The East Orange Connection

Victoria Bond (Author) - Her debut book won a Coretta Scott King Award for new talent. She spent part of her childhood in East Orange with her grandmother, librarian Ms. Biot.

Troy Cle (Author) - Hailed as the next J.K. Rowling, this talented sci-fi author grew up in East Orange and still calls the city home.

Just Us Books (Publishers) - A multicultural children’s book company based in East Orange. Founded by authors Wade and Cheryl Hudson.

Queen Latifah (Author) - Multi-talented singer and actress spent part of her childhood in East Orange.

Vanessa Brantley Newton (Author/Illustrator) - Wrote and illustrated her first book in her home on Glenwood Avenue. She has illustrated books for Cedella Marley, Tori Spelling and Tony Dungy.

Sally M. Walker (Author) - A graduate of Upsala College. Ms. Walker can trace her roots in East Orange to the Revolutionary War.

Dionne Warwick (Author) - Award winning singer is a 1958 graduate of East Orange High School.

Valerie Wilson Wesley (Author) - Well received author of books for adults and children briefly lived in East Orange.

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Main Library - Junior Department
21 South Arlington Avenue
East Orange, New Jersey 07018
(973) 266-5627
Monday—Thursday 9:00 am—9:00 pm
Friday 10 am—6 pm
Saturday 9:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturday 9:30 am—1:30 pm (July & August)

Ampere Library
39 Ampere Plaza
East Orange, New Jersey 07017
(973) 266-7047/7048
Monday—Tuesday & Thursday—Friday 1:30 pm—5:30 pm

Elmwood Library
317 South Clinton Street
East Orange, New Jersey 07018
(973) 266-7050
Tuesday & Thursday 1:30 pm—5:30 pm

Franklin Library
192 Dodd Street
East Orange, New Jersey 07017
(973) 266-7053
Monday & Wednesday 1:30 pm—5:30 pm

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Writers, Illustrators, and Publishers with an East Orange Connection

*Queen of the Scene* by Queen Latifah, ill. Frank Morrison. A young girl rules the playground with style.

*Marvelous World* (series) by Troy Cle. An action packed sci-fi series starring Louis Proof, a normal East Orange kid who holds the key to saving the world.

*The Secret Olivia Told Me* by N. Joy, ill. Nancy Devard. Olivia tells her friend a big juicy secret. Can she hold it in?

*Don't Let Auntie Mabel Bless the Table* by Vanessa Brantley Newton. A large family sits down for Sunday dinner, but they can’t enjoy the meal until Auntie Mabel blesses everything in her sight.


*Willamina Rules!* (series) by Valerie Wilson Wesley. Third grader, Willamina creates rules to live by as she navigates the troubled waters of being a kid.

*The 18 Penny Goose* by Sally M. Walker. A Revolutionary War tale inspired by true events that occurred on a Springdale Avenue farm.


*Every Little Thing* by Cedella Marley, ill. Vanessa Brantley Newton. Vibrant pictures and story inspired by Bob Marley’s *Three Little Birds*.

*One Million Men and Me* by Kelly Starling Lyons. The story of the Million Man March told through the eyes of a young girl accompanying her father.

*Little Man* by Dionne Warwick, & David Wooley, ill. Fred Willingham (2011). With the support of his community a young boy learns to master the drums.

*Queen of the Scene* by Queen Latifah, ill. Frank Morrison. A young girl rules the playground with style.

*Kid Caramel: Private Investigator* (series) by Dwayne Ferguson. If there is a mystery to be solved 5th grader, Kid Caramel is on the case.

*My Friend Maya Loves to Dance* by Cheryl Willis Hudson, ill. Eric Velasquez. A young girl tells us all about her friend Maya and her love of dance.


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