



Are you ready for a great summer filled with adventure and fun? Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries have you covered!

Get inspired!

Have fun & visit a Buffalo & Erie County Public Library this summer!

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, displays, movies, and more are some of the free library programs planned for all ages.

The online ***Summer Reading Challenge*** is for children ages 12 and under, teens 13 – 17 years, or adults ages 18 years or older. Great prizes include a LEGO set, Magna-Tiles, or Amazon, Barnes & Noble and grocery store gift cards.

More information here: <https://becplny08.readsquared.com/>

Did you know?

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.

The **2024 Virtual Battle of the Books** is for students entering grades 6 - 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. Details/links are here:

<https://www.buffalolib.org/books-movies-music/battle-books>

Battle of the Books titles: <https://www.buffalolib.org/battle-books/battle-books-titles>

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 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>

Adventure Begins at Your Library display at the downtown Central Library

The Library's Graphics team has designed an out of this world reading adventure campsite in the *Ring of Knowledge* on the main floor. Trees, sleeping bags, books and tents are just a few of the awesome kid-family features of the exhibit. Central Library hours and directions are here: <https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/central-downtown-buffalo>

Not sure what to read? Traditional or eBooks, audiobooks, manga, 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

See details about **downloadable library** materials: <https://tinyurl.com/BfloDownloads>

See **library locations/hours**: <https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-and-hours>

Need a free **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library card** - Details here: <https://www.buffalolib.org/library-cards>

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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

**The KIDZ BOP giveaway is not affiliated with Instagram. Prize has no cash value & cannot be substituted. NO PURCHASE REQUIRED. U.S., 18 years or older. Void where prohibited. Parking, travel, hotel not included. Contest sponsor: Buffalo & Erie County Public Library.*

Thank you ! See you at the Library!

