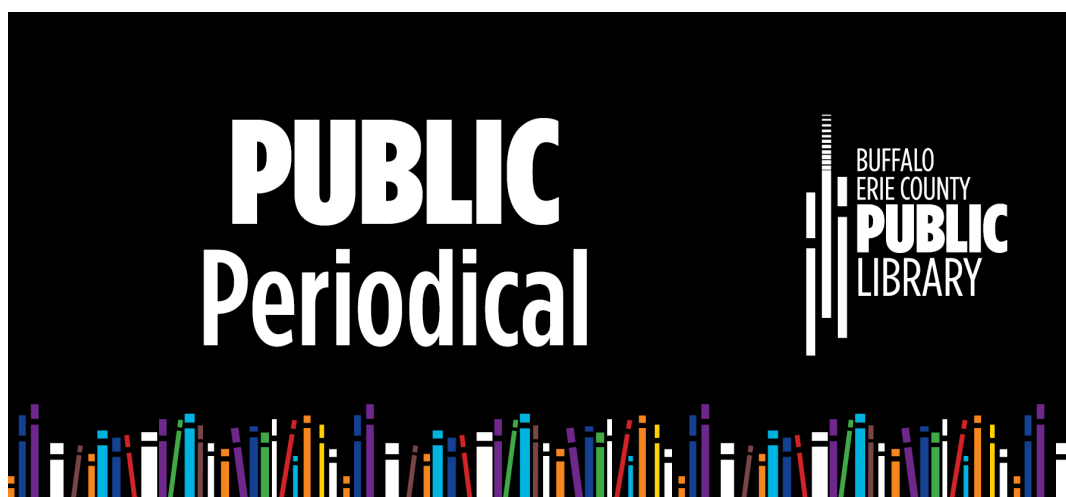


Public Periodical - May 2026



All Buffalo & Erie County Public Library locations will be **CLOSED** on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. [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.



For this summer's **Passport to Reading**, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is handing out something we've never offered before: a limited edition golden library card — fully functional, collectible, and exclusive to the first 1,000 people to complete the journey! **Here's how it works:**

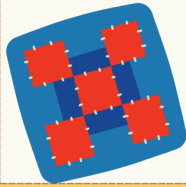
- Pick up a Passport to Reading book at any Library branch starting May 1.
- Visit all 37 locations across Erie County before August 21, collecting a stamp/sticker at each one - just like a real passport.

The first 1,000 people to finish get a golden library card!

New this year: Each branch hides an *I Spy* challenge inside its sticker. Explore the building and find it. The clock starts May 1 - [More information on Passport to Reading found here.](#)

We the People: A Quilt of Belonging

Quilting Workshops



Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is proud to team up with [Explore & More – The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Children’s Museum](#) to celebrate America's 250th anniversary through hands-on quilting programming for children ages 5–10!

- [Eden Library](#): Saturday, May 9, 11:30am - 1:00pm
- [Alden Ewell Free Library](#): Thursday, May 14, 5:00pm - 6:30pm
- [Newstead Public Library](#): Monday, May 18, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
- [Lackawanna Public Library](#): Saturday, May 30, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
- [Isaías González-Soto Branch Library](#): Wednesday, June 3, 3:00pm - 4:30pm
- [North Collins Public Library](#): Tuesday, June 9, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- [Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch](#): Saturday, June 13, 4:00pm - 5:30pm
- [Aurora Town Public Library](#): Tuesday, June 16, 4:00pm - 5:00pm
- [Lancaster Public Library](#): Saturday, June 20, 11:30am - 12:30pm
- [Elaine M. Panty Branch](#): Friday, June 26, 3:30pm - 4:30pm

In each workshop, participants create quilt squares reflecting their family heritage and connection to Erie County and will become part of a larger community art project called *We the People: A Quilt of Belonging*.

Programming provided with support from Erie County.

Smithsonian Community Curation

This spring, **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library** is proud to partner with [The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture](#) (NMAAHC) as a host site for the *Community Curation 2026: Buffalo* program — a national initiative dedicated to preserving and sharing African American history, genealogy, and family stories.

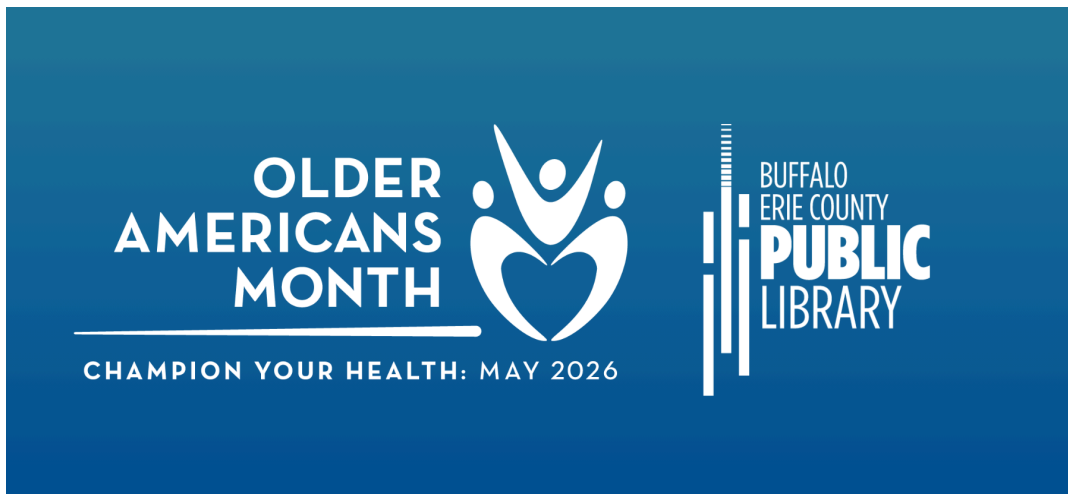
Programs are free and open to the public. Some events require registration through NMAAHC; please follow the links below for details:

- [Breaking The Brick Wall](#), Saturday, May 16, 10:00am - 2:00pm, **Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library**
- [Memorial Day Celebration](#), Saturday, May 23, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, **Downtown Buffalo Central Library - Auditorium**
- [Collecting Community Oral Histories](#), Friday, May 29, 10:30am - 2:00pm, **Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library**
- [Community Archiving Workshop](#), Friday, June 5, 10:30am - 5:00pm, **Downtown Buffalo Central Library**
- [Black Music Month Celebration](#), Thursday, June 18, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, **Downtown Buffalo Central Library - Auditorium**

Freedmen's Bureau Search Portal Training:

- Thursday, June 11, 12:30pm - 4:00pm, **Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library** ([More Information Here](#))

- Friday, June 12, 10:00am - 2:00pm, **Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library** ([More Information Here](#))



May is **Older Americans Month**, celebrating the contributions of older adults and highlighting the resources available to help you thrive. This year's focus is **Championing Your Health!**

Whether to stay active, seek mindfulness, or simply connect with your community, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is here to support your well-being. Please follow the link for any registration instructions, if required:

- [Mindfulness: Moving, Breathing, Living](#): Tuesday, May 5, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, **Kenmore Branch Library**
- [Qi Gong for Beginners](#): Friday, May 8, 9:45am - 10:45am, **Concord Public Library**
- [Adult Chair Yoga](#), Monday, May 11, 1:00pm - 2:00pm, **Elma Public Library**
- [Morning Mindfulness](#), Friday, May 15, 9:00am - 10:00am, **Concord Public Library**
- [Tai Chi Chih](#), Tuesday, May 19, 10:15am - 11:00am, **Newstead Public Library**
- [Noon Yoga Recharge](#), Wednesday, May 20, 12:00pm - 1:00pm, **Downtown Buffalo Central Library (Central Meeting Room)**

Can't make it to an event? [Library by Mail](#) is a *free* service from the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library that brings library materials to the homebound through the mail on a long-term or short-term basis.

Books For Kids

Over 3.2 million books and 30 years of service.

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Bring a new children's book to any of the 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Library locations during the month of May, or stop by **Wegmans at 5275 Sheridan Drive in Williamsville on Friday, May 15** for the live donation drive with the Library, Project Flight, Channel 2, *The Buffalo News*, and Townsquare Media.

- **May 1 - 31, 2026:** Donate at any **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library** location
- **May 10 - 22, 2026:** Donate at **Wegmans** stores across Erie & Niagara counties as well as **Paula's Donuts** (all locations), **Tom's Restaurant** (3221 Sheridan Dr., Amherst) and **The Buffalo News** (726 Exchange St., Buffalo)

In the past 30 years, over 3.2 million books have been given to local children, families, schools, and community services agencies in need. [More details can be found here.](#)



Stay connected with the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library on social media for program announcements, new arrivals, local history, and more happening across our 37 branches!

- **Instagram:** [@buffalolibrary](#)
- **Facebook:** [Buffalo & Erie County Public Library – Central Library](#)
- **Bluesky:** [@buffalolibrary.bsky.social](#)

For a full list of our social media, [visit here](#).

What's HAPPENING.

- [Star Wars Trivia Night](#): Crane Branch Library (5/4)
- [Meet the Grandfriends](#): Kenmore Branch Library (5/16)

- [Tool Library Repair Cafe:](#) Orchard Park Public Library (5/9)
 - [Neighborhood Resource Fair:](#) Lackawanna Public Library (5/9)
 - [How to Robot-Proof Your Kids \(and Yourself\) with Dr. Vivienne Ming:](#) Virtual (5/12)
 - [Plumbers and Princesses Party:](#) Lackawanna Public Library (5/16)
 - [Digital Decluttering:](#) Concord Public Library (5/22)
 - [Special Collections Tour:](#) Central Library, Grosvenor Room (5/23)
 - [Craft Supply Swap:](#) Orchard Park Public Library (5/28)
 - [Bollywood Dance:](#) Hon. Shirley Chisholm Branch Library (5/30)
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For all event listings, check out the library system calendar [here](#).

Questions? Call 716-858-8900.

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

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



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