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VIDEO DOCUMENTARY SERIES AT CENTRAL LIBRARY

Squeaky Wheel/Buffalo Media Resources Presents New Lunchtime Series on Social Change Initiatives & Solutions

Stories From the Niagara Frontier, a series of locally produced short video documentaries highlighting initiatives significantly impacting our region will be screened on **Thursdays**, **Noon-1 p.m.**, in February and March **at the downtown Buffalo & Erie County Public Library**, 1 Lafayette Square. The noontime events are free and open to the public and are presented by **Squeaky Wheel/Buffalo Media Resources**.

Focusing on local social change initiatives and solutions that aren't making the news, each video will be followed by a presentation and discussion led by individuals directly involved in the issue.

The schedule includes: Thursday, February 3 – "Building on the Past for Our Future" by Diedie Wang Preservation Buffalo Niagara, speaker Fred Schrock

Thursday, February 10 – "Unseen Tears: The Impact of Native American Residential Boarding Schools in Western New York" by Ron Douglas Native American Community Services of WNY, speaker Ruchatneet Printup

Thursday, February 17 – "Growing Green in Buffalo" by Meg Knowles Massachusetts Avenue Project, speaker Diane Picard

Thursday, February 24 – "Raising Literacy, Lifting Communities" by Loren Sonnenberg Read to Succeed Buffalo & Literacy Volunteers, speakers Deborah Porter & Chris Gibas

No program March 3

Thursday, March 10 – "Prisoners are People Too" by Doug Ruffin Prisoners are People Too, speaker Karima Amin

Thursday, March 17 – "Refugees: Buffalo's Next Generation" by Brett Williams and Scott Murchie

Journey's End Refugee Services, speaker Brian Brown-Cashdollar

Thursday, March 24 – "Round the Clock: Buffalo's Workers and the Fight for Economic Justice" by Christine Zinni

Coalition for Economic Justice, speaker Micaela Shapiro-Shellaby

All presentations take place in the Central Library's Ring of Knowledge on the main floor, around the corner from Fables Café. Visit <u>www.buffalolib.org</u> for more information.

Squeaky Wheel/Buffalo Media Resources is the grassroots, artist-run, non-profit media arts center founded in 1985 to promote and support film, video, computer, digital, and audio art by media artists and community members. Squeaky Wheel provides low-cost access to video and film equipment rental, editing suites, workshops, and screenings of independent and avant-garde film and video. 712 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14202, <u>www.squeaky.org</u>.

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