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#### **Deputy County Executive Maria Whyte Hosting Family Friday at Central Library**

**BUFFALO, NY, April 9, 2019**— Deputy County Executive Maria Whyte will be joining Child Care Resource Network and the Western New York chapter of the Association of the Education of Young Children (NYAEYC) to host a Family Friday story time at the Central Library on Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m- 11:30 a.m. in celebration of Week of the Young Child (WOYC).

WOYC is an annual celebration hosted by NAEYC to spotlight early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities. WOYC is an opportunity to spread the word about the importance of high-quality early learning, and the critical role early childhood educators play in a child's development and learning. This year WOYC is being held April 8-12<sup>th</sup>, each day has a theme (Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday... etc.)

Families are invited to join the Deputy County Executive for a reading of *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn CCRN and NYAEYC will be facilitating a *Kissing Hand* themed craft immediately following the reading. This event is free and open to the public.

“Week of the Young Child is such a special event, and we are so excited to be able to bring it back to the Western New York Community year after year. This wouldn't be possible without the support of local partners and community leaders like Maria.” said Jodi Schwegler Vice President of Operations for Child Care Resource Network

Family Friday story time at the central library has turned into an annual WOYC tradition with this being the 4<sup>th</sup> time this event has been held here. It is always a great time for families to spend quality time with their youngest learners.

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