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## ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



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## Erie County Public Library launches virtual community conversations

Erie, PA – The Erie County Public Library invites stakeholders to attend a virtual community conversation on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. to engage with Erie County Public Library leaders to evaluate, discuss and explore creative ways to improve the quality of life for the community.

This conversation titled “More than Books!” seeks to solicit public input for the library’s forthcoming strategic plan, following an abrupt halt to in-person community feedback during the library’s pandemic-related closure. The first of these virtual conversations, “To Be or Not To Be a Patron,” took place Thursday, Sept. 10.

“Community conversations are an authentic way to engage members of the community,” said Marcus Yuille, outreach services manager for Erie County Public Library. “These discussions are meant to generate public discourse that can inform decision making for the library’s strategic planning. Ultimately, these discussions will help create long-term, far-reaching goals that will impact the communities we serve.”

Through gaining this organic feedback, Erie County Public Library hopes to accomplish the following:

- Learn the aspirations that stakeholders have for their community and determine the library’s role in achieving them.
- Provide information about the resources that Erie County Public Library currently offers and share plans for their enhancement.
- Develop meaningful partnerships that enhance the library’s diversity.
- Cultivate stronger active relationships with community organizations and members.
- Redefine its community engagement and outreach to the communities it serves in Erie County.

Erie County Public Library will initiate actionable steps in response to the expressed ideas, desires and ultimately the needs of the community.

**Zoom Details:**

<https://zoom.us/j/93063267773>

**Meeting ID:** 930 6326 7773

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