

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SERVICE IMPACT OF REDUCED COUNTY FUNDING

(PER COUNTY 2006 PROPOSED BUDGET)

At its August 25th meeting, the B&ECPL Board of Trustee Planning Committee unanimously voted on a recommendation which would support 36 libraries in 2006. This recommendation was approved by the full Board of Trustees on September 1, 2005 and is contingent upon receiving \$21.7 million from Erie County as well as funding support from several rural municipalities.

The 16 libraries which are not funded in the 2006 proposed budget include: North Cheektowaga, South Cheektowaga, Greenhaven, Brighton, Sheridan Parkside, Williamsville, Blasdell, West Falls, Depew, Fronczak, Cazenovia, Fairfield, Kensington, Martin Luther King, Mead and Northwest.

The following pages summarize the estimated impact on service hours by location.

THESE ACTIONS ARE THE DIRECT RESULT OF REDUCTIONS IN ERIE COUNTY SUPPORT

Many community members have asked, "If the Library Tax does remain at the same level as 2005, why can't the B&ECPL sustain 52 facilities?" Combining the County's 2006 Proposed Budget \$21.7 million Library tax levy with the loss of County Capital funding for Library materials, ***Erie County's 2006 support for B&ECPL's operating and materials budget would be pushed down to levels not seen since 1996-97.*** This funding level is \$7 million and 24.5% LESS than the library received in 2004. In fact, the funding level would be \$4.7 million and 18% LESS than the support provided in the year 2000, the last year B&ECPL's library materials budget was fully supported through the Property Tax for Library Purposes.

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		Chartered		2005	Actual	2006	1st B	2nd B	3rd B	CLOSED	Proposed	Average
	CONTRACT LIBRARIES	Population*	NYS Min	Buildings	Hours	Buildings					Hours	Population
												Per Library
NEast Regional	Amherst [Audubon]	116,510	60	4	168	3	55	40	40	1	135	38,837
	Alden / Ewell Free [Alden 10,470]	2,666	25	1	30	1	18				18	2,666
	Angola [Evans 17,345]	2,266	20	1	33	1	18				18	2,266
	Aurora	13,996	35	2	51	1	35			1	35	13,996
	Boston	7,897	35	1	35	1	20				20	7,897
East Regional	Cheektowaga [JBR]	94,019	55	4	125	2	55	40		2	95	47,010
	Clarence	26,123	55	1	55	1	55				55	26,123
	Collins [8307-1530 prison=6777]	6,777	35	1	35	1	20				20	6,777
	Concord	8,526	35	1	35	1	25				25	8,526
	Eden	8,076	35	1	35	1	25				25	8,076
	Elma	11,304	35	1	43	1	28				28	11,304
	Grand Island	18,621	40	1	40	1	40				40	18,621
SWest Regional	Hamburg	56,259	55	3	99	2	55	21		1	76	28,130
	Lackawanna	19,064	40	1	44	1	32				32	19,064
	Lancaster	39,019	55	2	59	1	55			1	55	39,019
	Marilla	5,709	35	1	35	1	20				20	5,709
	Newstead	8,405	35	1	35	1	28				28	8,405
	North Collins	3,376	25	1	25	1	18				18	3,376
South Regional	Orchard Park	27,637	55	1	56	1	55				55	27,637
	Tonawanda City	16,136	40	1	40	1	40				40	16,136
North Regional	Tonawanda Town [Kenmore]	78,155	55	5	152	2	55	40		3	95	39,078
	West Seneca	45,920	55	1	55	1	55				55	45,920
	Totals:	616,461		36	1,285	27				9	988	
		*2000 Census										

NYS MINIMUM STANDARDS	
Population	Minimum Weekly Hours Open
Up to 500	12
500-2,499	20
2,500-4,999	25
5,000-14,999	35
15,000-24,999	40
25,000-99,999	55
100,000 and above	60

SUMMARY / CONTRACT LIBRARIES	
CONTRACT LIBRARIES CLOSED	9
CONTRACT LIBRARIES BELOW MIN	11
CONTRACT LIBRARIES HRS REDUCED	23%

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BUFFALO BRANCHES	Chartered Population	2005 Buildings	Actual Hours	2006 Buildings	Proposed Hours
Cazenovia		1	32	0	0
Crane		1	32	1	40
Dudley		1	32	1	40
East Clinton		1	30	1	18
E. Delavan		1	30	1	24
Fairfield		1	32	0	0
Fronczak		1	24	0	0
Kensington		1	24	0	0
King		1	22	0	0
Mead		1	23	0	0
Merriweather		1	37	1	44
Niagara		1	32	1	24
North Park		1	32	1	18
Northwest		1	32	0	0
Riverside		1	32	1	40
Totals	292,648	15	446	8	248
Totals if Central Library Counted as a Buffalo Branch:		16	509	9	311

Average Population Per Library - Buffalo Branches: 36,581

Average Population Per Library if Central Library Counted as a Buffalo Branch: 32,516

BRANCH LIBRARIES CLOSED	7	CLUSTER 1	Total Hours Open:	122
BRANCH LIBRARIES HRS REDUCED	44%	CLUSTER 2	Total Hours Open:	126
BRANCH LIBRARIES HRS REDUCED (If Central counted as Buffalo branch):	39%			

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Library System	Library Outlet	Day of week	Winter 2005			Winter 2006			Change vs 2005	
			From	To	# of Hours	From	To	# of Hours	Hours	Percent
B&ECPL Central Library	General Building/Popular Materials Dept Totals				63.00			63.00	0.00	0%
	Humanities & Social Sciences				63.00			63.00	0.00	0%
	Business, Science & Tech				63.00			46.00	(17.00)	-27%
	Childrens Room				54.00			46.00	(8.00)	-15%
	Grosvenor Room				54.00			46.00	(8.00)	-15%

Detail By Department

B&ECPL Central Library	Popular Materials	Monday	8:30 AM	6:00 PM	9.50	8:30 AM	6:00 PM	9.50		
B&ECPL Central Library	Popular Materials	Tuesday	8:30 AM	6:00 PM	9.50	8:30 AM	6:00 PM	9.50		
B&ECPL Central Library	Popular Materials	Wednesday	8:30 AM	6:00 PM	9.50	8:30 AM	6:00 PM	9.50		
B&ECPL Central Library	Popular Materials	Thursday	8:30 AM	8:00 PM	11.50	8:30 AM	8:00 PM	11.50		
B&ECPL Central Library	Popular Materials	Friday	8:30 AM	6:00 PM	9.50	8:30 AM	6:00 PM	9.50		
B&ECPL Central Library	Popular Materials	Saturday	8:30 AM	6:00 PM	9.50	8:30 AM	6:00 PM	9.50		
B&ECPL Central Library	Popular Materials	Sunday	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	4.00	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	4.00		
	Total For Popular Materials				63.00			63.00	0.00	0%
B&ECPL Central Library	Humanities & Social Sciences	Monday	8:30 AM	6:00 PM	9.50	8:30 AM	6:00 PM	9.50		
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B&ECPL Central Library	Humanities & Social Sciences	Sunday	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	4.00	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	4.00		
	Total For Humanities & Social Sciences				63.00			63.00	0.00	0%
B&ECPL Central Library	Business, Science & Tech	Monday	8:30 AM	6:00 PM	9.50	10:00 AM	6:00 PM	8.00		
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Total For Childrens Room					54.00			46.00	(8.00)	-15%
B&ECPL Central Library	Grosvenor Room	Monday	10:00 AM	6:00 PM	8.00	10:00 AM	6:00 PM	8.00		
B&ECPL Central Library	Grosvenor Room	Tuesday	10:00 AM	6:00 PM	8.00	10:00 AM	6:00 PM	8.00		
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Notes:

The Grosvenor Room, Children's Room and the 2nd floor Business, Science & Technology Department will operate a reduced daily schedule and be closed one day per week in 2006. Grosvenor and Children's Rooms hours were already reduced by nine hours per week in 2005 to offset 2005 reductions in County support. Reduced hours begin in November 2005 with Friday closure.

Access to materials during days in which the general building is open, but an individual department is closed will be provided via retrieval request, using part-time page staff to pull materials and send them to an open distribution desk much in the same way material is retrieved from the closed stacks in Tiers A and B.