After months of preparation and planning, the new Library by Mail program is up and going! Our staff have been working hard to reach out to Erie County residents to ensure that everyone has access to the library, even those who cannot leave their house. We would like to welcome everyone participating to our latest Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Mobile Services newsletter.

The Mobile Services newsletter contains information about upcoming Library events, services, and programs, as well as reading and watching recommendations. We also strive to make the newsletter interactive, so there are always word puzzles and a space to share your own art, poetry, or book recommendations. Feel free to submit them to Mobile Services at any time through email, the post, or with your returns.

In this issue, we’ll focus on the beginning of Spring. Do you have any gardening or organizing plans in the warming months? Check out the section on Spring book recommendations for ideas and tips! April is Love Your Library Month, with National Library Week from April 4-10 and National Library Outreach Day on April 7. Many events will be virtual so check out what the library will be offering by calling or checking the library website at www.BuffaloLib.org.

As always, please call or email us if you have any questions or if you would like to request material. We look forward to talking to you soon!
April is National Poetry Month and celebrates poets throughout time and the various forms of poetry. Many people are fans of traditional forms of poetry such as sonnets and blank verse while others are more drawn to contemporary styles like free verse and verse novels. Whatever you choose, April is a great time to explore the diverse world of poetry and maybe even try some out yourself!
# Bookmobile April Events

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Note: Schedules are subject to change. Please check the library website for an up-to-date calendar.

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## Library Services

### Hold Fees are now a thing of the past:

There is no longer a charge to request an item or place an item on hold. This means you can reserve materials that are on a waiting list or order material from any library in the System and have the item/items sent to your local library at no cost. You will be notified when the item/items are available for pick-up and will have eight days to collect the item/items. In the event materials are not picked up, a per-item fee will apply. Please call 716-858-8900 with questions.
Meet the Team!

Meet the Mobile Services team! If you have any questions or requests for the Bookmobile or Library by Mail, please call or email us any time.

Meet Samantha

Samantha is the Mobile Services and Buffalo Branches Manager. She is busy managing the Library on Wheels Bookmobile, Library by Mail, and 8 Buffalo branch libraries located throughout the City of Buffalo. She is so fortunate to manage departments that reach Buffalo & Erie County Public Library patrons far beyond the walls of a traditional library. When she is not at work she is busy spending time with her husband Steve, four children (Steven 17, Julia 15, Francesca 11, and Alexandra 4), and their dog Pearl Bailey.

Meet Julia

Julia is the Bookmobile librarian and has worked at the library for three years. During any given day, she can be seen driving the Bookmobile, taking pictures for social media, answering phone calls, and working on book displays. She loves to talk to patrons about the books they like and the movies they’re watching. When she isn’t at work, Julia likes to read, play video games, and hang out with her dogs, Kyleigh and Hecate.

Meet Tracy

Tracy is a Library Associate working in the new Library by Mail program. She also assists and fills in for Julia on the Bookmobile. The Library By Mail program is very exciting because Tracy’s favorite thing to do is put books in the hands of enthusiastic readers. When she’s not working at the library, she spends her time with her giant, needy dog, George Washington.

Meet Heather

Heather is a Senior Page for Mobile Services. You can find her in the Central Library fulfilling requests for Library by Mail patrons or on the Bookmobile checking out books to seniors, students, and rural patrons. In her spare time, she loves spending time with her husband and two sons, reading, cooking, and baking. She also spends time organizing around racial and economic justice issues with Showing Up for Racial Justice-Buffalo.
Women’s History Month

March is Women’s History Month so be sure to check out these books and movies written by and about women historymakers.

**Becoming**
by Michelle Obama

**Ninety-Nine Glimpses of Princess Margaret**
by Craig Brown

**Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré**
by Anika A. Denise, illustrated by Paola Escobar

**She Persisted Around the World**
by Chelsea Clinton, illustrated by Alexandra Boiger

**We Have Always Been Here**
by Samra Habib

**Dear Girls**
by Ali Wong

**Courage to Soar**
by Simone Biles

**Becoming Grandma**
by Lesley Stahl

**Changing the Equation: 50+ US Black Women in STEM**
by Tonya Bolden
Days are starting to get longer, young leaves will start popping up on trees, and soon, warming days of spring will be here! This is often the time when people start to put all of their renewed energy toward activities like home improvement, gardening, and nature appreciation. So whether you’re looking to start a vegetable garden or learn something new, the library has a book for you!
National Library Week

National Library Week is April 4-10 and celebrates the importance of libraries in their communities. This year, the theme is “Welcome to Your Library” which explores the ways that libraries extend beyond their four walls to serve everyone, wherever they are. Be sure to check online (www.BuffaloLib.org) and at your local library for programs & activities all week long!

National Library Outreach Day

As part of National Library Week, National Library Outreach Day is April 7 and we are excited to celebrate! Our staff will be sharing Bookmobile history and facts on social media throughout the week and we would love for you to be a part of it! Do you have any fond memories of the Bookmobile coming to your school or neighborhood? If you would like to share, please fill out the insert included with this newsletter and return it to us. You’ll also be entered to win a library-themed giveaway! In the next newsletter issue, we will share some photos and stories.
We would love to be able to show your own original work! Have you been painting or writing in quarantine? Sharpening your photography skills? However you’ve been expressing yourself creatively, we'd love to see it. Send a scan or photos of your work to bookmobile@buffalolib.org or mail at:

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
Bookmobile Department
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203
Spring Word Search

Word Search

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MAY
BEES
MARCH
CHICK
FLOWERS

SEASON
SUNSHINE
GREEN
PICNIC
WARM
TULIP

BUNNY
BLOSSOM
RAINBOW
SEEDS
GARDEN
APRIL

KITES
BUTTERFLY
EGGS
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BIRDS
SPRING
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Third month of the year
6 Replace a striker
10 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
13 Musical productions
15 Canal
16 Vase
17 Politeness
18 Part of a semester
19 Thrust quencher
20 Baby bed
22 Conditions of the sky and air
24 So we see
26 Due
28 Slime
29 Absent without leave
30 Hooked up
32 Evergreen tree
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35 Renounce
37 Carnal
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42 Cringy
43 Nervous system
44 Peaks
47 Skelm of cloth

48 Sleigh
49 Oxford
50 Jellystone's bear
51 Unfreeze
52 Top-quality steak
54 Challenge
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57 Stacked mattresses
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64 Tub spread
65 Probably
66 Caustic substance
67 Swirl
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9 Torah table
10 Penman
11 Move rapidly
12 Trapped
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21 Kind of knife
23 Grinds
24 Triad
25 Frau's husband
27 Aced
29 Disconnected
30 Alcoholic
31 Natural movement of air outdoors
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