



Fall/Winter 2020

Dear Erie County Educator:

I am sure you will agree that this year is unlike any that we have ever experienced. Our lives and daily routines have been turned upside down with a variety of new and unique challenges.

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System (B&ECPL) recognizes school administrators, teachers, students and families are facing unprecedented adaptations of classroom learning. I am pleased to inform you that all 37 of our libraries are open, serving the community and ready to help! In addition to a multitude of books, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs, every library has public access computers as well as free high-speed internet and Wi-Fi access. Library hours of operation can be found on our website at <https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-and-hours>.

Recognizing that students are attending school in a variety of ways (remote, hybrid, and in-classroom), we have created a *new* STUDENT DIGITAL (LIBRARY) CARD, which provides remote access to B&ECPL's electronic resources including: eBooks, eAudio, homework help tools, databases, virtual programs, downloadable music and so much more! No parental/guardian permission is required to obtain the STUDENT DIGITAL (LIBRARY) CARD and parents/guardians can easily upgrade this library card to a free full privilege library card (for borrowing physical materials and to use the library's internet and Wi-Fi) at the time of application or by coming into any B&ECPL library at their convenience. Additional information on this and our other types of library cards can be found at www.buffalolib.org/library-cards.

I am enclosing a flyer on our *new* STUDENT DIGITAL (LIBRARY) CARD and ask that you forward it to parents and students. A link to the flyer can also be found at <https://www.buffalolib.org/services/teachers>. In encouraging students to obtain the STUDENT DIGITAL (LIBRARY) CARD we believe that **together, we are strengthening access to helpful resources and services to ensure opportunities and success for all children during these ever-changing times.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (716) 858-7180 or Linda Rizzo at (716) 858-7135. We look forward to connecting your students and teachers with resources that enrich, enlighten and entertain.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Jean Jakubowski".

Mary Jean Jakubowski, Director

NOTE: The online STUDENT DIGITAL (LIBRARY) CARD application requires submission of an email address. School email addresses, for understandable reasons, may be blocked from receiving outside mail. It would be helpful if your Technology Staff is able to confirm that email from the buffalolib.org domain is deliverable to students using your school's email address. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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