

# RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS



Buffalo & Erie County Public  
**LIBRARY**

[www.BuffaloLib.org](http://www.BuffaloLib.org)

# Locations

There are 38 libraries throughout Erie County, plus our bookmobile and library2go van. Each location hosts it's own programs and events so be sure to check out the What's Happening tab on the library website for the most up to date information!

For a listing of all locations and hours go to -  
<https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-and-hours>

For information on programs and events at any public library in Erie County go to –  
<https://www.buffalolib.org/whats-happening>



# Mobile Services

Our library mobile services include the bookmobile, Library2Go, Interlibrary Loan, and Library by Mail

Our mobile services offer many of the same features as visiting one of our permanent locations such as borrowing books, movies and audiobooks; signing up for library cards; accessing free wifi; and they even offer storytimes and other programming!

To learn more about our mobile services go to –  
<https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/mobile-services>

To inquire about having the bookmobile visit your location fill out this form -  
<https://www.buffalolib.org/form/bookmobile-information-the-visit>



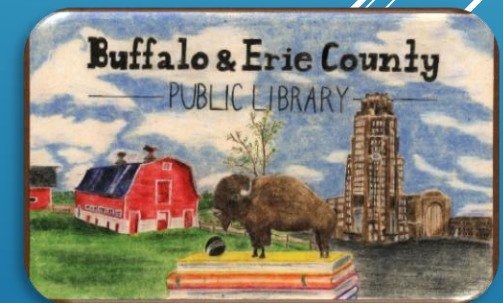
# Library Cards

## Types of Library Cards

- Adult Cards (Ages 17 and up)
- Youth Cards (Birth – 16)
- Student Digital Cards
- Educator Cards (Educators teaching grades preschool – grade 12)
- Agency Cards (Business, agency, or community organization conducting business or engaged in activity in Erie County)

To find out more information and apply for a library card visit -  
<https://www.buffalolib.org/library-cards/library-card-requirements>

\*Applications are available in several languages



# Finding an Item

Use our online catalog to search for items –  
[https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en\\_US/default](https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default)

You can visit any library to check out the item you're looking for, or place a hold to have that item sent to a library of your choice for free!

We also curate lists of new and upcoming titles for books, DVDs, Blu-ray, CDs, and more -  
<https://www.buffalolib.org/books-movies-music>

## **Staff Picks:**

[New DVDs](#)

[New Blu-Rays](#)

[New Fiction](#)

[New Non-Fiction](#)

[New Popular Music CDs](#)

## **New:**

[All New Materials \(Past 14 Days\)](#)

[DVDs](#)

[Blu-Rays](#)

[Fiction](#)

[Nonfiction](#)

[Music CDs](#)

[Audiobooks](#)

[Large Print](#)

[Printed Music/Scores](#)

[Young Adult Fiction](#)

[Children's Fiction](#)

[Children's Non-Fiction](#)

[Children's Picture Books](#)

[Children's Readers](#)

## **Coming Soon:**

[DVDs](#)

[Blu-ray Discs](#)

[Fiction](#)

[Non-Fiction](#)

[Music CDs](#)

[Audiobooks](#)

[Large Print](#)



**OverDrive**<sup>®</sup>



**hoopla**

We offer three different options to access ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, videos and music – Overdrive, Libby, and Hoopla

For more information on each, including how to instructions for access, finding, and downloading content head to -

<https://www.buffalolib.org/downloadsstreaming>

# Downloads & Streaming



All libraries in the Buffalo & Erie County Library System offer programs, including but not limited to – storytimes, book clubs, crafting events, and more!

Libraries also offer trainings in many subjects, such as computer basics or iPad setup. You can even book a tech trainer for any topic you want help with.

Check our event page for an up to date list of all programs. You can search by program, location, or date!

<https://www.buffalolib.org/whats-happening>

# Programs

# Class Visits and Tours

Visiting your local library is a great way to learn about everything we have to offer! Library visits can include, but are not limited to- tours, stories, crafts, and learning library basics. The best part? It's all free! (Transportation is not included)

To book a visit to the Central Library –

<https://www.buffalolib.org/teachers/class-visits-central-library>

To request a visit to one of our locations across Erie County, please contact the branch or library directly. Locations and contact information can be accessed here –

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

Please note:

Class visits are subject to staff and building availability.





# Outreach

We'd love to visit you! We are available to provide information about all our great programs and benefits of using the library at your next event. We can personalize the outreach to best fit your needs.

For more information and to request the library attend your next event, please fill out this form-

<https://www.buffalolib.org/form/book-an-outreach>



# Storytime in a Bag



Ideal for preschools, daycare centers, and homeschool groups, Storytime in a Bag is a book club for little ones. Each Storytime in a Bag kit includes 15 board book copies of a beloved children's picture book, along with a copy for facilitators to read aloud, so each child has their own copy to hold and explore! Each kit comes with early literacy tips to get your group talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing -- the building blocks of early literacy that help get children ready to read! Kits can be sent to any B&ECPL Library!

We have over 40 titles in our collection. To see all titles available and reserve a bag today click here - [Storytime in a Bag](#)



# Book Club in a Bag

The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library (B&ECPL) provides the books and all the information needed to have a great book discussion.

Each Book Club in a Bag kit contains 10 copies of the selected book, a large print edition (if available), an audiobook (if available), a reading guide and an information / contents sheet. The titles include a mix of fiction and nonfiction, covering a broad range of genres and topics. The bags are checked out for 6 weeks and can be returned to any B&ECPL location. Renewals are not allowed.

Kits are available through the B&ECPL's request system in the card catalog. If a kit is not available when you place your request, you may not receive it in time for your club's schedule.

Also available are **Graphic Novel Classroom Kits** containing 30 copies of the selected book, subject specific audio/visual material, a folder of support materials and an information/contents sheet.

**[Browse Book Club in a Bag](#)**



**Be a Space Explorer!**  
**Borrow a NASA Space Explorers Backpack.**

Learn how to use a simple telescope  
Program a mini robot

Learn about space, planets and constellations

The backpack contains everything you will need to get started including a 76 mm FunScope telescope, Code & Go Robot Mouse, charts, books and instructions.

For more information and to reserve –

<https://www.buffalolib.org/nasa-space-explorers-backpack>



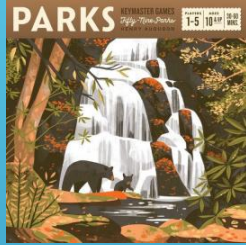
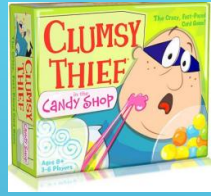
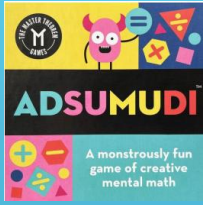
# NASA Backpacks

# Library of Things

Both at the Central Library, and branches throughout the system are libraries of things. A library of things has non-traditional items for patrons to borrow. These items cannot be transferred from library to library so if you reserve an item you must pick up and return it to the owning library.



For more information on library of things,  
along with participating locations go to –  
[Library of Things](#)



Choose from over 100 unplugged games for friends and family fun. Choose from old favorites to exciting new ones. Start building your own gaming community today!

For a full list of games and their descriptions go to – <https://www.buffalolib.org/services/gaming-unplugged/gaming-listing>

# Gaming Unplugged

# Award Lists

[Randolph Caldecott Medal](#)

[John Newbery Medal](#)

[Coretta Scott King Award](#)

[Pura Belpré Award](#)

Each of the links above provide information about the award along with a list of winners from the medal's inception to today. Copies of the books can be found throughout the B&ECPL System.

The following links are to website which compile lists of books that, although are not award winners, are still great examples of literature in their respective categories.

[We Need Diverse Books](#) – Focuses on publishing books with diverse characters and experiences.

[Children's Notable Lists](#) – Lists of the best of the year in books, recordings, and digital media specifically for children.

## Notable Book Lists

# Questions?

Please contact our Children's Department for  
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