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Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Announces Strategic Leadership Appointments and 2025 Board of Trustees

BUFFALO, N.Y. – The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is proud to announce two key leadership appointments that will strengthen its ability to serve as a cornerstone of education, culture, and community engagement across the region.

Further, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library announces 2025 officers to its Board of Trustees following its January meeting.

Angela Marinucci Appointed Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Director

Angela J. Marinucci joins the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library as Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Director. Marinucci brings a strong background in labor relations and government relations to this position.

Marinucci also brings a distinguished career in public service, including her most recent role as Erie County Commissioner of Senior Services. She also currently serves as a member of the Amherst Town Board.

"Angela Marinucci's exceptional leadership experience and deep understanding of public service make her an invaluable addition to our team," said **John Spears, Director** of the **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library**. "Her vision and expertise will help us chart a path forward that ensures our Library system continues to evolve as a dynamic, accessible resource for all Erie County residents."

Dorinda Darden Promoted to Deputy Director of Public Services

The Library is also pleased to announce the promotion of Dorinda Darden to the role of Deputy Director of Public Services. Dorinda has been with the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library since 1986, serving most recently as Assistant Deputy Director, System Services.

Darden holds a Master of Library Science from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She likewise sits on the board of the Michigan Street Preservation Corp.

"Dorinda Darden has been an integral part of the Library for decades, consistently demonstrating a deep commitment to improving the lives of our patrons, and the services and programs we offer to them" said **Spears**.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library announces 2025 Board of Trustees

At the January 16 meeting of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Board of Trustees, the following officers were elected:

- **Carima El-Behairy** was elected board chair for a one-year term. Ms. El-Behairy is currently Chief Development Officer of Buffalo Urban League, and President of Association Typographique Internationale. She was also the executive director of Buffalo Heritage Carousel, Inc. Ms. El-Behairy was appointed to the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Board in 2019, and served as vice chair in 2022, 2023 and 2024;
- **Christopher Sasiadek, Esq.** was elected vice chair for a one-year term. Sasiadek serves as Assistant County Attorney, representing Erie County;
- **Prof. Christine P. Bartholomew, Esq.** was elected secretary for a one-year term. Bartholomew is vice dean for academic affairs, law professor, University at Buffalo;
- **John D. Craik** was elected treasurer for a one-year term. Craik serves as program and grants officer, Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.

Executive committee members:

- **Lucy A. Candelario**, executive director, The Belle Center;
- **Elaine M. Panty**, retired City of Buffalo Water Authority employee and the namesake of the Elaine M. Panty Branch Library located in Buffalo's Riverside neighborhood; and
Sharon M. Kelly, Esq., retired attorney, Hodgson Russ LLP.

Other Trustees include:

Michael Amodeo, Esq.; Nathaniel W. Barnes; Alan J. Bedenko, Esq.; Kathleen Berens Bucki, MLS; Kimberly Johnson; Theodore K. Johnson; and Joel C. Moore, Esq.

Trustee emeriti include:

W. Lawrence Buck; Jack Connors; Hon. Salvatore R. Martoche; and Rebecca L. Pordum.

Photos available upon request

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