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"Colonial Kids' Day" at Downtown Library on May 30 Offers Glimpse into the Lives of Children in Early America

Buffalo, NY -- The docents of the **Hull Family Home & Farmstead** (Lancaster, NY) will lead free hands-on activities for children replicating the games, chores and pastimes that children in the early 1800s would have known on **Saturday, May 30 from 12 Noon to 2 p.m.** at the **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library**, 1 Lafayette Square. **"Colonial Kids' Day"** is free and open to the public. Children will be able to try quill pen writing and colonial games, and typical chores like butter churning and wool carding. A "Mystery Bag" guessing game, story reading and a take-home craft activity will also be included.

The Library is offering "Colonial Kids' Day" as part of the series of programs 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.

For more information on the exhibition and its related programs, please visit www.buffalolib.org.

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.

The **Hull Family Home & Farmstead** is the all-volunteer non-profit organization restoring the oldest remaining residence in Erie County, a National Historic Landmark constructed in 1810. Located on Genesee Street (Route 33) at the junction with Pavement Road, Lancaster, the house and surrounding site are being developed into a Living History experience to tell the stories of the lives of Western New York's earliest settlers. The Home is open for seasonal tours throughout the restoration process and also hosts several annual interpretive events illustrating aspects of early Western New York pioneer life. Visit their website **www.hullfamilyhome.org** for more information.

For additional information, visit our website at <u>www.buffalolib.org</u> or contact the Central Library at 858-8900.