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### **RE-IMAGINE! - THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM** *Community Meetings Announced To Create New Vision for Libraries & Services*

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The public is invited to share its ideas for the regional library system of the future through a series of public meetings, web surveys and focus groups; all part of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System's newly launched *Re-Imagine* campaign.

"This is an exciting as well as a challenging time for the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System," said Bridget Quinn-Carey, director of the Library System. "We are beginning a process to re-imagine the library and create a new vision that will meet the needs of the entire community; a library that will not only accommodate the types of services that are so heavily used currently, but one that will satisfy the needs of our users for innovative services in the years ahead."

The Re-Imagine campaign, expected to take several months, is soliciting input from the public, business, corporate, services, cultural, senior, teen, urban and suburban sectors to determine how the library of the future in Erie County will look and what services it will offer. The process is being led by volunteer George T. DeTitta, Ph.D., Principal Research Scientist, Hauptman-Woodward Institute, and a citizen's advisory committee as well as the consulting firm of Architectural Resources. Participants will learn how libraries in other cities are successfully and creatively meeting the needs of library users in their communities, for today and tomorrow.

Upcoming Re-imagine Community Meeting dates, which are free and open to the public are:

**Monday, November 8, 2010**

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Buffalo Central Library, One Lafayette Square, Bflo, 14203

Mason O. Damon Auditorium

**Tuesday, November 9, 2010**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Erie Community College South, 4041 Southwestern Blvd, Orchard Park, 14127

Bldg. 5, Room 5102

**Wednesday, November 10, 2010**

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Erie Community College North, Tech Drive off of Wehrle Drive, Williamsville,

Bretschger Hall, room B401

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