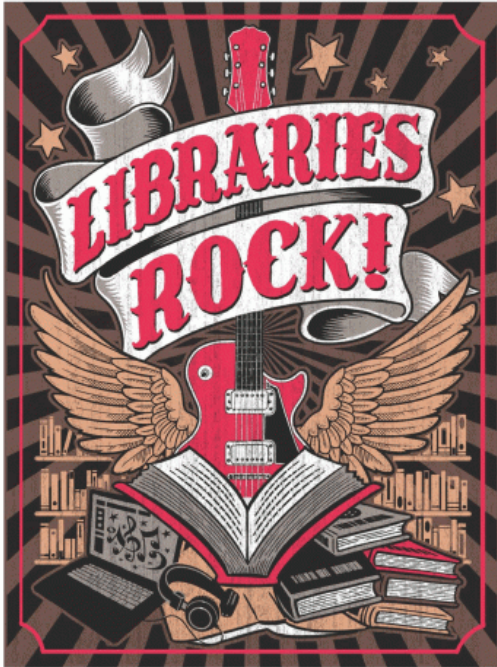


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Passport to Reading Program, Read Down Your Fines & More

Summer is here and whether your idea of fun involves adventuring across Erie County, exploring Buffalo's Canalside or curling up under a tree with a good book, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library has you covered with another exciting Summer Reading program. All 37 libraries and the *Library on Wheels* Bookmobile are welcoming children and families to dozens of free activities and events designed to foster a love of reading and a sense of discovery under the theme ***Libraries Rock!***

Library System Director Mary Jean Jakubowski said, "Reading year-round is important – especially during the summer break. Studies have repeatedly shown that summer reading and library programs encourage summertime reading, helping children, teens and young adults raise their learning levels and keep their reading skills sharp so they are better prepared to return to school in the fall. Library staff can help children select age-appropriate reading materials and provide literacy-enhancing programs, such as engaging storytelling, music making, DIY creating, teen reading competitions and live performances."

Highlights of the free ***Libraries Rock!*** Summer Reading program include:

Read Down Your Fines – Children ages 16 and under have an opportunity to pay down library fines through reading. For every 15 minutes of reading, a child earns one Library Buck toward reducing or eliminating overdue fines, now through September 15.

Passport to Reading, which was launched last year, takes you on a journey along the highways and byways of Erie County with a goal of visiting all 37 of the local public libraries. Travelers can pick up a special commemorative Passport at any branch and have it stamped at each library for a chance to win great prizes, including family passes to the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens and the Buffalo Museum of Science. Last year, more than 9,500 entries were submitted by patrons visiting at least one library.

Reading Logs, Reading Competitions and Great Prizes – Children track their summer reads to earn incentives and prizes when they reach predetermined milestones (number of books read).

Battle of the Books - All readers are winners in the annual "*Battle of the Books*." This popular summertime team trivia competition, now celebrating its 20th anniversary, is for youth entering grades six through nine. Head to your local library to learn more and see the final round of competition at Erie Community College – South Campus gym on Saturday, August 4 beginning at 11:15 a.m.!

The **Library on Wheels Bookmobile** will be out and about this summer. Just like at a library, you can borrow and return materials, access free WiFi and more! See where their next stop is [here](#).

Catch us at **Canalside Buffalo**, where we will be stationed outdoors for **Libraries Rock!** storytelling and free craft programs, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday through August 28.

[Click here](#) to find your child's Summer Reading lists from many local schools. Teachers are encouraged to share their lists of Summer Reading assignments with the Library. Call 716-858-8900 and ask for the Children's Department.

myON Digital Library - Thousands of children's books can be downloaded this summer as a part of Summer Reading at New York Libraries. The State Education Department and myON are partnering to bring young readers more than 6,000 fiction and nonfiction e-books covering a broad range of topics and themes. Also available are professionally recorded audio, text highlighting, an embedded dictionary and a zoom feature to support independent reading. Now through September 2018. Unlimited 24/7 access, online and offline.

To begin, visit www.myon.com and enter the following information in the login:

School Name: Buffalo and Erie County Public Library

Username:

PreK-Grade 5 enter becplstudent1

Grades 6-8 enter becplstudent6

Password: read

Mayor Byron Brown's Reading Rules! Summer Challenge - To learn more about this great reading program for children and teens, visit your library or follow this link: <http://www.buffalony.gov/1170/2018-Mayors-Kids-Summer-Reading-Challenge>

Plus...

Calling all young makers! Join us every Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., now through July 24, at Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square in Buffalo for **Maker Camp** programs - perfect for children ages 8 to 12 who love to build, tinker, create and explore. Register for a free spot today at 716-858-8900.

Read Aloud - Just 15 minutes, every child, every day! Reading aloud is the best way to help children develop word mastery and grammatical understanding, which form the basis for learning to read on their own. Your child doesn't stop growing over the summer; make sure they don't stop learning either.

Vote for your all-time favorite classic book in the *Great (North) American Read* PBS contest. Follow this link: <https://www.wned.org/television/program-highlights/great-american-read/>.

For more information about Summer Reading activities, visit your Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, call 716-858-8900 or visit <http://www.BuffaloLib.org>. For a New York State Summer Reading overview and additional information for educators, parents and caregivers, go to <http://www.summerreadingnys.org/>.

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Free library cards are available in all libraries, and applications can be downloaded from www.BuffaloLib.org. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian with identification to obtain a card. Schools are encouraged to share their lists of Summer Reading assignments with the Library. For more information about Summer Reading activities, visit any Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, call 716-858-8900 or visit www.BuffaloLib.org. You can follow the Library on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#) and [Flickr](#) and check out *All Booked Up*, the Library's podcast on [SoundCloud](#).



Alden Ewell Free Library – A Brief Tour of the Universe, July 19

Angola Public Library – Buffalo Animal Adventures, July 23

Audubon Branch (Amherst) – Summer Reading Picnic, August 15

Aurora Town Library – Aquarium of Niagara Traveling Touch Tank, July 29

Boston Free Library – Synthesizer Magic, August 7

Central Downtown Library (Buffalo) – Buffalo and Brandy Music Show, August 2

Clarence Public Library – American Girls Rock, August 1

Clearfield Branch (Amherst) – Zoomobile: World Safari, August 18

Town of Collins Public Library – Tinkering in the Library, July 14

Concord Public Library – Charlie and Checkers Magic, August 9

Crane Branch (Buffalo) – Read to Nell, the Therapy Dog, August 20

Dudley Branch (Buffalo) – Craft Night: Make a Kazoo, July 26

East Clinton Branch (Buffalo) – Ice Cream Party, August 15

East Delavan Branch (Buffalo) – DIY Instruments, July 27

Eden Library – Brazilian Samba Drumming, July 19

Egbertsville–Snyder Branch (Amherst) – Nickel City Reptiles, July 18

Elma Public Library – Explore & More: South African Dolls, August 22

Grand Island Memorial Library – Hawk Creek: Amazing Adaptations, July 26

Hamburg Public Library – Phoebe the Friendly Reading Dog, July 28

Kenilworth Branch (Tonawanda) – Fairy Gardens with the Buffalo Botanical Gardens, July 23

Kenmore Branch (Tonawanda) – Zoomobile: A Touch of Class, August 7

Lackawanna Public Library – Family Movie Night, July 24

Lake Shore Public Library (Hamburg) – Spongebob Luau, July 14

Lancaster Library – Fun with Fossils, July 28

Marilla Free Library – Paul Antonio Magic & Variety Act, July 25

Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Library (Buffalo) – 15th Animation Fest, August 4

Newstead Public Library – Little Mermaid Puppet Show, August 8

Niagara Branch (Buffalo) – Detective Science, July 25

North Collins Public Library – Recycle Regatta, July 25

North Park Branch (Buffalo) – Zoomobile: World Safari, July 28

Orchard Park Public Library – Summer Library Carnival, July 28

Anna Reinstein Memorial Library (Cheektowaga) – Zoomobile: World Safari, August 11

Julia Boyer Reinstein Library (Cheektowaga) – Primate Sanctuary, July 18

Riverside Branch (Buffalo) – Ice Cream Social, August 18

City of Tonawanda Public Library – Kindness Rocks! Rock Painting, August 4

West Seneca Public Library – Penn Dixie: Geology Rocks, August 10

Williamsville Branch (Amherst) – Digging Dinosaurs, July 19

Library on Wheels– Follow the bookmobile throughout the summer all around Erie County!

Programs are subject to change - please call your library first to confirm programs.

For more detailed information, visit the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library website at www.BuffaloLib.org, call 716-858-8900 or friend/follow the Library on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), [Flickr](#) and [SoundCloud](#).

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