

# Lackawanna Public Library

## Community Report 2024 DRAFT



### 2024: A YEAR IN REVIEW

The Lackawanna Public Library is an important part of the Lackawanna community, allowing residents to access materials and resources, attend enriching programs, and connect with others. Libraries are so much more than books—we act as a community hub for needed resources and a place to gather.

### PARTNERSHIPS

The Lackawanna Public Library is grateful to have long-standing partnerships with local organizations and legislators that help us to extend our reach further into the community. Thank you to all of our volunteers and supporters that help us provide needed services to Lackawanna and beyond.



#### Contact your Representatives!

Special thanks to our elected officials for their continued support of library services in Erie County. Let them know your library matters!

Erie County  
District 9  
Legislator  
**John Gilmour**

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District 63  
**April N.M. Baskin**

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District 142  
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NY District 23  
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## PROGRAMS AND OFFERINGS

In 2024, we reached over 9,000 participants with our programs. We strive to meet the needs of our community by providing educational and enrichment opportunities from birth and up. Lifelong learners thrive here!

Our regular program offerings include Toddler Time (every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 AM), Adult Craft Circle (first Tuesday at 6 PM), BINGO and LEGO Club (First Saturday at 1 and 2 PM), English Conversations for the U.S. Citizenship Test (Wednesdays at 5 PM), and Community Book Club (last Wednesday at 6 PM). We encourage you to join us!

We tried some new things in 2024—big family parties like our Bluey Event, Glow Party, Halloween Party, and Noon Year’s Eve countdown. We continued our Spice Explorers club and added new teen programming.

This past summer we even hosted concerts by some talented local musical groups. Follow us on social media to keep up to date with all the latest offerings.

## GET INVOLVED

Every library needs support from its community and we are so thankful for all of the love you show us. If you want to be more involved, be sure to sign up for the Friends of the Lackawanna Library group, and make it known to your representatives that you want to see continued funding of libraries in Lackawanna and Erie County!

## 2024 Statistics

### Library Visits

34,209

### Items

### Circulated

52,527

### Computer Sessions

5,345

### Wifi Sessions

6,520

### Program Attendance

9,902

