



## Keeping you “In the Know...” 2/19/16

### Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Lisa Cellura and Speakers Bureau volunteer Andra Stover presented the “What Do You Do” program to Boy Scout Troop 289 in Wickliffe on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, Lisa Cellura presented the “Blindness Basics” program to staff and the “Aging Eye” program to residents at the Anna Maria senior living facility in Aurora.
- Check out this article and images posted by the American Red Cross from their compression-only CPR training session at the Winner’s Club last week. [Click here](#).

### The Two Types of Braille:

- Greetings from the [Braille Department](#)! Many of you ask what the difference is between "Uncontracted" and "Contracted" braille when you make requests. (Formerly, these were referred to as "Grade 1" and "Grade 2" braille.)
  - **Uncontracted braille** is where each print letter corresponds to a braille cell. This is a longer form of braille, and often is where people start when learning.
  - **Contracted braille** uses shorter forms of words; is like a shorthand version that makes reading easier and faster. It is similar to sign language where there are signs for whole words or concepts instead of finger spelling each letter.

When making a request to the [Braille Department](#), please remember to ask the braille reader which version of braille he or she prefers. If the

person has been reading braille for a long time, usually they will want contracted, but it is best not to assume. If you have one document and a mix of the types of braille requested, please put in the notes section how many copies of what kind you need. Any questions, contact [Jennifer Dean](mailto:jennifer.dean@ohio.gov) (216-791-8118).

### February Job Club:

- Peer Mentor [Nicole Kahn](#) and [Employment Services](#) team welcomed guest speaker Nancy Sidell to this month's [Job Club](#) meeting, held at CSC on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Sidell, the Equal Access Services Representative for Ohio Means Jobs | Cleveland-Cuyahoga County, described the many resources and training programs that her organization offers to job seekers, and explained how consumers and CSC [Employment Specialists](#) may collaborate with job developers from the local Ohio Means Jobs centers to enhance their job searches. Participants in the group learned new information and many plan to attend orientations at Ohio Means Jobs centers in the coming weeks. The next Job Club will meet on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#).



Job Club members meet in the Clyde E. Williams Jr., Auditorium

### Senior Independence Fund:

- The [Senior Independence Fund](#) is a program that helps people obtain optimal independence. It provides skills-training and equipment in the areas of [Activities of Daily Living](#), [Orientation and Mobility](#), [Low Vision](#) and [Computer and Adaptive Technology](#).

The Fund is for people who are over the age of 55, have a documented eye condition, live in one of seven counties (Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, and Summit), need immediate services and or equipment, live in a nursing home, or could benefit from group training. Every client is asked to make a contribution towards their training and/or equipment. For more information or to obtain a referral form please contact [Susie Meles](#) (216-791-8118).

### Eyedeas Shop's Featured Product of the Week:

- This week's featured product in the [Eyedeas Shop](#): Compact Microlite. This super bright white three-LED light spins around your key ring for easy use. It comes in a durable plastic container and included are four long-life button cell batteries (AG13). Cost is only \$10.50. Stop by the [Eyedeas Shop](#) to check out this newest product to the store!



Microlite on a keychain



Microlite in durable plastic container

- Can't make it to the [Eyedeas Shop](#) at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at [www.eyedeashop.com](http://www.eyedeashop.com) and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

## Great Lakes Theater Returns to CSC:

- Great Lakes Theater returns to CSC for a free performance of Agatha Christie's "The Secret Adversary" on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the [Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium](#). Agatha Christie introduces her young adventurers, Tommy and Tuppence, in this free, 70-minute touring play! In this world premiere adaptation, young Thomas Beresford and Prudence "Tuppence" Cowley decide to become adventurers for hire and swiftly find themselves in an international plot to bring down the British government. Time is not on their side as they work to uncover the mysterious "Mister Brown." Five actors bring this suspenseful tale to life. For more information, contact [Tamara Flowers](#) (216-791-8118).

## Valentines and Doctors:

- Students in [Bright Futures Preschool](#) celebrated Valentine's Day with treats and arts & crafts, along with "Doctor Week" in class this week.



Preschoolers at the table with treats



Valentine's Day crafts displayed on table



Stethoscope being used to examine



Preschooler practices bandaging an arm

### Items of Note:

- Rite Aid announced Thursday the nationwide availability of talking prescription devices to assist customers with visual impairments. The device will be provided at no cost to customers who are blind or who are visually impaired. Customers who are blind or have low vision can request a talking prescription device at any of the nearly 4,600 Rite Aid pharmacies nationwide. For more information, [click here](#).
- Congratulations to [Mary Jo Chisnell](#) on her [Random Acts of Awesome Award](#). She received a certificate and a handmade pizza cutter from [Larry Benders](#) at last week's [All Staff Meeting](#).
- Congratulations to [Jassen Tawil](#) for advancing to the second phase of the selection process for the [Marshall Memorial Fellowship](#). This program was created by the German Marshall Fund in 1982 and supported annually by The Cleveland Foundation to build bridges between European and American leaders in the government, private and social sectors. Each year over 700 applicants apply for one of the program's 75 Fellowships that focus on leadership and public policy. [Jassen](#) should know in April if he was accepted...send positive thoughts!
- The Parma Hills Lions Club hosts its "Spring Into Action" fundraiser event from 6:00pm - 9:00pm on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at Bleachers Sports Grill, 6855 Ridge Road, Parma. Proceeds of the event will support Cleveland Sight Center. Dinner includes draft beer, well

liquor, and wine. Tickets are \$25 in advance. Email Maureen Connors at [maureenconnors@sbcglobal.net](mailto:maureenconnors@sbcglobal.net) or call at 216-323-6659. [Sylvia Snyder](#) (x8777) can also provide details or more information.

### Did You Know?

- The [Transportation Team](#) made 2,516 trips totaling over 83,000 miles during [Fiscal Year 2015](#), providing rides for clients unable to drive to CSC programs. BEEP BEEP!!