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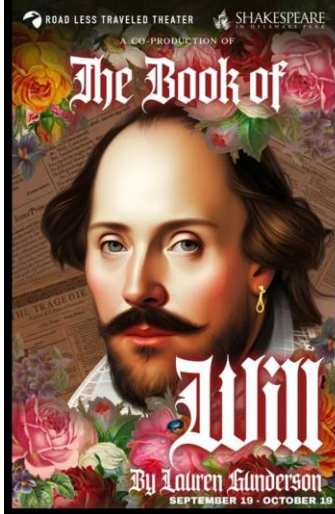
ONE CARD ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!

**Celebrate Library Card
Sign-Up Month!**



This September, celebrate **Library Card Sign-Up Month** by discovering how one small card opens doors for a lifetime. From books and vinyl checkouts, to a child's very first storytime, to homework help and digital learning for students—even career resources, cultural programs, and community discounts—your library card is a tool for *every* stage of life.

As Buffalo's oldest cultural institution, the Library has always been here for everyone: **free, welcoming, and Profoundly Public.** [Sign up for your card today](#) and be part of a tradition that fuels imagination and strengthens our community in Buffalo and Erie County.



LIBRARY X SHAKESPEARE

The Book of Will: Opening Night Event

The Bard Comes to Buffalo

This fall, we're proud to partner with Road Less Traveled Theater and Shakespeare in Delaware Park on their production of *The Book of Will*—a tribute to Shakespeare's First Folio—running from September 19 to October 19.

Library cardholders will receive \$5 off the regular ticket price when purchasing in person, for performances September 20 – October 19!

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is one of the very public few institutions nationwide to hold Shakespeare's full First Folio. The Library curated a display in the Theater lobby offering patrons an intimate glimpse into the literary legacy behind the stage—a thrilling opportunity to bring the Bard to life.



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: KICK-OFF EVENT

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

On Monday, September 15, at 12:00 p.m., we will kick off Hispanic Heritage Month with our annual community gathering at the Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square—a free event welcoming all to come together and celebrate our shared cultural legacy. Throughout the month, the Central Library will also host displays and provide reading lists for patrons. Learn about more Hispanic Heritage Month events at the library [here](#).

On Wednesday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m., Elma Public Library will host a special Book Club meeting focused on *How the García Girls Lost Their Accents* by Julia Alvarez, exploring acculturation through fifteen interconnected stories.

On Thursday, October 2, at 2:00 p.m., Nuestra América: Stories of 30 Inspiring Latinas/Latinos Who Have Shaped the United States with Smithsonian Educators
More Information: <https://libraryc.org/buffalolib/95290>

On Demand:

Drawing Your World with Raúl The Third (PK – 2nd Grade)
Information: <https://libraryc.org/buffalolib/80574>

Dibuja tu mundo con Raúl the Third (PK – 2nd Grade)
Information: <https://libraryc.org/buffalolib/80578>

Liberating Latin American Genre Fiction: In Conversation with Bestselling Author Silvia Moreno-Garcia
Information: <https://libraryc.org/buffalolib/80548>

Crying in the Bathroom: A Memoir: An Author Talk with Erika L. Sánchez
Information: <https://libraryc.org/buffalolib/80504>



The Buffalo Humanities Festival returns on Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Central Library, free and open to all.

This annual celebration of ideas, art, and community features talks, panels, and discussions is designed to spark conversation, inspire curiosity, and connect people across Buffalo. This year's theme, *Fabrication*, invites participants to explore creativity and innovation through engaging sessions held in multiple library spaces, including the Ring of Knowledge, Collections Gallery, Central Meeting Room, and Auditorium.

The Festival is presented by the University at Buffalo Humanities Institute in cooperation with Canisius University, Niagara University, SUNY Buffalo State University, and the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, with support from Humanities New York. From thought-provoking panels to hands-on experiences, the day promises something for everyone.

Registration is encouraged at buffalohumanities.org.



A Special Storytime with Christian Benford

In partnership with [47 Hearts Foundation](http://47HeartsFoundation.org), the Crane Branch Library hosted an overflow crowd for a reading of Christian Benford's *Stylish Safari: The Adventures of Being You*. The Buffalo Bills cornerback took time out of a busy training schedule to read his new book, sign copies for the public, and take photos.

LET'S GO BUFFALO!

Want to check out *Stylish Safari*? [Find it here!](#)

What's HAPPENING.

- [GED Prep Class](#): Looking to take the GED exam? E2CC BOCES is hosting free GED prep classes. No registration required—come to as many or as few classes as you need. Angola Public Library / **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00–4:00 p.m.**
- [Boston Conservation Advisory Council Local Environmental Awareness Fair \(L.E.A.F.\)](#): Learn about conservation, wildlife, agriculture, and outdoor resources at this annual fair featuring demonstrations, activities, and fun for the whole family, including the *Library on Wheels* bookmobile. Boston Town Park / **Saturday, September 13, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**
- [National Voter Registration Day Civics Fair](#): Celebrate civics awareness with community organizations sharing information on government, elections, and the civic process. Free and open to all in the Ring of Knowledge. **Central Library / Tuesday, September 16, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**
- [Job Fair](#): Connect with employers and explore opportunities at this job fair sponsored by Peaceprints of WNY. Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library / **Wednesday, September 17, 1:00–3:00 p.m.**
- [Doors Open Buffalo at the Central Library](#): Explore the Central Library with 30-minute insider tours offered on the hour. Learn about library history, services, the Mark Twain Room, and even peek into our hidden two-block-long Tiers where books are stored. A button-making activity for kids and families will also be available. **Central Library / Saturday, September 20, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.**

- [The Business of Music Workshop](#): Take your music career to the next level with this free workshop covering copyright, publishing, royalties, and business basics. Presented by members of the Three 2 Go Music Alliance and supported by the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame. **Elaine M. Panty Branch Library / Saturday, September 20, 12:00–1:00 p.m.**
- [Romeo and Juliet presented by Shakespeare in Delaware Park](#): Experience a free one-hour performance of *Romeo and Juliet*, complete with a pre-show workshop and post-show discussion with the actors. **Anna Reinstein Memorial Library / Saturday, September 20, 2:00–4:15 p.m.**
- [Red Cross Blood Drive](#): Give the gift of life during this Red Cross Blood Drive. **Hamburg Public Library / Monday, September 22, 1:30–6:30 p.m.**
- [Urban League Legal Clinic & Resource Fair](#): Are you 18–24 with a prior conviction? Learn about your rights, the NYS Clean Slate Act, and other resources to help unlock your future. Presented by the Buffalo Urban League and other partners. **Central Library / Monday, September 29, 1:00–6:00 p.m.**

Stop by, and bring a friend – we hope you make the Library part of your month!

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