



MEDIA FACT SHEET

A CELEBRATION OF READING, LITERACY and BUFFALO'S HISTORY

Bookmark your calendar for **Saturday, July 8, 2006** when the Harlem Book Fair Buffalo Committee hosts the nationally celebrated **Harlem Book Fair (HBF)**. The renowned festival, making its second visit to downtown Buffalo, is customized for Buffalo and will highlight the city's diverse rich cultural and historical experience.

EVENTS: A Two-Day Literary Celebration – July 7 and July 8, 2006

Friday, July 7, 2006 - (5-7pm) Special Guest author and Illustrator presentation at the **Albright Knox Art Gallery's Gusto at the Gallery** (Theme Harlem Renaissance).

Friday, July 7, 2006 at 8-11pm - join us at the **2006 Literary Gala** – A black tie event. This year's theme is *Buffalo's Love of Jazz (the 40's and 50's)*. Dress in the attire of this time, enjoy and dance to the melodies of the orchestra and smooth jazz voices. (Proceeds to benefit the Buffalo & Erie County Library and Literacy Volunteers of WNY) - Location to be announced.

Saturday, July 8, 2006 – BOOK FAIR (FREE AND OPEN TO ALL)

Time: 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Downtown Buffalo - Lafayette Square
Washington Street from Mohawk to Clinton / Broadway to Ellicott Street (Borders Library)
Buffalo Erie County Library - Panel Discussions and Seminars.

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

Panel Discussions – Panel Discussions with National and local authors
* Featured Discussion – *A Conversation on Literacy: Why We Must Act Now*

Seminars: Reading and Learning styles, Heritage/Genealogy, Book Clubs, the Art of Literature, the Business of writing and publishing.

Interactive Children Activities – storytelling/author readings/Book Reviews by Children, hand on projects and Teen roundtable discussion.

Specialty Literary Pavilions –national, regional and local authors will present followed by book signings.

Vendors – Individual Authors, Book Stores, Publishers, Small Presses, Retail vendors and Artists.

Historical Feature: Connect with the Underground Railroad

HOSTS: The HBF/Buffalo Committee, Harlem Book Fair & *QBR The Black Book Review*

The Harlem Book Fair Buffalo Committee is a collaboration and community initiative that includes The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, WNET ThinkBright, Literacy Volunteers, National Black MBA Association of WNY, Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau, Black Capital Network and many dedicated volunteers.

The Harlem Book Fair was established in 1998 by Max Rodriguez, publisher of QBR the Black Book Review, to promote reading and African American Authors. Last year over 50,000, people attended this popular festival and for the fifth year, C-SPAN's Book TV has televised the event. Due to its success and popularity, the Book Fair has extended to other national venues such as San Diego, Boston, Baltimore, Hartford and Long Island.

Harlem Book Fair - Building Community Building Readers

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SPECIALTY PAVILIONS

All About Buffalo – Tent will feature presentations by authors that have written about Buffalo, NY

Imagine the Possibilities – (fiction, science, science fiction)

Health and Wellness

Inspiration, Motivation and Spirituality

WNET Think Bright Tent and Children's Stage

Home and Garden "This is How You Do It"

Literary Café

Center Stage

Introducing for 2006 – *Conversations* – Interactive TV Talk Show format will feature interviews with authors, illustrators, book clubs and more.

