

Library Locations

Alden Ewell Free Library 13280 Broadway, Alden	716-937-7082
Amherst Public Library	
Main Library at Audubon 350 Audubon Pkwy	716-689-4922
Clearfield Branch Library 770 Hopkins Rd, Wmsv	716-688-4955
Eggertsville-Snyder Branch 4622 Main, Snyder	716-839-0700
Williamsville Branch 5571 Main, Wmsv	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	716-892-8089
Julia Boyer Reinstein Library 1030 Losson Rd, Chktg	716-668-4991
Clarence Public Library 3 Town Pl, 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	716-649-4415
Lake Shore Public Library	
4857 Lake Shore Rd, Hamburg	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	716-834-7657
Kenmore Branch 160 Delaware Rd, Kenmore	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 Interim Director Jeannine Doyle

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

Last year, your Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries developed innovative ways to connect to the Erie County community. We welcomed new and familiar faces as the world continued to grapple with the effects of COVID-19 and reckoned with the realities faced by marginalized communities.

In 2021, we built upon what we learned in 2020 and provided a variety of onsite, hybrid and virtual programs for all ages and increased services to connect the community to valuable resources, including online job fairs, technology training, and health and wellness support services. Over 1.5 million patrons visited your local libraries and more than 5.1 million materials were borrowed – books, magazines, digital content, sports kits, and more. The *Library on Wheels* bookmobile was on the road, making 250 stops at community events, adult and senior living centers, schools and daycares. The new *Library by Mail* program provided library resources to nearly 160 homebound residents who would not otherwise have had access. Additionally, the Library System received the 2021 American Library Association’s Penguin Random House Library Award for Innovation for our children’s sports equipment lending and *Play Down Your Fines* initiative!

Improvement projects began at several library buildings, thanks to the support of local and state officials, New York State Library Construction Aid and local governments, including the City of Buffalo and Erie County. The Crane Branch Library kicked off the first phase of an exciting multi-phase construction project with the installation of an elevator, new ADA-compliant restrooms, a redesigned entryway and replacement of the HVAC system. In July, the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library’s auditorium was officially dedicated in honor of local community leader, educator, author and friend of the library, Dr. Eva M. Doyle. In September, the Riverside Branch Library was renamed the Elaine M. Panty Branch Library in honor of library advocate, supporter, fundraiser and longtime trustee Ms. Elaine M. Panty.



Proud to serve Erie County, your libraries helped to celebrate EC200, the bicentennial of Erie County, with a yearlong series of events. Highlights included an exhibit on the history of Erie County, lectures and promotion of a county-wide passport and historic marker program. For the second year, we partnered with local doll collector Lisa Jacobs-Watson whose displays celebrated Black History Month, Women’s History Month, and Hispanic Heritage Month. A new exhibit, *The Viviparous Quadrupeds of North America*, opened in the Central Library’s Rare Book Room, recognizing the work of naturalist and painter John James Audubon and displaying some of the incredible library holdings that belong to you as Erie County residents.

Accessibility of library services for all Erie County residents remained a priority and library staff worked to better understand the needs of our diverse communities. The American Library Association states this best in their recognition of “the critical need for access to library and information resources, services, and technologies by all people, especially those who may experience language or literacy-related barriers; economic distress; cultural or social isolation; physical or attitudinal barriers; racism; discrimination on the basis of appearance, ethnicity, immigrant status, religious background, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression; or barriers to equal education, employment, and housing.”

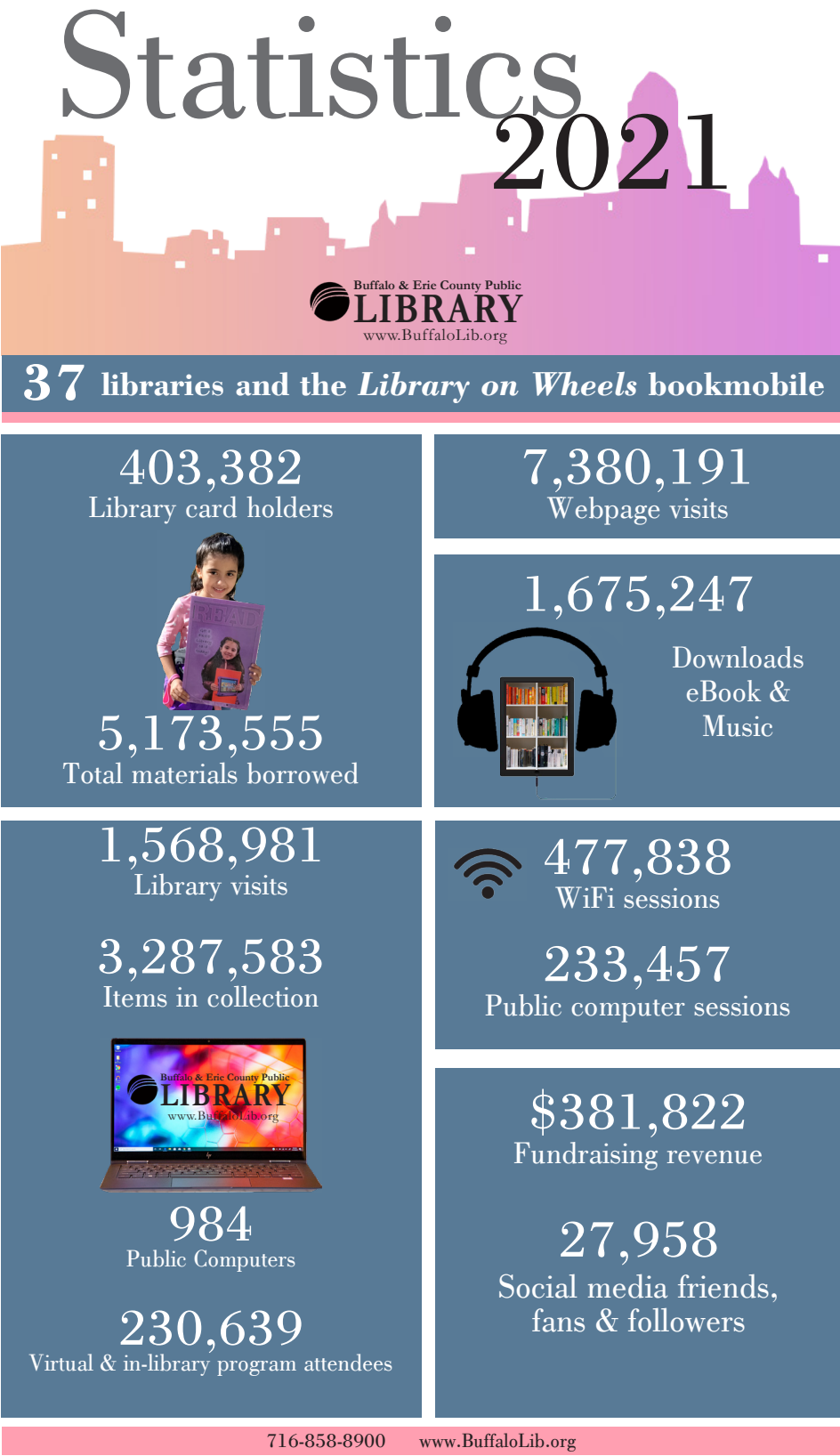
After working for the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library for nearly 30 years, Director Mary Jean Jakubowski retired in June 2021. We are grateful for her many years of dedicated service. Mary Jean was a tireless advocate and her legacy will live on not just in our libraries, but in libraries across New York State. I had the honor to be appointed and serve as Interim Director while the Library System Board of Trustees conducted a national search for a replacement.

We are certainly proud of everything libraries offered in 2021 and we hope you made a valuable connection with your library in some way last year. We are truly grateful for your support.

With much gratitude,

Jeannine Doyle

Jeannine Doyle, Interim Library Director (June 2021 – April 2022), Chief Operating Officer



2021 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT
For fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2021

Revenues

Library Property Tax	\$25,917,341
New York State Library Aid	2,671,340
Annual New York State Grants	808,676
Non-Recurring Grants and Member Aid	358,436
Municipal Support	268,076
Contributions/Fundraising	533,664
Library Charges - Fines	393,630
Other Revenues	877,510
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	\$31,828,673

Expenditures

Salaries & Wages	\$14,317,444
Fringe Benefits	6,458,057
Library Materials	2,882,950
Utilities	862,265
Service/Maintenance Contracts	838,829
Other Costs	2,241,491
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	\$27,601,037

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For every \$1 received in Erie County funding, \$4.00 is returned in services to the community!

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.

