Summer Reading | 2021



Hello and Happy Summer!

All 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries are open and our staff is excited to see you. This summer, libraries are offering a variety of activities for all ages - indoor, outdoor and/or virtual. They are all free and designed to inspire and encourage you to learn, discover and have fun! See all upcoming programs here. Join us...



Online Summer Reading Challenge for Children, Teens & Adults!

Read a book, write a short review and you are eligible to win great prizes, such as a Kindle Fire HD®, Amazon gift card or book bag filled with goodies.

Click here for details.



Read Down Your Fines

Children age 16 and under can read down their fines.

Just 15 minutes of reading earns 1 Library Buck toward reducing overdue fines.

Available all year!

Click here for details.



Take & Make Activities

Many of the 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries are offering creative Do-It-Yourself craft and learning kits that can be picked up and assembled at home.

Click here to find out what libraries are offering!







Maker Camp Learning Kits

Every Saturday from July 24 -August 28, Maker Camp videos will be posted on the Central Library's Facebook & YouTubesites.

STEM kits filled with activity supplies can be picked up at any Buffalo Branch Library. Kits are first come, first served.

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Battle of the Books

The annual teen reading competition will go virtual this year! Those entering grades 6-10 are invited to participate.

Battles will take place virtually between July 30 and August 3, with the winner to be announced on Saturday, August 7.

Click here for details.

Buffalo Waterfront (Canalside)

Catch us at Canalside twice
each week during the
summer! On Tuesdays from
11 am to 1 pm, visit our tent
and pick up a free Take &
Make kit. On Wednesdays
from 10:30 - 11:30 am, we
are partnering with Every
Person Influences Children
(EPIC) for "Storytime at
Canalside."

Click here for dates & times.



Library on WheelsBookmobile

Click here to see where the Library on Wheels bookmobile will be traveling this summer across Erie County!



Youth Sports Equipment Lending & Play Down Your Fines

Soccer, lacrosse, basketball and tennis kits are available at select libraries. Children who borrow the equipment can have all their fines and fees erased from their Library account.

To see which libraries have equipment ready to check out, click here.

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Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.
Foundation and the Penguin
Random House Library
Award.



Library by Mail

Designed for Erie County residents who are temporarily or permanently homebound and unable to go to a physical library.

Call 716-858-7156 for details.



Keep cool all summer long with these free library programs:

Teen programming

Health & wellness programs

Upcoming library book sales

Genealogy programs

TechKnowLab classes and trainings

Book club discussions

Exhibits, displays, history and map programs

Page Turners for kids

IMAGINE Buffalo "Creating a Culture of Sustainability" virtual lectures

We hope to see you at the Library soon. To see all upcoming programs, click here.

For more information, visit your Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Call: 716-858-8900

Email: askus@buffalolib.org Visit: www.BuffaloLib.org.

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You can honor newly retired Library Director Mary Jean Jakubowski, who for almost 30 years worked to help meet the needs of the Erie County community with outreach, programs and resources. A fund has been set up honoring Mary Jean. Donations made in her honor will support diversity and inclusion services and training resources for the 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries. Click here to make a donation.















