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Freegal

Love music? Try Freegal! The Erie County Public Library is pleased to announce our new music download service, Freegal.

Freegal offers hundreds of thousands of songs, over 100 genres of music, and more than 50 record labels, including the entire Sony Music Entertainment catalog. All you need is your library card number and you can download up to three free songs per week. Songs can be kept indefinitely. Unlike library books, the songs do not need to be returned.

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Children's Library	451-6936
Reference	451-6927
Interlibrary Loan	451-6922
Bookmobile	451-6935
Heritage Room	451-6983
TDD for the hearing impaired	451-6931

President's Day Holiday

All library outlets will be closed and the bookmobile will be off the road on Monday, February 20 for the County's observation of the President's Day holiday.



Memorial and Honor Donations

Through January 30, 2012

Marybeth Baran, Kathy DiNicola, Patty Jaskiewicz, Ed McCallion, Tim McCallion

- In memory of Nancy McCallion

Patrice Berchtold, Julie Hager

- In memory of Tom Adams

Jim & Doreen Rumzie and Family, Charles & Joyce Servey

- In Memory of Joan Repman Baum

Shadbush Club of Edinboro

Margaret & Adele Stewart

- In memory of James E. Shafer



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

BLASCO LIBRARY MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM – 10:00 A.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-6936 to register.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

IROQUOIS AVENUE BRANCH – 10:30 A.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7082 to register.

MOTHER GOOSE ASKS WHY – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

BLASCO LIBRARY , MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM – 1:30 P.M.

STORY TIME MIXED WITH A PINCH OF FUN MATH AND SCIENCE. DESIGNED FOR AGES 3-7. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. PLEASE CALL 814-451-6936 TO REGISTER.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER – 1:00 P.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7085 to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO PUBLISHER – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

BLASCO LIBRARY COMPUTER LAB (2ND FLOOR) -- 5:00 – 8 P.M.

\$5.00 fee. Pre-register by calling 814-451-6927.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

MILLCREEK BRANCH – 10:30 A.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7084 to register.

CROSS CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

BLASCO LIBRARY -- 6:30 P.M.

A program that enables native and non-native speakers of English to converse with each other in small groups. Call 814-451-6927 to register or for more information.

COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO POWER POINT – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

BLASCO LIBRARY, COMPUTER LAB (2ND FLOOR) -- 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

\$5.00 fee. Pre-register by calling 814-451-6927.

TODDLER STORY TIME -- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

BLASCO LIBRARY, MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM

SESSION I: 9:30 A.M. SESSION II: 10:30 A.M.

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PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

EDINBORO BRANCH – 1:00 P.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7081 to register.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

BLASCO LIBRARY, MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM – 10:00 A.M.

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PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

IROQUOIS AVENUE BRANCH – 10:30 A.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7082 to register.

MOTHER GOOSE ASKS WHY – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

BLASCO LIBRARY, MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM – 1:30 P.M.

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PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER – 1:00 P.M.

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SENIOR DAYS – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

BLASCO LIBRARY, ADMIRAL ROOM -- 1:00 P.M.

Make a valentine for your sweetheart or loved one! Greeting card stamping with Library Assistant Jean Vickey.

BLASCO LIBRARY, ADMIRAL ROOM -- 2:00 P.M.

Free blood pressure checks by nurses from Pleasant Ridge Manor.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

MILLCREEK BRANCH – 10:30 A.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7084 to register.

THERAPY DOGS UNITED – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER – 4:00 P.M.

Reading goes to the dogs! Kids can practice their reading skills with a non-judgmental listener.

CROSS CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

BLASCO LIBRARY -- 6:30 P.M.

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TODDLER STORY TIME -- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

BLASCO LIBRARY, MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM

SESSION I: 9:30 A.M. SESSION II: 10:30 A.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-6936 to register.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

EDINBORO BRANCH – 1:00 P.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7081 to register.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

BLASCO LIBRARY, MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM – 10:00 A.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-6936 to register.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

IROQUOIS AVENUE BRANCH – 10:30 A.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7082 to register.

MOTHER GOOSE ASKS WHY – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

BLASCO LIBRARY, MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM – 1:30 P.M.

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PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER – 1:00 P.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7085 to register.

COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

BLASCO LIBRARY, COMPUTER LAB (2ND FLOOR) -- 5:00 – 8 P.M.

\$5.00 fee. Pre-register by calling 814-451-6927.

CHOOSING AN ELECTRIC SUPPLIER – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

BLASCO LIBRARY, ADMIRAL ROOM -- 2:00 P.M.

Local consumer advocate Ken Springirth will present tips on what to look for when choosing an electricity supplier.

TODDLER STORY TIME -- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

BLASCO LIBRARY, MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM

SESSION I: 9:30 A.M. SESSION II: 10:30 A.M.

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PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

EDINBORO BRANCH – 1:00 P.M.

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THERAPY DOGS UNITED – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

EDINBORO BRANCH – 2:00 P.M.

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MERCY CENTER PRESCHOOL ART EXHIBIT – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21—MONDAY, MARCH 19

BLASCO LIBRARY, MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

BLASCO LIBRARY, MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM – 10:00 A.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-6936 to register.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

IROQUOIS AVENUE BRANCH – 10:30 A.M.

Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7082 to register.

THERAPY DOGS UNITED – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

BLASCO LIBRARY, MEAD CHILDREN'S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM – 6:30 P.M.

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PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER – 1:00 P.M.
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COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

BLASCO LIBRARY, COMPUTER LAB (2ND FLOOR) -- 5:00 – 8 P.M.
\$5.00 fee. Pre-register by calling 814-451-6927.

COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

BLASCO LIBRARY, COMPUTER LAB (2ND FLOOR) -- 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON
\$5.00 fee. Pre-register by calling 814-451-6927.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

MILLCREEK BRANCH – 10:30 A.M.
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CROSS CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

BLASCO LIBRARY -- 6:30 P.M.
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BLASCO CONCERT SERIES: FIRE AND ICE – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

BLASCO LIBRARY, HIRT AUDITORIUM -- 7:00 P.M.
Featuring the Edinboro Chamber Players

COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

BLASCO LIBRARY, COMPUTER LAB (2ND FLOOR) -- 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON.
\$5.00 fee. Pre-register by calling 814-451-6927.

TODDLER STORY TIME -- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

BLASCO LIBRARY, MEAD CHILDREN’S LIBRARY STORY TIME ROOM
SESSION I: 9:30 A.M. SESSION II: 10:30 A.M.
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-6936 to register.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

EDINBORO BRANCH – 1:00 P.M.
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7081 to register.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME -- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

IROQUOIS AVENUE BRANCH – 10:30 A.M.
Registration is required. Please call 814-451-7082 to register.



Children’s Program ages:

- Baby: 0-18 months
- Toddler: 18-36 months
- Preschool: 3-5 year olds
- Branch: 3-7 year olds



Programs funded through the generosity of the Friends of the Erie County Public Library.



New hours!

We've expanded hours at the Millcreek Branch and we'll be expanding hours at the Iroquois Avenue and Lincoln Community Center branches starting February 6. We've reconfigured existing staff – no new positions were added to the library's staff compliment – to better serve you! See the schedule in the next column for details and we hope to see you at a library outlet soon!

Searching the Stacks

Books, movies, music and more, not necessarily on the best seller lists.

- *A ball for Daisy* by Christopher Raschka (Caldecott Award for best illustrated children's book)
- *Dead end in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos (Newbery award for best written children's book)
- *The dreamer* by Etta James (music CD)
- *How do dinosaurs say goodnight? and other tales* (Playaway View)
- *John Lennon: the life* by Philip Norman (book)
- *Now playing: Stoner & Spaz II* by Ronald Koertge (young adult book)

Library locations and hours

BLASCO MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 160 EAST FRONT ST., ERIE, PA 16507 451-6900

SUNDAY	1:00 – 5:00 P.M.
MONDAY – THURSDAY	9:00 A.M. – 8:30 P.M.
FRIDAY – SATURDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

EDINBORO BRANCH, 413 WEST PLUM ST., EDINBORO, PA 16412 451-7081

MONDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	12:00 NOON – 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
THURSDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
FRIDAY – SATURDAY	12:00 NOON – 4:00 P.M.

IROQUOIS AVENUE BRANCH, 4212 IROQUOIS AVE., ERIE, PA 16511 451-7082

MONDAY – TUESDAY	9:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY -- THURSDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
FRIDAY – SATURDAY	12:00 NOON – 4:00 P.M.

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CENTER, 1255 MANCHESTER RD., ERIE, PA 16505 451-7085

MONDAY – TUESDAY	9:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY -- THURSDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
FRIDAY – SATURDAY	12:00 NOON – 4:00 P.M.

MILLCREEK BRANCH, 2088 INTERCHANGE RD., SUITE 280, ERIE, PA 16565 451-7084

MONDAY AND TUESDAY	9:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY	9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

BOOKMOBILE SERVICES 451-6935

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[HTTP://WWW.ERIEPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG/HOURSBKM.PDF](http://www.eriepubliclibrary.org/hoursbkm.pdf)

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