



BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING PICTURE

Population Served: 954,236 (2020 Census)

Circulation: 7,152,667 (2025)

Library Locations: 39*

Operating Budget: \$34,669,428 (2025)

Per Capita: \$36.33 (2025)

**Includes Central Library, Buffalo Branches, Contracting Libraries, and Library Mobile Services*

**Buffalo & Erie County
Public Library Board of
Trustees** 15 members,
appointed by the Erie
County Executive and the
Erie County Legislature



The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Board of Trustees consists of 15 members who serve five-year terms on a rotating schedule. The trustees are appointed by the Erie County Executive, who appoints ten members (two each calendar year), and the Mayor of Buffalo, who appoints five members (one each calendar year). All recommended trustees are subject to confirmation by the Erie County Legislature.

Library System Director
Appointed by Buffalo & Erie
County Public Library Board



The Director serves as the administrative, executive, and fiscal officer of the Library under the supervision and jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees. The Director also oversees business affairs, administration, and employees of the Central Library and the eight Buffalo branch libraries.

Contracting Libraries
Contract for Services from
Library System



Each of the 22 contracting libraries has its own Board of Trustees. Libraries annually contract with the System for services, including circulation, technology, programming, materials, etc. The System provides funding for almost all of the operations of member libraries, while the local municipality or membership association provides for the library building and capital needs.

**Association of
Contracting Libraries**
(ACT Board)
Acts as a Liaison



Promotes cooperation among member libraries, provides a forum for exchange of information and ideas, and is a mechanism for liaison between the contracting libraries, their trustees and staff, and the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library trustees and staff.

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