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Buffalo Never Fails: The Queen City and World War I Opens

Buffalo Never Fails: The Queen City and World War I is now open for a two-year run at the Downtown Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square. The historically rich exhibit features the Library's spectacularly visual collection of local, national and international posters produced during the World War I period, collected and gifted to the Library after the war by Buffalonian Edward Michael. Photographs, letters, film footage, and artifacts from several local veteran organizations and collectors help tell the stories of commitment and sacrifice by individuals serving both at home and abroad.

A rifle salute, color guard ceremony and ribbon cutting with several local veterans organizations, Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Library Director Mary Jean Jakubowski and historian Jacek Wysocki, Esq., officially kicked off the opening earlier today.

"The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is extremely honored to present this special WWI exhibit and robust website to the community because it provides an opportunity to examine a monumental moment in world history through the eyes of local individuals and families," said Library Director Jakubowski.

Details about weekly guided tours on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. and library provided classroom materials relating to World War are available through the Library's website www.BuffaloLib.org. The exhibit was researched and written by Grosvenor Room Librarians Meg Cheman, Amy Pickard and Charles Alaimo. It was designed in-house by the Library's graphics team – Manager Dawn Stanton and Darlene Pennachi.

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NYS Military Museum and Veterans Research Center, AMVETS, Glenn H. Curtiss Museum (Hammondsport, NY), Antique Wireless Radio Association, International Plastics Modelers Society/Niagara Frontier Chapter, and individual families and collectors.

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