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## CALENDAR

**July 11:** Storytime in italiano for kids featuring *Nel paese dei mostri selvaggi* (Maurice Sendek's *Where the Wild Things Are*) at **7 PM**.

**Sept. 12:** Lecture "From a Labyrinth to an Open Work" by Prof. Antonella di Giulio at **7:00PM**. The talk centers on the evolution of musical writing among contemporary Italian composers and draws from Umberto Eco's theory of open work.

**Sept. 26:** Film Screening of *Johnny Stecchino* Dir. By Roberto Benigni at **7PM**.

**Sept. 29.** Storytime in italiano at **4PM**. Story **TBD**.

All lectures, movies and story hours are held at 1510 Hertel Avenue and are free to CCI members. [Call \(716\) 832-2653](tel:7168322653) or [send an email to ccibuffalo@gmail.com](mailto:ccibuffalo@gmail.com) to reserve a seat!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Francesco Giacobbe



I have news which I wish to share with you –our mayor has given the North Park library on Delaware and Hertel to the CCI for development, and we take the challenge and wish to promote this beautiful building as a splendid place to visit.

Our plan is to have a heritage center with sound proof cubicles to give people the opportunity to register a story of their family history, classrooms to teach the Italian language, a kitchen for tasty Italian specialties, and an auditorium for musical concerts, art exhibits and group dinners. Centered on family, the new center also plans to offer summer programs for children.

To meet this challenge, we need to raise over a million dollars! So, I appeal to you all to share the news of our new center to your friends, and make a donation in any amount to the CCI of Buffalo for this endeavor. I assure you that all donors will be recognized.

In other news, I am pleased to report that we have a sistership program of Italian with Hutch Tech High School and Torremaggiore Liceo in Foggia, Italy. At our last board meeting, we have approved a \$1,000 scholarship to the best student of Italian at Hutch Tech. This scholarship will go toward the student's participation in an immersion program in Torremaggiore. In the future, we would like to make this scholarship available to other students. To that end, I have been working on securing additional partnerships with more high schools in the Buffalo area.

Thank you and God's blessings to all!

### CCI Lifetime Donors:

Each year the CCI of Buffalo recognizes its lifetime donors at the annual Gnocchi Night Fundraiser.

A Special Thanks to Our 2018 CCI Lifetime Donors !

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Dr. Andrew and Mrs. Laura Giacobbe



### Your Italian Heritage at the CCI Library

Buffalo State Museum Studies graduate student Michaela Wrosov has already begun gathering information and conducting interviews to include in the future CCI library. She will be available by appointment at the current CCI location 1510 Hertel Avenue, 9AM-4PM on the following dates : July 8, 9, 15, 22, & 23. Contact Michaela by email to set up an appointment and receive a questionnaire at:

woroszmj01@mail.buffalostate.edu

### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Paola M. (Giacobbe) Kersch, PhD



Please continue to submit your suggestions to kerschp@dyc.edu or 517-5168. I look forward to seeing some of you at our next story hour in July!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Classes will begin in September. Check the website for updates on the fall registration.
- ◆ A donation link will be made available soon on the cci webpage. For now, please send any donations for the new CCI center to:  
CCI Buffalo  
1510 Hertel Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14216
- ◆ Every last Wednesday of the month, the CCI features screenings of classical Italian films with English subtitles. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to appreciate Italian culture through film!
- ◆ Each month, there will be an interactive, fun-filled story hour in Italian followed by crafts and treats for children. Event is free, open to all, and no prior knowledge of Italian is required!
- ◆ Check our website for updates at ccibuffalo.org and like us on Facebook!