

## Summer Fun @ Your Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries

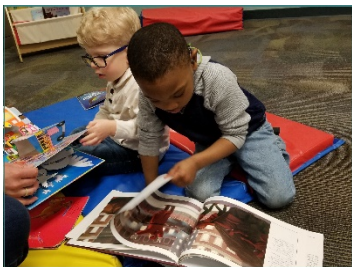


### *Happy Summer!*

Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries are ready to dive into **Summer Reading** with ***Oceans of Possibilities*** themed programs, outdoor events, reading challenges, book recommendations, youth sports kit lending, games, crafts and more! This summer, your libraries are proud to offer free and enriching onsite and virtual programs for all ages!

Libraries want to ensure the joy of learning does not end with the school year. Research shows that children, who participate in summer reading programs enhance their reading skills, prevent the summer slide (learning loss) and go back to school better prepared for a successful academic year. Libraries are here for you! Check out everything local libraries are offering this summer and dive into Summer Reading fun! See all upcoming programs here: <https://bit.ly/3zZAYTZ>.

### Online Summer Reading Challenge for Children, Teens & Adults



It is easy for everyone to participate! Find a book or ask your friendly library staff for a recommendation. Read it and then write a review to enter to win fantastic prizes including a Kindle Fire HD, Nintendo Switch, LEGO building set and Magna-Tiles. <https://becplny08.readsquared.com/>.

## Maker Camp



Calling all young tinkerers and makers! Go on an ocean-themed STEM exploration journey every Wednesday from July 13 to August 17 at the downtown Central Library from 2 – 3 p.m. Can't make the in-person program? Grab a kit (while supplies last) at any Buffalo Branch Library and follow along virtually every week! For ages 8 to 12. Sponsored by National Grid. Find out more: <https://buffalolib.libcal.com/event/9244723>.

## Programs for Everyone at the Downtown Central Library



Thurs., July 14: *Roaming Gnome Festival* at 10 a.m.

Thurs., July 21: Opera Recital at 11 a.m.

Thurs., July 28: *The Little Mermaid* Puppet Show at 11 a.m.

Thurs., August 4: Bubble Show at 11 a.m.

Thurs., August 11: Bollywood Dance Performance at 11 a.m.

Thurs., August 18: *Lord of the Wings* with live birds of prey at 11 a.m.

Sat., August 20: Musical Performance by *The Floor is Lava* @ 10 a.m.

Thurs., August 25: *Oceans of Fun* with The Wondermakers at 11 a.m.

Here's a list of additional children's summer programs and storytimes at the Central Library:

<https://tinyurl.com/CenKidsStuff> or <https://tinyurl.com/CentralStorytimes>.

## Youth Sports Equipment Lending



Kid-sized soccer, lacrosse, badminton, tennis and basketball kits are available at select libraries. Perfect for outdoor play! Borrowing a sports kit erases outstanding charges from a child's Library account! See participating libraries: [www.buffalolib.org/kids/play-down-your-fines](http://www.buffalolib.org/kids/play-down-your-fines). Sponsored by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Penguin Random House Library Award.

## Virtual Battle of the Books Teen Reading Competition



The exciting teen trivia and reading competition is back! Open to students entering grades 6-9. Library team battles will take place virtually from July 27 to August 2. Call your library to see if they are hosting a Battle team and have fun reading!

Get the details: [www.buffalolib.org/books-movies-music/battle-books](http://www.buffalolib.org/books-movies-music/battle-books).

## Take & Make Craft Kits



Everyone is creative! Several Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries offer a variety of craft kits. Pick one up and assemble it at home! Explore the offerings: <https://bit.ly/3OomJ50>.

## Stay Cool with the Library at the Buffalo Waterfront @ Canalside



Catch us at Canalside twice a week, now through August 31! Stop by Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Launch Pad MakerSpace tech demonstrations and take & make craft bags.

Join us Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. for *Storytime at Canalside* in partnership with *Every Person Influences Children* (EPIC). Space is limited. Register here: [www.epicforchildren.org/storytime-at-canalside](http://www.epicforchildren.org/storytime-at-canalside).

## Libraries on the Go!



The *Library on Wheels* bookmobile and *Library2GO* van are hitting the road this summer. See us at our regular stops, parades and special events. Just like a regular library, you can borrow and return materials! See the schedule here: <https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/upcoming-schedules>.

## Library Night at the Ballpark



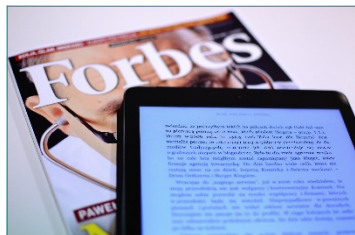
Come cheer on the Buffalo Bisons as they take on the Worcester Red Sox on Friday, July 29 at 7:05 p.m. with fireworks to follow! Tickets are in Section 118 and are \$15 each. Call 716-858-7197 or visit: <https://ways2give.buffalolib.org/bisons> for tickets. Proceeds benefit Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries.

## Queen City Jazz Fest



The 18th annual Queen City Jazz Fest will take place on Washington Street in front of the downtown Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square, on Saturday, July 30 from 1-8 p.m. Bring your lawn chair. Free performances by Take 6, Zuri Appleby & Millennial Montage and more! Food trucks & vendors. Details: <https://buffalolib.libcal.com/event/9328681>

## Downloads & Streaming



Looking for something to read at the beach? OverDrive and Libby users can now borrow full-color magazines in addition to eBooks and eAudiobooks. And, our new commotion service offers 24/7 streaming! There are movies, music albums, TV shows and more! Get more information: [www.buffalolib.org/downloadsstreaming](http://www.buffalolib.org/downloadsstreaming)

## Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries Are Now Fine Free



Your libraries are no longer charging for overdue items if they are returned within 21 days of the due date. Details: [www.buffalolib.org/borrower-information/fine-free](http://www.buffalolib.org/borrower-information/fine-free)

## Give 716 Day



Are you ready for #Give716? We are!  
*Give 716* is a collaborative fundraising effort between the Buffalo Bills Foundation and the Buffalo Sabres Foundation. The goal of *Give 716* is simple: To unite Bills and Sabres fans with the WNY nonprofit community. Tax-deductible donations in any amount can be made beginning on Thursday, July 14 at 7:16 p.m. through Saturday, July 16 at 7:16 a.m.

Learn more here: <https://give716.org/give/give716/2022/giving-day-22/charities/buffalo-and-erie-county-public-library-co>



## Keep cool all summer long with these free library programs and classes:

Summer Reading fun for all ages: <https://tinyurl.com/LibSummer22>

Teen programming: <https://tinyurl.com/TeenLibrary2022>

Health and Wellness programs: <https://bit.ly/3boeMim>

Book Sales: <https://bit.ly/3OSzANH>

Genealogy programs: <https://tinyurl.com/ResearchFamily>

Storytimes: <https://tinyurl.com/LibStorytimes>

Technology classes and trainings: <https://tinyurl.com/LibTrainingSummer22>

Book Club discussions: <https://bit.ly/39WJwXp>

Exhibits and Displays: <https://tinyurl.com/DisplaysSummer2022>

Lackawanna Public Library's Centennial Anniversary Celebration:  
<https://buffalolib.libcal.com/event/8940415>

**We hope to see you at Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries this summer!**  
**See all upcoming programs: <https://bit.ly/3y1jPwX>**

For more information, visit your Buffalo & Erie County Public Library or:

Call: 716-858-8900

Email questions to: [askus@buffalolib.org](mailto:askus@buffalolib.org)

Visit the website at: [www.BuffaloLib.org](http://www.BuffaloLib.org)

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