Library Locations

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Alden Ewell Free Library 13280 Broadway, Alden	716-937-7082
Amherst Public Library Main Library at Audubon 350 Audubon Pkwy Clearfield Branch Library 770 Hopkins Rd, Wmsv Eggertsville-Snyder Branch 4622 Main, Snyder Williamsville Branch 5571 Main, Wmsv	716-689-4922 716-688-4955 716-839-0700 716-632-6176
Angola Public Library 34 N. Main, Angola	716-549-1271
Aurora Town Public Library 550 Main, E. Aurora	716-652-4440
Boston Free Library 9475 Boston State Rd, Boston	716-941-3516
Central Downtown Library 1 Lafayette Square, Bflo	716-858-8900
Cheektowaga Public Library Anna Reinstein Memorial Library 2580 Harlem Rd, Chktg Julia Boyer Reinstein Library 1030 Losson Rd, Chktg	716-892-8089 716-668-4991
Clarence Public Library 3 Town PI, Clarence	716-741-2650
Town of Collins Public Library 2341 Main St, Collins	716-532-5129
Concord Public Library 18 Chapel St, Springville	716-592-7742
Crane Branch 633 Elmwood Ave, Bflo	716-883-6651
Dudley Branch 2010 South Park Ave, Bflo	716-823-1854
East Clinton Branch 1929 Clinton, Bflo	716-823-5626
Eden Library 2901 E. Church St, Eden	716-992-4028
Elaine M. Panty Branch 820 Tonawanda St, Bflo	716-875-0562
Elma Public Library 1860 Bowen Rd, Elma	716-652-2719
Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch 1324 Jefferson Ave, Bflo	716-883-4418
Grand Island Memorial Library 1715 Bedell Rd, Grand Island	716-773-7124
Hamburg Public Library Hamburg Public Library 102 Buffalo St, Hamburg Lake Shore Public Library 4857 Lake Shore Rd, Hamburg	716-649-4415 716-627-3017
Isaías González-Soto Branch 280 Porter Ave, Bflo	716-882-1537
Lackawanna Public Library 560 Ridge Rd, Lackawanna	716-823-0630
Lancaster Public Library 5466 Broadway, Lancaster	716-683-1120
Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch 1187 E. Delavan Ave, Bflo	716-896-4433
Marilla Free Library 11637 Bullis Rd, Marilla	716-652-7449
Newstead Public Library 33 Main St, Akron	716-542-2327
North Collins Public Library 2095 School St, N Collins	716-337-3211
North Park Branch 975 Hertel Ave, Bflo	716-875-3748
Orchard Park Public Library S-4570 S Buffalo St, Orchard Park	716-662-9851
City of Tonawanda Public Library 333 Main St, Tonawanda	716-693-5043
Town of Tonawanda Public Library Kenilworth Branch 318 Montrose Ave, Tn of Ton Kenmore Branch 160 Delaware Rd, Kenmore	716-834-7657 716-873-2842
West Seneca Public Library 1300 Union Rd, West Seneca	716-674-2928
Library on Wheels Bookmobile & Library 2GO	716-858-7157

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A Message from Library System Director John Spears

Dear friend and supporter of Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries,

Construction, community, and exploration--these were three main themes of 2023. From the completion of construction projects at Audubon (Amherst) and Crane (Buffalo) to the ongoing projects at Isaías González-Soto (Buffalo), to the redesign of public spaces at the downtown Buffalo Central Library, we strived to ensure that our facilities continue to adapt to meet your needs. As communities change, so should their libraries. The addition of the Teen Space and a new Children's Room at the Central Library has allowed us to better serve

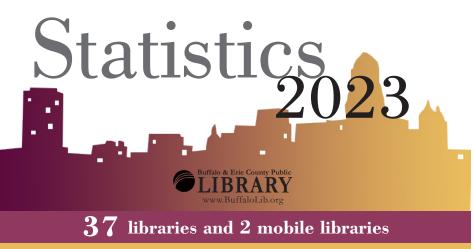


both of those growing populations with welcoming and comfortable modern spaces. It is not only our buildings that are evolving, though. Just as we commit to investing your tax dollars to provide the best collections

and facilities, we also commit to investing them in our staff. We have redoubled our efforts to develop and train library staff in order to provide the highest level of service possible. I want to thank you for your continued and growing patronage of your libraries—2023 saw the highest use of library services in several years! I invite you to continue exploring what we have to offer. Please visit any of our 37 locations or take advantage of our online offerings—we are sure to have something for everyone!

Sincerely,

John Spears



413,404 Library card holders

1,915,764

8,201,278

Webpage visits



Digital materials borrowed

2,125,381 Library visits

3.306,671 Items in collection



946 Public computers

278.844 Virtual & onsite program attendees





32,272 Social media friends, fans & followers f 🗶 0 🛗 🖸 🗷 🛂 🗸

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2023 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT For fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2023

Revenues

Library Property Tax	\$28,285,362
New York State Library Aid	2,293,769
Annual New York State Grants	742,398
Non-Recurring Grants and Member Aid	48,006
Municipal Support	933,572
Contributions/Fundraising	852,190
Library Charges	132,734
Other Revenues	1,101,750
	\$34,389,781

Expenditures

Salaries & Wages	\$16,747,186
Fringe Benefits	7,051,799
Library Materials	3,225,400
Utilities	846,896
Service/ Maintenance Contracts	1,147,358
Other Costs	4,376,919
	\$33,395,558

Year End Surplus (Deficit)

difference between Revenues

For every \$1 received in Erie County funding, \$4.04 was returned in services to the community!

\$994,223

Notes: Includes operating and grant revenue and expense for the entire Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System, which includes the Central & Buffalo City Branches, Contracting Member Libraries, and Library System Services, Outreach and the Library on Wheels bookmobile. Does not include revenue and expenses for Capital Construction projects.