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## Passport to Reading 2017 Winners!



Here are the exciting results from the 2017 *Passport to Reading* contest - Buffalo & Erie County Public Library's Summer Reading initiative.

From mid-June to September 30, 2017, Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries invited the community to participate in the *Passport to Reading* contest by visiting all 37 libraries.

Residents were encouraged to travel the highways and byways of Erie County to experience each library. Everyone was given a special commemorative Summer Reading Passport that was stamped in each library to be eligible to win great prizes.

Why the Passport to Reading program? We wanted families to see and experience firsthand where reading and libraries could take them because each of the libraries has its own unique identity built around its community.

This was the first time we have ever had such a contest.

Over 9,500 entries were received from individuals who visited local libraries.

Over 150 people visited all 37 libraries and the *Library on Wheels* bookmobile.

The Grand Prize winning family – the Lesh Family of Buffalo was randomly selected from all of the entries of people who visited all 37 libraries. The drawing took place during a meeting of Library Managers and Directors held on October 11, 2017. It was shown live on the Library's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/buffalolibrary.central?ref=ts>.

### **They won: passes/tickets to:**

Albright-Knox Art Gallery;

Buffalo Bisons game;

Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens;

Buffalo History Museum;

Buffalo Museum of Science;

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's Kids Concerts;

Buffalo Zoo;

Just Buffalo BABEL Lecture Series;

Lancaster Opera House;

Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural National Historic Site;

*Theatre of Youth* performance tickets to the production of Bunnacula;

**Plus**, the *Buffalo Memories* hardcover book;

Buffalo Sabres autographed souvenirs including a hockey puck;

Note cards, stuffed animals and other goodies!

**Regional winners each won a selection of passes and tickets to local cultural organizations as well:**

Mary H. of East Aurora,

Noah S. of E. Amherst,

Erin D. of Tonawanda,

Nicholas W. of Chaffee, and

Mary V. of Grand Island.

**Thank you to all who entered and look for a new contest in the summer of 2018.**

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