

Building Renaming Policy

This policy is for application to those libraries within the City of Buffalo (Central Library and Buffalo Branch Libraries).

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (B&ECPL) may, from time to time, receive requests from the community to rename one of its library buildings after a prominent citizen, organization, or company.

The B&ECPL does not own any of the buildings from which it provides library services and, therefore, will redirect any such requests to the building owner.

The City of Buffalo owns the buildings housing the following libraries, and is responsible for capital improvements there: Crane Branch Library, Dudley Branch Library, East Clinton Branch Library, Elaine M. Panty Branch Library, Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library, Isaías González-Soto Branch Library, and Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library. The City of Buffalo leases the space which houses the North Park Branch Library.

The County of Erie owns the building which houses the Central Library and is responsible for capital improvements to the building.

For buildings owned by the City of Buffalo: Under Chapter 286 of the laws of the City of Buffalo, requests to rename a City-owned building should be in writing and directed to the Common Council and/or Mayor's office. Written communication is required.

[Enter Name] President
City of Buffalo Common Council
65 Niagara Square
Room 1316
Buffalo, NY 14202

[Enter Name] Mayor
City of Buffalo
65 Niagara Square
Room 201
Buffalo, NY 14202

For buildings owned by the County of Erie: Requests to rename a County-owned building should be in writing and directed to the County Executive's Office.

[Enter Name] Erie County Executive
95 Franklin Street
Room 1600
Buffalo, NY 14202

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