Dear Friend of the Library,

Public libraries exist to empower people and communities, improve lives and provide opportunities so that every person may reach their full potential. The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System (B&ECPL), consisting of 37 locations and the Library on Wheels bookmobile, provides free public access to 3.3 million resources that enrich, enlighten and entertain.

Your libraries are in high demand and were open more than 83,600 hours in 2018, an increase of over 2.6% from 2017. Public service hours were reviewed and adjusted to support community needs.

All totaled, we welcomed more than 2.86 million visitors in 2018, providing over 10,000 programs for children, adults and teens with extended outreach to schools, day-care centers, senior centers, etc.! The Library on Wheels provided regular service stops in communities without physical library buildings and to a variety of nursing homes and assisted living communities. The Library on Wheels also participated in dozens of local community events at schools, Canalside Buffalo, the Eden Corn Festival, Juneteenth, the Buffalo Zoo, Erie County’s DPW Day, Explore & More Children’s Museum Touch-a-Truck and Kenmore Days, to name a few.

Circulation of materials rose to over 6.5 million last year, a tremendous feat given that libraries across the country are showing double-digit declines in materials borrowing. Beyond our bookshelves, our website www.BuffaloLib.org offers a rich variety of online databases, downloadable books, audiobooks, movies and music, along with e-reference services and links to authoritative websites accessible 24/7, 365 days/year hosting over 12 million visitors.

Community partners remain critical in our continued investment in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, technology training, citizenship programs, early literacy skills, exhibits, job fairs, mental and physical health programming and educational classes in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) as well as History and Art.

In July, Buffalo’s Common Council renamed the Niagara Branch Library as the Isaias Gonzalez-Soto Branch Library in honor of the local educator, veteran of World War II and pillar of the Hispanic community. Later in the year, Buffalo’s Common Council renamed the East Delavan Branch Library as the Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library. Mr. Coles served in the US Army, was a civil rights activist and was the former chief executive officer of the Buffalo Urban League. We are privileged to have these two libraries named in honor of these great community leaders.

The services and resources available through your libraries will continue to evolve with the ever-changing needs of our patrons and beyond. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome! Please feel free to contact us at (716) 858-8900 or via e-mail to communications@buffalolib.org.

Mary Jean Jakubowski, Library Director

A Message from the Director
Children/teen Summer Reading participants: 52,158
Items borrowed: 6,519,861
Library visits: 2,862,045
Program attendees: 241,128
WiFi sessions: 565,829
Computer sessions: 570,559
Library card holders: 300,000+
Ebooks downloaded: 526,552
Website visits: 12,146,462
Community Partners: 1,100+
2018 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT
For fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2018

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For every $1 received in Erie County funding, $4.80 is returned in services to the community!

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