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## **Explore a World of Resources: Celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month with Buffalo & Erie County Public Library**

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**BUFFALO, N.Y. – [September 3, 2024]** – This month, Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries invite you to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month by unlocking a wealth of resources and experiences available through your free library card. Beyond books, your library card offers access to an array of unique services and opportunities that cater to every interest and need across 37 branches in Erie County.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries offer:

- **Digital Media:** Access thousands of eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines, or stream movies, documentaries, and music through digital platforms.
- **Learning Tools:** The library provides resources to help you acquire new skills, or advance your career, including language-learning applications like busuu and Duolingo.
- **Research Databases:** Whether you're a student, a researcher, or just curious – dive into extensive databases, now including *Consumer Reports*.
- **Special Collections:** Explore the Library's rare collections, including local history archives, genealogy resources, and unique manuscripts that you won't find anywhere else.
- **Makerspaces:** Get hands-on with our creative spaces, equipped with 3D printers, crafting tools, and other technology that allows you to bring your ideas to life.
- **Community Events:** To see a full list of free programs happening at each of our 37 libraries – including job fairs, story hours, and more – please visit [www.buffalolib.libcal.com](http://www.buffalolib.libcal.com).

"Signing up for a library card is your first step towards discovering the many ways our services can enrich your life," said **John Spears, director of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library**.

"This September, we're not just celebrating the library card as your passport to knowledge—we're celebrating everything it stands for and unlocks, from the freedom to explore diverse ideas to the opportunity to connect with your community."

In addition to signing up for a library card, we invite you to join us for special events throughout the month, including September 22-28 when Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries will celebrate *Freedom to Read* week – standing against book bans.

**Getting a library card is easy and free.**

Visit any of the 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries with a valid ID, or sign up online at [www.buffalolib.org/library-cards](http://www.buffalolib.org/library-cards).

Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, our staff is here to help you get started. Explore, discover, and grow with Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries today!

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