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### ***Art during American Colonial Period to be Explored in Program at Central Library on May 28***

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**Buffalo, NY** -- Jessica DiPalma of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery will present on art and artists in the young United States in a program called “**Art in the Age of Alexander Hamilton**” at the **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, 1 Lafayette Square, on Thursday, May 28 at 6 p.m.**

The program, which is free and open to the public, is part of the series of Thursday evening events taking place at the Downtown Library in conjunction with its presentation of ***Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America***, the landmark New-York Historical Society exhibition on its last stop of a 40-city tour. The exhibition is on view **now through June 12** and includes significant artifacts relating to Hamilton’s life and times from the Library’s own collections, as well as those of JPMorgan Chase, Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, Hamilton College, and Old Fort Niagara.

Puritans thought art was frivolous--unless the goal was to preserve important people for posterity. By the time of Alexander Hamilton, there were a number of American-born artists whose patrons wanted a very different perspective painted than that of their English counterparts. And once freedom had been won, how did the brand new nation express itself and glorify its heroes? This talk will cover art in the New World from its origins in the late 17th century through the early 19th--a period of change, struggle, and search for identity.

For more information on the exhibition and its related programs, please visit [www.buffalolib.org](http://www.buffalolib.org). Ms. DiPalma is the Associate in the Deputy Director’s office at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. In addition to a Masters degree in Art History with a concentration on Modern and Contemporary art, she holds a B.A. from Baldwin-Wallace College and a J.D. from the University at Buffalo School of Law, and is an admitted attorney to the New York State Bar.

NOTE: Jessica DiPalma replaces the previously announced presenter for this program, Albright-Knox Director of Education Mariann Smith.

The exhibition *Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America* was organized by the New-York Historical Society, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the American Library Association with major funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For additional information, visit our website at [www.buffalolib.org](http://www.buffalolib.org) or contact the Central Library at 858-8900.