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UPDATE Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries as of November 20, 2020

For the safety of all, some Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries have adjusted their schedules and services beginning today, Friday, November 20, 2020. Updates can be found on the Library System website at: <u>https://buffalolib.libcal.com/</u>.

"We know libraries are important - as is the health and safety of everyone in our community," said Library Director Mary Jean Jakubowski. "All 37 libraries in the System are located in a designated New York State Micro-Cluster Zone. As of today, seven City of Buffalo branches and the downtown Central Library are offering curbside/walk-up services only. Library cardholders can borrow books, DVDs, CDs and anything else available for borrowing by calling 716-858-8900 or their local library for details." You can apply online at http://vf.buffalolib.org/vufind/OnlineSignup/Home/ for a free library card to reserve library materials for pickup or to access downloadable materials such as eBooks, music and eAudiobooks. Student digital cards are also available to

A calendar featuring hundreds of virtual programs including storytimes, author talks, cooking demos, family crafts and more can be found at: <u>https://buffalolib.libcal.com/calendar/events/?cid=12898&t=d&d=0000-00-</u>00&cal=12898&inc=0.

Additionally, technology experts are available to schedule one-on-one online appointments by calling 716-858-8900. Questions can be emailed to: AskUs@buffalolib.org.

Free WiFi is available 24/7 outside of all of the 37 library buildings.

access thousands of eResources.

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System has more than 3.2 million items available for borrowing including traditional printed materials and downloadable content. There are nearly 400,000 library cardholders, and free library cards are available to residents of Erie County, NY as well as those who work and/or attend school in the county. For more information on library services, call 716-858-8900 or visit <u>www.BuffaloLib.org</u>. Follow the Library on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and listen to the podcast "<u>All Booked Up!"</u>