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## Lackawanna Middle School Celebrates "Steeler Service Day" on May 22 WITH Family Programs at The Lackawanna Library

"Steeler Service Day" is the Lackawanna Middle School's annual day of service to the community. This year, two classes from the middle school are volunteering to create free family programs and an art display at the Lackawanna Public Library on Saturday, May 22, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

There will be 28 Lackawanna Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have filled tote bags with new books to distribute to the community. The students will also host a story time, decorate alphabet cookies, and make bookmarks. Several students will also be creating and displaying their own artwork inspired by storybook characters.

This collaborative venture was the brainchild of Lackawanna Middle School Special Education teacher Jennifer Willats, Art teacher Melissa Markiewicz, and Library Director Jennifer Johnston. The goal of this project is to encourage students to become active in their community, take pride in their work and promote reading.

"We are so pleased to be the beneficiary this year of the positive energy and great work that 'Steeler Service Day' brings to the Lackawanna community," stated Lackawanna Public Library Director Jennifer Johnston. "We are very grateful and can't wait to see what the students create. We're looking forward to a wonderful day for the families of Lackawanna."

All activities are free and open to the public. The Lackawanna Public Library is located at 560 Ridge Road, Lackawanna. For more information, call 716-823-0630. To learn about other programs taking place in the 37 site Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System, please visit: <u>www.BuffaloLib.org</u>.

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