



Just Buffalo Writing Center Opens With Launch Party on May 15, 2014 from 4 – 6 pm

Just Buffalo Literary Center proudly announces the opening of the Just Buffalo Writing Center (JBWC), located on the newly remodeled 2nd floor of 468 Washington Street in downtown Buffalo!

To celebrate opening, you are cordially invited to a launch party on Thursday, May 15th, 2014 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Free and open to the public, it will feature pop-up readings by Western New York youth and JBLC's teaching artists, interactive writing games, live music, and snacks.

Now open to the public every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 6:00pm, and designed to aid young and emerging writers from across Western New York in the cultivation of their writing skills, the JBWC offers free “creative, fun, high-energy workshops, while simultaneously providing one-on-one help with writing projects and homework,” explains enthusiastic Education Director Noah Falck. “There is a need in Buffalo for a creative space where young people have the opportunity to express their voices, and an environment where their imaginations are valued and challenged” he continues, “And that’s what we want the Just Buffalo Writing Center to be.” And one of the most crucial services the writing center provides its students is access to experienced writing mentors. Just Buffalo’s knowledgeable teaching artists help young people in Buffalo attain the tools they need to flourish as writers and leaders in our community, encouraging our region’s future literary talents to pursue and fulfill their potential.

Whether inviting some of the world’s most famous writers to Buffalo through their popular BABEL series or developing young writers through their award-winning *Writers in Education* programs, Just Buffalo Literary Center has been integral in creating and strengthening Buffalo’s literary community.

While the non-profit already organizes programs in schools around Western New York, the new drop-in Writing Center expands the scope of the organization’s educational impact to ensure that no young writer in Buffalo feels alone. In addition to the regular Writing Center hours, special programs, summer workshops, open mics and other activities are planned.

The Just Buffalo Writing Center is made possible with support from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, and the Kresge Foundation.

For more information about the Just Buffalo Writing Center, check out their website at justbuffalo.org, or call 716.832.5400.

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