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EDEN LIBRARY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

May 14 Celebration Planned

Library Services in the town of Eden began 100 years ago by a group of women who raised funds to rent space for lending a collection of more than 700 books. On Saturday, May 14, a dinner celebration honoring the library's century-long services will be held in Duffy Hall at the Immaculate Conception Church 8791 Main Street in Eden. Keynote speaker is Dr. Brenda Battleson, an Eden native and assistant professor, Library & Information Studies UB. The so-called Eden Free Library opened in 1911, was chartered in 1912 and was at one time located in the Eden Town Hall.

In 1947 the Eden Free Library became the first library outside of the City of Buffalo to join the newly formed Erie County Public Library System. In 1991, the Eden Library opened in its present location 2901 East Church Street and Woodside Drive. During 2010, the Library circulated more than 81,700 items, an increase of 7.2 % over the previous year. Library Director Joyce Maguda invites the community to celebrate 100 years of library services with programs and events throughout the year. For details about the dinner on May 14, call 992-4028.

Eden Library is one of the 37 libraries that make up the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System. Erie County residents are served in any and all libraries and can access the library catalog of more than 4 million items, obtain reference and resource information, event calendars and maintain their own borrowing account information via the Library's Systemwide website at www.buffalolib.org.

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