



A MESSAGE FROM BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR MARY JEAN JAKUBOWSKI

June 5, 2020

Dear Buffalo & Erie County Public Library patron and supporter:

Beginning Monday, June 8, several Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries throughout our communities, including the Central Library and all eight branch libraries located in the City of Buffalo, will reopen buildings to the public. The full list can be found here: <https://buffalolib.libcal.com/>.

After more than ten weeks of being closed, we are very excited to again welcome the public inside of our buildings. Safety is our number one priority and all libraries will be following strict social distancing and cleaning measures.

All library staff and patrons will be required to wear a face covering. Libraries have installed colorful “spacing dots” in key locations to enforce the recommended six foot social distancing, and pursuant to recommended guidelines, all returned materials (books, DVDs, CDs, etc.) will be quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours before being placed back on shelves. Additionally, libraries will be following cleaning and disinfecting guidelines as per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Given onsite staffing restrictions as set forth by Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Executive Orders, library hours may be reduced so the public is encouraged to visit the Library System website at www.BuffaloLib.org or call their library directly for details.

Meeting rooms will remain closed for an interim period. Virtual library programs will continue, and library materials borrowed since February 11, 2020 will not be due until June 29, 2020.

Materials requested before libraries closed can be picked up at open libraries; however it is recommended that patrons call libraries first to confirm pickup.

Some libraries, including the downtown Central Library, will not only open to the public but will continue offering pickup services by phone reservation.

These past few months have been extremely challenging for everyone. The staff and boards of trustees at all of the libraries in our System have been working hard to provide services and prepare for reopening. We are grateful for your ongoing support and patience. We look forward to welcoming our community back into our buildings as we remain focused on keeping our staff and patrons safe, healthy and informed.

For up-to-date details on services, hours and open libraries, please visit our website at www.BuffaloLib.org or <https://buffalolib.libcal.com>, call 716-858-8900, email to askus@buffalolib.org or like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/buffalolibrary.central?ref=ts>.

See you at the Library!

Sincerely,

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