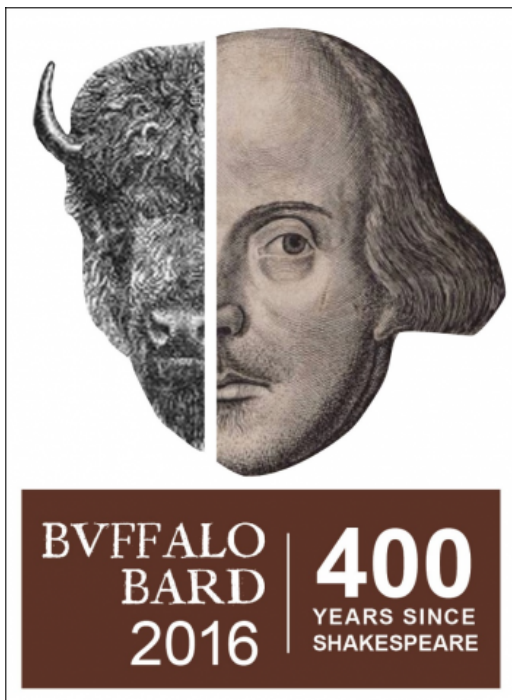


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Buffalo & UB Libraries Hold Wedding of the Folios,

Merging Treasured Shakespeare Works

Upcoming Events Continue "Shakespeare 400th Anniversary" Commemoration

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BUFFALO, N.Y. – Buffalo has much to boast about these days, though most residents may not realize that two complete sets of the rare and treasured Folios of William Shakespeare – the very first printings of his transformative canon of plays – are held in public trust by the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library and the University at Buffalo. The four-edition set of Folios, published in 1623, 1632, 1663 and 1685, after Shakespeare's death, is credited with preserving many of the plays known so well worldwide as in theatre and literature, which otherwise would likely have been lost.

The "Wedding of Shakespeare's Folios" brings together these two four-volume sets for public display for the first time at the **Downtown Central Library**. Officials from UB's Special Collections of the UB Libraries will escort the UB-owned Folios to the Downtown Central Library via a glorious vintage Pierce Arrow motor car courtesy of the Buffalo Pierce Arrow Transportation Museum – an homage to Col. Charles Clifton (1853-1928), President and CEO of Pierce-Arrow Motors, the donor of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library's Folio set. UB's Folios were a gift from Buffalo businessman and lawyer Thomas B. Lockwood (1873-1947). The Folios will be jointly displayed in the library's Rare Book Room through January 2017.

In addition, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library and UB Libraries are collaborating on a special celebration of the Folios called the "Shakespeare Jubilee" at the Downtown Central Library on **Thursday, October 13 from 5-7 p.m.** The event is free and open to the public. Student performance excerpts of Shakespeare's plays by the UB Department of Theatre & Dance (from upcoming productions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Return from the Forbidden Planet*) and Peace of the City's *Shakespeare Comes to the (716)* are featured. UB professor, author and David Garrick scholar Andrew Stott will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Tours of the Folios display and the Library's ongoing *Milestones of Science: Books that Shook the World!* exhibition will take place throughout the evening. This celebration bookends the Shakespeare's Birthday event held at the Downtown Central Library last April, and is a featured event of the UB-sponsored conference *Object and Adaptation: The Worlds of Shakespeare and Cervantes* (October 13-14).

For more information, visit the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library at www.BuffaloLib.org or call 716-858-8900 or the Buffalo Bard 2016 website at: <https://buffalobard.wordpress.com/>.

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