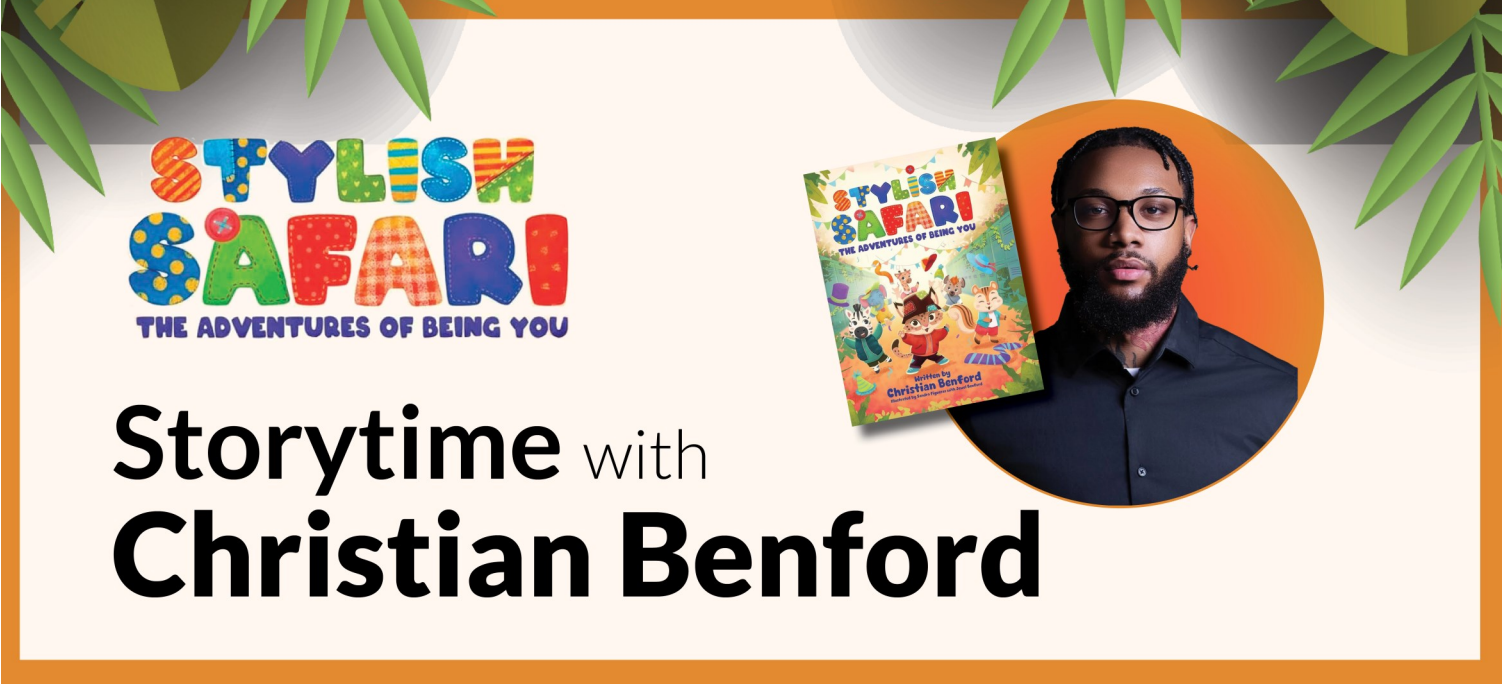


August 2025



A Special Storytime with Christian Benford!
Crane Branch Library
633 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo
Monday, August 25 at 11:30 a.m.
[More Information Found Here](#)

As part of our Summer Reading celebration, join us for a special storytime with **Buffalo Bills cornerback and children's book author Christian Benford on Monday, August 25 at 11:30 a.m.** at the Crane Branch Library!
Christian will read his uplifting book *Stylish Safari: The Adventures of Being You*, a story that encourages kids to embrace what makes them unique. It's the perfect way to close out a summer of reading, imagination, and community—don't miss it!
Alice, Ever After Books is [providing pre-sale](#) and will be on-site selling copies of Christian's book.



You Spin us Right Round!

Introducing Spin it Forward: An effort to replenish our vinyl record collection.

In celebration of National Vinyl Record Day on August 12, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library – teaming with [BTPM The Bridge](#) – is re-launching its vinyl collection donations for the first time since 1989. Whether it's The Strokes or SZA, Taylor Swift or Radiohead, we're curating a library that *grooves* again.

We invite the public to donate new or gently used, popular music vinyls after 1989 – from our excellent local record stores – to help us build a public collection that reflects music across generations.

How can you help?

Visit a local record store, purchase a vinyl for donation, and drop at ANY **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library location**. You can also [do-nate here](#) or [purchase merch](#): both will fund the direct purchase of records, by library staff, at a local store. Like book donations, all do-nations are subject to our Gift and Donor Recognition policy.



Calling all independent writers, poets, and storytellers!

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library will celebrate Indie Author Day on **Saturday, November 15, 2025** at the Central Library in Buffalo - and we're currently accepting submissions to present NOW through August 31.

If you'd like to host a reading, join a panel, or present a workshop, we want to hear from you. This annual event spotlights Western New York's vibrant literary talent—don't miss your chance to be part of it.

[Click here to learn more and submit!](#)



The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is proud to announce the opening of the [Western New York Digitization Center](#), located inside the Central Library's Grosvenor Room.

In partnership with the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society, this new center is part of a statewide effort to preserve local history and make it accessible for generations to come.

NYG&B is actively seeking volunteers to help scan, organize, and preserve historical documents—no experience needed!

[Read about the Digitization Center in The Buffalo News.](#)

What's HAPPENING.

Tiny Brick Builder's Guild: Create all sorts of buildings, spacecraft, figures and more with our LEGO bricks, or challenge your building skills with some of our idea books. Fun for everyone! **Eden Library / Every Wednesday in August, 4–5:30 p.m.**

Pokémon Club: Come hang out and talk about all things Pokémon. Learn to battle with Pokémon cards, or trade with friends. **Registration required.** This program is intended for children between the ages of 6 -12. Children 8 years old & under must be accompanied by a caregiver. **Hamburg Public Library / Tuesday, August 12, 4–6 p.m.**

Adventures Club - Buffalo Zoo Visit: A live animal show featuring reptiles, birds, and more with The Buffalo Zool! **Registration required.** **Audubon Branch Library / Wednesday, August 13, 2-3 p.m.**

End of Summer Carnival: Celebrate the end of summer with a bounce house, lawn games, activities, and a food truck. No registration required! **Grand Island Memorial Library / Friday, August 15, 1–2:30 p.m.**

Telehealth Workshop: Learn what a Patient Portal is, how to set one up securely, and how to use it to manage your health. Presented by Literacy Buffalo Niagara. **Central Library / Tuesday, August 19, 1:30–3:30 p.m.**

Celebrating the Life of Library Director John Spears: Join us to honor the life and legacy of John Spears, beloved Director of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, with a special in-person celebration. **Central Library Auditorium - Enter on Clinton St. / Wednesday, August 20, 5:30 p.m.**

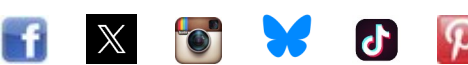
For all event listings, check out the library system calendar [here](#).

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

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[Visit the Library's website](#) for details about hours of operation, programs and more.

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