

## 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
Eggersville-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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# LIBRARY 2022

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR



*A Message from Library System Director John Spears*

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

Having moved to Buffalo just last year, I am continually inspired by the strength of our community. Together, this past year, we faced some unimaginable tragedies that had an impact on the entire region – from the May 14 targeted supermarket shooting to record-breaking blizzards. While these events will define 2022, how this city and region responded is an incredible indicator of the true nature of Erie County, a resilient, caring community that assists neighbors in need and shows love in the face of hate.

I hope you recognize, as I surely have, how your libraries take action to support the needs of our great community. An example of this was seen immediately following the racial killing of ten of our fellow residents. Less than 24 hours later, Buffalo’s Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library, located just a block away, provided a safe space for conversation, emotional support, privacy, and the community to come together. Merriweather Manager Joshua Mitch and his team worked tirelessly to provide patrons with much needed support. Joshua’s efforts were recognized by the New York Library Association when they named him *Public Librarian of the Year* last year for his leadership and efforts to keep his team focused on staying strong, caring for one another, and helping to lift community spirit.

Your libraries serve their communities in many ways, though, from workforce development to offering places for community collaboration, creativity, and the free exchange of ideas in an atmosphere that will always protect intellectual freedom. We are dedicated to standing firm against the censorship challenges being faced by communities all over the world, and we are engaging in a campaign to educate the public on the realities of censorship and how they can take action in support of keeping libraries free of book restrictions.




Your Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries went *fine free* in 2022. Why? Because overdue fines create a barrier to library access, and this inequity is counter to our ideals. Traditionally, when patrons are unable to pay fines, they are less likely to visit the library. In many cases, this has a direct impact on children. Our *fine free* initiative has given more readers the ability to experience and enjoy everything our 37 libraries and two mobile units have to offer.

It is an honor to serve Erie County residents and you have my heartfelt appreciation for your continued support of libraries.

Sincerely,


John Spears

# Statistics 2022



**37 libraries and 2 mobile libraries**

**408,184**  
Library card holders



**5,795,680**  
Webpage visits


**5,956,410**  
Total materials borrowed

**1,794,057**  
Digital materials borrowed



**1,864,040**  
Library visits

**3,338,350**  
Items in collection



**560,486**  
WiFi sessions

**271,835**  
Public computer sessions

**984**  
Public computers

**248,167**  
Virtual & onsite program attendees

**\$371,111**  
Fundraising revenue

**29,956**  
Social media friends, fans & followers



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**2022 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT**  
For fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2022

**Revenues**

Library Property Tax	\$26,435,688
New York State Library Aid	2,288,721
Annual New York State Grants	724,126
Non-Recurring Grants and Member Aid	432,471
Municipal Support	347,475
Contributions/Fundraising	635,088
Library Charges - Fines	198,601
Other Revenues	1,002,365
	<b>\$32,064,535</b>

**Expenditures**

Salaries & Wages	\$15,370,472
Fringe Benefits	6,688,018
Library Materials	3,249,499
Utilities	1,073,126
Service/Maintenance Contracts	1,019,026
Other Costs	4,022,219
	<b>\$31,422,360</b>
Year End Surplus (Deficit) difference between Revenues	<b>\$642,175</b>

**\$4.04**  
For every \$1 received in Erie County funding, \$4.04 was 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.