



Mary Ellen Icaza Stark County District Library

Mary Ellen Icaza joined Stark Library in 2018 as CEO and Executive Director. She is an innovative library leader who is fervent about making library services accessible for all. She has expertise in strategic planning, community engagement, and library technology, and is passionate about early childhood literacy – a passion that extends into her personal life.

Mary Ellen currently serves on the Canton Chamber of Commerce Board, Aultman Women's Board, Kent State Stark Advisory Board, the Ohio Library Council Board, and the Public Library Association Board. She is a graduate of Leadership Stark County's 35th class. In 2004, she was named a Library Journal Mover & Shaker and was selected as a participant in the 2015 American Library Association Leadership Institute.

Prior to joining Stark Library, Mary Ellen led educational programming, community outreach and special events for Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) in Maryland, a large urban county near Washington, DC.

Mary Ellen earned a Master of Library Science from the University of Maryland and a Bachelor of Arts in English (Magna Cum Laude) from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

Mary Ellen, her husband Javier and their children, Christian and Victoria, reside in Plain Township and are thrilled to be a part of the Stark community.