



THE LAUNCH PAD: Digital Conversion Station

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library now offers a Digital Conversion Station as a part of the Launch Pad's MakerSpace located on the main floor of the downtown Central Library. The Digital Conversion Station allows you to convert your older photos, film and audio formats to digital files you can share with friends and family online.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. An initial "Book a Technology Trainer" appointment, which will explain how to use the equipment, is required with a Launch Pad staff member before reserving time to use Digital Conversion Station equipment. Please contact (716) 858-8900 for additional information and/or to Book a Technology Trainer.
2. After training, individuals will work independently converting any personal recordings. If there are further questions on the operations of the equipment users can set up additional Book a Technology Trainer appointment.
3. Individuals using conversion equipment must be present at all times during the reservation. Converting is done in 'real time', if the VHS is 2 hours in length, it will take 2 hours to convert. "Super 8" film conversion takes much longer - generally 1 hour of time for 1 minute of footage.
4. Individuals under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when using the Digital Conversion Station Equipment.
5. Proper identification such as a Buffalo & Erie County Public Library card, driver's license or other form of ID is required to use conversion equipment.
6. Studio capacity is limited to 6 persons.
7. The Launch Pad does not provide any method to save your files -please bring a flash drive, memory card and/or external hard drive to save your project on. Flash drives (16GB) can be purchased at the Circulation Desk.
8. The Digital Conversion Station will close 5 minutes prior to the closing of the Launch Pad.

II. RESERVATIONS - Digital Conversion Station Equipment

1. Reservations for use of Studio editing equipment is recommended.
2. Reservations can be made in-person or by contacting the B&ECPL Launch Pad at (716) 858-7198.
3. Reservations can be made in blocks up to 4 hours?
4. Reservations are limited to 4 hours per week.
5. Reservations will be held for 15 minutes.