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IMAGINE BUFFALO LECTURE SERIES RETURNS IN VIRTUAL FORMAT ***FREE TUESDAY SERIES AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 22***

The downtown Central Library's longest-running public program, the **IMAGINE Buffalo Series hosted by Dennis Galucki, returns in a new, virtual format on Tuesdays beginning September 22**. The first guest will be Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Director Mary Jean Jakubowski.

The series, which encourages lifelong learning, is free and available via Zoom every Tuesday **from 12:30-1:00 p.m.** The new virtual format will be similar to the previous in-person lectures, with an intriguing and timely speaker presentation followed by a question and answer period moderated by Galucki. The public is encouraged to participate by joining the Zoom conversation. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85839766406>.

The IMAGINE Buffalo series has been a fixture of library public programming since 2010. A vast assortment of regional speakers have been featured during over 370 programs including leaders of non-profit organizations, educators, public officials, community influencers, naturalists, and historians from across WNY.

The upcoming schedule, all on Tuesdays from 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. includes:
Tuesday, September 22 - **Mary Jean Jakubowski**, Director, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library

Tuesday, September 29 - Allen "Pete" Grum, President & CEO, Rand Capital Corp.

Tuesday, October 6 - Don Boswell, President & CEO, Buffalo-Toronto Public Media/WNED/WBFO. *Boswell will receive the 2020 Imagine Greater Buffalo Recognition Award*

Tuesday, October 13 -John McClive, *Buffalo Forge: The Birthplace of Air Conditioning*

Tuesday, October 20 - Speaker to be announced

Tuesday, October 27 - Kara Frisina, Communications & Development Manager, WNY Land Conservancy, *The College Lodge Forest in Chautauqua County*

Tuesday, November 3 - Jane Fisher, PhD, Professor, Canisius College

Tuesday, November 10 - Clinton Brown, President, Heritage and Project Architect, Clinton Brown Architecture Company, PC and author of *Olmsted's Elmwood*

The updated schedule can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/y2yot6qq>.

To participate in the program via Zoom, visit this link on Tuesdays. The Zoom link opens at 12:25 p.m. and the program will begin at 12:30 p.m. No reservation is needed.: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85839766406>. The program will also be live-streamed on the Library's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/buffalolibrary.central?ref=ts> and archived on YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/user/buffalolibrary>.

IMAGINE Buffalo program host Dennis Galucki founded the umbrella organization - Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History & Nature (C-SAAHN) as a digital enterprise and network linking community volunteers with lifelong learning opportunities. C-SAAHN presents the IMAGINE Series at the Library, the annual "Buffalo Day" at the Chautauqua Institute each summer, Reflective Walks at area Olmsted Parks, and various special community projects connecting the community with local cultural sites.

For more information on the IMAGINE Buffalo Series or any library program, call 716-858-8900 or visit www.BuffaloLib.org.

Audio recordings of past IMAGINE Buffalo lectures can be found at: ImagineLifelongLearning.com.

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