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Clearfield Branch Library 770 Hopkins Rd, Wmvs 716-888-4955
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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 Reinlein Memorial Library 2050 Harlem Rd, Chlg 716-892-8089
Julia Brayner Reynolds Library 1030 Losson Rd, Chlg 716-668-4991
Clarence Public Library 3 Town Pl, Clarence 716-741-2650

Town of Collins Public Library 241 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 716-823-5626

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Eden Library 2901 E. Church St, Eden 716-992-4028

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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

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Lockport Public Library 56 Ridge Rd, Lockport 716-823-0630

Lancaster Public Library 5460 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

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North Collins Public Library 2095 School St, N Collins 716-337-3211

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City of Tonawanda Public Library 332 Main St, Tonawanda 716-834-7157

Town of Tonawanda Public Library Kenilworth Branch 318 Monroe Ave, Ton of Ton 716-834-7157
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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 5.5 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 to 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 Fivipous 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, Interim Library Director (June 2021 – April 2022), Chief Operating Officer