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BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS ANNOUNCED & STATISTICS RELEASED

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System announces the following open hours for the 37-member Libraries beginning Sunday, January 2, 2011. *See the enclosed page.* Summer hours will be announced in the spring.

“The number of people using resources throughout the Library System has increased over the past year,” stated Library Director, Bridget Quinn-Carey. “In addition to the government support and our own fundraising, we are grateful that our member libraries are privately funding a portion of the open hours and other services.”

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System Statistics:

1558	2011 weekly open hours, including Sundays, some privately funded
1656.5	2010 (current year) weekly open hours, including Sunday's, some privately funded
258,065	Number of active Library Card holders
4 million	2010 number of Library visits
7.5 million	Jan. - Nov. 30, 2010, number of transactions from Library users, including book, DVD, CD borrowing, downloaded e-books and music
+2.2%	Jan. - Nov. 30, 2010, percentage increase over 2009 in the number of transactions from Library users, including book, DVD, CD borrowing, downloaded e-books and music
+4.9	Jan. - Nov.30, 2010, percentage increase over 2009 in public access computer usage

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System, celebrating 175 years in 2011, provides hundreds of free services and resources to library cardholders, including: book, DVD, and CD borrowing, downloadable materials, online catalogs and account management, hundreds of free programs, business and employment databases and computer training. For more information, visit www.Buffalolib.org.

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