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The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library building was completed and officially dedicated on Oct. 18, 1964. Mark Multville/Buffalo News

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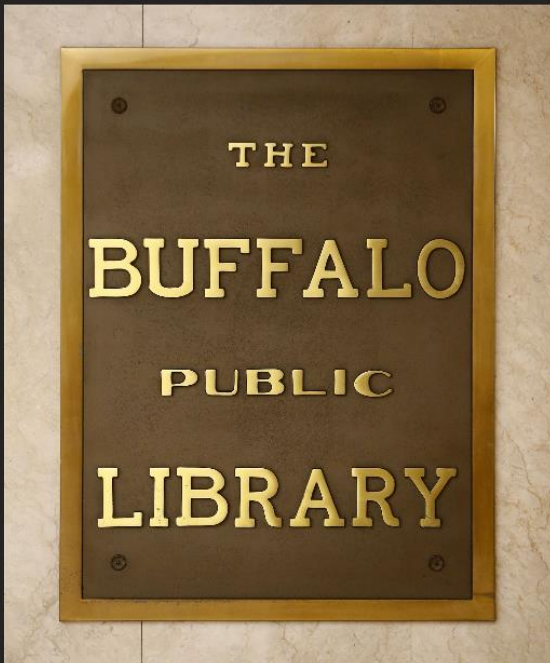


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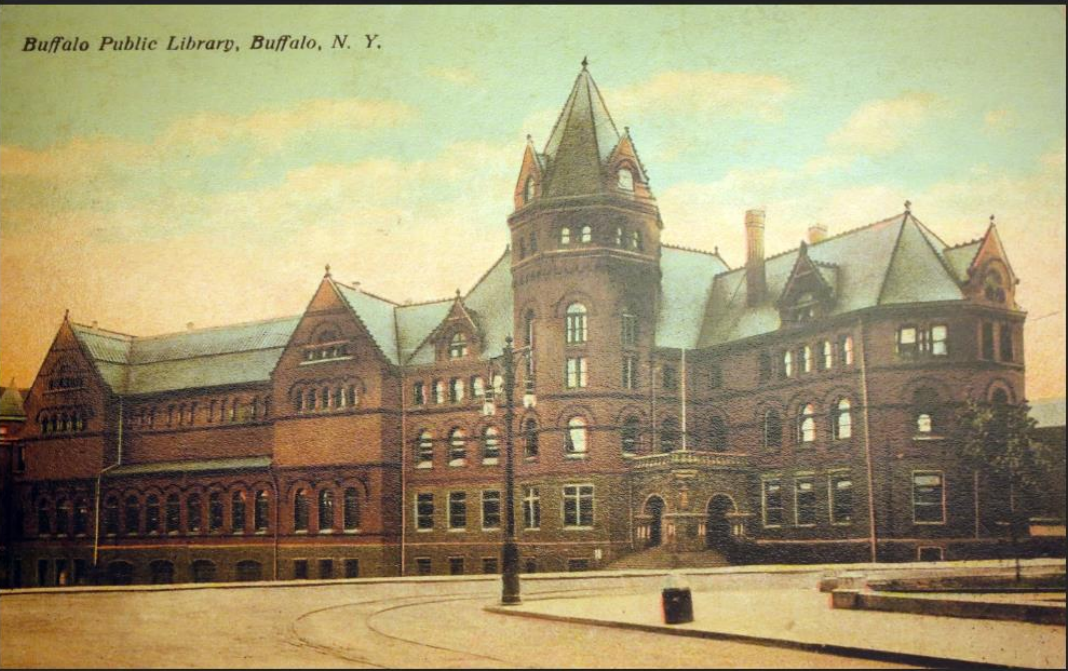
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The more than 420,000 materials were borrowed through the Central Library in 2017 included books, magazines, books on CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray and videotapes. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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Buffalo Public Library, Buffalo, N. Y.

The advent of the Young Men's Association (YMA) marked the beginning of public library service in Western New York. The Buffalo Public Library was also the home of the Buffalo Science Museum, History Museum and the Fine Arts Academy (which grew to become the Albright Knox). The building was torn down and replaced with the existing structure which was completed and dedicated in 1964. *Mark Mubville/Buffalo News*

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Buffalo Library became Buffalo Public Library upon contractual agreement with the city in 1847. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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The Grosvenor Room houses the Special Collections department at the Central Library. On the shelves, leather-bound city directories dating back to 1828 containing listings of names, households, and occupations are used by researchers and genealogists looking into Buffalo's past. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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Clarence Setzer looks at some microfilm as he does some research in the Grosvenor Room Buffalo & Erie County Public Library in Buffalo. Mark Multville/Buffalo News

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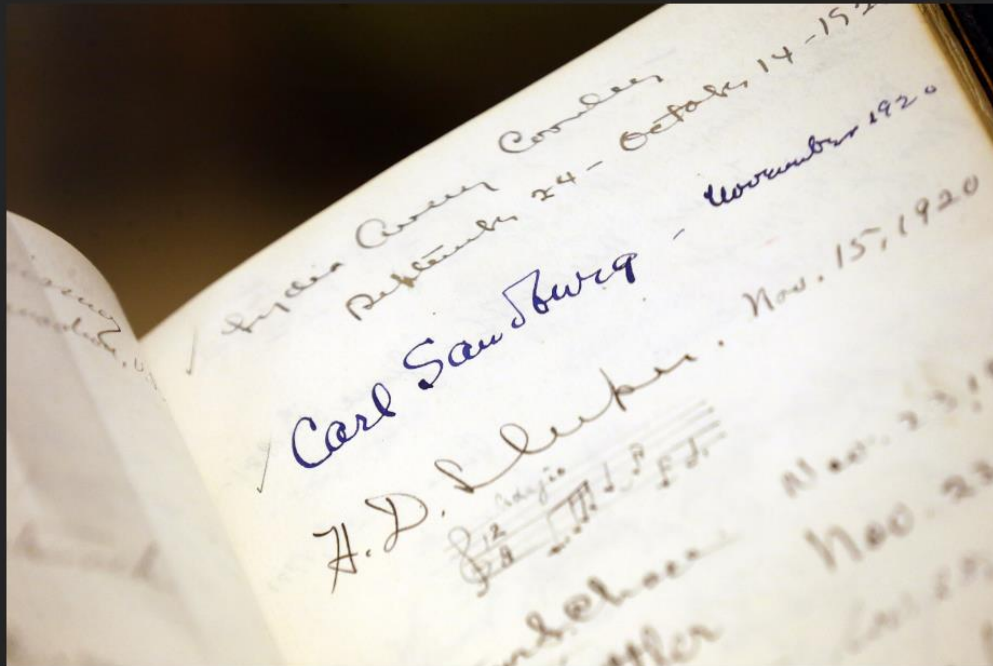
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One of the artifacts on display in the Grosvenor room is a visitor log used by Darwin Martin at his Jewett Parkway residence. Some of the famous people who signed the book are Carl Sandburg (November 1920) and Frank Lloyd Wright, who designed the Martin house (May 19, 1930). *Mark Murbille/Buffalo News*

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The Central Library had more than 303,000 visitors in 2017. The entire library system - 37 libraries plus the bookmobile - had nearly 3 million visitors in 2017. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library building has five floors, but visitors are only allowed on three of them. The other two are where most of the books are stored. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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The Rare Book Room has exhibitions that change about every year. Currently on display is "Building Buffalo: Buildings from Books, Books from Buildings." The ideas and images in these books supplemented the imaginations of the city's architects as they built Buffalo. *Mark Mulville/Buffalo News*

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Matt Minton takes some time with a book at the downtown Buffalo & Erie County Central Library Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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People gather for the noon-time Imagine Buffalo Lecture Series at the downtown Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Tuesday, January 30, 2018. The Series co-sponsored by the Wellness Institute of Greater Buffalo shows a Video: "Warren Buffett: Investing Forever." Mark Multille/Buffalo News

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In 1993, the library commissioned artist Howard Ben Tré (known for his large-scale cast glass sculptures and public space art work) to create the Ring of Knowledge sculpture of five benches for the library. Each of the five components represents an individual element or creative energy found in nature. The benches stand for: wind, water, ground, fire, and void, each weighing in at 320 pounds.
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The Launch Pad allows patrons to use a 3D printer, make a video, or record music. Romeo Mack works on recording a piece of music in one of the sound studios. Mark Multville/Buffalo News

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Patrons enjoy lunch or a coffee at Fables Cafe at the downtown Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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People relax with a book or catch up on the day's news with the newspaper at the downtown Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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The Whisper Space area is used for those looking for quiet when using The Buffalo & Erie County Public Central Library in Buffalo. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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Denise Chodkowski finds a quiet table in the Whisper Space to read the newspaper at the downtown Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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Senior Material Processor Kathy Alabisi puts a protective cover on a new book in the processing area before it's put into circulation. The library is always adding new materials into its circulation. Last year approximately 210,000 new materials including books, magazines, books on CDs, DVDs, Blu-ray and videotapes were added. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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Each new book is processed and sent to one of the county's 37 libraries from the processing room. (Books are stamped with the name of the library branch.) Books are also repaired in the processing room. Mark Mutoille/Buffalo News

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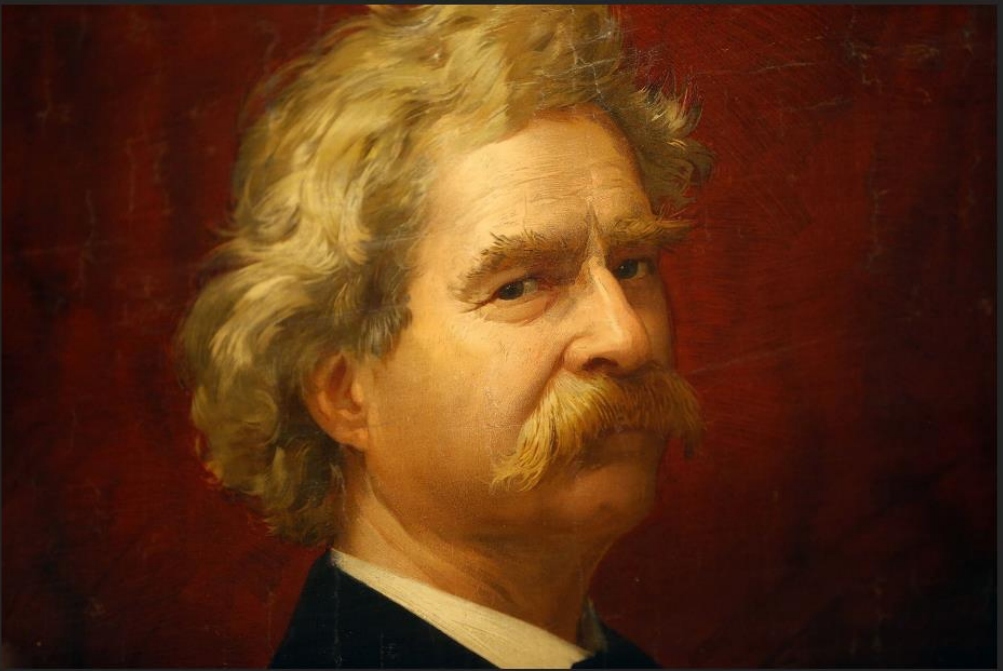


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The Mark Twain Room officially opened in May 1995. On display is the original handwritten manuscript of "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" that Twain gave to the library after receiving a letter from library curator James Fraser Gluck. Mark Twain lived in Buffalo from 1869 to 1871 where he served as editor of the newspaper 'The Buffalo Morning Press.' *Mark Mulville/Buffalo News*

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The TechKnow Lab offers free computer classes to library patrons many times throughout the week. Here students learn how to work with databases at the Central Library Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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A librarian uses a book lift to transport a book from one floor to another. When customers aren't able to find a book on the shelves, a librarian sends a request to a page who finds the material in the stacks, which are on a floor not open to the public. *Mark Mullette/Buffalo News*

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Kalie Rose, a page, pushes a cart as she looks for a book in the B Stacks at the downtown Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Tuesday, January 30, 2018. The B Stacks run two city blocks long and have 58 miles of shelving. *Mark Mulville/Buffalo News*

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Old books in the B Stacks, Mark Mittle/Bufalo News

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Darlene Pennachi, left, and Dawn Stanton, right, create some custom signs in the Graphics Department at the Central Library Tuesday. The two produce all the signs used in the 37 county public libraries. *Mark Mulville/Buffalo News*

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Senior Page Elizabeth Schultz, left, and Page Claudia DiSarno, right, stack books on a shelf in the fiction section at the Central Library Tuesday. Mark Muirville/Buffalo News

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In the Libraries Collections gallery the show, "Buffalo Never Fails: The Queen City and World War I" looks back to a critical time in the nation's history, emphasizing Buffalo's role in the war. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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Hazel Hitun and her mother Rachel Bouquard look for a book in the children's section at the Central Library Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Mark Mulsille/Buffalo News

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Workers unload bins of books collected from libraries throughout the county. Patrons can request materials from any of the libraries in the system and have them shipped to the library of their choice.
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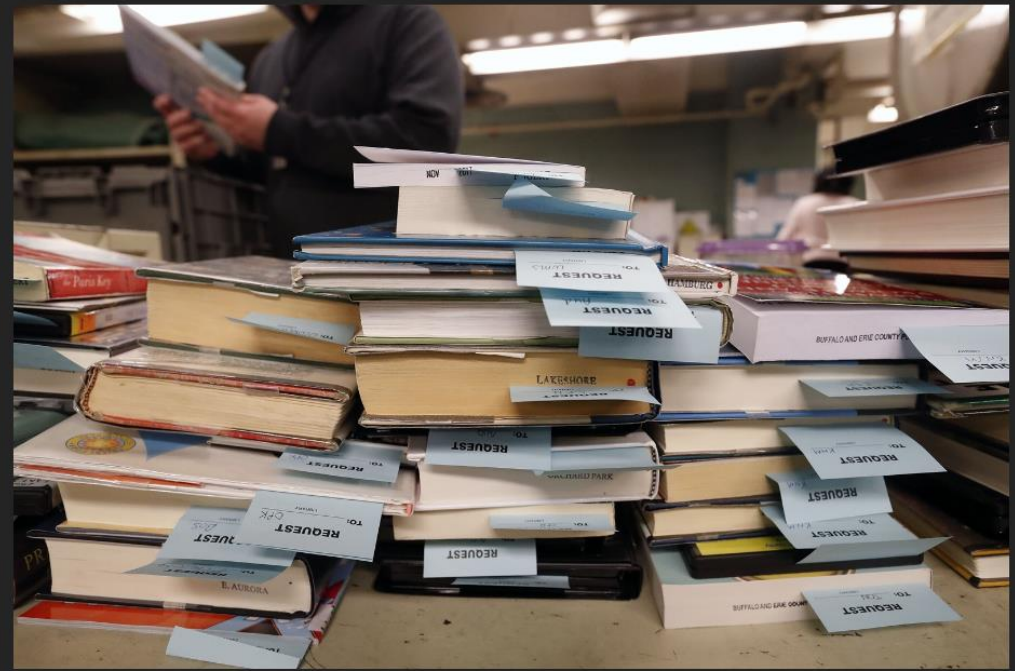
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A Closer Look: The Central Library



The concrete ramp in front of the library is heated by coils in the winter weather, so when it snows, the snow doesn't stick. Mark Mulville/Buffalo News

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Take a look inside the Buffalo & Erie County Central Library on Lafayette Square in downtown Buffalo, dedicated in 1964. It replaced the original Cyrus Eidlitz Buffalo Public Library dedicated in 1887. The library includes The Mark Twain Room, home of the original handwritten manuscript of "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" as well as other Twain memorabilia.

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