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## Erie County Public Library hosts 'Resilient Communities' Series

Erie, PA – The Erie County Public Library is undertaking a 12-month series focused on learning from the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic had on our region. The “Resilient Communities” program will bring together industry experts to discuss what happened in their field over the course of 2020 and answer questions from participants.

Topics such as unemployment, government and elections, healthcare, safety, inequality, and other recurring themes throughout the year will be discussed in hopes that we might all learn how to better face the challenges that 2020 presented.

“Resilient Communities” will begin Saturday, Jan. 30, at 10 a.m., and continue once a month through 2021. Kevin Arrington, a well-known and active Erie community member, will be moderating the virtual 90-minute program.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the first program will discuss humanity and how we are all alike, yet different. Arrington will make opening remarks and then allow the community to voice thoughts, opinions and concerns.

The second event, “Resilient Communities: Healthcare Forum” will take place Saturday, Feb. 13, at 10 a.m. Speakers will be asked about how 2020 affected the healthcare system and their respective organizations in particular. As with all sessions, registered participants will have the opportunity to comment and ask questions.

No sessions will be recorded or shared publicly. Participants will enjoy an intimate and in-the-moment discussion similar to a town-hall style meeting.

Event dates and details, including speakers, theme, and the link to register, can be located at [events.erielibrary.org](https://events.erielibrary.org). Registered participants will be sent Zoom details in advance of each event.

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