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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK – APRIL 23 – 29

Libraries Benefit the Public Good & Empower People to Create their Own Success Story.

Celebrate Your Right to Read!

Celebrate your love of libraries during *National Library Week* April 23 – 29 by visiting one of the 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries! "*There's More to the Story*" is this year's theme. While most know about the many resources available at the library - from picture books to eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines - there is so much more to the story! Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries are trusted advocates for intellectual freedom, digital justice, and inclusion – welcoming all and encouraging an exchange of ideas.

"I encourage you to use our resources, staff expertise, collaborative partnerships, outreach, technology, and health and social wellbeing programs to discover, grow, and create your best-life story," said Library Director John Spears.

To help you succeed, all libraries have Chromebooks, WiFi hotspots, and CPR training kits available for borrowing. Onsite public computers and high-speed internet are available. Additionally, youth sports kits, cameras, tools, and musical instruments are offered at several local libraries. Plus, Library cardholders can take advantage of local discounts through the free VIP (Very Important Perks) program: <https://tinyurl.com/LibraryVIP>

Throughout April, Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries are giving away *Love Your Library* prize tote bags filled with goodies. [Visit your library for details.](#) For more information, call 716-858-8900 or visit www.BuffaloLib.org. Follow the Library on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), [TikTok](#), [Flickr](#), and the Library's podcast "[All Booked Up](#)" on SoundCloud.

The American Library Association, in observance of [National Library Week](#) invites the community to participate in daily activities including the "*Right to Read Day*" on Monday, April 24. Readers, advocates, and library lovers are asked to fight back against censorship in a national day of action to defend, protect, and celebrate your right to read freely. See details here: <https://tinyurl.com/ALAnatLibWk>.

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