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CELEBRATE TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY WITH THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY IN FEBRUARY

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library will celebrate *Take Your Child to the Library Day* beginning Saturday, February 6 with free, fun activities for the entire family!

Families are encouraged to visit the **downtown Central Library**, **1 Lafayette Square**, **Buffalo**, to pick up a free "Virtual Indoor Winter Campout" kit for use at home. Each kit includes materials to make a woodland creature pendant, instructions on building a pillow fort or blanket tent and a winter scavenger hunt to complete in your neighborhood, backyard or a nearby park. A special book for children to keep and camp snacks are also included, while supplies last.

From the comfort of their own homes and at their own convenience, families can then visit the Library's website (https://www.buffalolib.org/services/kids) for stories, songs and how-to videos. Everyone is welcome to share photos of their at-home winter campout on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #CentralWinterCampout. Photos may be shared on the Library's social media.

Now in its tenth year, *Take Your Child to the Library Day* is an international initiative that raises community awareness about the importance of a library in the life of a child. Libraries across New York State, the United States and the world will be celebrating this special day and the entire month of February with programs, tours and other kid-friendly activities.

For more information about *Take Your Child to the Library* activities, the online *Winter Reading Challenge* or to sign up for a free library card, visit any Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, call 716-858-8900 or visit the website at www.BuffaloLib.org. All libraries are open to the public with mask wearing and social distancing protocols in place. For updated Library hours and services, visit buffalolib.libcal.com. You can follow the Library on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and Flick and check out All Booked Up, the Library's podcast on SoundCloud. To view virtual programming, click here:

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