

2024 NHD

BPS AND BTRC PREPARE FOR

50 YEARS



OF NATIONAL HISTORY DAY.

THE BTRC AND JUST BUFFALO ARE OFFERING 4 WRITER RESIDENCIES TO TEACHERS DEDICATED TO PARTICIPATING IN NHD.

JUST BUFFALO

Just Buffalo Literary Center's mission is to create and strengthen communities through the literary arts. And for more than 45 years, we have brought the world's greatest writers to Buffalo, hosted poetry events and readings, and supported the development of young writers.

We believe in the love of reading, the art of writing, and the power of the literary arts to transform individual lives and communities.

TEACHERS

The goal of Just Buffalo is to work with school districts is to have teachers learn methods to help students write confidently with sound, sensible organization and strong, original voices. This year the visiting writers will focus on non-fiction writing and research. Teachers will learn how to create lessons that help students find and analyze resources, determine the reliability of sources and craft an original thesis. Preference will be given to teachers who completed the NHD course through the Buffalo Teacher Resource Center. (PGS# 27266 Section #155194 BTRC: Assimilating National History Day Into Our Classrooms While Aligning it with the Common Core Standards)

STUDENTS

National History Day is a competition in which students in grades 6-12 choose a topic and dive deeply into the past by conducting extensive research in libraries, archives, and museums. They then present their conclusions and evidence through papers, exhibits, performances, documentaries, or websites, moving through a series of contest levels where they are evaluated by professional historians and educators. Through this process, students develop skills in communication, project management, and historical thinking.