



Celebrate National Library Week (April 4 – 10) and Love Your Library Month with us by taking advantage of the many exciting resources Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries have to offer. All free!

All 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries are now open in-person and online. [Click here to see library locations and open hours.](#) For everyone's health and safety, patrons and staff are required to follow social distancing protocols including 6 foot social distancing and mask wearing.

Beginning Monday, April 5, the quarantine period for returned books and media will be reduced to 48 hours (two days). Materials returned on time will not incur a late fee. If the material is not on a "hold" list you can [renew online](#) or by calling your library or 716-858-8900.

[Click here to see upcoming virtual and in-person library programs this month.](#) Highlights include:

Erie County Health Department Commissioner Dr. Gale Burstein presents and takes questions during a live Zoom program on Wed., April 7 at 10 a.m. [Details are here.](#)

Explore & More Children's Museum CEO Michelle Urbanczyk presents and takes questions on Tues., April 13 during the IMAGINE Buffalo lecture series at 12:30 p.m. [Details are here.](#)

A new exhibit, [E is for Erie County](#) features historic maps and photos in celebration of the County's bicentennial. On display now at the downtown Central Library.

Plus, free Children's/Teen Take & Makes and Adult Craft & Carry kits are available at many libraries. From storytimes to spring gardening classes to homeschool help, library staff can point you in the right direction for more information.



Share your love for libraries by posting a message about how your library has made a difference during these pandemic times on Instagram, Twitter, or on the [I Love Libraries Facebook page](#). Use the hashtag #MyLibraryIs. The American Library Association will randomly select 1 winner to receive a \$100

Visa gift card. The promotion runs from Sun., April 4 at 2 p.m. until 10 a.m. Sat., April 10. Don't forget to tag the Library System @buffalolib.

Community support helps libraries cure much-needed funding shortfalls. **TAKE ACTION NOW!** The New York State Budget is in its final days of negotiation. Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget proposal and accompanying legislation call for drastic cuts to library funding for the 4th straight year. Fortunately, both the Senate and Assembly rejected the cuts and instead proposed incremental increases over the funding that was distributed to libraries in 2020. **TAKE ACTION NOW!** Send a quick message to your state elected representatives! [Click here.](#) Thank you!



Thank you for being a library patron and supporter! We hope to see you soon!

Contact the Library System: phone: 716-858-8900 email: askus@buffalolib.org website: www.BuffaloLib.org

