



Erie County Heritage Passport

Erie County, New York



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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



At times in our history it is important to pause and reflect on where we've been, the challenges and successes we've had, and the path that has brought us to this point in time.

Erie County's rich, vibrant and bustling history will be spotlighted and celebrated throughout our bicentennial year as EC200 gives us all the opportunity to become better acquainted with the men and women who shaped our county into what it is today.

Having this historical perspective makes us better - prepared to understand our role and responsibility in continuing Erie County's growth for the next 200 years.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark C. Poloncarz'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Mark' being particularly prominent.



Our Erie County History

EC200 represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to engage residents, cultivate awareness, and illuminate the little-known stories of our county. It is also an opportunity to promote the wealth of heritage organizations that exist **throughout** Erie County.

Our story begins long before Asa Ransom or Joseph Ellicott, Louis le Couteulx or John Cummings. It starts with the presence of the Indigenous peoples: the Erie, the Wenro, the Huron and the Haudenosaunee. The treaties signed by the Six Nations and the United States have established their sovereign rights within their traditional lands and within Erie County. Their presence enriches our community still today.

When Niagara County was incorporated in 1808, it included three towns. Cambria and Clarence in the north were divided from the town of Willink by the Buffalo Creek Reservation. On April 2nd, 1821, New York State divided Clarence, Willink and the reservation into its own county bounded on the north by Tonawanda Creek and by Cattaraugus Creek on the south. Over time, Clarence was subdivided to create the county's northern tier of townships. The name Willink ceased to be used as the southern towns were created.

Today, Erie County contains 25 townships and three cities (Buffalo, Lackawanna and Tonawanda) as well as two sovereign Seneca Reservations (Cattaraugus and Tonawanda).

We look forward to sharing our rich history and heritage with you as you travel the width and breadth of the county during the bicentennial commemoration.

We hope you will get to know more about your own town and experience some of the towns and villages that you may not know quite so well!

April 2, 2021

Douglas Kohler, Erie County Historian



COUNTY HALL

The construction of "Old" County Hall was completed in 1876. Designed by Rochester architect Andrew Warner, the building's signature feature is the clock tower that rises over 200 feet. The corners of the clock tower are adorned with four 16-foot high granite sculptures representing: Justice, Commerce, Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. In 1901, President McKinley lay in state in Old County Hall after his death following the shooting at the Pan-American Exposition.



THE BUFFALO HISTORY MUSEUM

The Museum is open with pay what you wish admission, Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

**The Buffalo History Museum
1 Museum Court, Buffalo, NY 14216
(716) 873-9644**



Visit Buffalo Niagara is a presenting sponsor of EC200.

Please visit:
visitbuffaloniagara.com
for official EC200 events and more!



Welcome Participants!

As we celebrate Erie County's Bicentennial this year, we encourage you to use this passport to visit as many museums and historical societies in Erie County as possible. There are thirty-five museums/historical societies listed. Each one is unique and commemorates the diverse nature of each town. As you travel around Erie County, enjoy the beauty and historic nature that surrounds you.

Our theme for the passport is ***"Shining a Light on the History of Erie County,"*** so each museum will have a numbered lantern (light) to look for, and record in your passport. Be sure to have your passport stamped at the end of your visit.

Since Erie County is still dealing with a pandemic, there will be restrictions in place: mask wearing, social distancing, hand cleaning, and possibly reservations will be required. Until restrictions are lifted, please call ahead or check the website (or social media) to inquire about restrictions and requirements for each museum.

Some museums may also charge an admission fee; look for a (\$) on its page. All museums will appreciate a donation.

We look forward to seeing participants and your passports filled with heritage experiences at this fall's turn-in event. Participants will receive a commemorative keepsake!

Check: **erie.gov/EC200** for details.

If you have questions, please email us at

ErieCounty200@gmail.com

Enjoy your "trip" around Erie County.

Alden Historical Society

Alden Heritage Center

13213 Broadway, Alden, NY 14004



Open: March - December
First & Third Sundays
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm



ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Large collection of fossils found in Spring Creek's "Slate Banks" and in Cayuga Creek
- Neeland's Dairy and Bennett Manufacturing displays
- Display of artifacts from Alden's Black Water Baths Industry
- Office of Town and Village Historian
- Henskee Road one-room schoolhouse open for tours by appointment

For more information: aldenhistoricalsociety.org,

(716) 937-3700

aldenhistsoc@gmail.com



Did you know? Alden is the only town
in New York named after a mother-in-law,
Hannah Alden Hebard.

Aurora Historical Society

Aurora History Museum

575 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY 14052



Exhibits Open Monday - Friday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Historian's Office Open: Wednesday & Thursday
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm & by appointment

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- General History of the Town of Aurora and Village of East Aurora
- Artifacts from Native Americans, earliest settlers, and industry
- 16 murals by artist Rix Hennings featuring a chronological history of the town
- Office of the Aurora Town Historian historian@townofaurora.com

For more information:

www.townofaurora.com/departments/historian, (716) 652-7944

Did you know? The Adams family were the first settlers to spend a winter in East Aurora in 1804. The family farm still stands on Olean Road.



Aurora Historical Society Millard Fillmore Presidential Site

24 Shearer Avenue, East Aurora, NY 14052



Open: June - October \$

Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, by reservation

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- History of Millard Fillmore from his journey to East Aurora to his post-presidency life in Buffalo
- Fillmore's political legacy as the 13th President of the United States
- Margaret Evans Price's role in preserving the Fillmore house
- Collection of furniture and personal items belonging to Fillmore and other East Aurora artifacts

For more information: aurorahistoricalsociety.com,
(716) 652-4735



Did you know? President Fillmore helped build this house for his bride and they lived here from 1826-1830?

Aurora Historical Society Elbert Hubbard Roycroft Museum

363 Oakwood Avenue, East Aurora, NY 14052



Open: June - October \$

Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, by reservation

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- History of Elbert Hubbard and the Roycroft Community.
- Extensive collection of Roycroft artifacts including books, furniture, art, copper and leatherwork.
- History of George and Gladys Scheidemantel—original owners of the house.

For more information:

aurorahistoricalsociety.com, (716) 652-4735

Did you know? Elbert Hubbard and his wife Alice lost their lives in the sinking of the RMS Lusitania in 1915.



Boston Historical Society

9410 Boston State Road, Boston, NY 14025



Open:

Call to schedule a tour
(716) 648-4077

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Ellen Beach Yaw (American Soprano/Opera)
- Early Boston/Pioneers Collection
- John Love Murder
- Buffalo Susquehanna Railroad through Boston

For more information:

townofboston.com.about-boston/historical-society



Did you know? Early settler Richard Cary's cabin was only 12 feet square and provided shelter for a family of 10.

Brant-Farnham Historical Society

*Brant Town Hall, 1272 Brant-North Collins Road,
Brant, NY 14027*



*Open: Third Saturday of the month, 9:30 am – Noon
Or by appointment*

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Brant and the Civil War
- Famous Personalities
- Brant Strawberry Festival 1957-1971
- Canning factories, farms, farm labor camps
- Local businesses through the years

For more information:

www.brantny.com Dept: Historical, historian@brantny.com

Did you know? *Brant was named after
the Mohawk chief, Joseph Brant.*



Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst, NY 14228



Open: May - October \$
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm,
Thursday, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Agricultural and rural history of Buffalo Niagara
- Historic village featuring 10 historic buildings
- Indoor exhibits
- Community artisan village on Saturdays during open season
- Self-guided and guided tours. Call for information and to book guided tour

For more information:
bnhv.org, (716) 689-1440



Did you know? The BNHV sits on a 35-acre site.

Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village

3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst, NY 14228



- 1.) Shaw Exhibit Building
- 2.) Bandstand
- 3.) Amherst Rotary Pavillion
- 4.) Lavocat House c.1840
- 5.) Williamsville School c.1880
- 6.) Blacksmith Shop Replica c.1899
- 7.) Elliott House c.1851
- 8.) Barbershop c.1898
- 9.) Sweethome School c.1847
- 10.) Hoover House c.1875
- 11.) Smith Log House c.1838
- 12.) Dann Road House c.1840
- 13.) Bigelow House c.1860
- 14.) Transit Road Church c.1854
- 15.) Pavillion
- 16.) Steffen Educational Activity Building



Cheektowaga Historical Association

3329 Broadway, Cheektowaga, NY 14227



*Open: Every first Sunday of the month,
March - December 2:00 - 4:00 pm,
Every Monday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm*

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Large collection of town, county and state maps, and atlases.
- Town aviation history (airport, Curtis Wright, Bell Helicopter)
- Town National Landmarks (Our Lady Help of Christians, War of 1812 Cemetery & Villa Maria Motherhouse)
- Founding Families

For more information:

**cheektowagahistory.org,
cheektowagahistory@yahoo.com
(716) 684-6544**



Did you know? Cheektowaga comes from an Erie-Seneca word, "JUKDOWAAGEH", meaning "land of abounding fruit", referring to the native hawthorn trees (crabapples).

Historical Society of Clarence

10465 Main Street, Clarence, NY 14031



*Open: March-December,
Second & Fourth Sundays, 1:00 pm -3:00 pm*

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Wilson Greatbatch Exhibit
- Flight 3407 Exhibit
- The Goodrich-Landow Log Cabin
- Farming & Agriculture Display

For more information:
ClarenceHistory.org

Did you know? The Goodrich-Landow cabin, now on site, stood on Goodrich Road for 165 years.



Concord Historical Society Warner Museum

98 E. Buffalo Street, Springville, NY 14141



Open: Saturdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Native American baskets
- Antique toys and musical instruments
- "Pop" Warner memorabilia

For more information:

CHS14141.org,
(716) 592-0094



Did you know? Glenn "Pop" Warner, an important figure in American football history, was born in 1871 in Springville?

Concord Historical Society Mercantile Heritage Building

17 Franklin Street, Springville, NY 14141



Open: Saturdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- 1890s country store and gift shop
- Springville "Main Street 1950s" shows various stores in town at that time
- The 1907 "Around the World" auto race display

For more information:

CHS14141.org, (716) 592-0094

Did you know? Springville was originally known as "Fiddler's Green".



Concord Historical Society Lucy Bensley Genealogy Center

23 N. Buffalo Street, Springville, NY 14141



Open: Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Local newspapers 1840-present—some researchable on computer
- Extensive Civil War library—over 100 volumes
- Local genealogies
- Maps

For more information:

CHS14141.org, (716) 592-0094



Did you know? Concord is believed to have been named after Concord, Massachusetts by the early settlers.

Depew Historian Office

*Office on second floor of the Village Hall,
85 Manitou Street, Depew, NY 14043*



Open:

By appointment only

Village Hall open 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Various documents and papers of historical significance
- Photographs
- Artifacts

For more information:

**Call for appointment
(716) 681-4396**

Did you know? *The Village of Depew straddles two townships — Lancaster on the east and Cheektowaga on the west.*



Eden Historical Society

Asa Warren House

8639 South Main Street, Eden, NY 14057



Open:

May, June, July, September, Third Sunday 1:00 pm -3:00 pm

Or by appointment

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- House built by Asa Warren c1814
- Renovated to the 1840s era
- Items of historical significance to the Town of Eden
- House believed to have been an underground railroad station

For more information:

historian@edenny.gov



Did you know? The Eden Kazoo Company has a museum at 8703 S. Main Street in Eden.

Eden Regional Farm Museum Welch Farm

8326 N. Main Street, Eden, NY 14057



Open: May, June, July & September, Third Sundays
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- House built prior to 1838.
- Farm owned by the Welch family for almost 200 years
- Surrounding gardens contain plantings appropriate to early 1900s
- Small barn contains small hand tools and other farming implements

For more information:

Facebook page Welch Farm Museum

Did you know? When John Morgan Welch was clearing the land in the early 1810s, he found himself with so much excess wood, he simply burned what he did not need.



Elma Historical Society Hurd House

3011 Bowen Road, Elma NY, 14059



Open: First & Third Sundays, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- First Town Board meeting to form Town of Elma held here in 1856
- Has 16 rooms, original windows, built in 1846
- Vintage toys
- Was part of the Underground Railroad
- Served as a parsonage during late 1800s and early 1900s
- Research library for genealogy and town history

For more information:

www.elmanyhistory.com



Did you know? The Hurd House was moved 700 yards north on Bowen Road to its present location in May 1985.

Elma Historical Society Barn

3011 Bowen Road, Elma NY, 14059



Open: May - October
First & Third Sundays, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- c1860 Jerge carriage and utility wagon made in Elma
- Farm artifacts dating to the 1830s
- Bleek's and Luder's artifacts
- Bleek's post office artifacts
- Dairy equipment dating back to 1920

For more information:
www.elmanyhistory.com

Did you know? Elma is the youngest town in Erie County. It was created in 1857.



Elma Historical Society

Hurd and Briggs 1846 Sawmill

3011 Bowen Road, Elma NY, 14059



Open: May – October
First & Third Sundays, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Working sawmill using local 1840s machinery
- Replica built on original stanchions
- Original gear on display



For more information:
www.elmanyhistory.com



Did you know? A sawmill was usually
the first type of mill built in a new settlement.

Evans Historical Society

8351 Erie Road, Angola, NY 14006



Open:

July & August, Sundays, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

September to June, First & Third Sundays, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- 1857 School House Museum
- Farm & Household Tools
- Emblem Company bicycles made by local company

For more information:

www.evanshistorical.org; (716) 549-6139

Did you know? Evans was named for David Evans, the local agent for the Holland Land Company and nephew of Joseph Ellicott.



Grand Island Historical Society/River Lea

*Beaver Island State Park, 2136 W. Oakfield Road,
Grand Island, New York 14072*



*Open Hours \$ (Admission to State Park)
April - September, First Wednesday 4:30-7:30 pm
April, May, September, Third Sunday 1:00-3:00 pm*

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Yard Sale Fundraiser, May 21 & 22, 9:00 am–3:00 pm, Museum will be open
- Much of Beaver Island State Park was once part of Lewis F. Allen's progressive, experimental Allenton Farm
- River Lea c1873 was a wedding gift from Lewis Allen to his son and bride
- River Lea was saved from demolition by the Grand Island Historical Society

For more information:

www.gihistoricalsociety.org



Did you know? Grover Cleveland worked for his uncle, Lewis F. Allen, on the Allenton Farm.

Hamburg Historical Society

5859 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, NY 14075



Open: April – December 1, Saturdays, Noon - 3:00 pm
First Sunday of month, Noon - 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Boise-Lord House c1850
- Restored Village Lock Up
- Carriage Barn
- Museum



For more information:

www.hamburghistoricalsociety.org

Did you know? The Erie County Fair has operated in Hamburg since 1868.



Hull Family Home and Farmstead

5976 Genesee Street, Lancaster, NY 14086



Open: Noon to 3:00 pm

May 16, 23, 30, June 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25,

August 1, 8, 22, 29, September 5, 19, 26

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Home of Revolutionary War veteran Warren Hull (1762-1838)
- Oldest surviving stone dwelling in Erie County
- Fully restored to 1815
- Research library for genealogy and town history

For more information:

www.hullfamilyhome.com, (716) 681-6451



Did you know? Warren and Polly Hull raised 12 children here.

Lackawanna Historical Association

*Lackawanna Public Library, 560 Ridge Road,
Lackawanna, NY 14218*



*Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm,
Wednesday, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, Friday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm*

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Local History Museum on ground floor of Lackawanna Public Library
- Father Baker
- Steel Plant
- Col. John B. Weber
- City of Lackawanna

For more information:

www.buffalolib.org

(716) 245-9383



Did you know? *Lackawanna got its name from the Lackawanna Steel Company and was formerly part of West Seneca.*



Lancaster, New York Historical Society

40 Clark Street, Lancaster, NY 14086



Open:
Second & Fourth Sundays,
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Research facilities
- Collection of maps
- Lancaster District School #6 at 3703 Bowen Road

For more information:

www.lancasternyhistoricalsociety.org
(716) 228-7755



Did you know? Lancaster once had its own professional football team, the Lancaster Malleables, that played in the New York Pro Football League in the 1900s.

Marilla Historical Society Museum

1810 Two Rod Road, Marilla, NY 14102



Open: June 1 – November 1, Third Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Or by appointment

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Restored 1854 log cabin
- Restored 1870 Roloff House
- Virtual tour of Marilla's historic sites
- Rotating displays of Marilla's history

For more information:

townofmarilla.com/attractions

(716) 652-1827

Did you know? Due to the damming of
Little Buffalo Creek for milling purposes,
Marilla once had a lake in the middle of town.



Newstead Historical Society

Rich-Twinn Octagon House

145 Main Street, Akron, NY 14001



Please see website for opening date

Open: April - October \$

First & Third Sundays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Circa 1850 Victorian house
- Speaking tubes throughout the house
- A dumbwaiter
- Open hearth
- Cupola

For more information:

info@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org,

(716) 542-7022



Did you know? Octagon houses were a unique house style briefly popular in the 1850s in the United States and Canada.

Newstead Historical Society Knight-Sutton Museum

123 Main Street, Akron, NY 14001



Open:

April - October, First & Third Sundays, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
Every Wednesday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- 2021 exhibit "Akron Through the Ages" explores the community's history and development from the local Native Americans to the present day. Agriculture, business and cultural life will be on display.

For more information:

www.newsteadhistoricalsociety.org,

info@newsteadhistoricalsociety.org

(716) 542-7022

Did you know? Early industries in Akron included lumbering, barrel making, flour and cement milling, gypsum processing and cigar making.



North Collins Schoolhouse #8 History Center and Museum

2101 School Street, North Collins, NY 14111



Open: June 1 – November 1, Third Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Or by appointment

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Unassuming on the outside, fascinating on the inside!
- One-room rural schoolhouse
- Period appropriate furnishings and teaching aids
- Artifacts and memorabilia of days gone by, circa 1900

For more information:

www.schoolhouse#8.info; (716) 337-3341



Did you know? This schoolhouse,
one of several in North Collins, was built
in 1857.

Orchard Park Historical Society

4287 S. Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, NY 14127



*Open: Regular House hours anticipated in fall 2021.
Check Facebook page.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Museum is in the Jolls House, home of Dr. Jolls, a beloved doctor
- House is a beautifully restored 1870 Italianate structure in the heart of Orchard Park
- Dr. Jolls's medical suite is maintained as it was until he stopped practicing in 1960
- Rotating exhibits of subjects of local interest

For more information:

www.ophistoricalsociety.wordpress.com;

ophsjolls@gmail.com

(716) 662-2185

Did you know? Orchard Park was originally named Ellicott after Joseph Ellicott, surveyor and agent for the Holland Land Company.



Sardinia Historical Society

12070 Savage Road, Sardinia, NY 14134



Open:

April - October, First & Third Sundays, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Building was constructed in 1829 as the First Baptist Church of Sardinia, later served as the Town Hall
- First settlers in 1809—Ezra Nott and George Richmond
- Town was constructed from the Town of Concord
- Display of the Springville-Sardinia Railroad (begun in 1878)

For more information:

sardiniahistoricalsociety.org



Did you know? Sardinia is reportedly named after an old hymn and the second largest island in the Mediterranean Sea.

Historical Society of the Tonawandas

113 Main Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150



Open:

Wednesday, Noon - 5:00 pm, Thursday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm,
Saturday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Located in a former NY Central Railroad station
- Exhibits documenting Tonawanda's history as the Lumber Capital of the world and later as a manufacturing center
- Research library, photo archives, database of collections
- 1925 monument in memory of soldiers, sailors and marines of the Civil War
- Commemorative garden with stone markers dedicated to WWI veterans

For more information:

www.tonawandahistory.org

Did you know? From the mid-19th century to the early 20th century a section of Tonawanda was known as Goose Island.



Tonawanda-Kenmore Historical Society Museum

105 Knoche Road, Tonawanda, NY 14150



*Open Hours:
By appointment and
Open Houses
scheduled for:*

- July 11
 - August 1
 - September 12
 - October 17
- from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm*

*Email:
info@kentonhistory.org*

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- The first meeting of TKHS was held 92 years ago. The society was founded by Dr. Frederick S. Parkhurst.
- The museum is located in the former St. Peter's Evangelical Church built in 1849. The church was an active congregation until 1967. In the nation's bicentennial, 1976, the church reopened as the home of the history museum.
- The surrounding St. Peter's Cemetery is the final resting place of many Kenmore and Town of Tonawanda pioneers.
- The museum's artifacts boast an extensive collection of pioneer items, a large diorama of the Erie Canal as it passed through the Town, and information on KenTon's significant contributions to the aircraft industry during WWII.

For more information:
www.kentonhistory.org



Did you know? *Kenmore is Buffalo's first suburb and the Town of Tonawanda originally included the City of Tonawanda and Grand Island.*

Wales Historical Society

11006 Emery Road, South Wales, NY 14169



Open:

By appointment call (716) 860-4240

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Former Aurora Wales District #8 schoolhouse, erected between 1840- 1850
- Second room was added in 1910
- Last New York State Common School District to be closed (1967)

For more information:

(716) 860-4240

Did you know? Wales is one of the earliest of the towns in Erie County (1818).



West Seneca Historical Society

919 Mill Road, West Seneca, NY 14224



Open:
Tuesdays
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
First Sundays
April - October
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm



ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- Extensive collection of Ebenezer Society artifacts
- Haudenosaunee (Six Nations) artifacts
- 1/6 scale model of Leydecker Bridge, last covered bridge in Erie County
- "Street of Shops"
- Military, Police, Fire and Civil Defense Display

For more information:

WestSenecaHistory.com
Historical Society@TWSNY.org



Did you know? Incorporated as the Town of Seneca in 1851, the name was changed the following year to avoid confusion with a Town of Seneca in central New York.

For locations and information of arts and cultural throughout Buffalo and Erie County such as:



**African
American
Cultural
Center** Inc.

*gatekeeper for
urban generations*



BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY
**NAVAL &
MILITARY
PARK**



INAUGURAL SITE
WWW.TRSITE.ORG



ROOSEVELT CAMPUS
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK



**Martin
House**

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT | ARCHITECT



**Albright-Knox
Art Gallery**



**HISPANIC
HERITAGE
COUNCIL**
of Western New York, Inc.



**BUFFALO
OLMSTED PARKS
CONSERVANCY**

Please visit: erie.gov/presenting

Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries

A Great Place to Start for Information about Our County and Our Towns!



Buffalo & Erie County Public

LIBRARY

www.BuffaloLib.org

716-858-8900

Akron/Newstead:

Newstead Public Library

33 Main Street, Akron
716-542-2327

Alden:

Alden Ewell Free Library

13280 Broadway, Alden
716-937-7082

Amherst:

Main Library at Audubon

350 John J. Audubon Parkway, Amherst
716-689-4922

Clearfield Branch Library

770 Hopkins Road, Williamsville
716-688-4955

Eggertsville-Snyder Branch Library

4622 Main Street, Snyder
716-839-0700

Williamsville Branch Library

5571 Main Street, Williamsville
716-632-6176

Angola:

Angola Public Library

34 North Main Street, Angola
716-549-1271

- Aurora:** **Aurora Town Public Library**
550 Main Street, East Aurora
716-652-4440
- Boston:** **Boston Free Library**
9475 Boston State Road, Boston
716-941-3516
- Buffalo:** **Central Library**
1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo
716-858-8900
- Crane Branch Library**
633 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo
716-883-6651
- Dudley Branch Library**
2010 South Park Avenue, Buffalo
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- Isaías González-Soto Branch Library**
280 Porter Avenue, Buffalo
716-882-1537
- Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library**
1187 East Delavan Avenue, Buffalo
716-896-4433
- North Park Branch Library**
975 Hertel Avenue, Buffalo
716-875-3748

- Cheektowaga:** **Anna Reinstein Memorial Library**
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- Julia Boyer Reinstein Library**
1030 Losson Road, Cheektowaga
716-668-4991
- Clarence:** **Clarence Public Library**
Three Town Place, Clarence
716-741-2650
- Collins:** **Town of Collins Public Library**
2341 Main Street, Collins
716-532-5129
- Concord:** **Concord Public Library**
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716-592-7742
- Eden:** **Eden Library**
2901 E. Church Street, Eden
716-992-4028
- Elma:** **Elma Public Library**
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716-652-2719
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716-773-7124
- Hamburg:** **Hamburg Public Library**
102 Buffalo Street, Hamburg
716-649-4415
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S-4857 Lake Shore Road, Hamburg
716-627-3017
- Lackawanna:** **Lackawanna Public Library**
560 Ridge Road, Lackawanna
716-823-0630

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| Town of Tonawanda: | Kenilworth Branch Library 318 Montrose Avenue, Tonawanda 716-834-7657 Kenmore Branch Library 160 Delaware Road, Kenmore 716-873-2842 |
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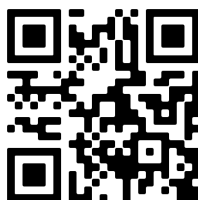
On behalf of the EC200 planning committee, we would like to recognize the committee that put together the wonderful passport experience that is integral to this year's commemoration. A consortium of local historians and historical societies, *(listed below)* took the lead on developing the concept of a county-wide passport and gathering the information from each town for inclusion in the booklet. Every corner of the county is represented, and we hope that this becomes a meaningful way for individuals and families to experience parts of the county that they might not otherwise visit.

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