

Buffalo And Erie County Public Library

Annual Report For Public And Association Libraries

The State Library due date for the annual reports will be April 16, 2026.

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1. GENERAL LIBRARY INFORMATION

Library / Director Information

The report saves automatically after every new entry or change.

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Report all information in Part 1 as of December 31, 2025, except for questions related to the current library director/manager (questions 1.37 through 1.44).

1.1 Library ID Number	800000000	
1.2 Library Name ✓	BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	
1.3 Name Status (State use only)	no change from the prior year	
1.4 Structure Status (State use only)	no change	
1.5 Community	Buffalo *	
1.6 Beginning Fiscal Reporting Year ✓	01/01/2025	
1.7 Ending Fiscal Reporting Year ✓	12/31/2025	
1.8 Is the library now reporting on a different fiscal year than it reported on in the previous Annual Report?	No	
1.9 If yes, please indicate the beginning date of library's new reporting year. Enter N/A if No was answered to Question 1.8.	N/A	N/A
1.10 Please indicate the ending date of library's new reporting year. Enter N/A if No was answered to Question 1.8.	N/A	N/A
1.11 Beginning Local Fiscal Year	01/01/2025	01/01/2024
1.12 Ending Local Fiscal Year	12/31/2025	12/31/2024
1.13 Address Status	no change from the prior year	
1.14 Street Address	1 LAFAYETTE SQUARE	
1.15 City	BUFFALO	
1.16 Zip Code ✓	14203	
1.17 Mailing Address ✓	1 LAFAYETTE SQUARE	
1.18 City ✓	BUFFALO	
1.19 Zip Code	14203	
1.20 Telephone Number (enter 10 digits only and hit the Tab key; enter M (Missing) if no telephone number)	7168588900	(716) 858-8900
1.21 E-Mail Address (enter M (Missing) if no E-Mail)	askus@buffalolib.org	askus@buffalolib.org
1.22 Library Home Page URL (Enter M (Missing) if no home page URL)	https://www.buffalolib.org/	https://www.buffalolib.org/
1.23 Population Chartered to Serve (per 2020 Census) ¹ ✓	954,236	
1.24 Indicate the type of library as stated in the library's charter (select one):	PUBLIC	
1.25 Indicate the area chartered to serve as stated in the library's charter (select one):	County	
1.26 During the reporting year, has there been any change to the library's legal service area boundaries? Changes must be the result of a Regents charter action. Answer Y for Yes, N for No.	N	
1.27 Indicate the type of charter the library currently holds (select one):	Absolute	
1.28 Date the library was granted its absolute charter or the date of the provisional charter if the library does not have an absolute charter	08/31/1953	
1.29 Date the library was last registered	12/08/1953	
1.30 Federal Employer Identification Number	166032029	
1.31 County ✓	ERIE	
1.32 School District ²	Buffalo	
1.33 Town/City	Buffalo	
1.34 Library System	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	

THESE QUESTIONS ARE FOR NYC LIBRARIES ONLY. PLEASE PROCEED TO THE NEXT QUESTION.

1.35a President/CEO Name	N/A	N/A
1.35b President/CEO Phone Number	N/A	N/A
1.35c President/CEO Email	N/A	N/A

For questions 1.36 through 1.42, report all information for the current library director/manager.

1.36 First Name of Library Director/Manager ³	Dorinda	John
1.37 Last Name of Library Director/Manager ⁴	Darden	Spears
1.38 NYS Public Librarian Certification Number	16743	XE4MA7Z
1.39 What is the highest education level of the library manager/director?	Master's Degree	
1.40 If the library manager/director holds a Master's Degree, is it a Master's Degree in Library/Information Science?	Yes Yes	
1.41 Do all staff working in the budgeted Librarian (certified) positions reported in 6.6 have an active NYS Public Librarian Certificate? If No, list the name and e-mail address of each staff member without an active certificate in a Note.	Yes Yes	
1.42 E-mail Address of the Director/Manager	dardend@buffalolib.org spearsj@buffalolib.org	
1.43 Does the library charge fees for library cards to people residing outside the system's service area?	N	

Public Votes / Contracts

1.44 Was all or part of the library's funding subject to a public vote(s) held during Calendar Year 2025? (Please respond even if the vote was unsuccessful). Enter Y for Yes, N for No. If Yes, complete one record for the public vote from each funding source. If no, go to question 1.45.	N
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Please Note: last year's answers for repeating groups cannot be displayed.

1.44a Name of municipality or district holding the public vote	1.44b Indicate the type of municipality or district holding the public vote	1.44c Date the vote was held(mm/dd/2025)	1.44d Was the vote successful? Y/N	1.44e What type of public vote was it?	1.44f Most recent prior year approved appropriation for a public vote:

This question should only be answered if "No" was answered in Q1.44 OR the library has votes from different municipalities/districts that were held in different years, both current and prior.

1.45 Did the library receive funding from an appropriation which was approved by public vote in a prior year? (Prior to Calendar Year 2025) Enter Y for Yes, N for No. If Yes, complete one record for the vote from each funding source. If No, go to question 1.46.	N
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Please Note: last year's answers for repeating groups cannot be displayed.

1.45a Name of municipality or district holding the public vote	1.45b Indicate the type of municipality or district holding the public vote	1.45c Date the last successful vote was held (mm/dd/yyyy)	1.45d What type of public vote was it?	1.45e What was the total dollar amount of the appropriation from tax dollars resulting from the last successful vote?	

Contractual Agreements

1.46 Does the reporting library have a contractual agreement with a municipality or district to provide library services to residents of an area not served by a chartered library? Enter Y for Yes, N for No. If yes, please complete one record for each contract. If no, go to question 1.47.	N
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Please Note: last year's answers for repeating groups cannot be displayed.

1.46a Name of contracting municipality or district	1.46b Is this a written contractual agreement?	1.46c Population of the geographic area served by this contract	1.46d Dollar amount of contract	1.46e Enter the appropriate code for range of services provided (select one):	

Unusual Circumstances

1.47 For the reporting year, has the library experienced any unusual circumstance(s) that affected the statistics reported (e.g., natural disaster, fire, closed for renovations, massive weeding of collection, etc.)? If yes, please annotate explaining the circumstance(s) and the impact on the library using the Note; if no, please go to Part 2, Library Collection.	Y
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2. LIBRARY COLLECTION

Physical Holdings

Report holdings, additions, and subscriptions as of the end of the fiscal year reported in Questions 1.6 and 1.7 in Part 1. Please read general information instructions below before completing this section. <https://ny.countingopinions.com/docs/ny/Instructions2025AnnualReportPublicAssociationLibraries.pdf>

This section of the survey (2.1-2.16) collects data on selected types of materials.

It does not cover all materials (i.e., microforms, loose sheet music, maps, and pictures) for which expenditures are reported under Print Materials Expenditures, Electronic Materials Expenditures, and Other Materials Expenditures (questions 12.6, 12.7 and 12.8). Under this category report only items that have been purchased, leased or licensed by the library, a consortium, the state library, a donor or other person or entity. Included items must only be accessible with a valid library card or at a physical library location; inclusion in the catalog is not required. Do not include items freely available online.

PRINT MATERIALS

Cataloged Books

2.1 Adult Fiction Books	153,885	152,819
2.2 Adult Non-fiction Books	1,180,805	1,181,308
2.3 Total Adult Books (Total questions 2.1 & 2.2)	1,334,690	1,334,127
2.4 Children's Fiction Books	74,871	74,659
2.5 Children's Non-fiction Books	31,668	31,935
2.6 Total Children's Books (Total questions 2.4 & 2.5)	106,539	106,594
2.7 Total Cataloged Books (Total questions 2.3 & 2.6)	1,441,229	1,440,721

Other Print Materials

2.8 Total Uncataloged Books	83,620	84,776
2.9 Total Print Serials	404,507	405,029
2.10 All Other Print Materials	844,118	844,674
2.11 Total Other Print Materials (Total questions 2.8 through 2.10)	1,332,245	1,334,479
2.12 Total Print Materials (Total questions 2.7 and 2.11) ✓	2,773,474	2,775,200

ALL OTHER MATERIALS

2.13 Audio - Physical Units ✓	89,514	90,027
2.14 Video - Physical Units ✓	91,853	92,725
2.15 Other Circulating Physical Items ✓	15,493	15,320
2.16 Total Other Physical Materials (Total questions 2.13 through 2.15)	196,860	198,072

Grand Total / Additions to Holdings

2.17 GRAND TOTAL HOLDINGS (Total questions 2.12 and 2.16) ✓	2,970,334	2,973,272
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ADDITIONS TO HOLDINGS - Do not subtract withdrawals or discards.

2.18 Cataloged Books	19,251	20,236
2.19 All Other Print Materials	3,714	3,943
2.20 All Other Materials	8,083	9,774
2.21 Total Additions (Total questions 2.18 through 2.20)	31,048	33,953

3. LIBRARY PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND SERVICES

Report all information on questions 3.1 through 3.3 and 3.17a through 3.34e as of the last day of the fiscal year stated in 1.6. and 1.7 in Part 1; report information on questions 3.4 through 3.16 and 3.35 through 3.77b based on the 2025 calendar year. Please [click here](#) to read general instructions before completing this section.

Please report information on LIBRARY USE as of the end of the fiscal year reported in Questions 1.6 and 1.7 in Part 1.

LIBRARY USE

3.1 Library visits (total annual attendance) ✓	706,163	695,381
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3.1a Regarding the number of Library Visits entered, is this an annual count or an annual estimate based on a typical week or weeks? ✓	Annual Count	
3.2 Registered resident borrowers	110,968	115,319
3.3 Registered non-resident borrowers	1,803	699

WRITTEN POLICIES (Answer Y for Yes, N for No)

Please report information on WRITTEN POLICIES as of 12/31/25.

Answers are prefilled with the prior year's answers. If a change is made please add a note of explanation.

3.4 Does the library have an open meeting policy?	Y
3.5 Does the library have an Internet use policy?	Y
3.6 Does the library have a board-approved conflict of interest policy?	Y
3.7 Does the library have a board-approved whistle blower policy?	Y
3.8 Does the library have a board-approved sexual harassment prevention policy?	Y

ACCESSIBILITY (Answer Y for Yes, N for No)

Please report information on ACCESSIBILITY as of 12/31/25.

3.11 Does the library provide service to persons who cannot visit the library (homebound persons, persons in nursing homes, persons in jail, etc.)?	Y
3.12 Does the library have assistive devices for persons who are deaf and hearing impaired (TTY/TDD)?	Y
3.13 Does the library have large print books?	Y
3.14 Does the library have assistive technology for people who are visually impaired or blind?	Y

3.15 - If so, what do you have? If no, go to next question

screen reader, such as JAWS, Windoweyes or NVDA	Y
refreshable Braille commonly referred to as a refreshable Braille display	N
screen magnification software, such as Zoomtext	Y
electronic scanning and reading software, such as OpenBook	Y
3.16 Is the library registered for services from either the New York State Talking Book and Braille Library (New York State Library, Albany) or the Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library (The New York Public Library, New York)?	Y

Library Sponsored Programs

LIVE PROGRAM SESSIONS and ATTENDANCE

Report information on Library Program Sessions and Attendance based on the fiscal reporting year entered for Questions 1.6 and 1.7 in Section 1 General Library Information.

Live Program Sessions

A live program session is any planned event which introduces the group attending to library services or which provides information to participants. Program sessions may cover use of the library, library services, or library tours. Program sessions may also provide cultural, recreational, or educational information. Examples of these types of program sessions include, but are not limited to, film showings, lectures, story hours, literacy programs, citizenship classes, and book discussions. For specific examples of live and prerecorded programs (previously called synchronous and asynchronous), please refer to the chart in Instructions.

IMPORTANT: If no programs within a category were offered/attended, enter 0. If they were offered/attended but that data is not available, enter M (Missing). N/A should not be entered for any programs.

NOTE: Summer Reading, Early Literacy, Adult Literacy, ESOL, and Digital Literacy programs are subsets of Live and Prerecorded programs and should be entered in those sections as well as in the appropriate subsequent section.

3.17a Number of Sessions Targeted at Children Ages 0-5 ✓	379	259
3.17b Attendance at Sessions Targeted at Children Ages 0-5 ✓	7,803	4,543
3.18a Number of Sessions Targeted at Children Ages 6-11 ✓	301	214
3.18b Attendance at Sessions Targeted at Children Ages 6-11 ✓	6,774	4,909
3.19a Number of Sessions Targeted at Young Adults Ages 12-18 ✓	117	106
3.19b Attendance at Sessions Targeted at Young Adults Ages 12-18 ✓	1,323	1,479
3.20a Number of Sessions Targeted at Adults Age 19 or Older ✓	778	864
3.20b Attendance at Sessions Targeted at Adults Age 19 or Older ✓	14,246	14,331
3.21a Number of General Interest Program Sessions ✓	721	617
3.21b Attendance at General Interest Program Sessions ✓	31,727	34,225
3.22 Total Sessions of Live Programs Categorized by Age (sum of 3.17a, 3.18a, 3.19a, 3.20a, 3.21a) ✓	2,296	2,060
3.23 Total Attendance at Live Programs Categorized by Age (sum of 3.17b, 3.18b, 3.19b, 3.20b, 3.21b) ✓	61,873	59,487

Live Programs Categorized by Venue

3.24a Total Live Onsite Program Sessions ✓	1,604	1,527
3.24b Total Live Onsite Program Attendance ✓	25,076	26,039
3.25a Total Live Offsite Program Sessions ✓	557	372
3.25b Total Live Offsite Program Attendance ✓	34,709	31,150
3.26a Total Live Virtual Program Sessions ✓	135	161
3.26b Total Live Virtual Program Attendance ✓	2,088	2,298
3.27 Total Sessions of Live Programs Categorized by Venue (sum of 3.24a, 3.25a, 3.26a)	2,296	2,060
3.28 Total Attendance at Live Programs Categorized by Venue (sum of 3.24b, 3.25b, 3.26b)	61,873	59,487

Prerecorded and One-on-One Programs

3.29 Total Number of Prerecorded Program Presentations ✓	47	20
3.30 Total Views of Prerecorded Program Presentations within 30 Days ✓	2,051	720
3.31 One-on-One Program Sessions	31,511	27,267
3.32 Attendance at One-on-One Program Sessions ⁶	31,589	27,410

Teen-Led Promotions

3.33 Did your library offer teen-led activities during the 2025 calendar year?	Y
3.34a Do library staff, trustees and/or volunteers reach outside of the library to promote library programs and services through group presentations, information tables and/or other similar educational activities sponsored by the Library?	Yes
3.34b Does your library use Facebook for promotion?	Yes
3.34c Does your library use Instagram for promotion?	Yes
3.34d Does your library use Twitter/X for promotion?	Yes
3.34e Does your library use TikTok for promotion?	Yes



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Please report information on SUMMER READING PROGRAMS for the 2025 calendar year. These are a subset of Library Sponsored Programs and should also be entered there.

3.35 Did the library offer a summer reading program in 2025? (Enter Y for Yes, N for No) If entering no, proceed to the next section.	Y	
3.36 Library outlets offering the summer reading program ⁷	9	9
3.37 Children registered for the library's summer reading program	708	353
3.38 Young adults registered for the library's summer reading program	106	66
3.39 Adults registered for the library's summer reading program	423	92
3.40 Total number registered for the library's summer reading program (total 3.37 + 3.38 + 3.39)	1,237	511
3.41a Children's program sessions - Summer 2025	271	209
3.41b Children's program attendance - Summer 2025	7,133	7,360
3.42a Young adult program sessions - Summer 2025	20	19
3.42b Young adult program attendance - Summer 2025	107	138
3.43a Adult program sessions - Summer 2025	24	15
3.43b Adult program attendance - Summer 2025	441	315
3.44 Total program sessions - Summer 2025 (total 3.41a + 3.42a + 3.43a)	315	
3.45 Total program attendance - Summer 2025 (total 3.41b + 3.42b + 3.43b)	7,681	7,813
3.46 Did the library use the Summer Reading at New York Libraries name and/or logo?	Y	
3.47 Did the library use the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Manual, provided through the New York State Library?	Y	

COLLABORATORS

3.48 Public school district(s) and/or BOCES	1	
3.49 Non-public school(s)	0	
3.50 Childcare center(s)	0	
3.51 Summer camp(s)	6	
3.52 Municipality/Municipalities	5	
3.53 Literacy provider(s)	0	
3.54 Other (describe using the State note) ⁸	16	
3.55 Total Collaborators (total 3.48 through 3.54)	28	27

Early Literacy

Please report information on EARLY LITERACY for the 2025 calendar year. These are a subset of Library Sponsored Programs and should also be entered there.

3.56 Did the library offer early literacy programs in 2025? (Enter Y for Yes, N for No) If entering no, proceed to the next section.	Y
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EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

3.57a Focus on birth - school entry (kindergarten) sessions	379	259
3.57b Focus on birth - school entry (kindergarten) attendance	7,803	4,543
3.58a Focus on parents & caregivers sessions	1	0
3.58b Focus on parents & caregivers attendance	10	0
3.59a Combined audience sessions	31	23
3.59b Combined audience attendance	491	2,016
3.60 Total Sessions	411	282
3.61 Total Attendance	8,304	6,559

3.62 - Collaborators (check all that apply):

3.62a. Childcare center(s)	Yes
3.62b. Public School District(s) and/or BOCES	Yes
3.62c. Non-Public School(s)	Yes
3.62d. Health care providers/agencies	No
3.62e. Other (describe using the State note) ⁹	Yes

Adult Literacy

Please report information on ADULT LITERACY for the 2025 calendar year. These are a subset of Library Sponsored Programs and should also be entered there.

ADULT LITERACY

3.63 Did the library offer adult literacy programs in 2025? (Enter Y for Yes, N for No) If entering no, proceed to the next section.	Y	Y
3.64a Total group program sessions	0	0
3.64b Total group program attendance	0	0
3.65a Total one-on-one program sessions	461	418
3.65b Total one-on-one program attendance ¹⁰	467	418

3.66 - Collaborators (check all that apply)

3.66a. Literacy NY (Literacy Volunteers of America)	No
3.66b. Public School District(s) and/or BOCES	No
3.66c. Non-Public Schools	No
3.66d. Other (see instructions and describe using Note) ¹¹	Yes

ESOL / Digital Literacy

Please report information on ESOL, for the 2025 calendar year. These are a subset of Library Sponsored Programs and should also be entered there.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) PROGRAMS

3.67 Did the library offer English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs in 2025? (Enter Y for Yes, N for No) If entering no, proceed to the next section.	Y	
3.68a Children's program sessions	1	0
3.68b Children's program attendance	13	0
3.69a Young adult program sessions	0	0
3.69b Young adult program attendance	0	0
3.70a Adult program sessions	0	1
3.70b Adult program attendance	0	30
3.71 Total program sessions (total 3.68a + 3.69a + 3.70a)	1	1
3.72 Total program attendance (total 3.68b + 3.69b + 3.70b)	13	30

3.73a One-on-one program sessions	194	174
3.73b One-on-one program attendance ¹²	194	174

3.74 - Collaborators (check all that apply):

3.74a Literacy NY (Literacy Volunteers of America)	Yes
3.74b Public School District(s) and/or BOCES	No
3.74c Non-Public School(s)	No
3.74d Other (describe using the Note) ¹³	Yes

DIGITAL LITERACY

Please report information on DIGITAL LITERACY for the 2025 calendar year. These are a subset of Library Sponsored Programs and should also be entered there.

3.75 Did the library offer digital literacy programs in 2025? (Enter Y for Yes, N for No) If entering no, proceed to the next section.	Y
3.76a Total group program sessions	137 271
3.76b Total group program attendance	1,218 1,816
3.77a Total one-on-one program sessions	5,347 5,526
3.77b Total one-on-one program Attendance ¹⁴	5,386 5,547

4. LIBRARY TRANSACTIONS

Report all transactions as of the end of the fiscal year reported in Questions 1.6 and 1.7 in Part 1. (Please note: Internal Library usage is not considered part of circulation.)

Circulation / Reference Transactions

- The total annual circulation of all physical library materials of all types, including renewals.
- Count all physical materials in all formats that are charged out for use outside the ...[more](#)

CATALOGED BOOK CIRCULATION

4.1 Adult Fiction Books	204,742	338,649
4.2 Adult Non-fiction Books	124,448	183,449
4.3 Total Adult Books (Total questions 4.1 & 4.2)	329,190	522,098
4.4 Children's Fiction Books	151,092	155,855
4.5 Children's Non-fiction Books	28,099	27,849
4.6 Total Children's Books (Total questions 4.4 & 4.5)	179,191	183,704
4.7 Total Cataloged Book Circulation (Total question 4.3 & 4.6)	508,381	705,802

CIRCULATION OF OTHER MATERIALS

4.8a Circulation of Adult Other Materials - Non-Audio/Visual	204,819
4.8b Circulation of Adult Other Materials - Audio/Visual	235,017
4.9a Circulation of Children's Other Materials - Non-Audio/Visual	3,134
4.9b Circulation of Children's Other Materials - Audio/Visual	15,556
4.10 Circulation of Other Physical Items (Total questions 4.8a, 4.9a) ✓	207,953 303,275
4.11 Physical Item Circulation (Total questions 4.7 & 4.8 b & 4.9b & 4.10) ✓	966,907 1,009,077
4.12 As of the end of the reporting period, does the library charge overdue fines to any users when they fail to return physical print materials by the date due? ✓	No
4.13 Did your library offer automatic renewal for any physical materials during the reporting period? NOTE: Patrons do not have to take any action for automatic renewals. The Integrated Library System [ILS] rules determine how/when automatic renewals occur.	Yes

REFERENCE TRANSACTIONS

4.14 Total Reference Transactions ✓	72,413	70,452
4.14a Regarding the number of Reference Transactions entered, is this an annual count or an annual estimate based on a typical week or weeks? ✓	Annual Count	
4.15 Does the library offer virtual reference?	Y	

INTERLIBRARY LOAN - MATERIALS RECEIVED (BORROWED)

4.16 TOTAL MATERIALS RECEIVED ✓	7,191	6,945
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INTERLIBRARY LOAN - MATERIALS PROVIDED (LOANED)

4.17 TOTAL MATERIALS PROVIDED ✓	10,324	9,826
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E-RATE

4.18 Does the library file for E-rate benefits?	Y
4.19 Is the library part of a consortium for E-rate benefits?	Y
4.20 If yes, in which consortium are you participating?	N/A

5. ELECTRONIC USE

Electronic Holdings

For all questions: Answer Missing if the answer is unknown

Report information for Electronic Use based on the fiscal reporting year entered for Questions 1.6 and 1.7 in Section 1 General Library Information.

Electronic Books

E-books are the digital equivalent of printed books that may be accessed online from an electronic device. E-books also include e-comics. Do not consider resources available for free in the public domain when answering the following questions.

5.1 Did the library provide access to e-books purchased solely by the library?	Yes
5.2 Did the library provide access to e-books purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level?	No
5.3 Did the library provide access to e-books provided by the New York State Library at no or minimal cost to the library?	No

Electronic Serials

E-serials are periodic digital publications equivalent to printed newspapers, magazines, and similar media that are viewed as entire issues rather than as single articles returned from a research query. Do not consider resources available for free in the public domain when answering the following questions. Answer Yes/No/Missing (Unknown)

5.4 Did the library provide access to e-serials purchased solely by the library?	Yes
5.5 Did the library provide access to e-serials purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level?	No
5.6 Did the library provide access to e-serials provided by the New York State Library at no or minimal cost to the library?	No

Electronic Audio

E-audio are digital files of sound only (e.g., audiobooks, music) that may be accessed online from an electronic device. Do not consider resources available for free in the public domain when answering the



following questions. Answer Yes/No/Missing (Unknown)

5.7 Did the library provide access to e-audio purchased solely by the library?	Yes
5.8 Did the library provide access to e-audio purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level?	No
5.9 Did the library provide access to e-audio provided by the New York State Library at no or minimal cost to the library?	No

Electronic Video

E-videos are digital files of moving visual images with or without sound (e.g., movies, television shows) that may be accessed online from an electronic device. Examples include Hoopla, Kanopy, and cloudlibrary. Do not consider resources available for free in the public domain when answering the following questions. Answer Yes/No/Missing (Unknown)

5.10 Did the library provide access to e-videos purchased solely by the library?	Yes
5.11 Did the library provide access to e-videos purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level? (Do not include New York State Library-provided content here; that should be entered in 5.12.)	No
5.12 Did the library provide access to e-videos provided by the New York State Library at no or minimal cost to the library?	No

Research Databases

Research databases are organized collections of electronic data or records (e.g., facts, abstracts, articles, bibliographic data, texts, photographs) that can be searched to retrieve information. Do not consider resources available for free when answering the following questions. Answer Yes/No/Missing (Unknown)

5.13 Did the library provide access to research databases purchased solely by the library?	Yes
5.14 Did the library provide access to research databases purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level?	No
5.15 Did the library provide access to research databases provided by the New York State Library at no or minimal cost to the library (e.g., NOVELny)?	Yes

Online Learning

Online learning platforms primarily provide instruction, tools, and resources to enhance education, lifelong learning, and skill building. Platforms may offer homework assistance, language learning, test preparation, professional development, resume assistance, hobby instruction, etc. Answer Yes if library provided access to a platform even if the platform itself is not owned by the library (e.g., paying for access to Ryan Dowd's Homeless Library). Do not consider resources available for free when answering the following questions. Answer Yes/No/Missing (Unknown)

5.16 Did the library provide access to online learning platforms purchased solely by the library?	No
5.17 Did the library provide access to online learning platforms purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level?	No
5.18 Did the library provide access to online learning platforms provided by the New York State Library at no or minimal cost to the library?	No

E-Material Circulation

Electronic (digital) materials can be accessed online from an electronic device. Types of electronic materials include e-books, e-serials, e-audio, and e-video. Only count items that require user authentication and have a limited period of use. Count all checkouts, including renewals.

5.19 The total circulation of e-books during the reporting period. ✓	1,034,086	1,064,883
5.20 The total circulation of e-serials during the reporting period. ✓	379,001	287,165
5.21 The total circulation of e-audio during the reporting period. ✓	872,770	843,835
5.22 The total circulation of e-videos during the reporting period. ✓	21,413	14,568

6. STAFF INFORMATION

All staff questions refer to PAID staff.

Note: Report figures as of the last day of the fiscal year reported in Questions 1.6 and 1.7 in Part 1. Include the FTE for all positions funded in the library's budget whether those positions are filled or not. This report requires conversion of part-time hours to full-time equivalents (FTE). To compute the FTE of employees in any category, take the total number of hours worked per week for all budgeted positions in that category and divide that total by the number of hours per week the library considers to be full-time. Report the FTE to two decimal places.

FTE (FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT CALCULATION)

6.1 The number of hours per workweek used to compute FTE for all paid library personnel in this section.	35.00	35.00
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BUDGETED POSITIONS IN FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS

6.2 Library Director (certified)	1.00	1.00
6.3 Vacant Library Director (certified)	0.00	0.00
6.4 Library Manager (not certified)	0.00	0.00
6.5 Vacant Library Manager (not certified)	0.00	0.00
6.6 Librarian	42.00	40.00
6.7 Vacant Librarian	0.54	3.00
6.8 Library Specialist/Paraprofessional	0.00	0.00
6.9 Vacant Library Specialist/Paraprofessional	0.00	0.00
6.10 Other Staff	154.85	152.00
6.11 Vacant Other Staff	19.30	27.00
6.12 TOTAL PAID STAFF (Total questions 6.2, 6.4, 6.6, 6.8 & 6.10)	197.85	193.00
6.13 VACANT TOTAL PAID STAFF (Total questions 6.3, 6.5, 6.7, 6.9 & 6.11)	19.84	30.00

SALARY INFORMATION

6.14 FTE - Library Director(certified)	1.00	1.00
6.15 Salary - Library Director (certified)	\$170,000	\$194,250
6.16 FTE - Library Manager (not certified)	0.00	-1
6.17 Salary - Library Manager (notcertified)	\$0	-1
6.18 FTE - Librarian	1.00	1.00
6.19 Salary - Librarian	\$51,671	\$49,211

7. MINIMUM PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS

All public, free association and Indian libraries in New York State are required to meet the minimum standards listed below. Please indicate which of these standards your library meets as of December 31, 2025. Please [click here](https://nyslibrary.libguides.com/publiclibrarystandards) to read general instructions before completing this section. Helpful information for meeting minimum public library standards is available on the State Library's website.

7.1. Is governed by written bylaws which define the structure and governing functions of the library board of trustees, and which shall be reviewed and re-approved by the board of trustees at least once every five years or earlier if required by law.	Y
7.2. Has a community-based, board-approved, written long-range plan of service developed by the library board of trustees and staff.	Y
7.3. Provides a board-approved written annual report to the community on the library's progress in meeting its mission, goals and objectives, as outlined in the library's long-range plan of service.	Y
7.4. Has board-approved written policies for the operation of the library, which shall be reviewed and updated at least once every five years or earlier if required by law.	Y
7.4.a. Does the Library have a Board-approved policy for the selection of library materials and reconsideration of such selection?	Y
7.4.b. Does the Library have a Board-approved policy explaining the public usage of library space and meeting rooms?	Y
7.4.c. Does the Library have Board-approved Codes of conduct?	Y
7.4.d. Does the library have a policy protecting the confidentiality of library records?	Y
7.4.e. Does the library have Board-approved personnel policies ensuring consistent staff management and fair employment practices?	Y
7.4.f. Does the library have a disaster plan? ¹⁵	N



7.4.g. Does the Library have Board-approved financial control policies that fulfill the legal and fiduciary responsibilities of the governing body and promote fiscal oversight, accountability, and sustainable management?	Y
7.5. Annually prepares and publishes a board-approved, written budget, which enables the library to address the community's needs, as outlined in the library's long-range plan of service.	Y
7.6. Periodically evaluates the effectiveness of the library's programs, services and collections to address community needs, as outlined in the library's long-range plan of service.	Y
7.7. Is open the minimum standard number of public service hours for population served. (see instructions)	Y

7.8. Maintains a facility that addresses community needs, as outlined in the library's long-range plan of service, including adequate:

7.8a. space	Y
7.8b. lighting	Y
7.8c. shelving	Y
7.8d. seating	Y
7.8e. power infrastructure	Y
7.8f. data infrastructure	Y
7.8g. public restroom	Y

7.9. Provides programming to address community needs, as outlined in the library's long-range plan of service.	Y
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7.10. Provides

7.10a. a circulation system that facilitates access to the local library collection and other library catalogs	Y
7.10b. equipment, technology, and internet connectivity to address community needs and facilitate access to information.	Y

7.11. Provides access to current library information in print and online, facilitating the understanding of library services, operations and governance; information provided online shall include the standards referenced in numbers (1) through (5) above.	Y
7.12. Employs a paid director in accordance with the provisions of Commissioner's Regulation 90.8.	Y
7.13. Provides library staff with annual technology training, appropriate to their position, to address community needs, as outlined in the library's long-range plan of service.	Y
7.14. Establishes and maintains partnerships with other educational, cultural or community organizations which enable the library to address the community's needs, as outlined in the library's long-range plan of service.	Y

8. PUBLIC SERVICE INFORMATION

Report all information as of the end of the fiscal year reported in Questions 1.6 and 1.7 in Part 1. Please [click here](#) to read general instructions before completing this section. Questions 8.1-8.4 are pre-filled with prior year answers but not locked to allow updating.

PUBLIC SERVICE OUTLETS - Libraries reporting main libraries, branches and bookmobiles should complete Service Outlets Information in Part 9.

8.1 Main Library ✓	1	
8.2 Branches ✓	8	
8.3 Bookmobiles ✓	2	
8.4 Other Outlets	2	
8.5 TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE OUTLETS (Total questions 8.1 - 8.4)	13	13

PUBLIC SERVICE HOURS - Report hours to two decimal places.

8.6 Minimum Weekly Total Hours - Main Library	60.00	60.00
8.7 Minimum Weekly Total Hours - Branch Libraries	328.00	328.00
8.8 Minimum Weekly Total Hours - Bookmobiles	22.00	21.00
8.9 Minimum Weekly Total Hours - Total Hours Open (Total questions 8.6 - 8.8)	410.00	409.00
8.10 Annual Total Hours - Main Library	3,171.00	3,153.00
8.11 Annual Total Hours - Branch Libraries	15,670.25	15,148.25
8.12 Annual Total Hours - Bookmobiles	1,104.00	1,060.50
8.13 Annual Hours Open - Total Hours Open (Total questions 8.10 through 8.12)	19,945.25	19,361.75

9. SERVICE OUTLET INFORMATION

Outlets should be arranged in alphabetical order if possible.

Report all information as of the end of the fiscal year reported in Questions 1.6 and 1.7 in Part 1. Please click here to read general ...[more](#)

Name

Location	1. Outlet Name	2. Outlet Name Status
Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library	FRANK E. MERRIWEATHER, JR. LIBRARY	no change from the prior year
Bookmobile	BOOKMOBILE	no change from the prior year
LIBRARY2GO Van	BOOKMOBILE	no change from the prior year
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEI	no change from the prior year
East Clinton Branch Library	EAST CLINTON BRANCH LIBRARY	no change from the prior year
Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library	LEROY R. COLES, JR. BRANCH LIBRARY	no change from the prior year
Isaías González-Soto Branch Library	ISAÍAS GONZÁLEZ-SOTO BRANCH LIBRARY	no change from the prior year
North Park Branch Library	NORTH PARK BRANCH LIBRARY	no change from the prior year
J. P. Dudley Branch Library	J. P. DUDLEY BRANCH LIBRARY	no change from the prior year
James L. Crane Branch Library	JAMES L. CRANE BRANCH LIBRARY	no change from the prior year
Elaine M. Panty Branch Library	ELAINE M. PANTY BRANCH LIBRARY	no change from the prior year

Address

Location	3. Street Address	4. Outlet Street Address Status
Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library	1324 JEFFERSON AVE.	no change from the prior year
Bookmobile	1 LAFAYETTE SQUARE	no change from the prior year
LIBRARY2GO Van	1 LAFAYETTE SQUARE	no change from the prior year
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	1 LAFAYETTE SQUARE	no change from the prior year
East Clinton Branch Library	1929 EAST CLINTON STREET	no change from the prior year
Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library	1187 EAST DELAVAN AVENUE	no change from the prior year
Isaías González-Soto Branch Library	280 PORTER AVENUE	no change from the prior year
North Park Branch Library	975 HERTEL AVENUE	no change from the prior year
J. P. Dudley Branch Library	2010 SOUTH PARK AVENUE	no change from the prior year
James L. Crane Branch Library	633 ELMWOOD AVENUE	no change from the prior year
Elaine M. Panty Branch Library	820 TONAWANDA STREET	no change from the prior year

Address / Phone

Location	5. City	6. Zip Code	7. Phone (enter 10 digits only)
Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library	BUFFALO	14208	(716) 883-4418
Bookmobile	BUFFALO	14203	(716) 858-7156

LIBRARY2GO Van	BUFFALO	14203	(716) 858-7156
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	BUFFALO	14203	(716) 858-8900
East Clinton Branch Library	BUFFALO	14206	(716) 823-5626
Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library	BUFFALO	14215	(716) 896-4433
IsaAs Gonzlez-Soto Branch Library	BUFFALO	14201	(716) 882-1537
North Park Branch Library	BUFFALO	14216	(716) 875-3748
J. P. Dudley Branch Library	BUFFALO	14220	(716) 823-1854
James L. Crane Branch Library	BUFFALO	14222	(716) 883-6651
Elaine M. Panty Branch Library	BUFFALO	14207	(716) 875-0562

Contact

Location	8. E-mail Address	9. Outlet URL
Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library	mrw@buffalolib.org	https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/frank-e-r
Bookmobile	bookmobile@buffalolib.org	https://www.buffalolib.org/mobile-services/bookmo
LIBRARY2GO Van	librarytogo@buffalolib.org	https://www.buffalolib.org/mobile-services/library2g
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	askus@buffalolib.org	https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/central-d
East Clinton Branch Library	ecl@buffalolib.org	https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/east-clin
Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library	cls@buffalolib.org	https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/leroy-r-c
IsaAs Gonzlez-Soto Branch Library	gnz@buffalolib.org	https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/isaia-gc
North Park Branch Library	npk@buffalolib.org	https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/north-pa
J. P. Dudley Branch Library	dud@buffalolib.org	https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/dudley-b
James L. Crane Branch Library	cra@buffalolib.org	https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/crane-br
Elaine M. Panty Branch Library	pan@buffalolib.org	https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/elaine-m

Location	10. County	11. School District	12. Library System	13. Outlet Type Code (select one):
Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library	ERIE	Buffalo	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	Branch Library
Bookmobile	ERIE	Buffalo	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	Bookmobile
LIBRARY2GO Van	ERIE	Buffalo	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	Bookmobile
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	ERIE	Buffalo	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	Central Library
East Clinton Branch Library	ERIE	Buffalo	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	Branch Library
Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library	ERIE	Buffalo	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	Branch Library
IsaAs Gonzlez-Soto Branch Library	ERIE	Buffalo	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	Branch Library
North Park Branch Library	ERIE	Buffalo	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	Branch Library
J. P. Dudley Branch Library	ERIE	Buffalo	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	Branch Library
James L. Crane Branch Library	ERIE	Buffalo	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	Branch Library
Elaine M. Panty Branch Library	ERIE	Buffalo	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	Branch Library

Hours / Meetings

Location	14. Public Service Hours Per Year for This Outlet	15. Number of Weeks This Outlet is Open	16. Total number of meeting spaces available to the public	17. How many of the above meeting spaces are reservable?	18. Number of times members of the public reserved meeting spaces	19. Is the meeting space available for public use even when the outlet is closed?
Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library	2,589	52	54	3	880	Y
Bookmobile	716	49	40	0	0	N
LIBRARY2GO Van	388	50	40	0	0	N
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	3,171	52	28	26	6,737	Y
East Clinton Branch Library	1,200	39	1	1	98	Y
Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library	1,938	51	1	1	145	Y
IsaAs Gonzlez-Soto Branch Library	1,341	35	15	3	159	N
North Park Branch Library	2,214	52	1	1	65	N
J. P. Dudley Branch Library	2,001	52	1	1	54	Y
James L. Crane Branch Library	2,401	52	4	4	1,846	N
Elaine M. Panty Branch Library	1,986	52	1	1	21	Y

Building

Location	20. Enter the appropriate outlet code (select one):	21. Who owns this outlet building?	22. Who owns the land on which this outlet is built?	23. Indicate the year this outlet was initially constructed	24. Indicate the year this outlet underwent a major renovation costing \$25,000 or more
Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library	LRF	City	City	2006	2025
Bookmobile	LRF	County	County	2016	N/A
LIBRARY2GO Van	LRF	County	County	2021	N/A
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	LRF	County	County	1963	2025
East Clinton Branch Library	LRF	City	City	1976	2025
Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library	LRF	City	City	1961	2025
IsaAs Gonzlez-Soto Branch Library	LRF	City	City	1958	2025
North Park Branch Library	N/A	Other (specify using the State note)	Other (specify using the State note)	2009	2017
J. P. Dudley Branch Library	LRF	City	City	1962	2023
James L. Crane Branch Library	LRF	City	City	1955	2023
Elaine M. Panty Branch Library	LRF	City	City	1986	2022

Space / Use

Location	25. Square footage of the outlet	26. Number of Internet Computers Used by General Public	27. Number of uses (sessions) of public Internet computers per year	27a Reporting Method for Number of Uses of Public Internet Computers Per Year
Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library	20,000	44	17,714	Annual Count
Bookmobile	Unavailable	0	0	Annual Count
LIBRARY2GO Van	Unavailable	0	0	Annual Count
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	403,000	98	77,892	Annual Count
East Clinton Branch Library	4,215	11	2,366	Annual Count
Leroy R. Coles, Jr. Branch Library	11,279	38	12,455	Annual Count
IsaAs Gonzlez-Soto Branch Library	11,279	25	3,069	Annual Count
North Park Branch Library	5,662	31	5,337	Annual Count
J. P. Dudley Branch Library	6,090	21	5,980	Annual Count
James L. Crane Branch Library	8,840	20	11,482	Annual Count
Elaine M. Panty Branch Library	7,205	18	5,337	Annual Count

Internet Connection

Location	28. Type of connection on the outlet's public Internet computers	29. Maximum download speed of connection on the outlet's public Internet computers	30. Maximum upload speed of connection on the outlet's public Internet computers
Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library	Other (specify using the State note)	11 Greater than or equal to 100 mbps and less than 1 gbps	11 Greater than or equal to 100 mbps and less than 1 gbps
Bookmobile	N/A	N/A	N/A
LIBRARY2GO Van	N/A	N/A	N/A
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	Other (specify using the State note)	11 Greater than or equal to 100 mbps and less than 1 gbps	11 Greater than or equal to 100 mbps and less than 1 gbps

10.7a Status	10.7b First Name of Board Member	10.7c Last Name of Board Member	10.7d Mailing Address	10.7e City	10.7f Zip Code (5 digits only)	10.7g E-mail address	10.7h Office Held or Trustee	10.7i Term Begins - Month
Filled	Kimberly	15 Johnson	15 [REDACTED]	15 Buffalo	15 14214 15	[REDACTED]	15 Trustee	January
Filled	Carima	15 El-Behairy	15 [REDACTED]	15 Buffalo	15 14209 15	[REDACTED]	15 President	January
Filled	Joel	15 Moore	15 [REDACTED]	15 Buffalo	15 14208 15	[REDACTED]	15 Trustee	January
Filled	Alan	15 Bedenko	15 [REDACTED]	15 Buffalo	15 14222 15	[REDACTED]	15 Trustee	January
Filled	Michael	15 Amodeo	15 [REDACTED]	15 Lake View	15 14085 15	[REDACTED]	15 Trustee	January
Filled	Kathleen	15 Bucki	15 [REDACTED]	15 East Amherst	15 14051 15	[REDACTED]	15 Trustee	January
Vacant	n/a	15 n/a	15 n/a	15 n/a	15 n/a 15	n/a	15	January
Filled	John	15 Craik	15 [REDACTED]	15 Buffalo	15 14222 15	[REDACTED]	15 Financial Officer	January
Filled	Theodore	15 Johnson	15 [REDACTED]	15 Buffalo	15 14207 15	[REDACTED]	15 Trustee	January
Filled	Sharon	15 Kelly	15 [REDACTED]	15 East Aurora	15 14052 15	[REDACTED]	15 Trustee	January
Filled	Elaine	15 Panty	15 [REDACTED]	15 Buffalo	15 14207 15	[REDACTED]	15 Trustee	January
Filled	Christopher	15 Sasiadek	15 [REDACTED]	15 Buffalo	15 14214 15	[REDACTED]	15 Vice President	February
Filled	Christine	15 Bartholomew	15 [REDACTED]	15 Williamsville	15 14221 15	[REDACTED]	15 Secretary	January
Filled	Nathaniel	15 Barnes	15 [REDACTED]	15 Buffalo	15 14221 15	[REDACTED]	15 Trustee	September
Filled	Adam	15 Bojak	15 [REDACTED]	15 Buffalo	15 14213 15	[REDACTED]	15 Trustee	October
		15	15	15	15 15		15	

11. OPERATING FUNDS RECEIPTS

Report financial data based on the fiscal reporting year reported in Part 1. (Q1.6 and Q1.7, or Q1.9 and Q1.10 if the fiscal reporting year has changed since the previous annual report). ROUND TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR. Please [click here](#) to read general instructions before completing this section.

LOCAL PUBLIC FUNDS

11.1 Does the library receive any local public funds? If yes, complete one record for each taxing authority; if no, go to question 11.3.

1	1	\$31,714,034	1	1
11.1.a Source of Funds	11.1.b Name of funding County, Municipality or School District	11.1.c Amount	11.1.d Subject to public vote held in reporting year or in a previous reporting year(s).	11.1.e Written Contractual Agreement
County	Erie	\$31,714,034	N	N

Please Note: last year's answers for repeating groups cannot be displayed.

11.2 TOTAL LOCAL PUBLIC FUNDS ✓ \$31,714,034 \$30,414,643

SYSTEM CASH GRANTS TO MEMBER LIBRARY

11.3 Local Library Services Aid (LLSA)	\$71,867	\$101,256
11.4 Record all Central Library Services Aid monies received from system headquarters	\$388,754	\$379,716
11.5 Additional State Aid received from the System		\$0
11.6 Federal Aid received from the System		\$0
11.7 Other Cash Grants		\$0
11.8 TOTAL SYSTEM CASH GRANTS (Add Questions 11.3, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6 and 11.7)	\$460,621	\$480,972

OTHER STATE AID

11.9 State Aid other than LLSA, Central Library Aid (CLDA and/or CBA), or other State Aid reported as system cash grants	\$2,879,855	\$3,632,993
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FEDERAL AID FOR LIBRARY OPERATION

11.10 LSTA		\$0
11.11 Other Federal Aid		\$0
11.12 TOTAL FEDERAL AID (Add Questions 11.10 and 11.11)	\$0	\$0
11.13 CONTRACTS WITH PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND/OR PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS IN NEW YORK STATE		\$0

OTHER RECEIPTS

11.14 Gifts and Endowments	\$181,878	\$43,836
11.15 Fund Raising	\$335,002	\$253,087
11.16 Income from Investments	\$237,491	\$319,866
11.17 Library Charges	\$115,425	\$111,653
11.18 Other	\$157,129	\$309,943
11.19 TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS (Add Questions 11.14, 11.15, 11.16, 11.17 and 11.18)	\$1,026,925	\$1,038,385
11.20 TOTAL OPERATING FUND RECEIPTS (Add Questions 11.2, 11.8, 11.9, 11.12, 11.13 and 11.19)	\$36,081,435	\$35,566,993
11.21 BUDGET LOANS		\$0

Transfers / Grand Total

TRANSFERS

11.22 From Capital Fund (Same as Question 14.8)		\$0
11.23 From Other Funds		\$0
11.24 TOTAL TRANSFERS (Add Questions 11.22 and 11.23)	\$0	
11.25 BALANCE IN OPERATING FUND - Beginning Balance for Fiscal Year Ending 2025 (Same as Question 12.39 of previous year if fiscal year has not changed)	\$19,873,788	\$18,829,957
11.26 GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS, BUDGET LOANS, TRANSFERS AND BALANCE (Add Questions 11.20, 11.21, 11.24 and 11.25; Same as Question 12.40)	\$55,955,223	\$54,396,950

12. OPERATING FUND DISBURSEMENTS

Report financial data based on the fiscal reporting year reported in Part 1. (Q1.6 and Q1.7, or Q1.9 and Q1.10 if the fiscal reporting year has changed since the previous annual report). ROUND TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR. Please [click here](#) to read general instructions before completing this section.

STAFF EXPENDITURES**Salaries & Wages Paid from Library Funds**

12.1 Certified Librarians	\$3,373,962	\$3,086,769
12.2 Other Staff	\$7,968,127	\$7,537,722
12.3 Total Salaries & Wages Expenditures (Add Questions 12.1 and 12.2) ⁵⁴ ✓	\$11,342,089	\$10,624,491
12.4 Employee Benefits Expenditures ✓	\$5,304,431	\$5,218,186
12.5 Total Staff Expenditures (Add Questions 12.3 and 12.4) ⁵⁵ ✓	\$16,646,520	\$15,842,677

COLLECTION EXPENDITURES

12.6 Print Materials Expenditures ✓	\$309,303	\$341,440
12.7 Electronic Materials Expenditures ✓	\$522,822	\$500,242
12.8 Other Materials Expenditures ✓	\$154,323	\$142,242
12.9 Total Collection Expenditures (Add Questions 12.6, 12.7 and 12.8) ✓	\$986,448	\$983,924

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM OPERATING FUNDS

12.10 From Local Public Funds (71PF)	\$102,509	\$367,908
12.11 From Other Funds (71OF)	\$34,329	\$17,041
12.12 Total Capital Expenditures (Add Questions 12.10 and 12.11)	\$136,838	\$384,949

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS**Repairs to Building & Building Equipment**

12.13 From Local Public Funds (72PF)	\$152,606	\$135,424
12.14 From Other Funds (72OF)		\$0
12.15 Total Repairs (Add Questions 12.13 and 12.14)	\$152,606	\$135,424
12.16 Other Disbursements for Operation & Maintenance of Buildings ⁵⁶	\$1,116,822	\$597,974
12.17 Total Operation & Maintenance of Buildings (Add Questions 12.15 and 12.16)	\$1,269,428	\$733,398

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

12.18 Office and Library Supplies	\$161,619	\$136,404
12.19 Telecommunications	\$83,885	\$86,726
12.21 Professional & Consultant Fees	\$745,493	\$712,856
12.22 Equipment	\$107,408	\$124,020
12.23 Other Miscellaneous	\$14,657,861	\$14,137,342
12.24 Total Miscellaneous Expenses (Add Questions 12.18, 12.19, 12.21, 12.22 and 12.23)	\$15,756,266	\$15,197,348

12.25 CONTRACTS WITH PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND/OR PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS IN NEW YORK STATE

\$0

DEBT SERVICE**Capital Purposes Loans (Principal and Interest)**

12.26 From Local Public Funds (73PF)	\$765,712	\$549,268
12.27 From Other Funds (73OF)		\$0
12.28 Total (Add Questions 12.26 and 12.27) Other Loans	\$765,712	\$549,268
12.29 Budget Loans (Principal and Interest)		\$0
12.30 Short-Term Loans		\$0
12.31 Total Debt Service (Add Questions 12.28, 12.29 and 12.30)	\$765,712	\$549,268
12.32 TOTAL OPERATING FUND DISBURSEMENTS (Add Questions 12.5, 12.9, 12.12, 12.17, 12.24, 12.25 and 12.31)	\$35,561,212	\$33,691,564

Transfers to Capital Fund

12.33 From Local Public Funds (76PF)	\$1,106,391	\$0
12.34 From Other Funds (76OF)		\$831,598
12.35 Total Transfers to Capital Fund (Add Questions 12.33 and 12.34; same as Question 13.8)	\$1,106,391	\$831,598
12.36 Transfer to Other Funds		\$0
12.37 TOTAL TRANSFERS (Add Questions 12.35 and 12.36)	\$1,106,391	\$831,598
12.38 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS (Add Questions 12.32 and 12.37)	\$36,667,603	\$34,523,162
12.39 BALANCE IN OPERATING FUND - Ending Balance for the Fiscal Year Ending 2025	\$19,287,620	\$19,873,788
12.40 GRAND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, TRANSFERS & BALANCE (Add Questions 12.38 and 12.39; same as Question 11.26) ✓	\$55,955,223	\$54,396,950

ASSURANCE

12.41 The Library operated in accordance with all provisions of Education Law and the Regulations of the Commissioner, and assures that the Annual Report was reviewed and accepted by the Library Board on (date - mm/dd/yyyy).

05/21/2026
04/17/2025

FISCAL AUDIT

12.42 Last audit performed (mm/dd/yyyy)	12/31/2024	12/31/2023
12.43 Time period covered by this audit (mm/dd/yyyy) - (mm/dd/yyyy)	1/1/2024-12/31/2024	01/01/2023-12/31/2023
12.44 Indicate type of audit (select one):	Private Accounting Firm	

CAPITAL FUND

12.45 Does the library have a separate Capital Fund? Enter Y for Yes, N for No. If No, stop here. If Yes, complete the Capital Fund Report.

Y

13. CAPITAL FUND RECEIPTS

Report financial data based on the fiscal year reported in Questions 1.6 and 1.7 in Part 1. ROUND TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR. Please [click here](#) to read general instructions before completing this section.

REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES

13.1 Revenues from Local Government Sources		\$0
13.2 All Other Revenues from Local Sources		\$0
13.3 Total Revenues from Local Sources (Add Questions 13.1 and 13.2) ✓	\$0	\$0

STATE AID FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

13.4 State Aid Received for Construction		\$0
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13.5 Other State Aid		\$0
13.6 Total State Aid (Add Questions 13.4 and 13.5) ✓	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL AID FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

13.7 TOTAL FEDERAL AID ✓	\$0
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INTERFUND REVENUE

13.8 Transfer from Operating Fund(Same as Question 12.35)	\$1,106,391	\$831,598
13.9 TOTAL REVENUES (Add Questions 13.3, 13.6, 13.7 and 13.8)	\$1,106,391	\$831,598
13.10 NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS		\$0
13.11 TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS (Add Questions 13.9 and 13.10)	\$1,106,391	\$831,598
13.12 BALANCE IN CAPITAL FUND - Beginning Balance for Fiscal Year Ending 2025 (Same as Question 14.11 of previous year, if fiscal year has not changed)	\$970,807	\$1,832,332
13.13 TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS AND BALANCE(Add Questions 13.11 and 13.12; same as Question 14.12)	\$2,077,198	\$2,663,930

14. CAPITAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS

Report financial data based on the fiscal reporting year reported in Part 1. ROUND TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR. Please [click here](#) to read general instructions before completing this section.

PROJECT EXPENDITURES

14.1 Construction	\$2,077,198	\$1,625,951
14.2 Incidental Construction		\$67,172

Other Disbursements

14.3 Purchase of Buildings		\$0
14.4 Interest		\$0
14.5 Collection Expenditures		\$0
14.6 Total Other Disbursements (Add Questions 14.3, 14.4 and 14.5)	\$0	\$0
14.7 TOTAL PROJECT EXPENDITURES (Add Questions 14.1, 14.2 and 14.6)	\$2,077,198	\$1,693,123
14.8 TRANSFER TO OPERATING FUND (Same as Question 11.22)		\$0
14.9 NON-PROJECT EXPENDITURES		\$0
14.10 TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS (Add Questions 14.7, 14.8 and 14.9)	\$2,077,198	\$1,693,123
14.11 BALANCE IN CAPITAL FUND - Ending Balance for the Fiscal Year Ending 2025		\$970,807
14.12 TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND BALANCE ✓	\$2,077,198	\$2,663,930

16. FEDERAL TOTALS

All questions in Part 16 are calculated, locked fields.

Note: See instructions for definitions and calculations of each of these Federal Totals.


16.1 Total ALA-MLS ✓	38.10	38.50
16.2 Total Librarians ✓	38.10	38.50
16.3 All Other Paid Staff ✓	152.38	156.63
16.4 Total Paid Employees ✓	190.48	195.13
16.5 State Government Revenue ✓	\$3,340,476	\$4,113,965
16.6 Federal Government Revenue ✓	\$0	\$0
16.7 Other Operating Revenue ✓	\$1,026,925	\$1,038,385
16.8 Total Operating Revenue ✓	\$36,081,435	\$35,566,993
16.9 Other Operating Expenditures ✓	\$17,025,694	\$15,930,746
16.10 Total Operating Expenditures ✓	\$34,658,662	\$32,757,347
16.11 Total Capital Expenditures ✓	\$2,214,036	\$2,078,072
16.12 Print Materials	1,929,356	1,930,526
16.12a Total Physical Items in Collection	2,880,820	2,883,245
16.13 Circulation of Children's Physical Material ✓	197,881	183,704
16.14 Total Registered Borrowers ✓	112,771	116,018
16.15 Other Capital Revenue and Receipts ✓	1,106,391	831,598
16.16 Number of Internet Computers Used by General Public ⁵⁷ ✓	725	369
16.17 Total Uses (sessions) of Public Internet Computers Per Year ✓	290,556	134,421
16.18 Wireless Sessions ✓	814,445	333,728
16.19 Total Capital Revenue ✓	\$1,106,391	\$831,598

17. FOR NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY USE ONLY

17.1 LIB ID	800000000
17.2 Interlibrary Relationship Code ✓	Headquarters of a Federation or Cooperative
17.3 Legal Basis Code ✓	County/Parish
17.4 Administrative Structure Code ✓	Administrative Entity with Multiple Direct Service Outlets where Administrative Offices are Not Separate
17.5 FSCS Public Library Definition ✓	Yes
17.6 Geographic Code	County or Equivalent, entirety
17.7 FSCS ID	NY0005
17.8 SED CODE	140600700787
17.9 INSTITUTION ID	800000052491
User defined ID. used to link two or more AEs together.	
Old FSCSKEY	

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS

Library Name:	BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Library System:	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
Name of Person Completing Form:	Angela Pierpaoli
Phone Number:	(716) 858-7161
I am satisfied that this resource (LibPAS) is meeting library needs:	Agree
Applying this resource (LibPAS) will help improve library services to the public:	Yes

- 1, 1.23 Population incorrect on 2024 report - should be 954,236 (0-2026-04-24)
- 2, 1.32 In addition to the Buffalo Public School District, B&ECPL provides public library services to residents of all school districts in Erie County. (0-2026-04-10)
- 3, 1.36 Interim Director (0-2026-04-13)
- 4, 1.37 Interim Director (0-2026-04-13)
- 5, 1.47 Coles - Closed 6/26/2025-6/27/2025, and closed partial days 6/23/2025-6/24/2025 - No AC. Coles - Closed 7/24/2025-7/25/2025 and 7/29/2025 - No AC. González-Soto - Closed 6/16/2025-10/12/2025. New HVAC. Re-opened 10/13/2025. Merriweather - Reduced services 7/7/2025-8/16/2025 - Carpet replacement and dome repair projects. Full re-opening 8/18/2025. East Clinton - Closed 8/18/2025 - 11/16/2025 - Construction. Re-opened 11/17/2025. Central Library - Closed 9/27-9/28 - Electrical upgrades. Library on Wheels Bookmobile - 1/7/2025-1/15/2025 - In shop for generator repair - no interior power. Closed 2/21/2025-2/27/2025 - In shop for 2025 NYS Inspection. Closed 4/14/2025-4/18/2025 for rewrap/rebranding. Closed 4/23/2025-4/30/2025 for generator repair. Closed 5/15/2024-5/23/2024 - Generator service. Closed 7/11/2025-7/22/2025 due to generator repair. Library2Go Bookmobile - 10/1/2025-10/6/2025 - In shop for repairs. System-wide - Catalog offline 12/20/20225-12/21/2025, impacting circulation and other monthly statistics - Server issue. (0-2026-04-15)
- 6, 3.32 On occasion, a second or third person attends these appointments, but the library still considers them one-on-one programs rather than planned group programs. (0-2026-04-15)
- 7, 3.36 The Library2Go van does not offer summer reading. (0-2026-04-15)
- 8, 3.54 Epic, FeedMore, United Way, Just Buffalo Literacy, Taking it to the Streets Buffalo, Shea's, Arts for Learning, Repco, Gerard Place, Buffalo Toronto Public Media, Opera Volunteers International, South Buffalo Farmers Market, Shakespeare in the Park, Board to be Wild, Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm, SPCA Paws for Love (0-2026-04-15)
- 9, 3.62e. Town of Tonawanda Youth Parks & Recreation, EPIC, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, It takes a village action organization, Bennett Park, Buffalo Toy Library, Buffalo and Toronto Public Media, Buffalo Drag Story Hour, SPCA Paws for Love, OLV, Buffalo HOPE Center, Goldfish Swim School, The Wondermakers, Arts for learning, Repco Wildlife (0-2026-04-16)
- 10, 3.65b On occasion, a second or third person attends these appointments, but the library still considers them one-on-one programs rather than planned group programs. (0-2026-04-15)
- 11, 3.66d. Literacy Buffalo Niagara (0-2026-04-16)
- 12, 3.73b On occasion, a second or third person attends these appointments, but the library still considers them one-on-one programs rather than planned group programs. (0-2026-04-27)
- 13, 3.74d. Literacy Buffalo Niagara (0-2026-04-16)
- 14, 3.77b On occasion, a second or third person attends these appointments, but the library still considers them one-on-one programs rather than planned group programs. (0-2026-04-27)
- 15, 7.4.f. However, the Special Collections Department has a Disaster Pocket Response Plan for Special Collections and Rare Books, and we have a Public Health Operations Plan that was created during the COVID-19 Pandemic - https://www.buffalolib.org/sites/default/files/library-system/policies/BECPL_Public_Health_Emergency_Operations_Plan_Approved_3-18-2021.pdf (0-2026-04-16)
- 16, 15. Merriweather - Reduced services 7/7/2025-8/16/2025 - Carpet replacement and dome repair projects. Full re-opening 8/18/2025. (0-2026-04-16)
- 17, 15. 1/7/2025-1/15/2025 - In shop for generator repair - no interior power. Closed 2/21/2025-2/27/2025 - In shop for 2025 NYS Inspection. Closed 4/14/2025-4/18/2025 for rewrap/rebranding. Closed 4/23/2025-4/30/2025 for generator repair. Closed 5/15/2024-5/23/2024 - Generator service. Closed 7/11/2025-7/22/2025 due to generator repair. (0-2026-04-16) 
- 18, 19. N/A (0-2026-04-16)
- 19, 15. 10/1/2025-10/6/2025 - In shop for repairs. (0-2026-04-16)
- 20, 19. N/A (0-2026-04-16)
- 21, 15. Central Library - Closed 9/27-9/28 - Electrical upgrades. (0-2026-04-16)
- 22, 15. East Clinton - Closed 8/18/2025 - 11/16/2025 - Construction. Re-opened 11/17/2025. (0-2026-04-16)
- 23, 15. Coles - Closed 6/26/2025-6/27/2025, and closed partial days 6/23/2025-6/24/2025 - No AC. Coles - Closed 7/24/2025-7/25/2025 and 7/29/2025 - No AC. (0-2026-04-16)
- 24, 15. González-Soto - Closed 6/16/2025-10/12/2025. New HVAC. Re-opened 10/13/2025. (0-2026-04-16)
- 25, 24. Roof & Skylight Restoration (0-2026-04-16)
- 26, 24. Egress and Life Safety Improvements (0-2026-04-16)
- 27, 24. Roof Restoration & Building Improvements (0-2026-04-16)
- 28, 24. Site Work (0-2026-04-16)
- 29, 24. HVAC Improvements (0-2026-04-16)
- 30, 21. City of Buffalo leases the space for North Park Library from 975 Hertel LLC. The Library first occupied the space in 2009. (0-2026-04-16)
- 31, 22. City of Buffalo leases the space for North Park Library from 975 Hertel LLC. The Library first occupied the space in 2009. (0-2026-04-16)
- 32, 25. N/A, but if needed, 240. (0-2026-04-17)
- 33, 25. N/A, but if needed, 84. (0-2026-04-17)
- 34, 28. Ethernet connections to Central. (0-2026-04-16)
- 35, 28. Ethernet connection. (0-2026-04-16)
- 36, 28. Ethernet connections to Central. (0-2026-04-16)
- 37, 28. Ethernet connections to Central. (0-2026-04-16)
- 38, 28. Ethernet connections to Central. (0-2026-04-16)
- 39, 28. Ethernet connections to Central. (0-2026-04-16)
- 40, 28. Ethernet connections to Central. (0-2026-04-16)
- 41, 28. Ethernet connections to Central. (0-2026-04-16)
- 42, 28. Ethernet connections to Central. (0-2026-04-16)
- 43, 10.7n Trustee K Johnson served as a holdover trustee from January 2025 through October 2025 when reappointed. (0-2026-03-31)
- 44, 10.7n Trustee El-Behairy served as a holdover trustee from January 2025 through February 2025 when reappointed. (0-2026-04-01)

⁴⁵, 10.7n Trustee Moore served as a holdover trustee from January 2022 through October 2025 when reappointed. (0-2026-03-31)

⁴⁶, 10.7n Trustee Bedenko served as a holdover trustee from January 2025 through February 2025 when reappointed. (0-2026-04-01)

⁴⁷, 10.7n Trustee Amodeo served as a holdover trustee from January 2023 through March 2023 when reappointed. (0-2026-04-01)

⁴⁸, 10.7n Trustee T Johnson is currently serving as a holdover trustee for the January 2026 to December 2030 term until reappointed or replaced. The oath date listed is for his previous term (January 2021 through December 2025). (0-2026-03-31)

⁴⁹, 10.7n Trustee Kelly is currently serving as a holdover trustee for the January 2026 to December 2030 term until reappointed or replaced. The oath date listed is for her previous term (January 2021 through December 2025). (0-2026-03-31)

⁵⁰, 10.7n Trustee Panty served as a holdover trustee from January 2023 through October 2025 when reappointed. (0-2026-03-31)

⁵¹, 10.7m Trustee Sasiadek was appointed in February 2022 to fill a vacant position (previous trustee Katie Burd resigned July 2021). The term was to run from January 2022 through December 2026. (0-2026-03-31)

⁵², 10.7m Trustee Barnes was appointed in September 2024 to fill a vacant position (previous trustee Sheldon Berlow passed away January 2023). The term was to run from January 2024 through December 2028. (0-2026-03-31)

⁵³, 10.7m Trustee Bojak was appointed in October 2025 to fill a vacant position (previous incumbent John Craik appointed to a different term). The term was to run from January 2024 through December 2028. (0-2026-03-31)

⁵⁴, 12.3 Settlement of collective bargaining agreement with Librarians Assoc as well as increase in NYS minimum wage (0-2026-04-24)

⁵⁵, 12.5 Settlement of collective bargaining agreement with Librarians Assoc as well as increase in NYS minimum wage (0-2026-04-24)

⁵⁶, 12.16 Increase due to increase in utility costs from 2024 (approx \$250,000). Funding for Green Roof Project (\$290,000) (0-2026-04-29)

⁵⁷, 16.16 306 this year. 369 last year. IT made adjustments to more closely meet state definitions. In short, only OPACs with connections to the Internet were counted this year. (0-2026-04-17)

