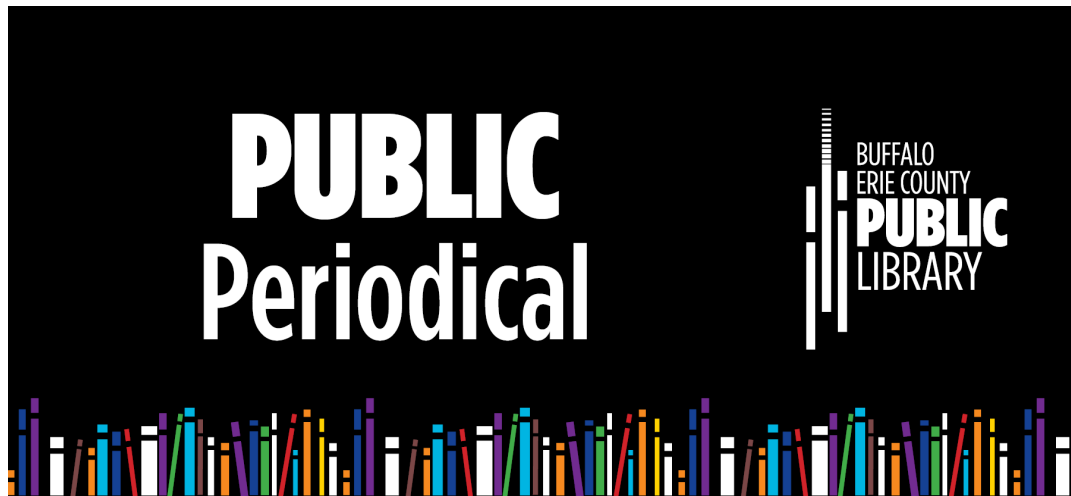


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All Buffalo & Erie County Public Library locations will be **CLOSED** in observance of **Independence Day**, Saturday, July 4.

Happy 250th America!

[Please check each library's open hours schedule here.](#)

You can access eBooks, online databases, and other digital resources 24/7 at www.BuffaloLib.org.



All 37 branches of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library belong to *you*.

This is the people's cultural institution: built by this community, and sustained by this community. On Give 716 Day, we're asking you to invest in what's already yours. The numbers tell the story: Last year alone, the library provided more than **\$131 million in annual value** for Erie County.

For every \$1 the county puts in, patrons get \$4.24 back in services, programs, and resources.

Your donation on July 16 will help us unlock hourly matching gifts and corporate sponsor multipliers. Plus, you'll have the chance to snag special incentives like limited-edition New Era hats, autographed Bills & Sabres jerseys and more during Power Hours! [Share this cause with your networks too!](#)

Make a Profound Difference Today.

Learn More & Donate



This summer, the Central Library is a featured stop on [Garden Walk Buffalo](#), the largest garden tour in America, and other libraries are featured in other Garden Walks in their community!

Garden Walk Buffalo:

Saturday & Sunday

July 25 & 26, 2026

10am-4pm

Want to start your own garden? Our Seed Libraries offer free seeds at branches across Erie County, from Angola to Amherst to Orchard Park. Just stop in, take what you need, and grow. Location information below!

New to gardening, or looking to dig deeper? Explore our gardening guide for books, tools, and online resources to help your garden thrive.

[More here.](#)

SEED LIBRARIES

Angola Public Library
Boston Free Library
Central Library
Clarence Public Library
Concord Public Library
East Clinton Branch
Elma Public Library
Hon. Shirley Chisholm Library
Hamburg Public Library
Lancaster Library
Orchard Park Public Library



NO PLACE TO GROW OLD



On Wednesday, July 22, **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library** partners with the **Homeless Alliance of Western New York** for a public screening of *No Place to Grow Old*, a documentary by Davey Schaupp that examines the rising number of older adults experiencing homelessness.

The film starts at 6:00 PM in the Central Library's Mason O. Damon Auditorium, followed by a discussion on local trends, available resources, and what is being done to prevent and address homelessness among older adults in our communities. [Register](#)

Call for Submissions!

The Central Library is seeking individuals, community organizations, businesses, and others to take part in our **2026 How-To Festival** this September.

The festival is designed to give patrons the opportunity to learn a little about a lot - Whether you have a skill to teach, expertise to share, or a cause to promote, we'd love to hear from you. [Tell us more, here!](#)

What's HAPPENING.

- [We the People: Commemorating 250 Years of the Declaration of Independence](#): Central Library (All Month)
- [Bird Bingo](#): Aurora Town Public Library (Through 8/24)
- [Game Night at the Central Library](#): Central Library (7/9)
- [Movie Matinee: Summer of Soul \(...Or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised\) \(2021\)](#): Central Library (7/22)
- [Illuminated Manuscripts Lecture](#): Isaías González-Soto Branch Library (7/25)
- [22nd Annual Queen City Jazz Fest](#): Lafayette Square (7/25)

- [Art Club](#): North Collins Public Library (7/12)
- [East Side Garden Walk](#): Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch (7/18)
- [Writers Club](#): Boston Free Library (7/21)
- [Kids Cooking Club](#): Concord Public Library (7/28)
- [Benjamin Berry: Circus for All](#): Lackawanna Public Library (7/30)
- [Prehistoric World Reptile Zoo](#): Aurora Town Public Library (7/31)

Stop by, and bring a friend – we hope you make the Library part of your month!

[Visit the Library's website](#) for details about hours of operation, programs and more.

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