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Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System Announces National Library Week Activities

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library announces Systemwide programs during National Library Week (April 8-15) including an online fundraising auction, noon hour presentations and tours of the downtown Central Library.

Beginning Sunday, April 8 and running through April 30, the library kicks off the *Judy Summer Tribute Online Book Auction*. More than 175 items including autographed books by local as well as national authors, signed theatre posters, vintage paper doll packages, CDs, DVDs and classic Life magazines will be available for online bidding via this website: www.biddingforgood.com/buffalolib.

The late Judy Summer was a Library Trustee who conceived of the auction last year as part of the Library's 175th Anniversary. An educator with the Kenmore Schools, Judy gathered many of the donated items from her friends, family and former students including media correspondent Wolf Blitzer and actor Jeffrey DeMunn. Proceeds from the auction will go toward programming for all 37 libraries in the local Library System.

"The online auction will be a great start to National Library Week. As a whole, our libraries offer a wide range of opportunities to meet the needs and interests of Erie County residents," said Mary Jean Jakubowski, director, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System. "Every day we provide the community with tailor-made resources, computer and online services and programs for people of diverse backgrounds, language abilities and technological skills."

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and celebrated by libraries across the country each April.

Here is a sampling of the programs and events sponsored by local libraries. All are free.

Akron Library – Sign Language for kids and adults (Tues., April 10)

Alden Ewell Free Library – various during the week

Angola Library – various during the week

Audubon Library – Nan Hoffman Concert for the family (Tues., April 10)

Aurora Town Library – SPCA Wildlife Family Program (Thurs., April 12)

Boston Free Library- Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales, fun & prizes, throughout the week

Central, downtown Library – What's Up at the Library? Lunchtime program (Mon., April 9)

Free Library Tours (Thurs., April 12, & Sat., April 14)

Young Audiences Second Saturday: Storyteller Celes Tisdale (Sat., April 14)

Clarence Library – Movie Sunset Boulevard (Mon., April 9)

Clearfield Library – Puppets on Parade (Mon., April 9)

Collins Library – Quilting with Florence, (Wed., April 11)

Concord Library- Peep-A-Palooza, (Sat., April 14)

Crane Library – Cyber Thursday on You-Tube, (Thurs., April 12)

Dudley Library – Family History Research (Tues., April 10)

East Clinton–Beach Party Bash with Magician Dave Jeffers (Sat., April 14)

East Delavan Library- Nintendo Wii Gaming, (Sat., April 14)

Eden Library- Juggling Workshop w/ Dave Fultz (Mon., April 9)

Eggertsville–Snyder Library – Punkin the Clown (Wed., April 11)

Elma Library – Kitchen Science (Fri., April 13)

Frank E. Merriweather, Jr., Library – African American Writers Reception (Sat., April 14)

Grand Island Library – Monkey Business w/ the Primate Sanctuary (Wed., April 11)

Hamburg Library – family fun throughout the week

Julia Boyer Reinstein Library – Cheektowaga Y.E.S. Easter Program (Wed., April 11)

Kenilworth Library- Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales (Mon., April 9)

Kenmore Library – AARP Free Tax Assistance (Mon., April 9 & Wed., April 11) Lackawanna Library –Lego Mania (Sat., April 14)

Lakeshore Library – Southtowns Chess Club (Mon., April 9)

Lancaster Library – Open House & Magic Time Show (Wed. April 11)

Marilla Free Library – Preschool Story (Mon., April 9)

North Collins Library – Fairy Tale Lane for kids (Wed., April 11) & Sunday Tea (Sun., April 15)

Niagara Branch Library – “Bored” Game Night (Mon., April 9)

North Park Library –Open House (Fri., April 13) & Wii-Kends (Fri. & Sat, April 13 & 14)

Orchard Park Public Library – Rare Book Sale (Fri., April 13 & Sat. April 14)

Riverside Library – Various during the week and an Open House (Sat., April 14)

Reinstein Memorial Library - Preschool Story Hour (Mon., April 9)

Tonawanda (City) – Website & Twitter computer classes (Mon. & Tues., April 9 & 10)

West Seneca Library – Be A Library Kid program (Wed., April 11)

Williamsville Library – Mad Scientist Lab with Nature Ed-ventures (Thurs., April 12)

Programs are subject to change - please call your library first to confirm.
For more detailed information, visit the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library website at www.BuffaloLib.org.

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