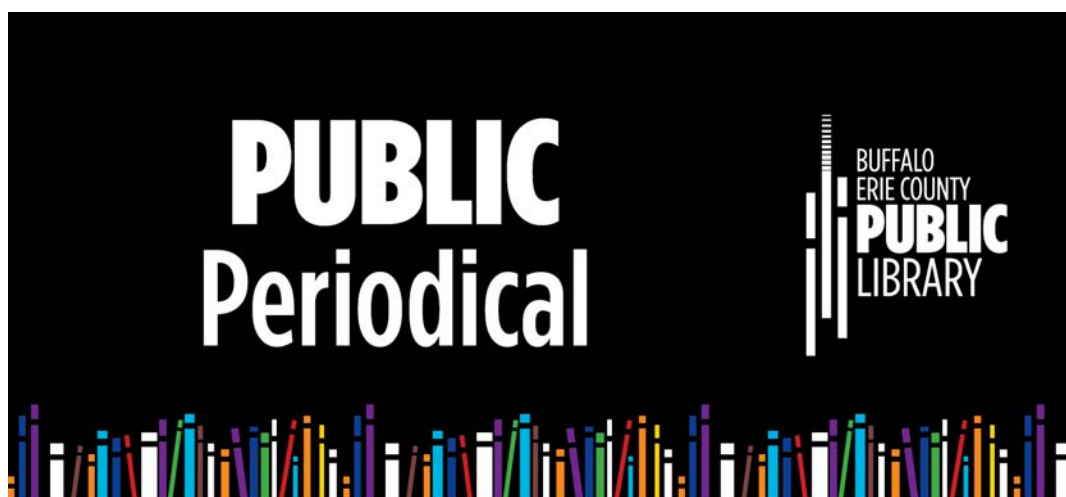
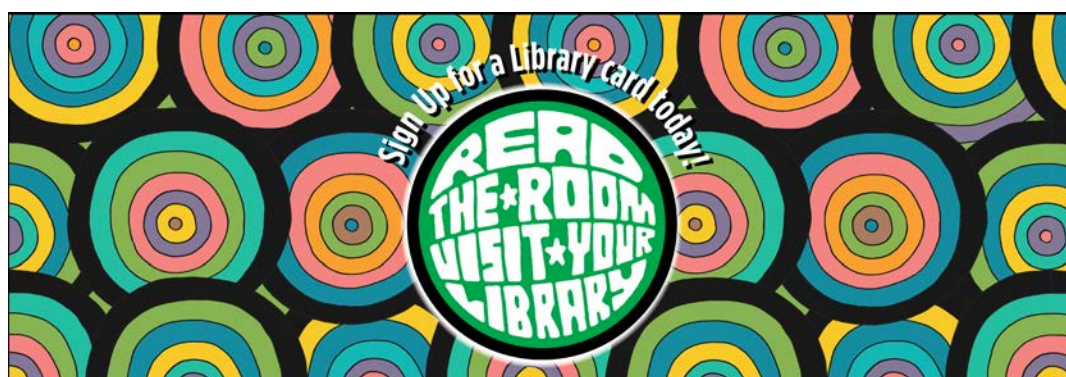




All Buffalo & Erie County Public Library locations will be **CLOSED** in observance of **Labor Day** on Monday, September 7.

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

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



Library Card Sign-Up Month

READ THE ROOM. Share in the benefits of a Library Card!

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It's Library Card Sign Up Month - and we are celebrating with **a fresh drop of custom Oxford Pennant merchandise** in partnership with Buffalo & Erie County Public Library. [Check it out here!](#)

While you're there, we're offering a **15% discount** in the Library's online store. Add some gear to your back to school look, refresh your office or home décor, or snag that new tote bag you've been eyeing. This discount is available to Buffalo & Erie County Public Library cardholders, September 1-14, with code ReadTheRoom. This includes the special collection with Oxford Pennant!



MOVEMENTS: A Conversation with Rashad Robinson

Banned Books Week asks: what happens when a story is removed from a shelf? Rashad Robinson works on the harder follow-up question: *Who had the power to remove it, and how do you take that power back?*

Robinson led civil rights organization Color Of Change for nearly fourteen years, and ran programs at The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) during the fights over marriage equality and media representation. He now co-chairs the steering committee of the Committee for the First Amendment, first formed in 1947 to defend free expression in the McCarthy era and revived by Jane Fonda in 2025.

His new book *From Presence to Power* is a national bestseller built on a hard distinction that being seen is not the same as having leverage.

Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 PM at Central Library
Free to attend; registration required.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

MOVEMENTS: After Party at Silo City

The conversation continues at a place where workers turned presence into

power.

Join Robinson and fellow attendees at Duende at Silo City for an evening at one of Buffalo's most unique community spaces, and the site of the 1899 labor strike that broke the saloon boss system.

Wednesday, October 7, 8-9:30 PM. Duende at Silo City.

Tickets required; purchase in advance. 21+

No tickets are mailed. Your name will be at the door.

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What's HAPPENING.

- [9 to 5 Movie Matinee in honor of Dolly Parton:](#) Central Library (9/2)
- [Name Changes & Advanced Planning for LGBTQ+ New Yorkers:](#) Kenmore Branch (9/4)
- [Paws for Love Therapy Dog:](#) Clarence Public Library (9/8)
- [Fall into Gardening:](#) Hon. Shirley Chisholm Library (9/10)
- [Healthy Relationships:](#) Lake Shore Public Library (9/12)
- [Senior Sunshine Senders:](#) West Seneca Public Library (9/15)
- [Patron Appreciation Picnic:](#) Kenilworth Branch (9/18)
- [How-To Festival:](#) Central Library (9/19)
- [Composing at Home:](#) Elma Public Library (9/21)
- [Raising Chickens:](#) Elma Public Library (9/23)
- [Dare to Repair Café:](#) Newstead Public Library (9/26)
- [Tiny Brick Builders' Guild:](#) Eden Library (9/30)

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