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BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ANNOUNCES 2020 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kathleen Berens Bucki to Serve Second Term as Board Chair

At the January meeting of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Board of Trustees, **Kathleen Berens Bucki, MLS** was re-elected chair of the board for a one-year term. Ms. Bucki is a school librarian and works as a substitute teacher in the Ken-Ton School District. She resides in Amherst.

Kimberly Johnson was elected vice chair for a one-year term. She most recently served as secretary of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Johnson is senior billing account clerk with the Erie County Probation Department. Ms. Johnson resides in Buffalo.

Alan J. Bedenko, Esq. was elected secretary for a one-year term. He most recently served as board vice chair. Mr. Bedenko is an associate with Burden, Hafner & Hansen, LLC. Mr. Bedenko is an occasional columnist for *The Public* and he resides in Clarence.

Joel C. Moore, Esq. was re-elected treasurer for a one-year term. Mr. Moore serves as assistant legal counsel for the Buffalo Public Schools. Mr. Moore resides in Buffalo.

Executive Committee members, along with Board Chair Berens Bucki and Vice Chair Johnson, are: **Sheldon M. Berlow**, associate broker, Pyramid Brokerage Company; **Katie Burd**, Kenmore Village Trustee and logistics manager, Hadley Exhibits, Inc., and **Elaine M. Panty**, retired City of Buffalo Water Authority employee.

Additional trustees serving the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System Board include:

Michael Amodeo, Esq., confidential law clerk to Hon. Mark A. Montour, JSC;

Lucy A. Candelario, executive director, The Belle Center;

Carima El-Behairy, co-founder and managing partner, P22 type foundry;

Frank Gist, owner, Greater Buffalo Bailbond agency and feature Columnist, Buffalo Criterion News.

Frank Housh, Esq., owner, Housh Law Offices, PLLC;

Theodore K. Johnson, president, Hadley Exhibits, Inc.; and

Sharon M. Kelly, Esq., retired, Hodgson Russ LLP.

Trustee emeriti are **W. Lawrence Buck, Jack Connors, Richard O. Hopkins, the Hon. Salvatore R. Martoche** and **Rebecca L. Pordum**.

Mary Jean Jakubowski is Library System Director.

A few programming highlights planned in early 2020 include "A to Z Come Read with Me!" the annual Winter Reading initiative for children, teens, adults and classrooms, running now through March 13. "Take Your Child to the Library Day" on Saturday, February 1, and the Census 2020, *Get Counted @ Your Library* campaign that includes job recruitment promoting free use of public computer stations and library WiFi for census input.

In 2019, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries, representing 37 libraries and the *Library on Wheels* bookmobile, circulated over 6.63 million materials. The combined door count was 2.8 million. Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries have over three million materials available for borrowing including books, eBooks, DVDs, CDs, downloadable music and more.

Library card applications can be downloaded from www.BuffaloLib.org and taken to any of the local public libraries for processing. For more information, call 716-858-8900 or visit www.BuffaloLib.org.

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