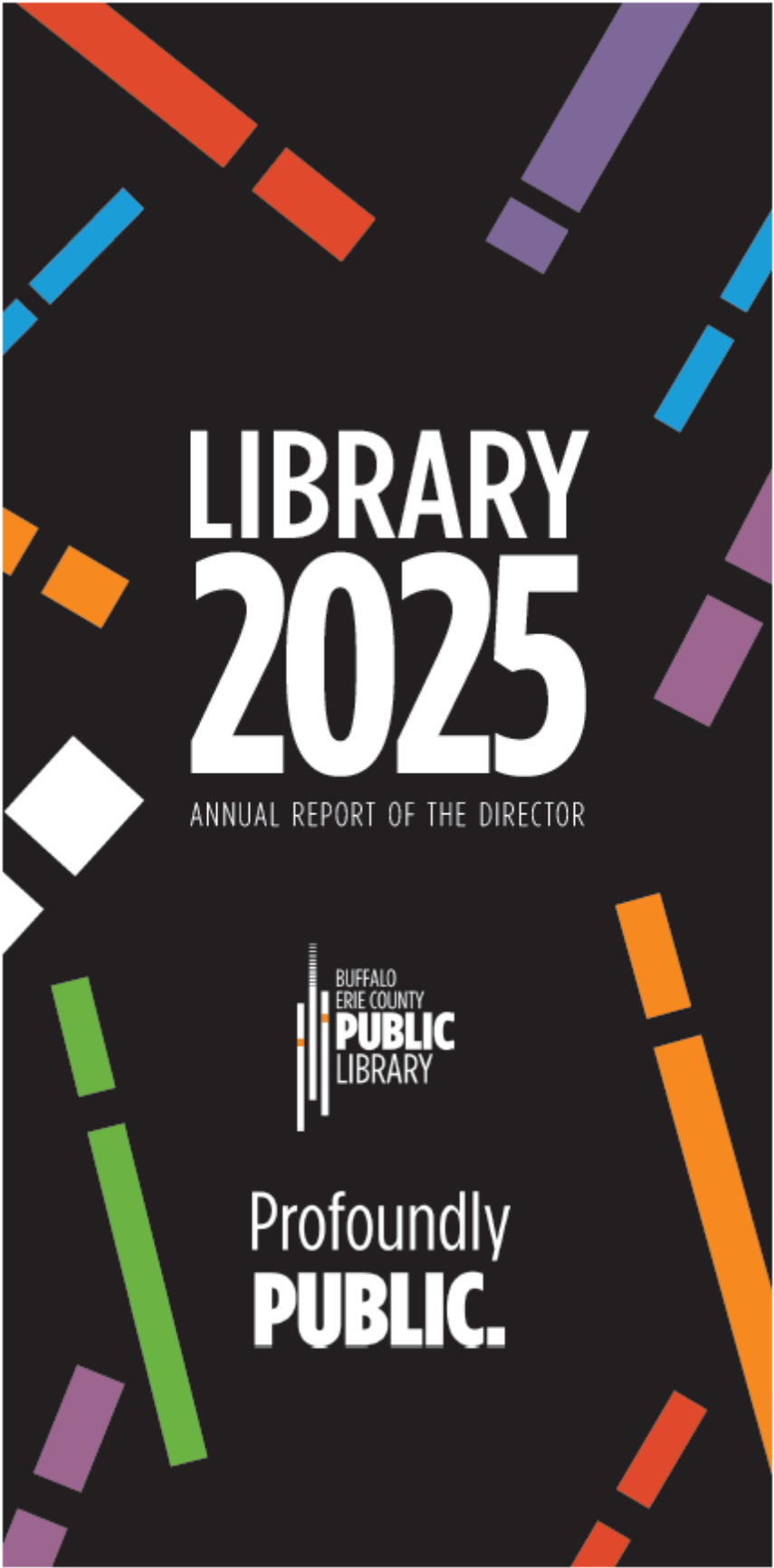




LIBRARY 2025

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR



Profoundly
PUBLIC.



Message from the Library

Thank you for your support of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library.

This year's Annual Report is dedicated to Library Director John Spears who lost his hard-fought battle with cancer in July 2025. Only here for three years, John's inspiration lives on. He truly loved Buffalo and, of course, he loved libraries. John was a tireless advocate for libraries and everything we stand for as welcoming, inclusive, and dynamic civic spaces. Last year, Erie County residents borrowed 7.1 million items, attended 358,000 programs, and logged 827,000 WiFi sessions across 37 branches — all free. The total retail value of those services: \$131 million against \$31 million in public funding, which translates to your libraries returning \$4.24 in services for every public dollar invested.

Behind those numbers was a year of deliberate, visible action designed to promote libraries. The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library launched its ***"Profoundly Public"*** system-wide rebrand — a declaration of our advocacy for intellectual freedom. We took our message to the streets — on radio, in newspapers, movie theaters, buses, and billboards. The "Changed It All" campaign featured Wolf Blitzer, Ani DiFranco, and over a dozen other Buffalonians sharing the book, music & movie titles that shaped their lives. We hosted *In Conversation* with award-winning journalist (and Buffalo native) Margaret Sullivan and author Susan Orlean as book challenges nationwide hit record levels.

We also began reimagining Central Library — our downtown anchor at Lafayette Square — through a community-driven Space Utilization Study to begin envisioning how to better serve Buffalo tomorrow.

Nearly 200 years in, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library's commitment hasn't changed: open access, free inquiry, and supporting your right to read. Thank you for your trust, support, partnership, and belief in the power of public libraries!

Thank you for your support!





Statistics 2025

Our 37 libraries and 2 mobile libraries

409,076

Library card holders



7,152,667

Total materials borrowed

16,633,930

Webpage visits



2,307,270

Digital
materials
borrowed

2,351,891

Library visits

3,220,690

Items in collection

751

Public computers

358,818

Virtual & onsite
program attendees



827,660

WiFi sessions

299,654

Public computer sessions

\$546,989

Fundraising
revenue

40,866

Social media friends,
fans & followers



2025 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT

For fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2025

Revenues

Library Property Tax	\$30,947,322
New York State Library Aid	2,570,458
Annual New York State Grants	639,881
Non-Recurring Grants and Member Aid	161,792
Municipal Support	137,974
Contributions/Fundraising	845,852
Library Charges	144,969
Other Revenues	1,304,191
	\$36,752,439

Expenditures

Salaries & Wages	\$18,689,828
Fringe Benefits	8,228,114
Library Materials	3,299,728
Utilities	1,105,271
Service/ Maintenance Contracts	1,646,497
Other Costs	3,610,611
	\$36,580,047

Year End Surplus/Deficit difference between Revenues	\$172,391
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 **4.24**

For every \$1 received in Erie County
funding, \$4.24 was returned in services
to the community!

Notes: Includes operating and grant revenue & expense for entire Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System which includes the Central & Buffalo City Branches, Contracting Member Libraries, and Library System Services, Outreach and Mobile Library Operations.
Does not include revenue & expenses for Capital Construction projects.

Library Locations

Alden Ewell Free Library 13280 Broadway, Alden	716-937-7082
Amherst Public Library	
Hon. Shirley Chisholm Library 350 Audubon Pkwy	716-689-4922
Clearfield Branch Library 770 Hopkins Rd, Wmsv	716-688-4955
Egbertsville-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.	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.	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

Library Info: 716-858-8900

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