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### **Sharlene Williams, iXpress Artist, Presents “Got the Notion.”**

*Ms. Williams, a member of Aspire’s iXpress Arts Program will be displaying her works at the Central Library now through August 2015.*

Buffalo, NY – Aspire of WNY is proud to announce that Sharlene Williams, a prolific participant in the *iXpress* Arts Program is being honored with her first solo exhibition. Ms. Williams, who is blessed with a potent imagination and unbridled creativity, will share drawings, paintings, and mixed media artwork as part of her exhibit titled, “Got the Notion: The Artwork of Sharlene Williams”. The display also includes two short films that Ms. Williams has written and developed. The exhibit is open now during normal library hours. A casual opening reception will be held on Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Buffalo Central Library, 1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Ms. Williams will be on hand at the reception to greet visitors.

Aspire of WNY’s *iXpress* Arts Program is a community of local artists with developmental and other disabilities who are supported through Aspire. This solo exhibit is a first for an *iXpress* artist, however, collectively their works have been featured at venues all over Western New York including Burchfield-Penney Art Center and UB Center for the Arts.

For more information, call Lisa Brown, Art Facilitator at (716) 505-5530 or [lisa.brown@aspirewny.org](mailto:lisa.brown@aspirewny.org)

Note: The “Got the Notion” exhibit is being displayed on the Library’s second floor, just outside of the adaptive computer lab. For directions inside the library, please visit the information desk.

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