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### Celebrate Shakespeare's 452<sup>nd</sup> Birthday at the Downtown Library This Saturday, April 23

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The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library at 1 Lafayette Square invites the public to a celebration of playwright William Shakespeare's birthday on **Saturday, April 23 from 5-7 p.m.** Featured in the free program will be a variety of student performances celebrating Shakespeare's work including:

*"To Be or Not to Be"* Monologue Mashup of *Hamlet*

Peace of the City Ministries

Excerpts from *Julius Caesar*

Buffalo Seminary Students

Excerpts from *Romeo & Juliet* and *West Side Story*  
The Buffalo Academy for Visual & Performing Arts and Nardin Academy

Staged reading premiere of *Shakespeare & Galileo*,  
by Grant Mudge, presented by the Library through special arrangement with the Carpenter Science Theatre Company of the  
Science Museum of Virginia

The evening's Master of Ceremonies will be local theatre commentator and Buffalo State College Professor Anthony Chase.

Tours of the Library's two current rare book exhibitions *Milestones of Science: Books That Shook the World!* (in which Galileo is featured in first edition) and *Celebrating 400 Years Since Shakespeare: Reflecting on the Life of the Bard* (which showcases the Library's four Shakespeare Folios) will take place throughout the evening. And of course, there will be birthday cake!

This program is part of "Buffalo Bard 2016," the year-long collaboration in Buffalo celebrating the 400 years since Shakespeare's death and his impact upon the theatre, literature and performance. A full schedule of related conferences, events, films, and performances is listed at <https://buffalobard.wordpress.com/>. For more information visit: <http://tinyurl.com/h3mbuse>, call 716-858-8900 or consult the Library System website at [www.BuffaloLib.org](http://www.BuffaloLib.org).

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