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All Buffalo & Erie County Public Library locations will be **CLOSED** in observance of Presidents' Day on Monday, February 16. Check the open hours schedule for additional changes here:

<https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-and-hours>

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



**TAKE YOUR CHILD
TO THE LIBRARY DAY!**

FEBRUARY 7



Saturday, February 7 is ["Take Your Child to the Library Day."](#) celebrated by thousands of libraries across the world. Many of our library locations will have special

programming on that day, from bilingual storytimes to Hawk Creek visits, interactive dance parties, Eric Carle-themed activities & more.

More information about these special programs is available [here](#).



Celebrate Black History Month with Library programs that honor the history, resilience, and creativity of African American communities locally and nationally.

- [Tribute to Mother Mary Carter Smith](#): Tradition Keepers: Black Storytellers of WNY will honor educator Mother Mary Carter Smith, who is recognized nationally for promoting storytelling as both an art and educational tool. All ages. **Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library | Saturday, February 7 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**
- [Vibrant Strings](#): The Buffalo-based sibling trio will perform all genres of music on their violins. Prepare to be captivated by their unique sound! All ages. Registration required. Register [here](#) or call 716-683-1120. **Lancaster Public Library | Thursday, February 12 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
- [Sunday Concert @ Central – Colored Musicians Club](#): A trio of award-winning musicians from the Colored Musicians Club will bring live jazz to the Library. **Central Library, Ring of Knowledge | Sunday, February 15 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**
- [African-American Read-In](#): Zawadi Books will sponsor this annual event, bringing people together to read books by Black authors. **Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library | Sunday, February 15 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**
- [Film Screening – And a Shot Rang Out](#): Educator, historian, and community leader Dr. Barbara Seals Nevergold and videographer Tala Harden will present a

screening and discussion of their documentary *And a Shot Rang Out*, exploring the historical context of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre and its connection to Buffalo. **Central Library, Ring of Knowledge | Saturday, February 21 from 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.**

- **[City of Distant Neighbors – Histories of Segregation in Buffalo](#)**: James Coughlin of Burning Books will discuss the history of racial segregation in Buffalo, highlighting the resilience of Black Buffalonians and how historical policies continue to impact communities today. This will be presented at two library locations.

[Central Library, Ring of Knowledge](#) | Thursday, February 19 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

[North Park Branch Library](#) | Saturday, February 21 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

- **[Dr. Eva M. Doyle’s “Eye On History”](#)**: Come celebrate 47 years of Dr. Doyle’s history column, “Eye On History,” which has been published in local and national newspapers. **Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library | Saturday, February 28 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

For more information on these and other Black History Month programs, visit the Library events calendar [here](#).



Welcome the Year of the Horse with programs that celebrate Lunar New Year traditions and history.

- [The Lucky Lantern Mystery](#): Children ages 6–12 years are invited to solve puzzles, uncover clues, and celebrate Lunar New Year traditions. All children who pre-register will receive a free book sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Please register [here](#) or call 716-652-4440. **Aurora Town Public Library | February 17–21 during all open hours.**
- [Chinese Calligraphy Workshop](#): Join Jun Wang-Tiedemann, Chinese language educator, calligraphy enthusiast, and Chinese culture advocate, for a Chinese calligraphy workshop. Please register [here](#) or call 716-858-8900. **Central Library, Grosvenor Room | Saturday, February 28 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

What's HAPPENING.

- [Virtual Author Talks](#): Tune in virtually throughout the month for talks by bestselling authors and thought leaders. For more information and to register, [click here](#).
- [Tune-the-Tale – Music and Stories for Kids](#): Children and caregivers will explore a picture book using rhythm, movement, instruments, and vocal play with the Erie Niagara Conservatory of Music. Designed for ages 4–7. **Crane Branch Library | Saturdays from 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.**
- [La Letra Dorada – Creative Writing Group for Seniors and Their Families](#): Strengthen intergenerational ties through reading and creative writing. Participants will be invited to explore Hispanic literature, practice creative writing, and hear from local writers. Participation encouraged from seniors and those 18+ interested in connecting with other generations. **Isaías González-Soto Branch Library | Wednesdays, February 4 and 18 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**
- [Candlelight Concert](#): Buffalo-based folk duo Sally Schaefer (fiddle, vocals) and Tyler Bagwell (guitar, vocals) will present a set of Valentine's Day-themed folk songs. Please call 716-892-8089 to register. **Anna Reinstein Memorial Library | Monday, February 9 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

- **[“V” Is for Valentine Storytime](#)**: Enjoy a read-aloud storytime, rhymes, music, and a craft with your child. Ages 5 and under are welcome! Registration required. Register [here](#) or call 716-652-4440. **Aurora Town Public Library | Saturday, February 14 from 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.**
- **[Kids Cooking Club](#)**: Looking for something to do during school break? Learn how to make energy balls – a simple, fun, and healthy snack. For kids ages 8–12. Registration required. Register [here](#) or call 716-592-7742. **Concord Public Library | Tuesday, February 17 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**
- **[Wellness @ Central](#)**: Connect with resources leading to employment, housing, literacy, food access, mental health services, health coverage & more. **Central Library, Main Concourse | Thursday, February 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
- **[Special Collections Tour](#)**: Join us for a free guided tour of the Library’s Special Collections Department including a behind-the-scenes look at our Local History, Genealogy, Map and Rare Book Collections, as well as the Mark Twain Room and other exhibits. Registration is encouraged. Sign up [here](#)! **Central Library, Grosvenor Room | Saturday, February 28 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

To see all upcoming Library programs, visit [this link](#).

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

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