

Community Member.
Library user.



**The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
Is a
COMMUNITY BUILDER**

Children are our future leaders and workforce. The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System helps them to find success. Our libraries offer a wide variety of programming that gives young people the skills to read, to understand and to become informed, dependable employees and productive citizens.

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library provides:

- Childhood development support through Buffalo Preschool CARE (Community Action for Reading Excellence) and Buffalo Reads.
- Programs through *Get Graphic*, a family literacy initiative that challenges teens to engage their minds and learn in non-traditional ways.
- Educational activities that appeal to young people ranging in age from 4 to 17. In 2006, more than 81,000 children and teens attended programs offered by the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library.

The result:

- The Library plays a leadership role in the implementation of plans to address the growing problem of illiteracy and poor reading skills among many of our children.

The need:

- Restored funding not only allows community libraries throughout Erie County to maintain minimum open hour standards, but positions our Library System to remain a place for children to learn and grow.

The economic investment Erie County makes in our Public Library System helps raise levels of school readiness and success needed to build an educated and competitive workforce. In fact,

For every \$1 spent on the Library, Erie County sees \$6.07* in return.

NOW, THAT'S A SMART INVESTMENT!

*For a complete breakdown of values of services provided by the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, please reference our website at www.buffalolib.org/aboutthelibrary/governance.asp

