

READING CARNIVAL

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**INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS, STORYTELLING AND GIVEAWAYS MAKE READING FUN AT WCCCD'S
12TH ANNUAL CHANCELLOR'S READING CARNIVAL FOR CHILDREN**

**Event Highlights Include Books and Book Bag Giveaways, Interactive Activities and Face
Painting**

DETROIT, Mich. May 6, 2019 – Interactive programs, storytelling and exciting giveaways will be included in a day of family fun at the Wayne County Community College District's (WCCCD) 12th Annual Chancellor's Reading Carnival for Children. The program will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at WCCCD's Curtis L. Ivery Downtown Campus located at 1001 W. Fort Street in Detroit. The annual program is the biggest event every year of the Bookworm Club, the group that WCCCD's First Lady, Ola Ivery, and her husband, WCCCD Chancellor, Dr. Curtis L. Ivery, founded approximately 16 years ago.

Nearly 1,000 attendees flock to the reading carnival every year, making it one of the most successful early-learner events in metro Detroit.

"We know from research and experience that developing early literacy skills profoundly influences language development, and other modes of learning," said Ola Ivery. "We also know that early literacy skills are one of the most powerful tools for personal and economic growth and progress.

The annual event is open to the public at no cost and aimed at providing a safe, educational and fun environment for children in pre-K to sixth grade. Highlights will include storytelling and interactive programs that allow children to engage with stories and books in multiple ways. Face painting, games, and a range of fairytale activities surround children in a storybook environment, allowing them to be immersed in a world of imagination. Children and families will also receive book bags filled with books and other school supplies to help them continue the experience at home.

WCCCD provides programming for both children and adults to help promote literacy and developing key learning skills. For more information about the reading carnival, contact Priscilla Rodgers at 313-496-2510 or visit www.wcccd.edu.

About WCCCD: WCCCD, the largest urban community college in Michigan, is a multi-campus district with six campus locations, including the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center and the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE), serving nearly 70,000 students annually across 32 cities and townships and more than 500 square miles. WCCCD is committed to the continued development of new programs, workforce transformation, hosting community-based training sessions and improving student facilities and services. www.wcccd.edu.