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## CALENDAR

**July 18:** CCI President Dr. Francesco Giacobbe throws the first pitch for the Bisons game, **7:00 P.M.** at Coca Cola Field for Italian Festival Night. For tickets, follow this link: <https://www.milb.com/buffalo/events/festivalnights>

**July 20-21:** Italian Heritage Festival: This year's festival returns to its origins at Buffalo's downtown Niagara Square. The program is sure to delight with a wide array of exciting events for the entire family including crafts and interactive Italian lessons for children, a concert by one of America's Got Talent's favorites, Sal Valentinetti, and a firework display! For a complete list of events, check out: <http://buffaloitalianfestival.com/>

**Sept. 18:** Buffalo Hutch Tech Student and Recipient of the \$1,000 CCI Scholarship Award, Jaydyn Letina, talks about her study abroad experience in Torremaggiore, Foggia, Italy at **7P.M.**

**Sept. 25:** Film Screening of *La Strada* Dir. By Federico Fellini at **7PM.**

**Sept. 28.** Storytime in *italiano* at **4PM.**

All lectures, movies and story hours are held at our new temporary location 1599 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 want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support and patience. Words and promises are volatile and meaningless unless they are followed by actions. Soon, you will see changes to the old library building, as the CCI Board continues to work tirelessly to restore this North Buffalo gem. For the future sustainability of the building, we need your involvement through continuing membership, your donations, and most of all your ideas.

In other news, the trip to Northern Italy promises to be majestic. The trip features boat rides along Lake Como and Garda and visits to the Roman town of Courmayeur located in Mont Blanc, one of the largest mountain ranges in Europe, Chamonix, one of the oldest ski resorts in France, and Verona, the medieval setting of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. We will also be seeing some of the most beautiful Italian art, such as Leonardo DaVinci's "The Last Supper," the marvelous frescos of Giotto, and the mosaic treasures from the times of St. Justinian in the 6th century A.D. in Ravenna. I truly believe that if you have not seen Ravenna, you have not seen Italy! So far, we have 21 registered in the group, and we can accommodate four more! For additional details, contact Myriam Renzi at (716)812-6868.

### Story time in *italiano*

September to June, the CCI features 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! This fall, we will be kicking off our story hour with *A caccia dell'orso* (Michael Rosen's *We're Going on a Bear Hunt!*)

**Saturday, September 28 at 4:00p.m.**



**COMING SOON!!**

**Buffalo's Italian Renaissance...**

**Be a Part of It!**

For a complete set of renderings of the new building, check out the 2019 Case for Support by following the Case Study link at:  
[www.ccibuffalo.org](http://www.ccibuffalo.org)

### Summer Reading Suggestions

*My Two Italies* by Joseph Luzzi

*The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna*  
by Juliet Grames

*My Brilliant Friend* Quartet by Elena Ferrante

Any of the five novels from *The Italian Saga* series by Gaia B. Amman

For learners of Italian, I strongly recommend finding collections of short stories or one act plays with the side by side translation. Some of my favorites are *Undici novelle* by Luigi Pirandello and *I grandi racconti italiani del novecento*, both of which are Dover publications.

**Paola M. (Giacobbe) Kersch, PhD**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Effective August 1st , our new temporary location until the new center is ready will be: 1599 Hertel Avenue.
- ◆ Italian classes will begin in September. Check the website for updates on the fall registration.
- ◆ Our website is undergoing some changes. Soon there will be a donation link available. We appreciate your patience as we work hard to advance our Center. Continue checking our website for updates at:  
[www.ccibuffalo.org](http://www.ccibuffalo.org)
- ◆ Beginning in September, the CCI will feature screenings of classical Italian films with English subtitles every last Wednesday of the month.
- ◆ Be sure to like us on Facebook!