

**"I HAVE ALWAYS IMAGINED THAT
PARADISE WILL BE A KIND OF LIBRARY."**

~ JORGE LUIS BORGES

The library has computers, books, DVDs, audio-books, magazines, and more. We have programs, classes, films, and a meeting room that can be used for community events. Online, you can access e-books and mp3's, learn new languages, and do research on anything from your family tree to a college research paper. Visit us and explore!

Gifts & Contributions

Special thanks to the Friends of the Collins Library for all of their support in 2018. With their help, we were able to provide 3 free concerts, add books to our collection, a new bench, and browsing baskets for the library. They also held fundraisers, which included basket raffles, bake sales, and a book sale. Consider this year to become a part of the Friends and support your Library.

Thanks Also To:

Senator Patrick Gallivan

Legislator John Mills

Gowanda Central School District

Gowanda Kiwanis Club

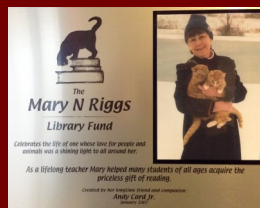
Collins 50+ Seniors

Collins Regional Historical Society

United Torch of Gowanda

The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

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And to the many individuals whose donations and memorial gifts make this library so special!

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Library is a member of the

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NEW Library Hours for 2018

Monday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday 10:00AM - 8:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Report to the Community

TOWN OF COLLINS PUBLIC LIBRARY 2018



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2018 BY THE NUMBERS:

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| Items Loaned | 40,641 |
| Individual Visits | 27,383 |
| Individual Public Computer Sessions | 4,164 |
| Free Wifi Logins | 4,974 |
| Library Sponsored Programs | 348 |
| Attendance at programs | 4,727 |
| New items in our Collection | 2,621 |
| (Including 1,148 books) | |
| Magazine subscriptions, including gifts | 56 |

For more information about resources, programs, and services, call the Town of Collins Public Library at 716-532-5129



Everyone had a good time listening to the Skiffle Minstrels



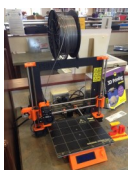
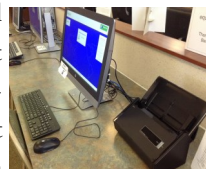
Be sure to "Like" Collins Public Library on Facebook to be the first to know about all of our great programs and events!

Please consider making a tax deductible donation or memorial gift to the Town of Collins Public Library.

YEAR IN REVIEW... 2018

The Collins Public Library was very excited to announce expanded hours beginning in March 2018. The library opened an additional thirteen hours per week. The additional hours were funded using the Gowanda School District Tax Levy Funds, and allowed us to serve more patrons each week.

Always looking to provide the best in technology for our community, the Collins Public Library added another computer and a brand new scanner in 2018. We must again thank Senator Patrick Gallivan for securing the funding that allows us to bring the latest in technology to our patrons. These have allowed for an increase in access and an easier to use piece of technology to help bridge the digital divide prevalent in rural communities. Our 3D Printer is up and running, and we encourage everyone to make an appointment to learn how to create and print objects! Free secure Wi-fi is always available in the library for your personal devices. From the library's website, you can access downloads of eBooks, eAudiobooks, music, and databases free of charge with your library card.



Programs blossomed this year at the library, as we hosted 348 programs with a total attendance of 4,727 patrons. Our monthly Adult Craft Fun has been extremely popular with our community. Other new program offerings include Early Literacy Lap Sit program, Evening and Young Adult Book



Clubs, and an increase in technology training sessions. The library hosted seven community concerts including two outdoor concerts, and had performers both local and from throughout the state. These were funded through donations, and with our partnerships with the Friends of the Collins Library, and the Kiwanis Club of Gowanda. We are looking forward to providing an even greater variety of programming in 2019!

Through our partnerships in the community, we are able to offer Toddler Reading Bags through a grant with the Healthy Community Alliance. These bags focus on healthy behaviors, with books and activities for young children. They are available to be checked out from our library!



The entire staff would like to thank the community for its continued support. We continue to make changes to better serve the community, and welcome your feedback. Stop by and visit us often!

Your Library is always open online!

www.buffalolib.org

- Search the Library's Catalog and databases, or email a reference question using AskUs
- View your Library Account
- Find computer training, programs, and events
- Download eBooks, audiobooks, or mp3's on your personal devices for free.
- Interlibrary Loan will bring books in that are not in our system.