

2019 Budget in Brief Charts Pursuant to B&ECPL Board of Trustees Resolution 2018-18 and County Executive Recommended County Allocation October 12, 2018

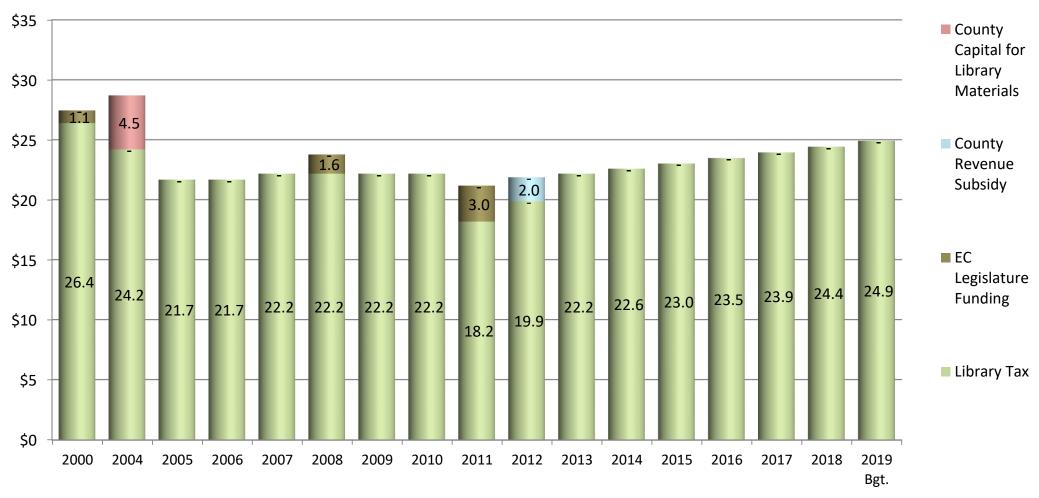
2019 Budget Change vs 2018

OPERATING BUDGET	2018 Adopted	2019 Proposed	Change			
Revenue						
Library Real Property Tax	\$24,422,489	\$24,910,939	\$488,450	2.0%		
NY State Aid	\$2,228,411	\$2,250,363	\$21,952	1.0%		
Use of Fund Balance	\$498,684	\$506,529	\$7,845	1.6%		
All Other	\$848,280	\$817,638	(\$30,642)	-3.6%		
Total Revenue	\$27,997,864	\$28,485,469	\$487,605	1.7%		
Expense						
Salaries & Wages	\$14,739,125	\$15,567,228	\$828,103	5.6%		
Reduction from Personal Svcs	(\$53,937)	\$0	\$53,937	-100.0%		
Contractural Salary Reserves	\$304,055	\$54,996	(\$249,059)	-81.9%		
FICA (Social Security & Medicare)	\$1,127,541	\$1,190,908	\$63,367	5.6%		
Employee Health Insurance	\$2,593,704	\$2,529,612	(\$64,092)	-2.5%		
Hospital & Medical - Retirees	\$1,629,339	\$1,464,755	(\$164,584)	-10.1%		
Retirement (NY State System)	\$1,589,302	\$1,608,209	\$18,907	1.2%		
Supplies & Repairs/Maintenance	\$429,385	\$447,148	\$17,763	4.1%		
Professional Services	\$857,725	\$859,648	\$1,923	0.2%		
Insurance - Liability Coverage	\$150,048	\$153,388	\$3,340	2.2%		
Library Materials	\$3,009,000	\$3,009,000	\$0	0.0%		
Telecom & Internet; Water & Sewer	\$99,933	\$103,749	\$3,816	3.8%		
Interfund Utilities (Electric & Ngas)	\$765,648	\$776,066	\$10,418	1.4%		
County Charges for Data Svcs.; Purchasing Svcs; and Fleet Svcs.	\$333,933	\$304,658	(\$29,275)	-8.8%		
All Other	\$423,063	\$416,104	(\$6,959)	-1.6%		
Total Operating Expense	\$27,997,864	\$28,485,469	\$487,605	1.7%		

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	2018 Adopted	2019 Proposed	Change				
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LIBRARY GRANTS							
Grant Revenue - NY State	\$684,670	\$691,452	\$6,782	1.0%			
Grant Expense by Grant							
Central Library Book Aid	\$66,936	\$67,599	\$663	1.0%			
Central Library Development Aid	\$290,164	\$293,038	\$2,874	1.0%			
Continuity of Service	\$46,809	\$47,272	\$463	1.0%			
NYS Library Automation Grant	\$71,614	\$72,323	\$709	1.0%			
Coordinated Outreach	\$158,134	\$159,701	\$1,567	1.0%			
Library Services to County Correctional Facilities	\$8,208	\$8,290	\$82	1.0%			
Library Services to State Correctional Facilities	\$42,805	\$43,229	\$424	1.0%			
Grant Program Expense	\$684,670	\$691,452	\$6,782	1.0%			
TOTAL OPERATING & GRANTS							
Revenue	\$28,682,534	\$29,176,921	\$494,387	1.7%			
Expense	\$28,682,534	\$29,176,921	\$494,387	1.7%			

COUNTY SUPPORT B&ECPL OPERATING AND LIBRARY MATERIALS



Over this period major funding changes included:

2005 \$7 Million Cut -24%

Service reductions and layoffs, 15 libraries and 4 mobile units closed.

2009 \$1.6 Million Cut \$1 Million

Used fund balance; RFID technology; staffing reductions via attrition to postpone service reductions. layoffs.

2011 -5% Cut

> Open hours and program/service restorations and improvements made within annual growth in county support averaging 2%

2012 - 2019 Budget Stable Funding

Notes: Dollars in millions; \$3.0 million County Legislature funding for 2011 provided in December 2010; Consumer Prices will have increased approximately 50% since 2000.

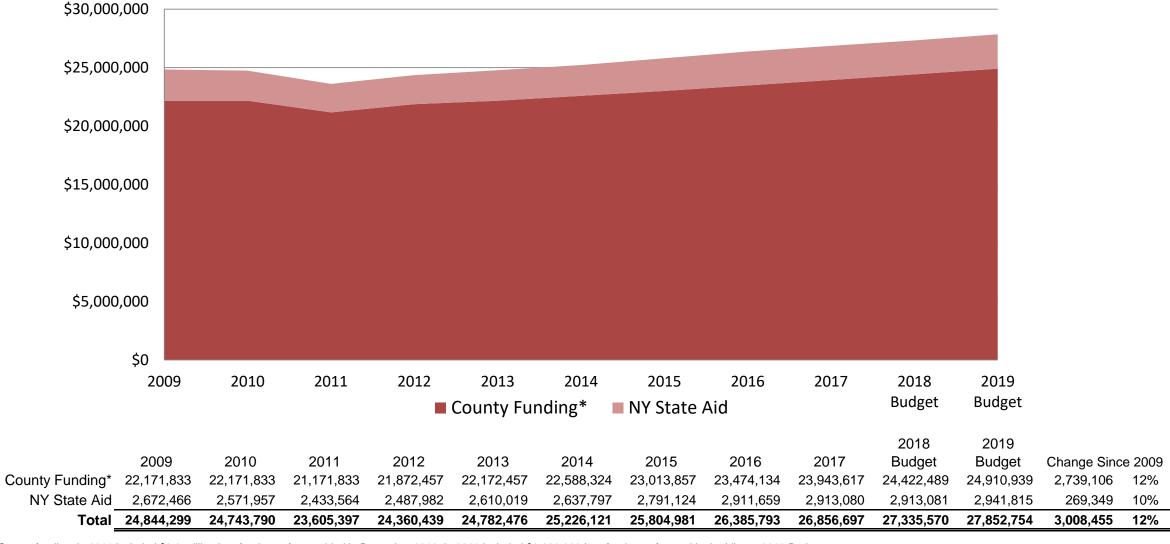
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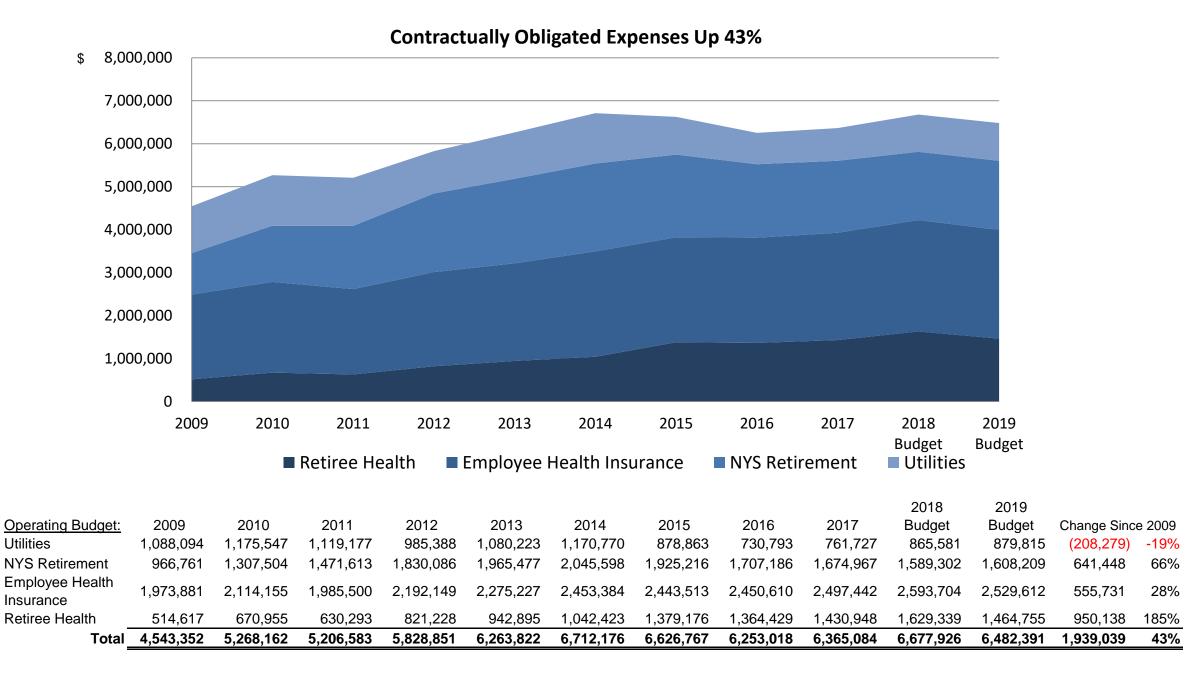
Since 2009, County and State Revenue Up 12%, Consumer Price Index Up 20%



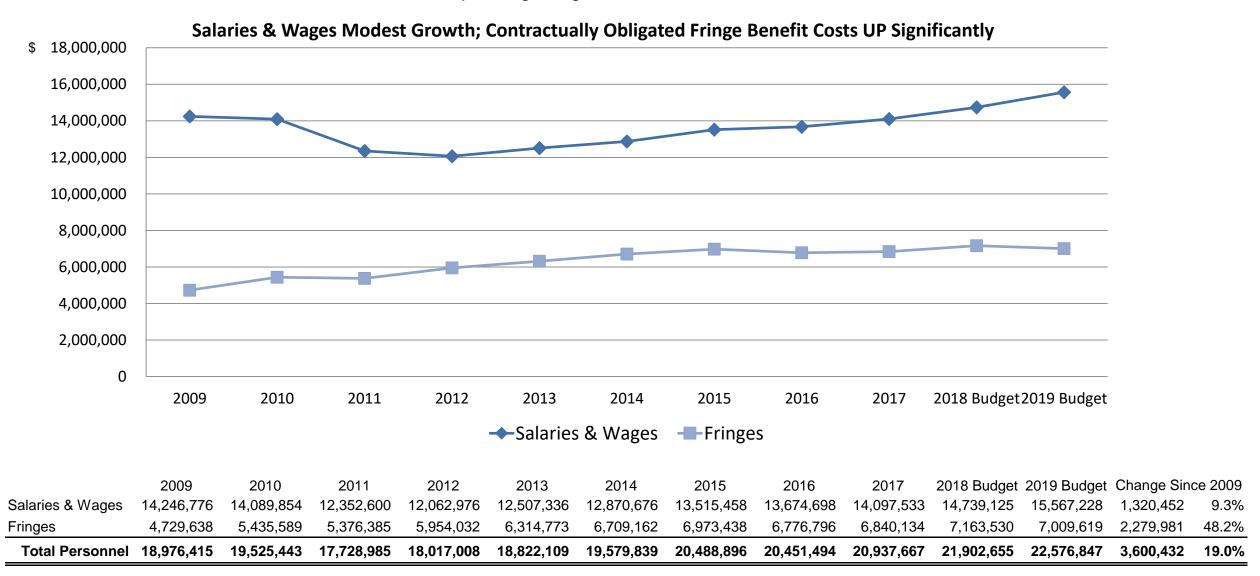
^{*} County funding: in 2011 included \$3.0 million interfund transfer provided in December 2010; in 2012 included \$2,000,000 Interfund-transfer; and in the Library 2013 Budget, at the Library's request, moved the interfund transfer amount to the Library Tax.

NY State Aid for all years includes operating and grants.

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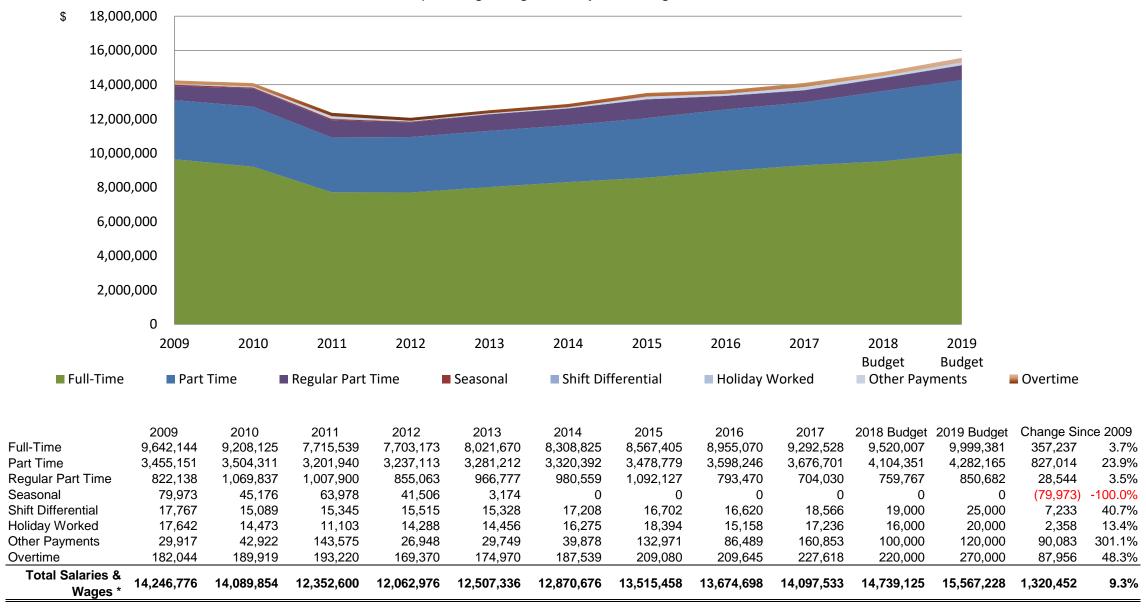


Operating Budget* Personnel Cost Trends



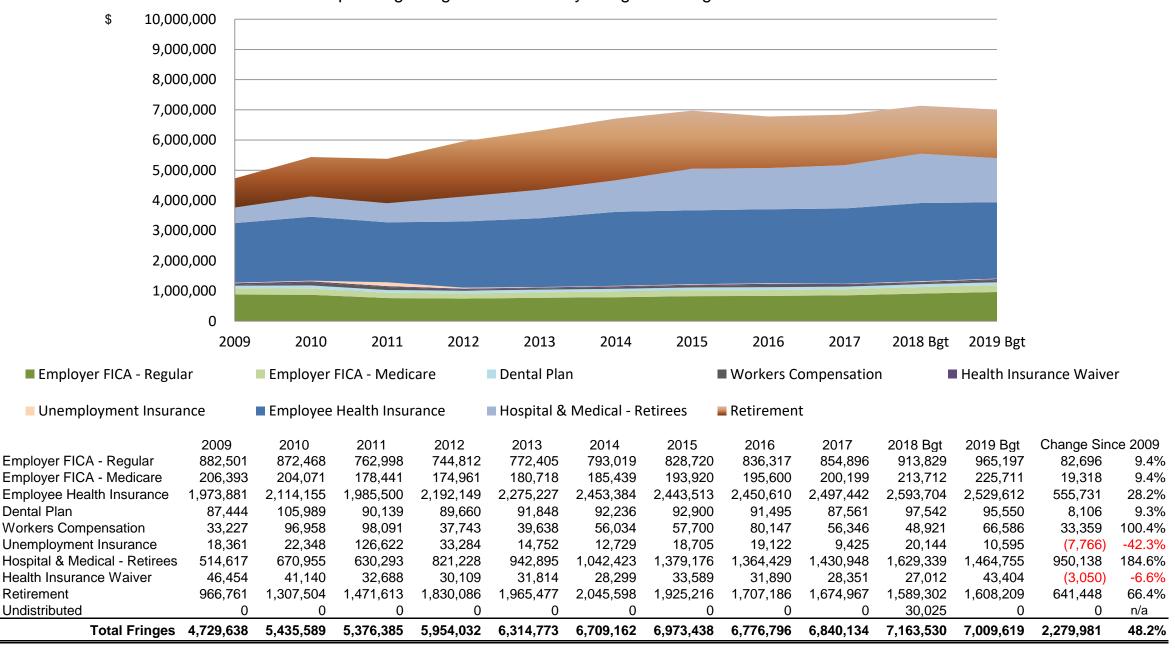
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Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Operating Budget Salary and Wage Trends



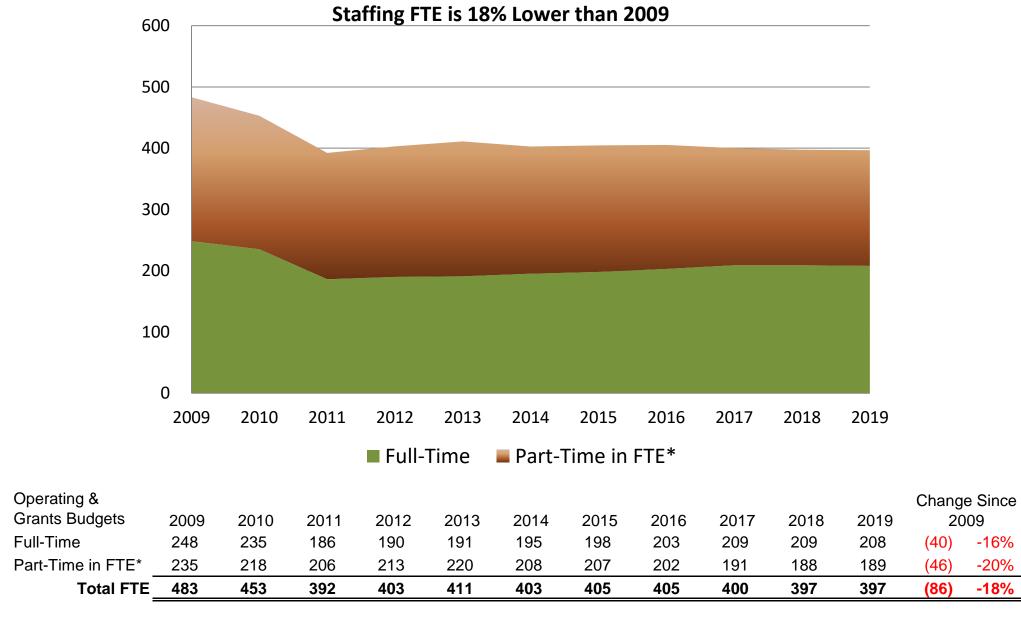
^{* 2013} and 2014 include impacts of service restoration funding provided by Erie County; 2014 includes the impact of a 10.3% (\$0.75 per hour) increase in the minimum wage (increasing the Page and Sr. Page wage scales by \$0.50 per hour); 2015 reflects impact of contract settlements and a 9.4% (\$0.75 per hour) increase in the minimum wage (increasing the Page and Sr. Page wage scales by \$0.75 per hour); 2016 reflects impact of contracted COLAs and a 2.9% (\$0.25 per hour) increase in the minimum wage; and 2017, 2018 and 2019 reflect impact of contracted COLAs and a \$0.70 per hour increase in the minimum wage each year (7.8% in 2017, 7.2% in 2018 and 6.7% in 2019). Part-time workhours reduced through attrition to partially offset. Between 2013 and 2019 the NY State minimum wage will have increased \$3.85 per hour (53%). Had the minimum wage not changed, 2019 part-time expense would be below 2009. Other payments in 2015 included a contract settlement payment; and 2016-19 include vacation sell back costs. From 2009 - January 2019 the Consumer Price will have increased an estimated 20%.

Operating Budget* Contractually Obligated Fringe Benefit Trends



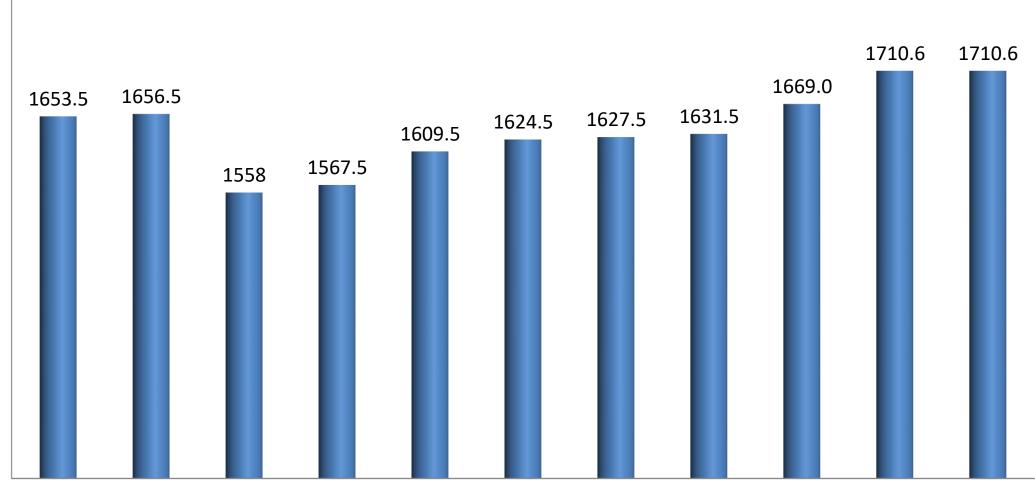
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Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Staffing Trends in Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)



^{*} Includes positions that are Regular Part-time (20 or more hours/week) and Part-time (19 or fewer hours per week).

Weekly Open Hours Trends



Fall 2009 Fall 2010 Fall 2011 Fall 2012 Fall 2013 Fall 2014 Fall 2015 Fall 2016 Fall 2017 Fall 2018 Fall 2019

Weekly open hours (school year), total for 37 locations spread across Erie County's 1,043 square miles .

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEKLY OPEN HOURS OF SERVICE

	NYS Minimum				Cı	umulative N	umber of C	pen Hours	All Location	ons			Change	vs 2011	Change	vs 2009
Library System	Standard	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Hours	%	Hours	%
COUNTY-WIDE / BUFFALO																
B&ECPL Central Library	60	63.0	63.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	64.0	0.0	0%	1.0	2%
Crane Branch		40.0	40.0	32.0	32.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	8.0	25%	0.0	0%
Dudley Branch		40.0	40.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	8.0	25%	0.0	0%
East Clinton Branch		40.0	40.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	0.0	0%	(8.0)	-20%
East Delavan Branch		40.0	40.0	32.0	32.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	8.0	25%	0.0	0%
Merriweather		52.0	52.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	53.0	53.0	53.0	3.0	6%	1.0	2%
Niagara Branch		40.0	40.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	3.0	7%	8.0	20%
North Park Branch		40.0	40.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	8.0	25%	0.0	0%
Riverside Branch		40.0	40.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	8.0	25%	0.0	0%
B&ECPL Buffalo Branches	60	332.0	332.0	287.0	287.0	303.0	319.0	322.0	322.0	333.0	333.0	333.0	46.0	16%	1.0	0%
Bookmobile Services	N/A	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.5	17.6	17.6	17.6	NA	17.6	NA
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CONTRACTING LIBRARIES																
Ewell Free Library (Alden)	25	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	0.0	0%	0.0	0%
Audubon		62.0	62.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	0.0	0%	3.0	5%
Clearfield		55.0	55.0	45.0	45.0	49.0	49.0	49.0	49.0	52.0	55.0	55.0	10.0	22%	0.0	0%
Eggertsville/Snyder		45.5	45.5	35.0	35.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	42.0	42.0	7.0	20%	(3.5)	-8%
Williamsville		34.0	34.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	(1.0)	-4%	(11.0)	-32%
Town of Amherst	60	196.5	196.5	169.0	169.0	177.0	176.0	176.0	176.0	179.0	185.0	185.0	16.0	9%	(11.5)	-6%
Angola Public	20	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	0.0	0%	0.0	0%
Town of Aurora	35	42.0	42.0	42.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	43.0	51.0	51.0	9.0	21%	9.0	21%
Boston Free	35	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	0.0	0%	0.0	0%
Julia B. Reinstein		59.0	59.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	65.0	65.0	65.0	5.0	8%	6.0	10%
Reinstein Memorial		45.0	45.0	40.0	40.0	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0	44.0	4.0	10%	(1.0)	-2%
Town of Cheektowaga	55	104.0	104.0	100.0	100.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	9.0	9%	5.0	5%
Town of Clarence	55	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	0.0	0%	0.0	0%
Town of Collins	35	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	48.0	48.0	13.0	37%	13.0	37%
Town of Concord	35	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	0.0	0%	0.0	0%
Town of Eden	35	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	0.0	0%	0.0	0%
Town of Elma	35	41.0	45.0	40.0	46.0	46.0	46.0	46.0	46.0	46.0	46.0	46.0	6.0	15%	5.0	12%
Town of Grand Island	40	51.0	51.0	47.0	47.0	51.0	51.0	51.0	50.0	53.0	53.0	53.0	6.0	13%	2.0	4%

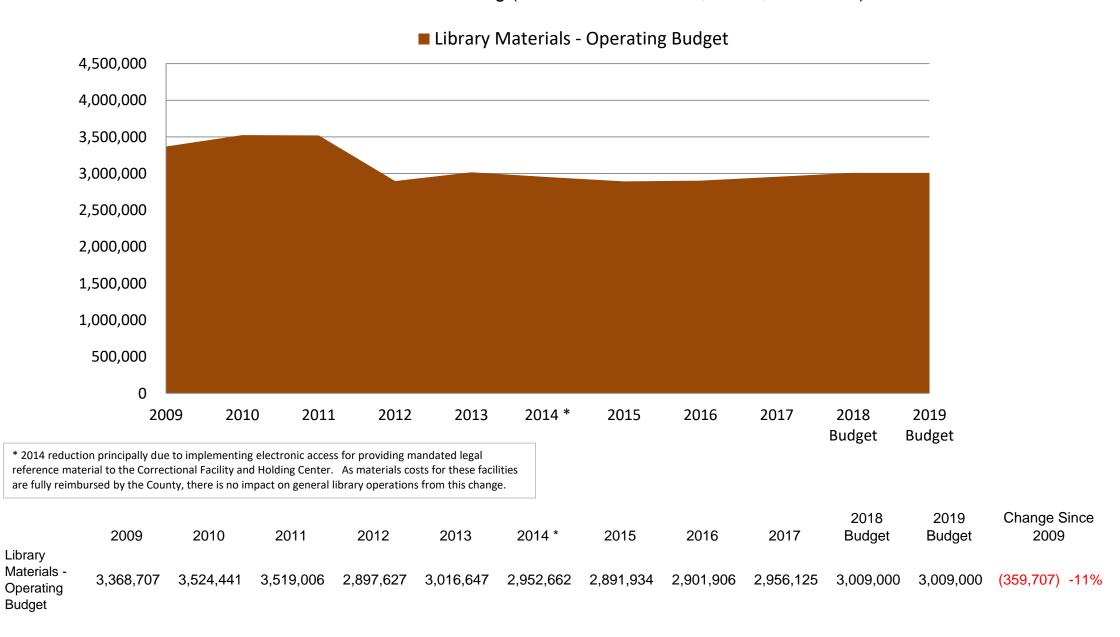
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Hamburg Library		59.0	59.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	0.0	0%	1.0	2%
Lake Shore Branch		32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	40.0	40.0	8.0	25%	8.0	25%
Town of Hamburg	55	91.0	91.0	92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0	92.0	100.0	100.0	8.0	9%	9.0	10%
City of Lackawanna	40	45.0	45.0	40.0	40.0	42.0	42.0	42.0	42.0	42.0	42.0	42.0	2.0	5%	(3.0)	-7%
Town of Lancaster	55	59.0	59.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.5	60.5	0.5	1%	1.5	3%
Marilla Free Library	35	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	0.0	0%	0.0	0%
Town of Newstead	35	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	0.0	0%	0.0	0%
Town of North Collins	25	27.0	27.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	0.0	0%	5.0	19%
Town of Orchard Park	55	59.0	59.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	0.0	0%	1.0	2%
City of Tonawanda	40	40.0	40.0	40.0	42.5	42.5	42.5	42.5	47.5	47.5	48.5	48.5	8.5	21%	8.5	21%
Kenilworth		48.0	48.0	32.0	32.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	8.0	25%	(8.0)	-17%
Kenmore		59.0	58.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	0.0	0%	1.0	2%
Town of Tonawanda	55	107.0	106.0	92.0	92.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	8.0	9%	(7.0)	-7%
Town of West Seneca	55	58.0	58.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	55.0	58.0	58.0	3.0	5%	0.0	0%
Subtotal Contract Libraries	i	1258.5	1,261.5	1,207.0	1,216.5	1,242.5	1,241.5	1,241.5	1,245.5	1,256.5	1,296.0	1,296.0	54.5	4%	37.5	3%
SYSTEM TOTALS		1,653.5	1,656.5	1,558.0	1,567.5	1,609.5	1,624.5	1,627.5	1,631.5	1,669.0	1,710.6	1,710.6	118.1	7%	57.1	3%

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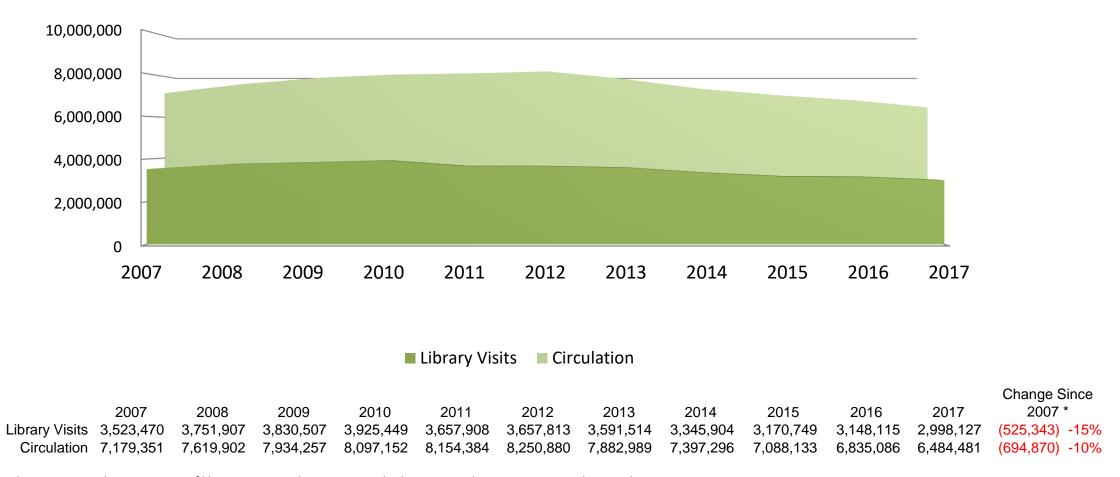
Figures included open hours supported by grants and private fundraising.

Library Materials Funding for Purchase of New Books, Media, and Downloadables/Streaming (e-Books/Audio Books, Music, and Video)



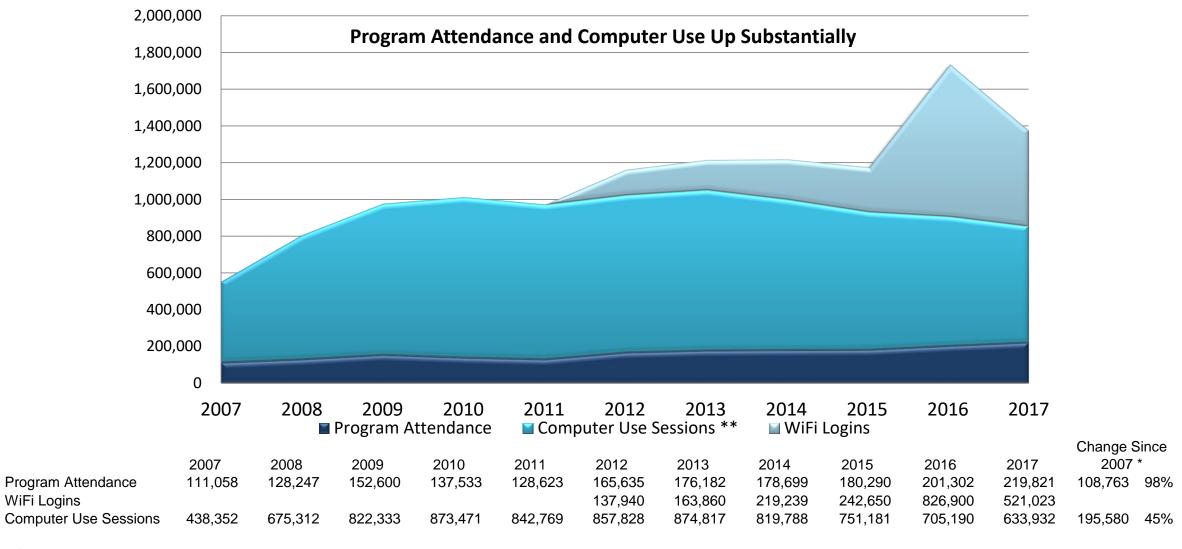
Demand for Library Services Continues
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Library Visits and Circulation



^{*} The recession began in December, 2007. Use of libraries is somewhat counter-cyclical, increasing during recessions and easing during recoveries.

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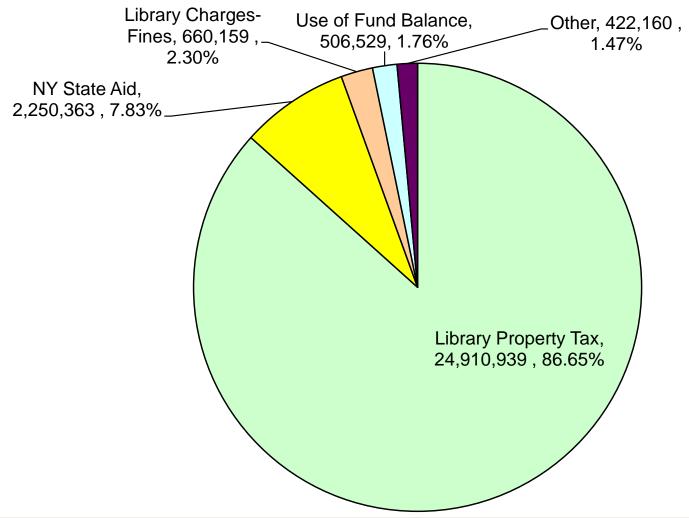


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Patrons also heavily use free WiFi at all libraries, WiFi statistic counts began in 2012. Second password secured WiFi access added in 2016.

^{**} Computer use sessions using library computers only.

Where the Funding Comes From



B&ECPL 2019 TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE IN COUNTY SAP FINANCIAL SYSTEM

\$28,485,469

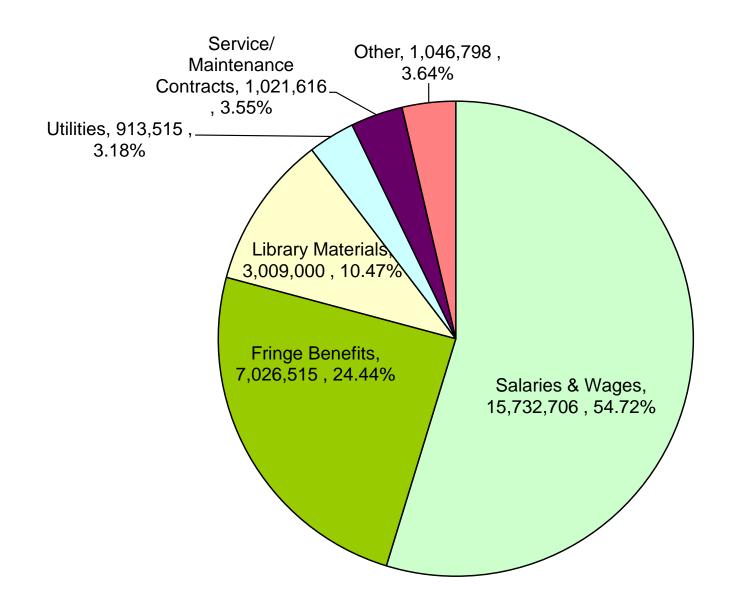
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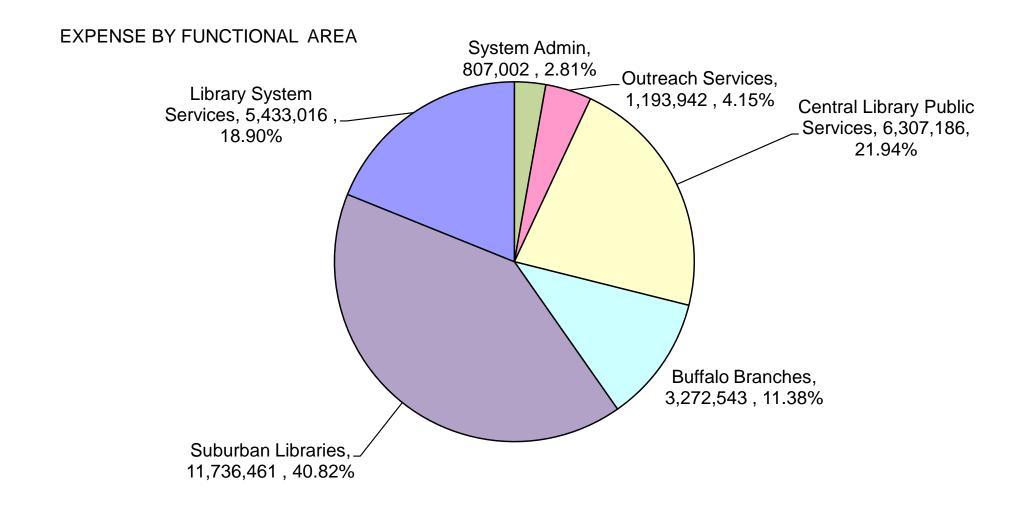
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\$28,750,150

Where the Funding Goes

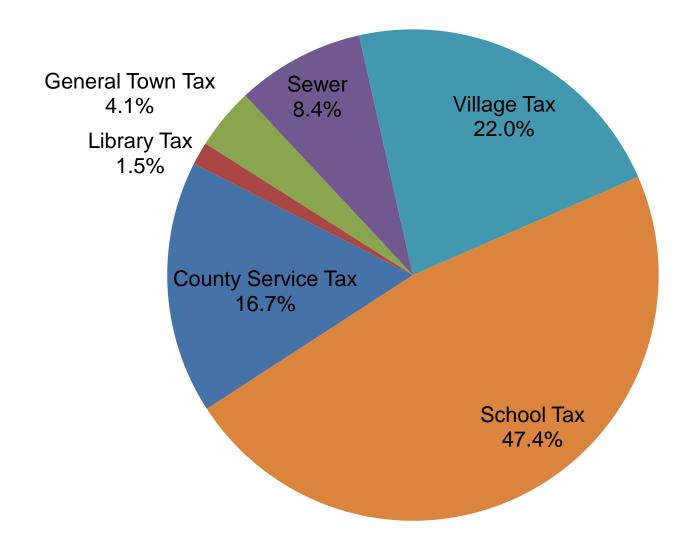


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The Library's Share of a Typical Property Owner's Taxes is Very Small



A Sample Erie County Village Property Owner 2018 Property Taxes. Percentages will vary from village to village and town to town.

In the City of Buffalo, the City tax takes the place of town, village and school taxes.

Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Peer Institution Comparison Data 2018 PLDS Survey Summary

Compared to library systems serving similar sized populations the B&ECPL is a Bargain

Provides Service at Low Cost

Operating expenditures are in the lowest third (Rank: 12th out of 17)

Expenditures per capita are in the lowest third (Rank: 12th out of 17)

Average cost per open hour is the lowest quarter (Rank: 12th out of 14)

Covers a Larger Service Area With Smaller Branches

B&ECPL's service area, 1,043 square miles, is near the top of the group (Rank: 4th out of 16)

While the number of branches, 36, is second (Rank: tied for 2nd out of 17),

the branch average size in square ft., 9,381, is in the lowest quarter (Rank: 14th out of 15)

Funding and Facility Size Constraints Impact Ability to Provide Services

Circulation is in the lower half (Rank: 11th out of 17)

Visits to library buildings are also in the lower half (Rank: 11th out of 16)

Total number of programs offered are in the upper quarter (Rank: 4th out of 16)

Total program attendance is in the lower half (Rank: 10th out of 16)

Visits to the Library's website is in the upper quarter (Rank: 2nd out of 16)

Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Peer Institution Comparison Data 2018 PLDS Survey Sorted by Population of Legal Service Area

Population of legal service area	Library name	State/ Provi nce	City	Square miles of legal service area	Number of book- mobiles	Number of branches	Branch Average Sq. Ft.	Public service hours per week	Operating Costs per Open Hour	Library Materials % of Total Operating Expense	Total operating expense		Total Physical & E- book, Down- loadable Circulation	Total annual number of library visits	Total annual number of programs	Total annual program attendan ce	Annual number of visits to the library's website
979,175	Ottawa Public Library	ON	Ottawa	1,080	3	32	10,439	1,602	\$606	11.55%	\$48,560,296	\$49.59	10,496,999	4,425,650	13,709	274,511	13,303,343
969,012	Fresno County Public Library	CA	Fresno	4,999	2	36	7,942	1,658	\$228	11.02%	\$25,495,221	\$26.31	5,517,580	2,803,034	5,379	105,793	2,904,695
947,890	Austin Public Library	TX	Austin	274		21	9,901			9.89%	\$42,442,422	\$44.78	6,989,322	3,137,909	7,878	194,818	20,225,161
930,553	Gwinnett County Public Library	GA	Lawrenceville	437		15	16,508	901	\$410	11.19%	\$19,222,338	\$20.66	4,652,986	2,751,593	9,424	655,328	1,780,955
926,255	Jacksonville Public Library	FL	Jacksonville	918		20	24,881	956	\$730	12.78%	\$33,538,138	\$36.21	4,864,314	3,403,267	14,455	236,518	2,682,403
919,040	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library	NY	Buffalo	1,043	1	36	9,381	1,669	\$350	10.68%	\$28,512,444	\$31.02	6,484,481	2,998,127	14,879	219,371	18,442,308
895,112	Kern County Library	CA	Bakersfield	8,141	3	3	95,742	719	\$218	7.72%	\$7,781,774	\$8.69	965,330	1,104,990	8,227	108,940	3,707,682
895,000	Edmonton Public Library	AB	Edmonton	270	4	20				15.92%	\$49,925,375	\$55.78	8,015,142				
878,380	Salt Lake County Library System	UT	West Jordan	701		19	20,070	1,140	\$699	16.32%	\$38,131,989	\$43.41	12,986,290	3,498,793	10,761	374,917	2,075,227
877,389	Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library	IN	Indianapolis	380	7	23	12,481	1,462	\$645	14.19%	\$46,968,132	\$53.53	14,435,169	4,003,861	13,096	602,740	10,229,939
874,228	San Francisco Public Library	CA	San Francisco	48	4	27	22,358	1,460	\$1,762	11.53%	\$124,895,101	\$142.86	10,721,143	6,210,525	17,816	523,175	6,847,021
•	Saint Louis County Library District	MO	St. Louis	460	9	19	22,018	1,592	\$643	15.89%	\$48,439,733	\$56.38	13,670,812	5,015,762	25,560	550,564	6,322,089
854,113	Fort Worth Library	TX	Fort Worth			15				13.42%			495,585	1,414,580	4,015	61,108	892,840
	Columbus Metropolitan Library	ОН	Columbus	343	2	22	16,510	1,560	\$777	11.80%	\$62,721,205	\$73.74	15,720,864	5,803,668	7,472	212,833	9,059,863
	Baltimore County Public Library	MD	Towson	640	4	19	20,868	1,351	\$637	17.65%	\$42,544,735	\$51.46	10,651,019	4,732,045	11,793	305,029	5,566,184
•	Memphis Public Library And Information Ce		Memphis (S)	659		17	13,130	767	\$413	8.57%	\$16,482,565		1,392,997	2,054,963	6,165	97,190	725,705
802,374	Cincinnati and Hamilton County, PL of	OH	Cincinnati	414		40	9,858	2,095	\$517	16.11%	\$55,239,692	\$68.85	19,838,362	5,900,669	17,951	455,244	7,265,197
	Columns in blue highlight are calculations				B&ECPL		B&ECPL			B&ECPL						B&ECPL	
Notes re 17 l	Libraries - B&ECPL and Comparables:			B&ECPL Rank: 4th out of 16	Rank: 10th out of 10	B&ECPL Rank: tied 2nd of 17	Rank: 14th out of 15	B&ECPL Rank: 2nd out of 14	B&ECPL Rank: 12th out of 14	Rank: 14th out of 17	B&ECPL Rank: 12th out of 17	B&ECPL Rank: 12th out of 17	B&ECPL Rank: 11th out of 17	B&ECPL Rank: 11th out of 16	B&ECPL Rank: 4th out of 16	Rank: 10th out of 16	B&ECPL Rank: 2nd out of 16
919,040	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library - [NY]			1,043	1	36	9,381	1,669	\$350	10.68%	\$28,512,444	\$31.02	6,484,481	2,998,127	14,879	219,371	18,442,308
878,380	Median for Reporting Group			550	4	20	16,508	1,461	\$622	11.80%	\$42,442,422	\$44.78	8,015,142	3,451,030	11,277	255,515	5,944,137
888,755	Average for Reporting Group			1,300	4	23	20,806	1,352	\$617	12.72%	\$41,837,952	\$47.48	8,699,906	3,703,715	11,786	311,130	7,001,913

Buffalo & Erie County Public
Libraries add to the quality of life in
our great community. On an average
day, 10,388 people use one of the
37 branches or the "Library on
Wheels" Bookmobile. That accounts
for more nearly 3 million visits in 2017.

Libraries are important; they bring people and ideas together and are unique in their offerings. Libraries help transform lives, by bridging the divide between those who have access to information and those who do not. With a free library card, residents of Erie County have free access to 3.2 million resources and reference materials including books, magazines, newspapers, e-content, DVDs, videos and more.

The library website
(www.BuffaloLib.org) and free WiFi provide 24/7 access to information.

The enclosed information quantifies the value of just a few of the FREE library services available to all.







Erie County Taxpayers

COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BUFFALO & ERIE

Library...

A
Great
Return on
Your
Investment

For every funded, the Buffalo & Erie County **Public Library returns** in services

Dollar value of your library services



\$71,718,360

Materials Borrowed

\$7,607,184

Computer Use

\$5,184,179

WiFi Use

\$2,454,761

Program Attendees

\$2,061,143

Reference Questions

\$50,709,110

Online Database Downloads

\$139,734,737

Total Retail Value of Library Services

\$23,943,617

2017 Library Tax/Erie County Funding

in services

Q: How much money did Erie County residents save in 2017 by using Library services? 6,484,481 \$71,718,360 \$11.06 Borrower A: Over \$71,718,360! Total Estimated **Total savings** Savings circulation retail value 633,932 \$12/hr \$7.607.184 Computer Use A: Over \$7,607,184! Computer Estimated retail **Total savings** sessions cost to reserve a computer WiFi A: Over \$5,184,179! 521,023 \$9.95 \$5,184,179 Use WiFi sessions per session **Total savings** 114,855 104,516 219,371 Program A: Over \$2,454,761! Adult/family Children/teen **Total attendees** Attendees attendees attendees 219.371 \$11.19 \$2,454,761 Attendees Estimated **Total savings** retail cost Reference A: Over \$2,061,143! 294,449 x \$2,061,143 **Ouestions** Questions Estimated Total savings retail value Online 2,541,810 \$50,709,110

A: Over \$50,709,110! Database Downloads

\$19.95 Total # of articles to access articles online

Estimated retail value **Total savings**

Estimated retail value of items are from the New York State Library Association Value Calculator, updated 2-2016, https://www.nyla.org/max/4DCGI/cms/review.html?Action=CMS Document&DocID=1181&MenuKey=advocacy with the exception of:

- 1. Books Borrowed: based upon average price of various versions of top 5 titles from NY Times best sellers list of 2/4/2018;
- 2. Music Downloads: Average Cost of iTunes 75 "Best of the Week" songs queried on 1/26/2018; and
- 3. Movies Borrowed: Two night Redbox DVD rental including tax (movies borrowed from the library are free for 7 days)