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AUTHOR/JOURNALIST IRA FLATOW TO GIVE FREE LECTURE AT DOWNTOWN LIBRARY - SEPTEMBER 11

Ira Flatow, award-winning journalist, University of Buffalo graduate, author, and host of National Public Radio's popular "Science Friday" weekly series, will speak on the uniquely human trait, creativity, at the **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Auditorium, 1 Lafayette Square, on Saturday, September 11, at 2 p.m.** This program is free and open to the public.

Flatow, a 1971 Engineering graduate of UB, began his radio career with UB-based NPR station WBFO, moving on to becoming Producer and Science Correspondent for NPR's "All Things Considered" and "Morning Edition" programs 1971-1987. He has produced and hosted NPR's "Science Friday" weekly since 1991. His numerous TV credits include six years as host and writer for the Emmy Award-winning "Newton's Apple" series on PBS; science reporter for "CBS This Morning"; commentator, "The Patent Files," The History Channel's multi-part series on the history of inventions; and anchoring Cablevision's round table series, "Maximum Science." He has written numerous articles and publications and authored three books, his latest being Present at the Future: From Evolution to Nanotechnology, Candid and Controversial Conversations on Science and Nature (2008). Ira Flatow is founder and president of Science Friday Initiative, a non-profit company dedicated to creating audio, video and Internet projects that make science "user friendly."

Copies of several of Flatow's books will be available for purchase and signing following his program, courtesy of Talking Leaves Books.

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