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Works of Former Buffalo News Editorial Cartoonist Bruce Shanks Discussed By Researcher **Collection from Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Archives**

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is pleased to announce two upcoming lectures based on the editorial cartoons of former Buffalo News cartoonist and Pulitzer Prize-winning artist Bruce Shanks. **"Politics of Yesterday and Today"** will be presented at the **downtown Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square** on **Tuesday, August 5 at 12 noon** by graduate student and intern researcher Nicky Kondziela. The program will also be presented at Buffalo State College in the Butler Library on Monday, August 4 at 1:30 p.m.

These free lectures will address how Shank's artwork gave an accurate yet satirical portrayal of local, national, and international events that occurred throughout his lengthy career at the Buffalo Evening News (1951-1974) and its relevance to issues we are still facing today. Shanks, a Buffalo native, died in 1980. The Library's collection includes many of Shank's original political cartoons dating from the 1950s, '60s and '70s, illustrating the pinnacle of his career.

Ms. Kondziela, a student at the State University College of New York at Buffalo, is earning a Master of Arts in History with a concentration in Museum Studies. She received a research fellowship this summer from Riverrun to study the Library's Shanks archival files which include drawing mechanicals of political cartoons, mainly created using pencil, ink, and gouache.

Riverrun is an educational organization whose purpose is to provide cultural and social programming to the Western New York community. The internship program, now in its second year, was developed for the purpose of researching a select collection of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library's Rare Books & Special Collections holdings, adding historical significance and making the collection accessible to the public.

For more information call the downtown Central Library at 858-8900 or visit the Library System website at www.BuffaloLib.org or, Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.

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