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A CELEBRATION OF HISPANIC DOLLS TO BE DISPLAYED AT BUFFALO'S ISAÍAS GONZÁLEZ-SOTO BRANCH LIBRARY *Exhibit Celebrates Rich Hispanic Heritage through Fashion Dolls*

An all-ages exhibit to coincide with Hispanic Heritage Month featuring collectible dolls will be unveiled at the Isaías González-Soto Branch Library, 280 Porter Avenue in Buffalo on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The media and the local community are invited to the opening of *The Hispanic Doll Exhibit – Celebrating Hispanic Heritage through Fashion Dolls*. The free exhibit honors the richness, diversity and uniqueness of the Hispanic community. It will run through Monday, November 29.

Local doll enthusiast and curator Lisa Jacobs-Watson presents from her own collection of nearly 100 Black and Brown dolls representing some of the most respected Latinx and Hispanic individuals from the worlds of theatre, dance, modeling, education, art, science and healthcare.

Ms. Jacobs-Watson said, "I am happy my dolls are part of this celebration. The community can see doll collecting through a different lens – one that shows the beauty and accomplishments of people of color, particularly those of Hispanic heritage. We are excited to represent trailblazers such as multi-talented singer, dancer and actress Jennifer Lopez, artist Frida Kahlo, fashion designer Oscar de la Renta and U.S. Surgeon General Antonia Novello, to name a few. As I became an adult collector, I realized the importance of having dolls that represent women of color. The goal is to encourage healthy self-esteem in our children."

"This exhibit is about positivity, beauty and joy," said Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System Assistant Deputy Director Dorinda Darden. "We encourage families of all backgrounds to visit the library to see themselves represented in a positive light through dolls."

Program partners are the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System, Hispanic Heritage Council of Western New York, Women of Wisdom and the Puerto Rican & Hispanic Day Parade of Western New York. The Honorable Buffalo City Court Judge Betty Calvo-Torres is keynote speaker for the opening ceremony on Wednesday, September 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Isaías González-Soto Branch Library hours are Monday and Wednesday 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. The Branch is also open through mid-October on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more details, call 716-882-1537.

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