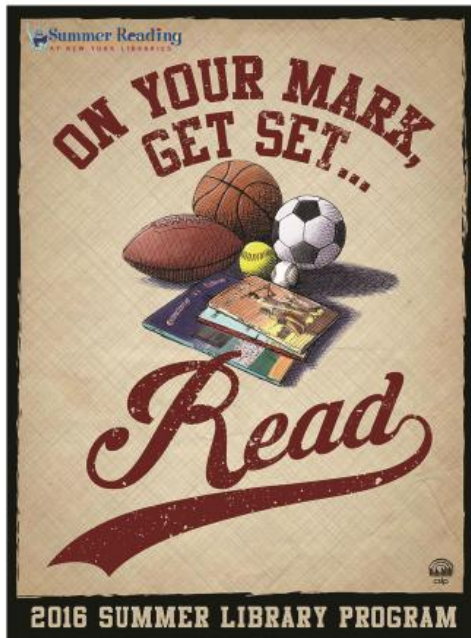


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Summer Reading 2016 @ Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries

Summer is right around the corner and the 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries are ready to welcome children and families with a full slate of Summer Reading activities and programs designed to foster a love of reading and sense of discovery. That message was announced by Library System Director Mary Jean Jakubowski during the “**On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!**” Summer Reading Kickoff today at the downtown Central Library. More than sixty students from Buffalo’s Bennett Park Montessori School were in attendance and were entertained by The Wondermakers storyteller performers.

“With tens of thousands of engaging books and many weekly Summer Reading programs, our public libraries will be packed with a range of free and exciting things to read and do all summer long,” said Director Jakubowski. “We hope you will team up with your public library because we have the expertise to help families discover books that can challenge, excite and interest children and teens.”

Study after study shows that summer reading programs raise students’ learning levels and help children, teens and young adults retain and enhance their reading skills – meaning they are better prepared for school each fall.

Highlights of this year’s “**On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!**” include:

- **Reading Logs, Reading Competitions and Great Prizes** - Register at your local library. Children track their summer reads. Incentives and prizes are provided when predetermined reading milestones (number of books read) are reached.
- **Summer Online Reading Challenge** - Adults and teens - exercise your mind by reading a book or two or three! Then write a short review and post it to the Library’s online contest website to win some terrific prizes. One lucky participant will win an Amazon Kindle Fire

HDX tablet Reader. Children and summer camps can enter as well.

· **Library Night at the Races** - For the fourth year, *Library Night at the Races* takes place at Holland Nascar MotorSports Complex. Saturday, August 20 is the big night. Children read two books and earn a free pass. Libraries will also have discount coupons for adults to attend.

· **Read Down Your Fines** - Children ages 16 and under have an opportunity to pay down overdue library fines through reading. For every 15 minutes of reading, a child earns one Library Buck toward reducing or eliminating overdue fines. Now through September 3. Last year, 617 young readers participated, eliminating \$4,031 in library fines.

· **Battle of the Books** – All readers are winners in the annual Battle of the Books on Saturday, August 6 in the Erie Community College – South Campus Gym. This popular summertime team trivia competition is open to youth entering grades six through nine. Currently there are 30 teams with approximately 200 participants. Interested in joining a team? Head to your local library for details. All team members read the same five books to prepare for trivia questions about those books while vying for the coveted Battle title and trophy. It's fun! It's loud! It's a GREAT summer activity! Last year Lancaster Public Library took the gold medal competing against 20 local library teams in a fast-paced lightning round before 500+ fans.

· **Canalside** - Every Tuesday, beginning June 28 through August 30 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., the Library will be stationed outdoors at **Buffalo's Canalside** for "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" super storytelling and craft programs.

- **Open eBooks** – This is a new reading app just for kids! Thousands of children's books are available to download for free for a period of up to eight weeks. Visit your library beginning next week for details on the Open eBooks app.
- **Mayor Byron Brown's Reading Rules Summer Challenge** – Visit your library to learn about this program for children and teens.

The **Library on Wheels** new bookmobile will be out and about this summer including at **Larkin Square** on Wednesday, June 15 at 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and at the Boys & Girls Club of Holland on Wednesdays in July. See the bookmobile schedule here: <http://host6.evanced.info/buffalolib/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>.

Free library cards are available in all libraries and applications can be downloaded from www.BuffaloLib.org. Parents or guardians with identification must accompany the child to obtain a card. Schools are encouraged to share with the Library their list of Summer Reading assignments per grade. For more information about Summer Reading activities, visit your Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, call 716-858-8900 or visit www.BuffaloLib.org. You can follow the Library on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#) and [Flickr](#).

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For a New York State Summer Reading overview and additional information for educators, parents, and caregivers go to <http://www.summerreadingnys.org/>.

See next page for a sample of summer reading programs & events

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Alden Ewell Free Library – Horton Hatches the Egg Puppet Show, July 14

Angola Public Library – Teddy Bear Olympics, August 18

Audubon Library (Amherst) – Star Wars Party, August 4

Aurora Town Public Library – Traveling Touch Tank, June 24

Boston Free Library – Mike Randall & Friends, July 14

Central Downtown Library (Buffalo) – Summer Reading Bash, June 11

Clarence Public Library – Magic with Steve Ingraham, June 28

Clearfield Branch (Amherst) – The Checkers Show, June 24

Collins Public Library – The Checkers Show, June 20

Concord Public Library – Gravitational Bull, July 26

Crane Branch (Buffalo) – Nan Hoffman Concert, June 23

Dudley Branch (Buffalo) – Bubblemania, June 21

East Clinton Branch (Buffalo) – Mike Randall & Friends, July 6

East Delavan Branch (Buffalo) – Read to Achieve with In Jest, June 20

Eden Library – Teddy Bear Olympics, July 14

Egbertsville–Snyder Branch (Amherst) – Puppet Show & Workshop, July 6

Elma Public Library – Buffalo Animal Adventures, July 7

Grand Island Memorial Library – Summer Celebration, August 11

Hamburg Library – Summer Reading Fun, all summer long!

Kenilworth Branch (Tonawanda) – Nickel City Reptiles, August 4

Kenmore Branch (Tonawanda) – Sports & Fitness Magic Program, August 18

Lackawanna Public Library – Puppet Show, June 22

Lake Shore Branch (Hamburg) – Lego Club, June 25

Lancaster Public Library – Summer Reading & Writing Tips, June 8

Marilla Free Library – Teddy Bear Olympics, June 29

Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Library (Buffalo) – STEM Craft Night, June 15

Newstead Public Library – Explore a “Writer’s Life” for High School Teens, August 3

Niagara Branch (Buffalo) – Summer Reading Kickoff, June 27

North Collins Public Library – Summer Reading Fun, All Summer Long!

North Park Branch (Buffalo) – Teddy Bear Olympics, June 22

Orchard Park Public Library – Summer Reading Kickoff Party with Nitro Magic, July 8

Anna Reinstein Memorial Library (Cheektowaga) – Gravitational Bull, July 12

Julia Boyer Reinstein Library (Cheektowaga) – In Jest, July 5

Riverside Branch (Buffalo) – Build Your Own Terrarium, June 16

City of Tonawanda Public Library – Lego Club, June 25

West Seneca Public Library – Summer Reading Kickoff, June 16

Williamsville Branch (Amherst) – Craft Club, June 23

Programs are subject to change - please call your library first to confirm program.

For more detailed information, visit the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library website at www.BuffaloLib.org. **Friend the Library on** [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Pinterest](#) and [Flickr](#) .

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