

Organizational Structure of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System

Population Served: 922,578 (2015 estimate) **Circulation:** 6,835,086 (2016)

Library Locations: 38* **Operating Budget:** \$27,838,779 (2017) **Per Capita:** \$30.17

**Includes Central Library, all member library branches, and Library on Wheels Bookmobile*

**Buffalo & Erie County
Public Library (B&ECPL)
System Board of Trustees**
15 Members, appointed by
the Erie County Executive
and the Legislature



The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System Board of Trustees consists of 15 members who serve five year terms on a rotating schedule. The trustees are appointed by the Erie County Executive, who appoints ten members (two each calendar year), and the Mayor of Buffalo, who appoints five members (1 each calendar year). All recommended trustees are subject to confirmation by the Erie County Legislature.

B&ECPL System Director
Appointed by B&ECPL Board



The director serves as administrative, executive and fiscal officer of the B&ECPL under the supervision and jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees. The director oversees business affairs, administration, and employees of the Central Library and eight Buffalo branches.

Contracting Libraries
Contracts for Services from
Library System



Each of the 22 contracting libraries has its own Board of Trustees. Libraries annually contract with the System for services, including circulation, technology, programming, materials, etc., among others. The system provides funding for almost all of the operations of member libraries while the local municipality or membership association provides for the library building and capital needs.

**Association of Contracting
Libraries (ACT Board)**
Acts as a Liaison



Promotes cooperation among member libraries, provides a forum for exchange of information and ideas and is a mechanism for liaison between the contracting libraries, their trustees and staff and the B&ECPL trustees and staff.

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING PICTURE

Taxpayers/ Erie County Property Owners
Library Property Tax \$23,943,617 in 2017

A local law, the Library Protection Act dedicates a portion of Erie County's real

property tax for library purpose and guarantees that funds appropriated by the Legislature cannot be re-appropriated to

cover mid-year shortfalls elsewhere in the County budget.



86.01 %



2017 Adopted Operating Budget

Library Fines & Fees

Payments for overdue or lost materials such as books, processing and other related fees and charges \$749,234 in 2017.

2.69 %



Fund Balance -Onetime Sum

The Library System Board of Trustees voted to utilize \$485,186 in unassigned fund balance in 2017.

1.74 %



New York State Aid

Formula aid is provided by the Governor & State Legislature for public library systems. State aid supports programs & services such as Interlibrary loan delivery, continuing education, coordination of collection development, automation & internet access. Direct formula aid to assist individual public libraries is provided by the Local Service Aid program through library systems. Libraries that meet minimum standards set by the Education Department can receive this aid. \$2,227,209 in 2017.

8.00 %



Other

Revenues include but are not limited to fundraising. \$433,533 in 2017.

1.56 %

