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## **APRIL IS LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH!**

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In celebration of April's *Love Your Library Month* and this week's *National Library Week*, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System encourages you to connect with your local library in person or virtually and to celebrate the endless opportunities libraries unlock every day. Your 37 local libraries offer something for everyone through access to books and technology, digital content, and more. Visit the Library System website at [www.BuffaloLib.org](http://www.BuffaloLib.org) to discover resources, databases, collections, and programs that are sure to inspire you!

Wherever you find yourself on life's journey, your local library provides an inclusive and supportive community. The Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries and mobile services work to connect people to resources, by offering health, business, and career programs, technology workshops, book deliveries, youth sports kit and CPR kit borrowing, as well as discounts to area cultural organizations and merchants. To view upcoming programs, click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/3r7ssnn4> .

*Love Your Library Month* highlights the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. This year's national theme - "Ready, Set, Library!" - promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries offer a place to connect with others. The National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and Newbery and Pura Belpré Award Winning Cuban American author Meg Medina is this year's Honorary Chair.

Earlier this week, the American Library Association released its annual *State of America's Libraries 2024 report*, which addressed how libraries and their communities are working together in support of the freedom to read. See the report here: <https://tinyurl.com/ALASStateorLib> .

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library cardholders can enter to win *Love Your Library* prizes by visiting a library and/or sharing a photo of themselves with their library card. See entry information here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6VQ5GWP> . The Contest ends April 30, 2024. Don't have a free library card? See details here: <https://www.buffalolib.org/library-cards>.

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