



## **B&ECPL Monthly Report October 2015**

**County Executive Releases 2016 Proposed Budget:** On Thursday, October 15, 2015, Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz released his 2016 Proposed Budget. The proposed budget contains a very much appreciated County funding increase of \$460,277 (2.0%) for the Library. The additional funding will help offset increased contractually obligated costs while sustaining Library operations and services. In addition to the operating funding, County Executive Poloncarz's Capital plan includes \$500,000 to support continued rehabilitation work at the Central Library.

County funding of \$23,474,134, combined with funding from New York State of \$2,135,104 in operating and \$655,994 in grants, use of \$714,843 in Library fund balance, and \$937,010 in other library revenue brings the Library's 2016 Proposed Operating and Grants Budget to \$27,917,085; this is a 2.1% increase over the 2015 Adopted Budget. In addition to maintaining current services, a high-tech bookmobile will hit the road during 2016 serving rural areas and other underserved locations. It will also be used to promote and extend library services at sites such as Canalside, various local festivals, etc. Funding to purchase the bookmobile was provided in the County's 2014 Capital Budget.

Erie County's 2016 Proposed Capital Budget will support improvements at the (County-owned) downtown Central Library. Specifically, \$250,000 will be used for continued rehabilitation of the 50+ year old building's mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and \$250,000 to address modernization needs of the building's life safety systems.

Information on the proposed budget may be found on the Library's website. The links below can be used to directly access this information. This page will be updated as the budget process moves forward.

### **2016 Proposed Budget Information:**

[2016 Erie County Proposed Budget Document Excerpts - Library Operating, Grants & Capital \(Click Here\)](#)

[2016 B&ECPL Proposed Budget Charts and Graphs \(Click Here\)](#)

[2016 BECPL Proposed Budget Line Item Detail \(Click Here\)](#)

[Link to Erie County 2016 Proposed Budget Documents: Budget Message/4-Year Plan; Books A and B \(Click Here\)](#)

The Erie County Legislature has scheduled 2016 Departmental and Agency Budget Hearings for the week of November 9<sup>th</sup>. The Library's hearing is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the Chambers of the Erie County Legislature, 92 Franklin Street (Old County Hall), 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, in downtown Buffalo.

The opportunity for the public to comment on the 2016 Proposed Budget has been scheduled for Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m., also in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Legislature Chambers.

**Good for the Neighborhood:** October 15<sup>th</sup> - Information Services & Outreach Librarian **Renée Masters** represented B&ECPL at a *Good for the Neighborhood* event at the West Side Community Center. The event was sponsored by the Independent Health Foundation; nearly 300 attended. Ms. Masters discussed the availability of free health resources at the Library in addition to computer classes, children's programs, and the Launch Pad.

**Buffalo Comic-Con:** October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> - Librarians **Dan Caufield, Erin Burke, Andrew Maines** and **Kristen Wall** hosted the B&ECPL activities room at the *Buffalo Comic-Con* event located at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center. Over 1,000 individuals passed through the B&ECPL room, learning about library collections and services. The Library was the only activity center available at *Comic-Con* for children under the age of 12. Mr. Caufield presented *Graphic Novels and Libraries* with Canisius College Librarian Matt Kochi and conducted the program *Mad Science*. *Mad Science* featured a series of hands-on experiments for all ages with ties to the many scientists featured in Central's *Milestones of Science* exhibit. In addition to conducting formal programs, staff met attendees providing information regarding B&ECPL services and the *Milestones of Science* exhibit.

**Read for the Record:** October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Children's Services Librarians **Mary Ann Budny, Erin Burke** and **Wanda Collins**, along with Senior Page **Nancy Smith**, hosted *Read for the Record*. WGRZ Channel 2's Kelly Dudzik was the guest reader for the event. Participants included 101 children and 20 adults from both the Bennett Park Montessori and Enterprise Charter Schools.

**Lights On After School:** October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Nearly 300 children participated in the 2015 *Lights On After School* program sponsored by the Community Action Organization of Erie County, Inc. and hosted by the downtown Central Library. Children's Librarian **Steve Clancy** presented a Sensational Sound program. The event was coordinated by Community Engagement Manager **Anne Conable**.

**Galleria of Treats:** Children's Services staff and staff from the Orchard Park Public Library participated in the Kid's Escaping Drugs *Galleria of Treats* at the Walden Galleria Mall October 29<sup>th</sup>. Staff greeted over 3,500 children and their families, providing them

with information about the B&ECPL, distributing library card applications, library branded pencils and candy treats. *Reada Book* made a guest appearance to the delight of the children and those young at heart. The Library was a sponsor of the event.

**Harry Potter’s World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine Exhibit.** The Central Library welcomed *Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine*, an exhibition developed and produced by the Exhibition Program at the National Library of Medicine. Although a fantasy story, the magic in the Harry Potter books is partially based on Renaissance traditions that played an important role in the development of Western science, including alchemy, astrology, and natural philosophy. Incorporating the work of several 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century thinkers, the 7-part series examines important ethical topics such as the desire for knowledge, the effects of prejudice, and the responsibility that comes with power. This exhibit references some of the same works and complements materials found in *Milestones of Science: Books that Shook the World!* on display on the second floor at the Central Library. The Harry Potter exhibit will be available through November.

## Monthly Programming Statistics - October 2015

### 1. Public Services

#### In Library Programs:

	Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
Children (age 5 and under)	264	1751	5836	37235
Children (age 6-12)	151	1607	2994	29858
Teens	48	1000	222	7815
Intergenerational	119	865	4251	30950
Adults (excludes Technology)	267	2543	2542	24236
<b>TOTAL In Library Programs</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>7766</b>	<b>15845</b>	<b>130094</b>

#### Adult Technology Programs:

	Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
Training Lab or Library Desktop PCs	12	133	66	504
System or Library-owned Cyber Train	32	223	187	1470
One on One	50	502	65	822
<b>TOTAL Adult Technology</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>2796</b>

**Outreach (out of library):**

	Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
Children (age 5 and under)	4	49	106	1750
Children (age 6-12)	3	69	3622	7488
Teens	0	9	0	808
Intergenerational	11	82	1730	10095
Adults (excludes Technology)	14	92	445	3519
<b>TOTAL Outreach (out of Library)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>5903</b>	<b>23660</b>

**Highlights:**

- Over the course of 2 ½ years and countless hours of preparation put in by numerous staff and community partners, the *Milestones of Science: Books that Shook the World!* exhibit came to life on October 4<sup>th</sup> as a soft opening. A tour group of 50 individuals representing homeopathic medicine was the first to take a guided tour. This exhibit could not have happened without the support of the Library Foundation of Buffalo & Erie County and other partners. The exhibit will be further highlighted in the November 2015 Director's Report.
- October 9<sup>th</sup> - TechKnow Lab Manager **Kara Stock** gave a hands-on tour of the Launch Pad MakerSpace for Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz. Mr. Poloncarz was filming a segment about library services for the County's YouTube channel - part of the series "Erie County Works for You."
- October 12<sup>th</sup> - Grosvenor Librarian **Rhonda Konig** conducted Genealogy 101: Breaking Old World to the participants at FinnFest USA's Genealogical Symposium. The class focused on American records that can tell genealogists a foreign place of birth or residence. After the class, participants attended an open research session at the library's computer lab.
- October 16<sup>th</sup> - Children's Services Librarians **Mary Ann Budny** and **Steve Clancy** conducted a class visit for 3 classes from Maple West Elementary School; this represents one of the first formal tour opportunities of the *Milestones of Science* exhibit. The tour went very well. Reaction from parents was very positive and they were very impressed with the rare books and the exhibit. The children were most interested in playing with the toys in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Education Center.
- October 16<sup>th</sup> - A new exhibit is on display in the Whisper Space at the Central Library from Starlight Studio and Art Gallery, a day habilitation program by the Learning Disabilities Association of Western New York. The exhibit features the

work of Paul Chandler. A weaver of words and materials, mixed-media artist Paul Chandler's work is an explosion of colors, forms, and textures. With scraps of fabric and yarn, buttons, baubles, beads, a wild array of found objects, and plenty of imagination, Paul creates vivid embroideries and 3-D creatures that seem to have fallen from space. The Whisper Space exhibits are arranged and coordinated by **Renée Masters**.

- Children's Services Librarian **John Gaff** carried the spirit of last summer's Maker Camp by working with the local Boys & Girls Clubs to facilitate an interest in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) in Buffalo with Maker Camp's new afterschool program. This month the William C. Baird Clubhouse came to the Central Library once a week. Children attending learned some of the principles of physics through hands-on activities including marble runs, stomp rockets and airplanes.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Renée Masters** met with Thomas Lewis, Outreach Coordination Manager with Greater Buffalo United Accountable Care Network ([GBUAHN](#)). GBUAHN is a Health Home providing comprehensive care management. This group's focus is providing services to individuals who are traditionally very hard to reach including persons who are homeless. GBUAHN representatives have enthusiastically accepted an invitation to provide outreach at the Central Library on an ongoing basis. Plans are to begin outreach in early November.
- October 28<sup>th</sup> - Rare Book and Map Librarian **Charles Alaimo** gave an impromptu tour of the library for the Buffalo State English as a Second Language program. The tour included portions of the general collections Foreign Language and ESL materials, as well as the Grosvenor Room, the Mark Twain Room, the map exhibit and the *Milestones of Science*.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> - Ms Shelia Brown held a book signing at the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library. Brown is the first female African American in Buffalo to own a radio station (WUFO).

## 2. Collection Development

### Collection Development - October 2015

#### Physical Collections:

	Monthly Item Adds	YTD Item Adds	Monthly Title Adds	YTD Title Adds	Collection Size
Juvenile Print	6,031	45,448	288	2,758	528,878
Young Adult Print	955	7,938	88	847	71,521
Adult Print	6,730	57,181	994	8,072	1,877,975
Media	6,911	55,500	699	5,490	502,466
Other*	3,353	35,129	3	113	201,185
Subtotal	23,980	201,196	2,072	17,280	3,182,025

\*Includes magazines, generic copies, and other

#### Electronic Collections:

	Monthly Item Adds	YTD Item Adds	Monthly Title Adds	YTD Title Adds	Collection Size
e-Books	223	4,224	102	1,553	41,942*
Music (Freegal)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Unlimited SONY Library
e-Audiobooks	23	627	15	333	8,410
e-Videos	0	0	0	0	370** +Moving Image Archive Library
Subtotal	246	4,851	117	1,886	50,722

\*Includes 5,628 EBL titles

\*\*Access to Moving Image Archive (<http://bit.ly/1eMd454>) via mobile website, beginning Nov. 2013

#### All Collections:

	Monthly Item Adds	YTD Item Adds	Monthly Title Adds	YTD Title Adds	Total Collection Size
Total	24,226	206,047	2,189	19,166	3,232,747

#### Purchase Suggestions:

	Received	% Owned*	Unique Titles	% Ordered
Patron Initiated	483	3.9%	483	70.2%
Staff Initiated	43	2.3%	43	97.7%

\*Items in system or on-order at time of suggestion

### 3. Technology

#### Technology - October 2015

Website Visits:

	Current Month	Year to Date
BuffaloLib.org	465,642	4,293,403
Online Catalog	596,503	3,284,557

Social Networking:

	Monthly Activity <sup>1</sup>	YTD Activity	Monthly Audience <sup>2</sup>	Total Audience	Monthly Engagement <sup>3</sup>	YTD Engagement
<a href="#">Facebook</a>	114	1,074	67	6,102	3,070	30,920
<a href="#">Flickr</a>	57	685	1	52	21,811	189,004
<a href="#">Instagram</a>	32	304	40	481	658	5,389
<a href="#">Pinterest</a>	92	731	25	1,183	545	5,826
<a href="#">Tumblr</a>	6	81	5	103	1	75
<a href="#">Twitter</a>	201	1,676	76	8,152	926	9,841
<a href="#">YouTube</a>	2	7	3	110	2,536	11,701
Total	504	4,558	217	16,183	29,547	252,756

<sup>1</sup>Number of posts, pins, tweets, videos, etc., created by staff

<sup>2</sup>Number of followers

<sup>3</sup>Number of likes, shares, favorites, repins, clicks, comments, views, retweets, etc.

#### Highlights:

- SirsiDynix Integrated Library System (ILS) contract negotiations are ongoing. B&ECPL staff members continue work with the Library's legal counsel to prepare a Master Agreement and supporting schedules that will best serve the Library's needs and interests.

### 4. Fundraising

Fundraising:

Campaign Name	Campaign Dates	Raised to Date
Annual Campaigns (All - including Bucks for Books, donations, Central Book Sale, etc.)	1/1/15 - 10/31/15	\$221,883.00
Borrower Services Donation Box	10/1/15- 10/31/15	\$25.00

Crane Book Sale	10/12/2015	\$577.50
Crane Donation Box	10/12/2015	\$55.03
Dudley Book Sale	10/12/2015	\$577.50
Dudley Donation Box	10/12/2015	\$55.03
North Park Book Sale	Ongoing	\$535.45
Riverside Donation Box	10/14/15	\$56.50

### *Highlights:*

- The fall *Bucks for Books* campaign mailing was distributed in October to 1,800+ past *Bucks for Books* donors.
- A grant was written (and approved) to the New York Council for the Humanities for programming at the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library which focuses on discussion of James Baldwin's books. The grant provides funding, training and materials for the programming which will take place in spring 2016. Merriweather Librarian **Gwen Collier** assisted with providing information for the request.
- The Development and Communications Office sent nearly 400 invitations to *Milestones of Science* sponsors, Library donors, as well as System and contract member library trustees for the upcoming *Milestones of Science* opening reception on November 12, 2015.
- The Colligan family donated brand new Lego supplies to supplement the Niagara Branch Library's existing Lego toys. The donation is in memory of their father, Phillip Colligan, who passed away in September. Lego's are used to support the Library's STEM programs.

## 5. Facilities

### *Highlights:*

- Library Director **Mary Jean Jakubowski**, Chief Financial Officer **Ken Stone** and Supervising Chief Stationary Engineer **Carl (Chip) Campbell** continue their conversations with the City of Buffalo's Department of Public Works and Department of Real Estate pertaining to current and potential needed capital improvements in the Buffalo Branches. Ms. Jakubowski and Mr. Stone are also discussing the current lease agreement with the City of Buffalo - North Park Branch.



## 6. Staff Development

### Staff Development - October 2015

	Number of Program Attendees		Number of Programs Presented	
	Month	Yr. to Date	Month	Yr. to Date
Staff	165	1,819	3	25

#### Highlights:

- The B&ECPL presented 3 virtual sessions of *Adult Content Materials Training* to Buffalo Branch library staff.
- The 2015 NYLA Annual Conference: *Explore. Learn. Grow.* was held in Lake Placid, New York from October 21<sup>st</sup> to October 24<sup>th</sup>. The B&ECPL was well represented at the conference, and preconference programs included: *Libraries as a Public Asset*, *Volunteens 101*, *Libraries Help Communities in Crisis*, *Welcoming Special Education in the Library* and *The Future of Libraries*.
- Staff also attended other courses, programs and conferences outside the B&ECPL including: Erie County Personnel's *Effective Supervisory Practices* course held weekly from September 23<sup>rd</sup> - December 9<sup>th</sup>, (4 staff attended); FinnFest USA's *Genealogical Symposium*; *Ready to Read at New York Libraries* training cohort, sponsored by the New York State Library Division of Library Development; *E-Rate Program Applicant Training* by Universal Service Administrative Co.; OPEN's *Labor and Employment Seminar*; the *Roycroft Conference*; *Mail Meets the Web* hosted by the Postal Customer Council; *Hands on Science: Science Programming for K-8* by Steve Spangler Science; and WNYLRC's *Getting to Know You* networking event at the Buffalo History Museum.
- Staff continued to pursue webinar training opportunities in October including: *Teaching Skills for Librarians*, a 10-week online course conducted by The College of St. Rose in cooperation with the New York Library Association (2 librarians attended); *Overview of Task Force for New Americans* conducted by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; *Integrate Enterprise with EDS*, a SirsiDynix live demonstration session; *Appealing to Genre Readers* presented by Novelist; *Project Outcome Survey Results: Effective Communication Strategies* presented by the Public Library Association; *Keys to Effective Employee Orientation* presented by Star12; *Engaging Adults Through Programming* presented by Demco; and *The Four Squares of a Well-Balanced Wellness Program* presented by ON24. A total of 30 different webinars were viewed by staff from the Central, Buffalo Branch, and contract member libraries.

## 7. Media Coverage/Media Releases

Type of Communication	Topic	Air Date/Publish Date
Media Release - forwarded to local media	Read for the Record	Covered by Channel 2 TV, October 21 <sup>st</sup>
Media Release	C-SPAN Cities Tour featuring Mark Twain Room and Rare Collections	Aired on C-SPAN, Book TV and American History Channel - October 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> . Promoted in the Buffalo News.
Taping - Central Library	Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz taped a segment about Library services for the County's YouTube channel - part of the series "Erie County Works for You"	Taped on October 9 <sup>th</sup> ; will air on Erie County's social media channels.
"Minding Your Business" Cable access interview with the Small Business Development Center and Information Services Manager Dan Caufield	Small Business Resources and the Library	October 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>
OCLC WebJunction	Health Happens @ the Library	October 7 <sup>th</sup>
Dudley: WNY Family Magazine <a href="http://www.wnyfamilymagazine.com/">http://www.wnyfamilymagazine.com/</a>	Events Calendar, Library Events	Web-based, updated continuously.
Riverside Review	Tax Assistance; Family Story Time; Computer Classes	October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>

### Highlights:

- Channel 2 News Reporter Kelly Dudzik was guest reader for this year's *Read for the Record* at the Central Library. She read *Not Norman: A Goldfish Story* to students from Buffalo Public School #32 - Bennett Park Montessori and Enterprise Charter School.
- The long awaited airing of the TV program *C-SPAN CITIES TOUR* featuring 'all things literary' in Buffalo! including Central Library's Mark Twain Room and some of the prized Rare and Special Collections from the *Milestones of Science* exhibit was the weekend of October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Librarian **Amy Pickard** was interviewed back in August for the show. We were extremely pleased to be among the few selected local venues featured in this nationally televised and highly regarded TV program.

- The Central Library was included in media promoting FinnFest weekend October 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. Genealogy workshops given by Librarian **Rhonda Konig**, a Finnish children's camp, recordings of children's books, a movie, and speakers were featured programs at the library.
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Dan Caufield** was interviewed and provided a tour of the Central Library for Clifford Bell and Susan McCarthy from the Small Business Development Center at Buffalo State College. The tour and interview focused on free resources useful to anyone starting or running a business and how these resources support economic growth throughout Western New York. The tour and interview were filmed by members of the Buffalo State College Media and Communications Department and aired twice on cable access on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.
- October 7<sup>th</sup> - OCLC WebJunction featured an online article discussing the Health Happens in Libraries program which had libraries develop and deliver community health activities, in collaboration with local partners. **Renée Masters** was the overall coordinator for B&ECPL's participation.  
<http://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/health-education-highlighted-at-buffalo-erie-county-public-library.html>
- October 13<sup>th</sup> - Launch Pad Manager **Jordan Smith** trained local author Roselyn Kasmire on how to use the digital camera, portable audio recorder, green screen and Final Cut. She produced a short video for YouTube promoting healthy eating with her fictional character Bobby Banana.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXtli8p3e5w>
- Merriweather Branch Manager **Gwen Collier** published a book and held her first book signing in Dallas, Texas in October. Collier also donated a copy of her book to the Local Author's Collection of the Library. The title is *The Bipolar Church: Restoring Spiritual Balance by Loving Each Other*.

## 8. Partnerships

### *Highlights:*

- **John Gaff** is working with Boys & Girls Clubs of Buffalo's STEAM Coordinator Jeff Dukat to bring local clubhouses to the Central Library for STEAM related programming. In October, children from the William C. Baird Clubhouse came to the Central Library once a week. A different clubhouse will attend each month through the end of the year.

- **New Program/Service:** **Linda Rizzo**, Manager – Buffalo Branches, **Dan Caufield**, Manager – Central Library Public Services, **Dawn Peters**, Assistant Deputy Director, and Library Director **Mary Jean Jakubowski**, along with Heidi Bamford, Western New York Library Resources Council, met with Shane Stephenson from Buffalo Employment and Training Center (BETC) to discuss holding Job Club programs at both the downtown Central Library and City Branches. Programs will begin Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the downtown Central Library (noon) and at the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch (2:30 p.m.) Meetings will continue every Wednesday at each location.
- On October 21<sup>st</sup>, Branch Manager **Kate Shea** met with Beth Boyer, Chairwoman for the Kaisertown Coalition’s Annual Christmas Party. The East Clinton Branch Library has been established as the sign-up location for the Coalition’s party as well as one of 2 drop-off locations for the party’s children’s gift donation drive; each child who attends the party will leave with a gift.
- October 26<sup>th</sup> – Collector and Roycroft authority Robert Rust, who has generously begun donating Roycroft Press material to the Rare Book Collection, invited William Morris Society President Jack Walsdorf and his wife Marylou to see the Rare Book collection and see all of the Central Library exhibits. Jack and Marylou were very impressed with the Kelmscott and Roycroft collections, some of our hand bookbinder’s fine rebinding, the Mark Twain Room, the current main floor exhibits, and especially the *Milestones of Science* exhibit.

## 9. Planning for the Future

- B&ECPL Board of Trustees Chair Ted Johnson, **Mary Jean Jakubowski** and **Ken Stone** will be presenting at the 2016 Erie County Legislature – Finance, Management & Budget Committee Hearing November 10, 2015.

## 10. Director Activities

### Meetings and Events:

**LIST of MEETINGS and EVENTS**  
**ATTENDED by DIRECTOR MARY JEAN JAKUBOWSKI**  
**October 2015**

DATE	MEETING / EVENT
October 5, 2015	Meeting - Shane Stephenson, Buffalo & Erie County Workforce Dev. Consortium, Re: Job Clubs
October 6, 2015	Presentation - Imagine Series - Milestones of Science

October 7, 2015	Meeting - Dawn Peters
October 7, 2015	Meeting - B&ECPL Board of Trustees - Budget & Finance Committee
October 7, 2015	Event - Albright-Knox Art Gallery Public Art Installation <i>We Share a Dream</i>
October 7, 2015	Meeting - WNYLRC Annual
October 8, 2015	Conference Call - Sara Kelly Johns
October 8, 2015	Meeting - Nike Neppl and Sheryl Knab, WNYLRC
October 8, 2015	Meeting - B&ECPL Board of Trustees - Executive Committee
October 8, 2015	Meeting - Grand Island Memorial Library Board of Trustees
October 13, 2015	Meeting - Green Security
October 13, 2015	Meeting - Carol Batt and Kenneth Stone
October 13, 2015	Conference Call - Public Library System Directors Organization (PULISDO) & NYS Education Department - Division of Library Development (DLD)
October 14, 2015	Meeting - Managers/Directors
October 14, 2015	Meeting - Library Foundation of Buffalo & Erie County
October 15, 2015	Meeting - Administrative Team
October 15, 2015	Meeting - Literacy New York Buffalo-Niagara, Inc., Tara Vogel
October 15, 2015	Meeting - B&ECPL Board of Trustees
October 16, 2015	Meeting - Carol Batt, Dawn Peters and Joy Testa Cinquino
October 16, 2015	Meeting - Millennium Collaborative Care, Catherine Lewis
October 16, 2015	Meeting - Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY, Inc., Cas Rodriguez and Tamara Alsace
October 17, 2015	Event - Lancaster Public Library 100 Year Celebration
October 17, 2015	Meeting - Association of Contracting Library Trustees
October 19, 2015	Meeting - Buffalo Federation of Neighborhood Centers (BFNC), Ricardo Herrera
October 20, 2015	Meeting - Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature - Dennis Galucki
October 20, 2015	Conference Call - Hamilton Houston Lownie Architects, LLC, Matt Meier
October 21-24, 2015	New York State Library Association (NYLA) Conference
October 27, 2015	Meeting - WNY STEM, Michelle Kavanaugh, President
October 27, 2015	Meeting - Center for the Study of Art, Architecture, History and Nature - Dennis Galucki
October 27, 2015	Webinar - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
October 28, 2015	Meeting - City of Buffalo, Re: North Park Library - Lease Renewal
October 28, 2015	Meeting - Jeannine Doyle
October 29, 2015	Meeting - Administrative Team
October 29, 2015	Meeting - Carol Batt, Stephen Hovey, Johnny Hsu and Kenneth Stone
October 30, 2015	Meeting - Aaron Ott, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Curator of Public Art
October 30, 2015	Meeting - Graphics Department
October 31, 2015	Meeting - Barbara Leggett, Explore & More Children's Museum

**Other:**

**Contracting Member Library Activity Reports**

**Angola Public Library** – submitted by Mary Truby, Director

Highlights of events and activities at the Angola Public Library:

- Fall at our library has been filled with children's events, from Preschool Story Time and Lego Club to a special fun program, Sensational Sound.
- We held a Computer Basics class for our local residents who are just beginning to use a computer.
- Our library has been a popular site for local authors to present and discuss their literary works. The latest author was Mr. Harold Dumain who lives in North Boston and, at the age of 87, has published his first work of fiction, *The Emerald*.
- This year's Harvest Dinner was a great success. This annual event ushers in the holiday season with a good helping of turkey, music and fun. Proceeds benefit our Renovation Fund.
- Moving forward we will be hosting activities for Christmas in the Village and Graham Cracker House programs.

**Clarence Public Library** – submitted by Monica Mooney, Director

Highlights of events and activities at the Clarence Public Library:

On Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., the Clarence Public Library brought to life Doris Kearns Goodwin's Pulitzer Prize winning book *The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism*. Together, Msgr. Fred Leising (recently retired) and local speaker Bob Poczik brought together the life of 2 great Americans – Msgr. Leising as Theodore Roosevelt, author, naturalist, explorer and 26<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, and Bob Poczik as William Howard Taft, 27<sup>th</sup> President of the United States and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the only American to hold both positions. Librarian **David Fairlie** served as narrator for this inspiring program that transformed its audience back a century, taking them on a journey through the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a remarkable and transformative period in our nation's history. Reform was in the air, the Progressive Era roared into being and these 2 leaders were at the forefront. This presentation has received wide acclaim in the Clarence community, having been presented to large audiences at the Clarence Book Review Club, the Clarence Public Library and the Clarence Senior Center.

The Clarence Public Library continues to offer a wide array of afterschool programs for children, including our ever-popular Lego Club and Library Craft Time. We also offered 2 hands-on sessions with Chef Grace from Tops Cooking School--- *On the Go Healthy Snacking for Kids* (September 21<sup>st</sup>) and *Healthy "Howling" Halloween Treats* (October 8<sup>th</sup>). Our afterschool science programs for kids, presented by Judy Thaler and Wayne Robins of Nature Ed-Ventures, have been extremely popular with kids ages 7-11. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, Nature Ed-Ventures was here for *Mad Scientist Laboratory*. In this "creepy" science session, kids learned how to make fake blood, play with outrageous ooze and slimy worms, and even learned about polymers as they experimented to see how high a fizzing canister could fly! On Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, Nature Ed-Ventures will be here for another hands-on science program – *Weird Science Wonders*. Our "Junior Scientists" will have another explosive good time – all for the sake of science!

The Clarence Library *Book Marks* book discussion group meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. This month's meeting will take place on November 10<sup>th</sup> and the group will be discussing the book *Elsewhere* by Richard Russo.

If you are a Nero Wolfe fan or are interested in learning more about the genius detective and his intrepid assistant, Archie Goodwin, the Official Nero Wolfe Society known as *The Wolfe Pack* meets every other month at the Clarence Library. The next meeting is November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Organized by Pam Ware and Clarence Public Library Director **Monica Mooney**, this is the first *Wolfe Pack* "Raceme" (branch) in Western New York. The *Wolfe Pack* is a forum to discuss, explore and enjoy Rex Stout's 73 Nero Wolfe novels and novellas. More information about *The Wolfe Pack* can be found at [www.nerowolfe.org](http://www.nerowolfe.org).

The new Clarence Knitting Club will meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Bring your projects, share some knitting ideas, and have fun. No registration is necessary and new members are always welcome.

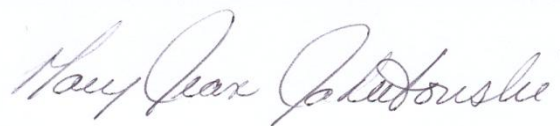
The Clarence Library has 2 wonderful exhibits on display in November. In our front showcases, patrons can see a series of beautiful watercolor paintings, which include several Chinese brush paintings. All artwork was done by art classes from The Amberleigh under the instruction of Theresa Y. Lee.

Inside the library is a unique Veterans Day exhibit. Put together by Marty Helowicz, president of the Clarence Citizens for Veterans, and Librarian **Nancy Churchill**, the exhibit features historical relics and memorabilia from several wars including the Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II and Vietnam. We have on display an original Doughboy helmet from the 77<sup>th</sup> U.S. Division (the Lost Battalion), a group of 554 men who were isolated in the Argonne Forest by the German forces in October 1918. One can still see the faint emblem of the Statue of Liberty on the helmet, as the Lost Battalion is often referred to as the "Liberty" Division.

On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, join us for the Clarence Library's "Micro" Comics Fest, a family friendly celebration of the comic book. Coordinated by Director **Mooney** and Anthony Zicari of Inkwerk Studios, the event will take place 11 to 3 p.m. This is an event for the entire family and will feature prizes, comic book giveaways, and activities including a *Super Hero Training Camp* and a *Super Hero Quest Scavenger Hunt* as well as a presentation by Alec Frazier, who will discuss his work with Autistic Reality and Vision Comics Art Group. Alec is the author of *Without Fear: The First Autistic Superhero*. Also featured will be an interactive panel – *Creating a Comic from Start to Finish*. See and be part of a creative team of artists and authors in action as they create a comic! In addition, Steve Nawotniak, creator and author of the children's book *Mubu the Morph*, will do hourly readings from his books. This event was also made possible with assistance from **Dan Caufield** (Central Library) who loaned us the super hero cardboard cutouts and gave us a large stock of comic books to use as giveaway items during the event.

Finally, planning for the Clarence Public Library Children's Reading Garden has been under way for several months. The purpose of this project is to create a serene, peaceful place for the community to admire and unique sensory-friendly landscape for children to develop a lifelong interest and passion for nature. The project is being planned by the Children's Reading Garden Committee coordinated by Director **Mooney**. The Committee has been meeting regularly with landscape designer Constance Lydon and final plans are almost complete. We anticipate the project to be shovel-ready by early spring 2016 and more information will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Jean Jakubowski".

Mary Jean Jakubowski  
Director