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### Summer Reading 2019 @ Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries

#### ***Passport to Reading Program, Play Down Your Fines & More***

Summer has arrived, and the Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries want you to explore ***A Universe of Stories*** with hundreds of free, fun family programs happening in the coming months. Whether your idea of fun involves exploring the ins and outs of Erie County, curling up under a tree with a good book, or spending time outdoors, the Library has something for you! All 37 libraries and the *Library on Wheels* bookmobile welcome children and families for summer-long programs designed to foster a love of reading and a sense of discovery.

Library System Director Mary Jean Jakubowski said, "Reading year-round is critical – especially for students, and most importantly, during the summer months. Studies have repeatedly shown that summer reading helps children raise their learning levels and it keeps reading skills sharp so they are better prepared for school in the fall. Library staff can help select age-appropriate materials and provide literacy-enhancing programs, such as engaging storytelling, music making, DIY creating, teen reading competitions and live performances."

Highlights of the free ***A Universe of Stories*** programming at Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries include:

#### ***Reading Logs, Reading Competitions and Great Prizes*** – Children track their summer reads to

earn incentives and prizes when they reach predetermined milestones.

***myON Digital Library*** – As part of Summer Reading at New York Libraries, the State Education Department and myON® by Renaissance®, are partnering to bring thousands of digital books to children (birth through 12th grade) and their families. Unlimited, 24/7 access to the myON digital library is available through a single shared account login, now through September 30, using free mobile apps. All Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries have children's computers. To begin, visit <https://www.myon.com/school/newyorkreads> and enter the following information in the login:

Username: read      Password: books

***NEW! Sports Equipment Share and Play Down Your Fines*** – Only at the Isaías González-Soto Branch Library, 280 Porter Avenue, children under the age of 17 can borrow soccer or lacrosse kits and, if needed, they can play down their library card fines/fees. Thank you to our partners Project Play WNY and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation!

***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 21.

***Passport to Reading*** – Our popular summer program is back! Explorers head out 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, Kissing Bridge and the Buffalo Museum of Science.

***Battle of the Books*** – All readers are winners in the annual "*Battle of the Books*." This popular summertime team trivia competition 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 3 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 **Buffalo Waterfront** (Canalside Buffalo), where the Library will be stationed outdoors every Tuesday for **A Universe of Stories** storytelling and free craft programs from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from July 2 to August 27.

The Library will also be at the **Basil: Port of Call Buffalo** from July 5 to 7.

[Click here](#) to find your school's Summer Reading list on the Library System website. 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.

**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](#).

Plus...

Join us for special storytimes throughout the summer with **Buffalo Bisons** mascot **Celery!** Celery will visit libraries across Erie County to promote the new book *Celery's Greatest Race*. Copies of the book will also be available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds supporting the Library.

Calling all young makers! Join us every Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., July 10 through August 7, 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.

Don't forget to stop by your library for other fun programs including crafts, concerts, visits from The Buffalo Zoo and Aquarium of Niagara, storytimes and much more, and save the date for **Library Night at the Ballpark** on Friday, August 16!

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Free library cards are available in all libraries, and applications can be downloaded from [www.BuffaloLib.org](http://www.BuffaloLib.org). Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian with identification to obtain a card. For more information about Summer Reading activities, visit any Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, call 716-858-8900 or visit [www.BuffaloLib.org](http://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** – Science Fun, July 25

**Angola Public Library** – Gravitational Bull, August 3

**Audubon Library (Amherst)** – Summer Earth Camp, July 30

**Aurora Town Public Library** – Aquarium of Niagara Touch Tank, June 29

**Boston Free Library** – Bubble Day, June 27

**Central Downtown Library (Buffalo)** – Maker Camp, July 17

**Clarence Public Library** – Superhero Academy, June 29

**Clearfield Branch (Amherst)** – LEGO Club, August 3

**Town of Collins Public Library** – Galaxy Playdough, July 18

**Concord Public Library** – SPCA Paws For Love, July 11

**Crane Branch (Buffalo)** – Outer Space Journals, June 22

**Dudley Branch (Buffalo)** – Mr. K's Mobile Dome Planetarium, August 24

**East Clinton Branch (Buffalo)** – Button-Making & Board Games, August 9

**Eden Library** – STEAM Saturday, June 22

**Eggertsville-Snyder Branch (Amherst)** – A Universe of Storytime, July 25

**Elma Public Library** – All-You-Can-Make Art Bar, August 14

**Grand Island Memorial Library** – Books, Balls and Blocks, June 27

**Hamburg Public Library** – Sensory Saturday, June 15

**Isaías González-Soto Branch (Buffalo)** – Spaced-Out Magic with Cris Johnson, August 26

**Kenilworth Branch (Tonawanda)** – A Visit with the Snow Queen, July 16

**Kenmore Branch (Tonawanda)** – Summer Reading Concert with Nan Hoffman, June 25

**Lackawanna Public Library** – Checkers and Snoozer, June 29

**Lake Shore Public Library (Hamburg)** – What Would You Do In Space?, June 29

**Lancaster Public Library** – Hawk Creek Wildlife Center, July 25

**Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch (Buffalo)** – Preschool Storytime, August 16

**Marilla Free Library** – Family Game Night, June 27

**Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch (Buffalo)** – What Would You Do in Space?, July 24

**Newstead Public Library** – Make a Terrarium, July 23

**North Collins Public Library** – Make Galaxy Slime, June 24

**North Park Branch (Buffalo)** – Magnificent Mammals, July 6

**Orchard Park Public Library** – LittleBits Makerspace Fun, August 14

**Anna Reinstein Memorial Library (Cheektowaga)** – Spencer's Animals, August 6

**Julia Boyer Reinstein Library (Cheektowaga)** – To the Moon and Back, July 19

**Riverside Branch (Buffalo)** – Ice Cream Social, August 17

**City of Tonawanda Public Library** – Blast Off! Rocket Building Workshop, June 29

**West Seneca Public Library** – Dungeons & Dragons, July 27

**Williamsville Branch (Amherst)** – Summer Stories, July 10

**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](http://www.BuffaloLib.org), call 716-858-8900 or friend/follow the Library on

**Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Flickr and SoundCloud.**

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