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ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY THIS SUMMER

Are you ready for a great summer filled with adventure and fun? Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries have you covered! This year's Summer Reading theme is *Adventure Begins at Your Library* and, aside from the many activities individual libraries have planned, there are several system-wide reading challenges, programs, and displays designed to inspire reading and encourage library use all year long.

One can explore dozens of amazing summertime adventures and programs at the 37 local libraries or by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/LibBfloSummer>. Activities range from storytimes and singalongs for young children, to crafternoons and dance workshops for older children, the *Battle of the Books* reading competition, fun science and nature clubs for pre-teens and teens. Bingo, bubble programs, traveling zoos, poetry readings, contests, picnics, displays, movies, and more are some of the free library programs planned for all ages.

The online **Summer Reading Challenge** has categories for children ages 12 and under, teens 13 – 17 years, or adults ages 18 years or older. Reading can pay off with great prizes such as a LEGO set, Magna-Tiles, or Amazon, Barnes & Noble and grocery store gift cards. More information here: <https://becplny08.readsquared.com/>

Reading during the summer, when school is out, is important for children because it helps them to maintain and improve their reading skills, prevent learning loss, and prepare them for the next grade level. Need a free Buffalo & Erie County Public Library card for yourself or a family member? See details here: <https://www.buffalolib.org/library-cards>

New this year: the **Adventure is Out There** series of weekly contests. To kick things off, one lucky winner will receive 4 tickets to KIDZ BOP LIVE 2024 Concert, the ultimate pop concert for kids, for the Sunday, July 7 performance at Darien Lake Amphitheater*. Additional giveaways include rock climbing passes, Erie County Fair gate admissions, the Science Museum, Zoo, and Bisons baseball tickets. The contest runs through the end of August with the grand prize – an all ages reading adventure package - including a tent, sleeping bags and other outdoorsy things to make your quests thrilling. See details here: <https://tinyurl.com/Summer24Entry>

The **2024 Virtual Battle of the Books** is for students entering grades 6 through 9 in fall 2024. Youth join a library team and read three pre-selected books. Teams are coached and then participate in the virtual trivia competition event in mid-August. More *Battle of the Books* details and links are here: <https://www.buffalolib.org/books-movies-music/battle-books>

Not sure what to read? Traditional or eBooks, audiobooks, manga, picture books or magazines? Libraries have them all and library cards offer access to music, TV and movie streaming services too! Details here: https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default/search

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Thank you to the following businesses for generously donating Summer Reading prizes:

Anderson's

Buffalo Bisons

Buffalo Harbor Cruises

Buffalo Museum of Science

Buffalo Zoo

Central Rock Gym

Erie County Fair

Irish Classical Theatre

Live Nation/KIDZ BOP LIVE Summer 2024 - Darien Lake Amphitheater - July 7

Martin House Complex

Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Second Generation Theatre

Six Flags Darien Lake

Theatre of Youth

Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site

WNY Book Arts Center

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