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### Downtown Library participates in the largest worldwide shared reading experience "Read for the Record"

Hundreds of local schoolchildren will participate in the largest worldwide reading experience at the downtown Central Library tomorrow, Tuesday, October 21 at 10:00 a.m. The program "Read for the Record" celebrates literacy by gathering millions of young children in libraries, schools and businesses in what is billed as the 'largest worldwide shared reading experience' for young children and their families.

This year, the children's book *Bunny Cakes* will be read. Written by bestselling author and illustrator Rosemary Wells, *Bunny Cakes* is a comical story of sibling bonding and birthday shenanigans.

Library Director Mary Jean Jakubowski will do the reading in the Library's Auditorium. She will be joined by 300 Pre-K students from Buffalo's Bennett Park Montessori School and Enterprise Charter School. The Library's mascot Reada Book, Sabretooth and a cute larger-than-life furry bunny will greet the children, sing songs and give them bunny ears and reading certificates.

Each year, the *Read for the Record* campaign shines a national spotlight on America's early education achievement gap and highlights Jumpstart's programs as a way to address this crisis. Since 2006, the campaign has engaged 11.5 million children. Last year, 2.46 million adults and children broke a world record by participating.

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