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FAMILY PLACE PROGRAMS AT THE BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHAT: *Family Place*, a five-week, free series of programs for children ages 1 -4 years old and their parent(s) /caregivers begins Tuesday, September 21 at the downtown Central Library. Children will learn through play in the Library's Children's Room, a brightly decorated, comfortable and kid friendly Library space filled with books, toys, computers and games. While the kids are playing, their caregivers have access to community resource professionals offering life skill strategies, and information on nutrition, behavior, speech and hearing support programs offered locally.

WHERE: Downtown Central Library Branch, 1 Lafayette Square

WHEN: The five-week program runs every Tuesday, beginning September 21 – October 19 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

WHO: Presented by the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System and Project Flight through a two year grant totaling \$71,760 from the New York State Library Foundation.

HOW: Free & open to any parent or caregiver interested in hearing and learning about a range of parenting support, service and outreach options. **Call to participate: 716- 858- 7192**

WHY: Modeled after the "Family Place Library" in Middle County, New York, the program is designed to build libraries as community hubs for healthy child and family development, parent and community involvement and lifelong learning beginning at birth so that children are prepared to enter school Ready-to-Read and Ready to Learn.

The program will run as follows:

Central Library, Tuesdays, Sept. 21 – Oct. 19, from 10 a.m. -11:15 a.m.

Niagara Branch Library, 280 Porter Ave., Bflo., Wednesdays, Oct. 13 – Nov. 10, from 11a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Spring 2011 dates and Library locations will be announced after the first of the year.

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