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Celebrate National Library Week April 10-16

Libraries are places for new beginnings. Whether you are getting your first library card, learning new computer skills, studying a foreign language, or planning a trip, the library is the place where your story begins. **National Library Week** is **April 10 - 16** and the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System joins our nation's libraries and librarians to celebrate the variety of free resources available to all.

"Every day, the 37-libraries across our county, as well as the thousands of libraries across the country, help people broaden their horizons," said Mary Jean Jakubowski, COO of the Library System. "Whether it is by opening a book and exploring distant lands, downloading music or by learning how to use new technologies to find a job, libraries are changing lives."

This year is especially significant for the local libraries in Erie County as we are celebrating the 175th anniversary of the first lending library in Buffalo. An exhibit highlighting the history and growth of the Library System is on display in the downtown Central Library's Ring of Knowledge.

Year-round, throughout the Library System, there are a plethora of free library programs including story times, book clubs, lectures, computer classes and family activities for all ages, etc. Programming highlights during National Library Week include:

- Akron Library - Toddler Story Time 4/12
- Alden (Ewell) Free Library - various during the week
- Angola Library - Roars & Snores, stories for kids, 4/13
- Aurora Library - Lessons from Garden Walks presentation, 4/11
- Audubon Library - Harry Potter Wizard Rock party, 4/14
- Boston Library - Toddler/Preschool Story Times, 4/11, 4/12, 4/14
- Central (downtown Bflo) Library - Computer classes, story times, book clubs, presentations - all week
- City of Tonawanda - Story & Toddler times, 4/11 & 4/14
- Clarence Library -Imagination Theatre, 4/14
- Clearfield Library - The Wondermakers presentation, 4/11
- Collins Library - Quilting with Florence, 4/13
- Concord Library- Monster Cookie Sale, 4/12
- Crane Library - Story Time with Miss Nancy, 4/14
- Dudley Library - Branched Out - Awesome Amphibians, 4/26
- East Clinton- Designing Bookends, various dates
- East Delavan Branch Library - Swing Class, 4/16
- Eden Library -Mark Twain Tonight! At the Eden United Methodist Church, 4/10

Eggertsville-Snyder Library - Meet Author Ron Mazarella, 4/13
Elma Library - Celebrate National Library Week with author Jan Siebold, 4/13
Frank E. Merriweather, Jr., Library - Free Tax Assistance, 4/12
Grand Island Library - Professor Klutzo family program, 4/16
Hamburg Library - Easter Egg Hunt, 4/16
Julia Boyer Reinstein Library - Book Bingo, 4/14
Kenilworth Library- Preschool Story Hour 4/14
Kenmore Library - Preschool Story Hour 4/14
Lackawanna Library - Movie Trivia for Teens, 4/13
Lakeshore Library - Southtowns Chess Club, 4/11
Lancaster Library- Professor Klutzo family program, 4/16.
Marilla Library - Preschool Story Hour 4/11
Niagara Branch Library - Family Place - Play, Learn and Grow, 4/14
North Collins Library - Sunday Café, coffee, tea & treats, 4/10
North Park Library - Craft Crazy Mondays, 4/11
Orchard Park Public Library - Jewelry Making, 4/14
Riverside Library - Preschool Story Hour, 4/12
Reinstein Memorial Library - Preschool Story Hour, 4/11
West Seneca Library - Crafts & Story times, 4/16
Williamsville Library - Family Fun Night, 4/12

For more detailed information, visit the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library website at www.buffalolib.org.

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