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CLARENCE LIBRARY PRESENTS 2 UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mark Twain Birthday Celebration

Poems & Stories Honoring Flight #3407

The Clarence Public Library, located at 3 Town Place in Clarence, is presenting two **free** public programs in the next few weeks.

Celebrating the wit and wisdom of Mark Twain, America's most celebrated humorist and author, the Clarence Library hosts a **175**th **Mark Twain Birthday Bash** on **Tuesday, November 30 at 3:30 p.m.**Western New York's premiere Twain impersonator, Mike Randall, brings his acclaimed Mark Twain Live! performance to the library. Since the age of seventeen, Randall, a local television meteorologist, has offered a realistic portrayal of Mark Twain by capturing his mannerisms, speech and physical appearance in this one man show.

On **Thursday, December 9, from 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.**, the Library invites the public to listen to readings from **The Empty Chair; Love and Loss in the Wake of Flight 3407**. In the aftermath of the downed passenger flight that took fifty lives, contributors to this anthology will read their memorials, poems, prayers and letters. The public is also invited to share their additional poems and stories which relate to the tragedy. **The Empty Chair; Love and Loss in the Wake of Flight 3407** is co-edited by Gunilla Theander Kester and Gary Earl Ross.

Both of these programs are free and open to the public. Call the Clarence Public Library at 741-2650 for registration and other details.

The Clarence Library is one of 37 libraries that makeup the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System. The Library System, celebrating 175 years in 2011, provides hundreds of free services and resources to library cardholders, including: book, DVD, and CD borrowing, downloadable materials, online catalogs and account management, hundreds of free programs, business and employment databases and computer training. For more information, visit www.Buffalolib.org.