

“WHAT HARBOR CAN RECEIVE YOU MORE SECURELY THAN A GREAT LIBRARY?”

~ ITALO CALVINO

The library has computers, books, DVDs, audiobooks, 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 paper. Visit us and explore!

Gifts & Contributions

Special thanks to the Friends of the Collins Library for all of their support in 2019. Their contributions provided three free concerts, added books to our collection, and new shelving units 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

Quality Bindery Services Inc.

The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo—Mary N.

*Riggs Library Fund,
and Mr. Andy Card*



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

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The Town of Collins Public Library is a member of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System.

Library Hours 2020

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
2019**

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YEAR IN REVIEW... 2019

The Collins Library had a busy and exciting year!



Our most remarkable addition this year was the start of our Library of Things! After months of planning, we rolled out 11 items and a number of board games that patrons are able to check out from the library for a

week. The items range from a metal detector, to an air fryer, to a karaoke machine. We are already planning more items to add to this innovative program. We must thank Senator Patrick Gallivan for the Budget Aid funding that brought about this program, providing access to technology in our community.

With the Library's new LED sign, we increased our visibility in the community, and let passersby know what events the library is holding, and encouraged everyone to stop in.

The Collins Library held nearly 100 more programs in 2019 than the prior year. There were seven free concerts in our Music in the Library series. Our patrons asked for more one-on-one tech training, and we began to offer at least nine monthly sessions. Teen program offerings developed, and monthly Art and Role Playing Game clubs were added. Of special note was our first Young Adult Writing Club, where four teens wrote, edited, and published short stories. Copies of their finished works are available to borrow in the library, and we thank our friends at Quality Bindery Services Inc. for publishing the book. Watch for the next volume in 2020, as more teens take on this challenge! We are looking forward to providing more exciting new programs in 2020!



2019 BY THE NUMBERS:

Items Loaned	44,416
Individual Visits	27,057
Reference Questions Answered	1,691
Individual Public Computer Sessions	4,182
Free Wi-Fi Logins	5,574
New Items in Our Collection	2,446
(Including 1,193 Books)	
Magazine Subscriptions, Including Gifts	52

Program Highlights

Preschool Age Programs	48
Kids Programs	51
Teen Programs	50
Adult Programs	135
Intergenerational Programs	99
Technology Training	59
All Library Sponsored Programs	444
Attendance at all programs	5,565

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

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.

The Library expanded its shelving and worked on organization to better serve our patrons, with new sections for teen books and audiobooks, kids graphic novels and audiobooks, and new areas for patron use. Reorganizing our media areas has opened up the building and made items more accessible.

We took a moment in July to toast our prior librarian, Karen McClure, in recognition of her service and all she provided for our library through her tenure. Legislator John Mills was on hand to present this honor.



The Library's Board of Trustees and staff completed hours of continuing education to provide the very best in library services. Director Barten-McGowan completed a five-semester program to receive an Advanced Certificate in Public Library Administration. We are committed to providing the most up-to-date and relevant library services the public is looking for.

Free secure Wi-fi is always available in the library for your personal devices. From the library's website, eBooks, eAudiobooks, music, & databases are available free of charge with your library card.

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

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www.buffalolib.org

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