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CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY DURING LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

In celebration of *Love Your Library Month* and *National Library Week*, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System encourages everyone to visit their local library in person or online to explore and access a variety of services and programs. The 37 libraries and bookmobile services offer a wide range of virtual and on-site programs, classes and resources for all ages including book, eBook and audiobook borrowing; databases; career fairs; take-and-make crafts; sports equipment lending and the *Library by Mail* program for the homebound. During the month of April, libraries will be giving away a *Love Your Library* tote bag filled with goodies.

Annually, *Love Your Library Month* highlights the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. This year's theme is "Connect with Your Library," which promotes the idea that libraries are the perfect place to be connected to technology, resources and the community.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries offer free Wi-Fi, nearly 1,000 public computers, makerspaces, technology training, Chromebook and hotspot lending. The Library also connects people to literacy services, as well as health, wellness, parenting and career resources, to name a few. As stated in a recent proclamation from Erie County Legislator Lisa Chimera, "Libraries go above and beyond to keep our community connected by expanding free resources and embracing inclusion in programming, services and collections. And, our local libraries continually strive to meet the needs of the community as a trusted and treasured institution for all - regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, views or socio-economic status."

For more information, call the Library System at 716-858-8900 or visit www.BuffaloLib.org. You can follow the Library on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, TikTok and Flickr and check out All Booked Up, the Library's podcast, on SoundCloud.

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