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World's Leading James Joyce Collection Featured @ Downtown Central Library

Limited-Time Display in Honor of Gaelic Athletic Games Being Held in WNY

Celebrated Irish author and poet James Joyce's original handwritten notebooks will be on display at the downtown Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo next week for just two days, Wednesday and Thursday, July 26 and 27, 2017. Free and open to the public, the exhibit, **James Joyce: The University at Buffalo Collection**, is being presented in honor of the Buffalo region hosting the 2017 Gaelic Games Association Continental Youth Championships sports tournament.

The treasures featured in the exhibit are from the University at Buffalo's James Joyce Collection, which is considered to be the world's preeminent collection of works on the 20th century's most influential and scrutinized writer. The exhibition will detail the history of how the Joyce materials came to Buffalo, as well as provide a glimpse into the author's personal and family life. Manuscripts, notes and first-edition copies that provide insight into Joyce's most renowned novels, including "Ulysses," "Finnegans Wake" and "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" will be displayed. Various photographs and other memorabilia, including the author's walking canes, eyeglasses and family crest, will also be on display July 26 and 27 only. A smaller, scaled down display featuring several large photographic panels of James Joyce will remain on display for public viewing at the Library through Saturday, August 5.

"James Joyce is widely recognized as one of the most influential writers of the twentieth century," said James Maynard, curator of the UB Libraries' Poetry Collection. "Because UB's collection is the largest and most distinguished in the world, it has drawn Joyce scholars and students from around the world to Buffalo as a cultural destination."

Library Director Mary Jean Jakubowski said, "The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is extremely pleased to share these magnificent, one-of-a-kind rare artifacts from the UB Libraries with a wider audience and very excited to welcome the thousands coming to town for the Gaelic Games. We hope to continue to exhibit more of the fantastic rare collections housed in both UB's and our libraries."

New York State Assemblyman Michael P. Kearns said, "The University at Buffalo's James Joyce Collection is one of the many rare gems in our great city. It is fitting that we celebrate the arrival of the Continental Youth Championships Gaelic Games to Buffalo, a unique experience for our area, with the showcasing of this world-famous author. For this week, the City of Buffalo will be on display to people from across the country and the world, and I am thrilled we could bring this exclusive collection to them."

James Joyce: The University at Buffalo Collection is presented in partnership with the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, UB Libraries and New York State Assemblyman Michael P. Kearns. Additional support was provided by riverrun-NA, Inc. and the Rupp Family Foundation. For more information, visit www.BuffaloLib.org or call 716-858-8900. Downtown Central Library hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Library is closed on Sundays during the summer.

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