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#### *Kathleen Berens Bucki Named New Board Chair*

**Kathleen Berens Bucki, MLS**, was appointed chair of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System Board of Trustees at the January Board meeting. Ms. Bucki is a school librarian and works as a substitute teacher in the Ken-Ton School District. She resides in Amherst.

**Alan J. Bedenko, Esq.**, was re-elected vice chair for a one-year term. Mr. Bedenko is an associate with Burden, Hafner & Hansen, LLC. In 2014 and 2015, Mr. Bedenko was named one of "Western New York's 250 Most Influential People" by Buffalo Business First. Mr. Bedenko is an occasional columnist for The Public and he resides in Clarence.

**Kimberly Johnson** was re-elected secretary for a one-year term. Ms. Johnson is senior billing account clerk with the Erie County Probation Department. Ms. Johnson resides in Buffalo.

**Joel C. Moore, Esq.**, was re-elected treasurer for a one-year term. Mr. Moore serves as assistant legal counsel for the Buffalo Public Schools. Mr. Moore resides in Buffalo.

Executive Committee members, along with Board Chair Kathleen Berens Bucki and Vice Chair Alan Bedenko, are: **Sheldon M. Berlow**, associate broker, Pyramid Brokerage Company; **Katie Burd**, Kenmore Village Trustee and assistant to the president, Hadley Exhibits, Inc., and **Frank Housh, Esq.**, Housh Law Offices, PLLC in Buffalo. Housh is the outgoing chair of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Board of Trustees.

Additional trustees serving the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System Board include:

**Michael Amodeo, Esq.**;

**Lucy A. Candelario**, executive director, The Belle Center;

**Frank Gist**, retired Buffalo firefighter and owner of Greater Buffalo Bail Bonds Agency;

**Theodore K. Johnson**, president, Hadley Exhibits, Inc.;

**Sharon M. Kelly, Esq.**, retired, Hodgson Russ LLP;

**Elaine M. Panty**, retired City of Buffalo Water Authority employee; and

**Rhonda A. Ricks, PhD**, president and CEO, R+A+R Development Inc.

Trustee emeriti are **W. Lawrence Buck**, **Jack Connors**, **Richard O. Hopkins**, **the Hon. Salvatore R. Martoche** and **Rebecca L. Pordum**.

**Mary Jean Jakubowski** is Library System Director.

In 2018, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries, representing 37 libraries and the *Library on Wheels* bookmobile, circulated over 6.51 million materials. The combined door count was 2.86 million. Last year, for every \$1 received from Erie County taxpayer funding, \$4.80 went back to the community in library services and programs. Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries have over three million materials available for borrowing including books, eBooks, DVDs, CDs, downloadable music and more.

Library card applications can be downloaded from [www.BuffaloLib.org](http://www.BuffaloLib.org) and taken to any of the local public libraries for processing. The Library System also offers an online eLibrary card to anyone 17 and over, which allows access to downloadable formats through the website. For more information, call 716-858-8900 or visit [www.BuffaloLib.org](http://www.BuffaloLib.org).

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