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**Free Crafts, Storytelling, Photo Ops, Games, Live Music and More at Central Library**  
**Major Community Event Launches Summer Reading 2019 Initiative**

Wizards, Muggles and Magical Beings of all ages are invited to "**Harry Potter Day @ the Library**" on **Saturday, June 22** from **12 noon to 5 p.m.** at the downtown **Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo**. This magical celebration will feature many free and fun activities, including a performance by the internationally known wizard rock band *Harry and the Potters*. The event will also mark the beginning of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System's Summer Reading 2019 initiative.

Free activities will take place inside the Library and, weather permitting, outdoors on the Central Library ramp and Reading Park, located at the Washington Street entrance. Participants are encouraged to wear Harry Potter costumes/attire. Featured activities include: Hogwarts house sorting, trivia contests, crafts featuring charms and transfiguration, potion making, mandrake planting, fun fortune telling, magical creatures with Buffalo Animal Adventures, Quidditch matches, photo opportunities, prizes and more! Nitro Magic<sup>®</sup> will provide free ice cream on a first-come, first-serve basis and local food trucks will sell refreshments on site.

Scheduled events at the Potter celebration include the Library System's *A Universe of Stories* - the 2019 Summer Reading announcement at 12 noon. At 4:00 p.m., the popular band *Harry and the Potters* will perform a high-energy live show. Since founding the wizard rock genre in Boston, MA in 2002, the band has released three albums, with a fourth expected later this year. They have played over 800 shows in libraries, clubs, bookstores and basements around the world.

"We are thrilled to host **Harry Potter Day @ the Library**," said Library Director Mary Jean Jakubowski. "J.K. Rowling's beloved series has inspired generations of readers and showcases the magic of stories and storytelling. We are especially pleased to welcome back the talented band *Harry and the Potters*. Bandmates and brothers Paul and Joe DeGeorge last performed at the Central Library to a standing room only crowd in 2007!"

**Harry Potter Day @ the Library** and Summer Reading are generously supported by Western New York Family Magazine, National Grid, Hilton Garden Inn-Buffalo Downtown, Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation, National Fuel, Greyline Outdoor Advertising, Rich Products Corporation, The Buffalo News and WGRZ-TV Channel 2.

Several libraries in the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System are also offering Harry Potter programming in June. A listing is below.

### Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Harry Potter Programs

#### Harry Potter Wizarding Wands! @ East Clinton Branch Library

1929 Clinton St., Buffalo

Saturday, June 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Is your wand made of holly wood, flexible, and unicorn hair? Or, maybe it's oak wood, firm, with a dragon heartstring? Join us for our Harry Potter wand crafting event and get ready to represent your Hogwarts House! For more information, please call 716-823-5626 or message us on Facebook @eclbranchlibrary.

#### Welcome to Hogwarts! @ Riverside Branch Library

820 Tonawanda St., Buffalo

Saturday, June 8 at 12 noon

Make a special magical wand! Choose your House and pose for an official Hogwarts ID, and take home your very own dragon's egg.

**Craft Night: Harry Potter Potions @ Crane Branch Library**

633 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo

Saturday, June 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Come and make Harry Potter potion charms that come straight from the book!

**Crafts & More @ Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library****1324 Jefferson Ave., Buffalo**

Thursday, June 13 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (all ages welcome!)

Join us as we create our very own Harry Potter themed coloring books, get sorted into Hogwarts houses, and more! Registration is encouraged. Call (716)883-4418 for more information.

**Harry Potter Night/Make a Wand! @ North Park Branch Library****975 Hertel Ave., Buffalo**

Friday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a craft while we watch Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG) on the big screen! Make sure to bring your wand to the performance by "Harry and the Potters" at Central Library on Saturday, June 22, as we kick off Summer Reading 2019!

**Wizarding Wand Creation @ Leroy Coles, Jr. Branch Library****1187 E. Delavan Ave., Buffalo**

Saturday, June 15 at 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a program on Wizarding Wand Creation - embellish your wand with "fur," "hair," "mosses," and other magically imbued items.

**Harry Potter Mania! @ Isaías González-Soto Branch Library**

280 Porter Ave., Buffalo

Saturday, June 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Join us as we count down to Summer Reading with a day of crafts and fun! Hunt for magical creatures, and make your own wand and snitch! Fun for all ages, and no need to register!

**Butterbeer Making and Crafts @ Dudley Branch Library****2010 South Park Ave., Buffalo**

Saturday, June 15 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy butterbeer making, button making, and a Father's Day craft (for those who missed Thursday's session.) All ages welcome!

**Harry Potter Day @ the Library, downtown Central Library****1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo**

Saturday, June 22 from 12 noon – 5:00 p.m.

Wizards, Muggles, and Harry Potter fans of all ages are invited to a magical celebration with free activities, including a performance by internationally known wizard rock band *Harry and the Potters*. There will also be Hogwarts house sorting, trivia contests, crafts featuring charms and transfiguration, potion making, mandrake planting, fun fortune telling, magical creatures with Buffalo Animal Adventures, Quidditch matches, photo opportunities, prizes and more! Nitro Magic© will provide free ice cream on a first-come, first-served basis. Local food trucks will also sell refreshments on site.

Click here to see updated Harry Potter programs in Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries: <https://buffalolib.libcal.com/calendar/events/?t=g&q=Potter&cid=8851&cal=8851>.

For more information about free activities in Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries, visit [www.BuffaloLib.org](http://www.BuffaloLib.org) or call 716-858-8900.

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