Lounge will provide the campus community with contemporary and popular books courtesy of Cleveland Public Library. Anyone with a **Greater Access Card** can check out these titles using the CPL self-checkout station near the Lounge. The Lounge will provide library users with a place to relax, read the latest books, and meet with friends. It will include comfortable furniture and LAN connects for students with laptops.

When contacted by the University, CPL was eager to participate in the project, fulfilling the mission of "The People's University" to provide its diverse urban community with books, information and excellent library service.



SUNDAY AFTERNOONS FOR WRITERS AND READERS FEATURES LUIS RODRIGUEZ

Cleveland Public Library Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Best selling author, poet, and activist Luis Rodriguez was the guest of Cleveland Public Library's Writers and Readers Series, Sunday, October 9 at 2:00p.m.

Rodriguez is best known for his 1993 memoir of gang life, *Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.* An international best seller, the memoir also garnered a Carl Sandburg Literary Award, a Chicago *Sun-Times* Book Award, and was designated a *New York Times* Notable Book. Written as a cautionary tale for his then 15-year-old son Ramiro, who had joined a Chicago gang, the memoir is popular among youth and teachers.

Luis Rodriguez's presentation followed Cleveland Public Library's celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which began on September 23. More than 25 programs, many in Spanish and English, featured storytelling, games, drumming workshops, and music and dance programs for children and adults throughout the library system.



Director's Message

More than 7,600 children and young adults participated in our Summer Reading Club with 547 programs attended by 14,500 people. Our theme focused on celebrating books on the BIG screen: Lights! Camera! Action! READ!

Reading Is Our Business! Following the success of two special programs that connect us with Cleveland's children, young adults and their families, one-year contracts have been extended to Read, Baby, Read! and Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Inc. Our Sunday Afternoons for Writers & Readers, free and open to the public since 2000, continues to attract very appreciative audiences at 2:00 p.m. in the Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium.

We salute the 70th Annual Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards which presented recipient, author and poet A. Van Jordan in our Louis Stokes Wing on September 14. Cleveland Public Library received an Award of Achievement for the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards in Cleveland from Northern Ohio Live Magazine during its 25th Anniversary black-tie dinner on September 19.

Cleveland Public Library was one of four public libraries in the nation to receive Special Mention from the Gale/Library Journal 2005 Library of the Year Award. Special Mention was awarded because we feature the service philosophy and dedication to community that signify a Library of the Year.

Cleveland Public Library also received the 1st Place Award for "YRead? Youth Unite Through Books" exhibit at the Diversity Fair Awards competition, during the 129th American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois (June 23-29).

Libraries Enrich Our Neighborhoods and Build Community!
Thank you for supporting "The People's University"!

Andrew A. Venable, Jr., Director
Cleveland Public Library

VISION STATEMENT

The People's University is to be the learning place for a diverse community, inspiring people of all ages with the love of books and reading, advancing the pursuit of knowledge, and enhancing the quality of life for all who use the library.



SPECTRUM ... THE LOCKWOOD THOMPSON DIALOGUES

Cleveland Public Library in collaboration with Cleveland Public Art, announces the second program in [Spectrum: The Lockwood Thompson Dialogues](#) series. Supported by the Library's Lockwood Thompson Fund, these innovative programs will engage the diverse Cleveland community in a series of public conversations focusing on issues that impact visual and popular culture. **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**, the second event will be held at Main Library, Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium, East Sixth and Superior Avenue, Sunday, October

23 at 2:00p.m.

Spectrum's October guest will be Paul D. Miller a.k.a. DJ Spooky That Subliminal Kid. Miller is a conceptual artist, writer and musician working in New York. His written work has appeared in *The Village Voice* and a host of periodicals. Miller's first collection of essays, *Rhythm Science*, was published by MIT Press in 2004, and was included in several year-end lists of best books of 2004. As a media artist, his work has appeared in a wide variety of contexts such as [Whitney Biennial](#) and the [Andy Warhol Museum](#) in Pittsburgh.



ROCK MY SOUL PROJECT

Cleveland Public Library presents *Rock My Soul: The Black Legacy of Rock and Roll*, now through January 2006 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch Library, 1962 Stokes Boulevard. From guided history tours to live music to artistic opportunities for the whole community, Rock My Soul is both an engaging exhibition and an exciting opportunity for people of all ages to learn and create. All program events are **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**.

The visual arts exhibition at the center of the Rock My Soul project showcases a collection of art created by ten Detroit-based African American artists, each inspired by and representing black music, including the music of West Africa, spirituals, gospel, blues, jazz, rhythm and blues, funk, and hip hop. A full calendar of events will celebrate the exhibition and encourage young artists of all ages to express themselves in various media.

Rock My Soul is presented in partnership with The Arts League of Michigan, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, and Sankofa Fine Art Plus. The Ford Motor Company is a national sponsor. [Click here for additional programs and updates.](#)



AUTHOR SUSAN ORLEAN @ CPL

Native Clevelander and best-selling author Susan Orlean will be the special guest of Cleveland Public Library's **Writers and Readers Series**, Sunday, November 27, at 2:00p.m. **FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**, the event will take place at *Main Library*, Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium, East Sixth Street and Superior Avenue.

Ms. Orlean started her career by writing music reviews and features for a Portland, Oregon alternative news weekly. She has since written for the *Boston Phoenix*, *Boston*

Globe, *Rolling Stone* and *Village Voice*. As a staff writer for *The New Yorker*, she has been delighting readers with her humorous and unconventional style for more than a decade. Orlean is best known for the acclaimed novel *The Orchid Thief*, based on a true story of an eccentric plant dealer arrested for poaching rare orchids out of a South Florida swamp. A *New York Times* bestseller, *The Orchid Thief* was the subject of the 2002 movie adaptation starring Nicholas Cage and Meryl Streep.

In her most recent book, *My Kind of Place: Travel Stories for a Woman Who's Been Everywhere*, Orleans guides the reader on an imaginative world tour from the heart of Paris's African music scene to Illinois's World Taxidermy Championships, from

Cuba's Little League to Mount Fuji. She has contributed to numerous collaborative works, including *Fierce Pajamas: An Anthology of Humor Writing for The New Yorker* and *Sweet Breathing Plants: Women Writing on the Green World*.

Orlean's appearance is part of the anniversary celebration for the *Ohio Center for the Book* at Cleveland Public Library.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY CONCERT

Everyone is most cordially invited to attend the Cleveland Public Library's "gift to the community," CPL Staff Chorus Holiday Concert, on Friday, December 9, 2005. The annual event, now in its ninth year, will be held at 12:00 noon in the Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium of Main Library, East Sixth Street and Superior Avenue.

The Chorus, formed in 1997, is comprised of library staff members and is under the direction of chorus founder, Library Director Andrew A. Venable, Jr.

The Ohio Center for the Book at Cleveland Public Library

The Ohio Center for the Book at Cleveland Public Library promotes books, reading, libraries, literacy and authorship throughout Ohio with a special emphasis on **Ohio's literary heritage**.

The Center is collaborating with the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress and the Target Corporation for the national "Letters about Literature" student writing contest. The program encourages students in grades 4 - 12 to reflect on how literature has affected their lives. Target and Barnes & Noble Booksellers have generously provided prizes for the statewide winners. To obtain an application form and additional information on the contest go online to www.ohiocenterforthebook.org.

The Center is also working in collaboration with the State Library of Ohio to enhance the literacy skills of our youngest users and their families by offering several family literacy projects in the near future.

For more information on Ohio Center for the Book, call 216-623-2831.

They Spoke Volumes

"The more I understand myself, the more effectively I can work with others."

--Zig Ziglar

Library Board Meetings: The Board of Library Trustees holds regular meetings the third Thursday of each month September through June in the Board Room on the 10th Floor of the Louis Stokes Wing. The public is invited to attend. Meeting announcements and special meeting notices appear in the newspaper and are posted on the website under Library Events Calendar. Upcoming meetings are **October 20**, **November 17** and **December 15** at noon.



The People's University

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