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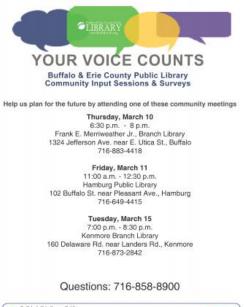


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# **Community Input Sessions**





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## Help Plan for the Future of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System

#### Community Encouraged to Participate in Public Input Sessions

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System is seeking community participation to help plan for the next five years of library services. Residents with or without library cards can attend an upcoming Community Input Session to offer suggestions and opinions about library services in the future. Online and in-library surveys will also be available.

"Our goal is to listen to the community. We want to hear what they have to say as we look to develop a plan for the future," stated Library System Director Mary Jean Jakubowski. "Libraries are community builders, providing access to information in traditional ways as well as through technology, outreach, collaborations and more. We want to know how the public envisions libraries and our services in the next five years."

Community Input Sessions will run approximately 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours and are free and open to all. No registration is necessary. Questions will range from how satisfied residents are with their Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries to the types of library materials and services desired in the next five years.

Dates /times/ locations of the Community Input Sessions are:

Thursday, March 10, from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Frank E. Merriweather Jr., Branch Library **Community Input Sessions** 

1324 Jefferson Ave. near E. Utica St., Buffalo, 716-883-4418 Friday, March 11, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hamburg Public Library

102 Buffalo St. near Pleasant Ave., Hamburg, 716-649-4415

Tuesday, March 15, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Kenmore Branch Library

160 Delaware Rd. near Landers Rd., Kenmore, 716-873-2842

Online surveys are available at: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HK7DRTW</u>. Each of the 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries will have paper surveys beginning Monday, March 7. The results will be made public later this year and will be used to help draft the Library's next Five Year Plan of Service expected to be released in late 2016. For more information, call 716-858-8900.

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