

“A LIBRARY IS NOT A LUXURY, BUT ONE OF THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE.”

— HENRY WARD BEECHER

The library has computers, books, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines, and more. Online, you can access virtual programs, e-books, 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 2021. Their contributions added books to our collection, and supplies for our children’s programs. We were able to hold our annual book sale again, and we hope to hold more fundraisers and events next year! Consider this year to become a part of the Friends and support your Library.

Thanks Also To:

Senator Patrick Gallivan
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Collins 50+ Seniors
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And to the many individuals whose donations and memorial gifts make this library so special!



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www.buffalolib.org

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- 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 on your personal devices for free.
- Interlibrary Loan can bring materials not owned by the System



Report to the Community

TOWN OF COLLINS PUBLIC LIBRARY 2021

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Library Hours 2022

Monday 10-5
Tuesday 11-7
Wednesday Closed
Thursday 11-7
Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-3
Sunday Closed



2021 BY THE NUMBERS:

Items Loaned (8% increase)	25,397
Individual Visits (17% increase)	11,811
New Items in Our Collection (Including 1,119 Books)	1,966
Reference Questions Answered	1,795
Public Computer Sessions	1,266
Free Wi-Fi Logins	2,401

Program Highlights

Preschool Age Programs	4
Kids Programs	23
Teen Programs	21
Adult Programs	50
Intergenerational Programs	4
Outreach	4
Technology Training	8
Facebook videos	82
YouTube Videos	31
All Library Sponsored Programs	102
Attendance at all programs	933
Video Views	4,126

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, YouTube, and Instagram to be the first to know about all of our great programs and events!



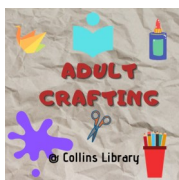
Please consider making a tax deductible donation or memorial gift to the Town of Collins Public Library.

YEAR IN REVIEW... 2021

After all of the changes brought about in 2020, this year the library really looked at what was working, what our patrons wanted, and what services we could offer. In February, we were able to increase our hours to 35 per week.

The Library is still offering curbside pickup for those who would like things from the library without coming inside. Call to set up a pick up appointment!

We continued to offer videos and crafts on Facebook and YouTube for our patrons, and we started carefully resuming in-person programs. Two of the



Book Clubs have resumed with masks and social distancing. At the end of the year, we resumed our Adult Craft Classes in person, and also offered them with Take and Make kits and video instructions. For kids, we are now offering Lego Club, Story Art programs, and Take and Make Craft kits, as well as summer reading events, and are looking forward to expanding our programming in 2022.

Our Library of Things expanded again this year! We now offer items such as adult snowshoes, an Instant Pot, and more. Check out our demo videos on Facebook or YouTube to learn more about what you can borrow!

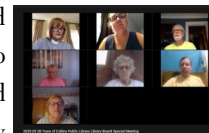


This year we were excited to start our Sports Equipment Share and the “Play Down Your Fines” Program. Patrons can check out equipment like basket ball, lacrosse, or snowshoe sets, and if kids 16 and under have fees on their accounts, they will be removed!

We continue to work with Erie County to distrib-

ute COVID supplies provided by the county.

The Board of Trustees has moved their meetings online, still open to the public via virtual attendance and posted recording, and meets regularly



to on topics like safety protocols for our building.

Another exciting project is all of the construction at the library! This summer we were able to replace our leaking roof, and in 2022 we will be upgrading all of our lights to energy saving LED fixtures that will save electricity and money. We were able to accomplish this with the Town of Collins, along with the New York State Library Construction Grant Program, and funds from NYS Assemblyman David DiPietro.



New on the technology front, we are now offering mobile printing. Ask for details next time you're in! Wi-fi is always available in and outside the library for your personal devices 24/7. From the library's website you can find eBooks, eAudiobooks, & databases free with your library card. We have more new and exciting projects in 2022, so stay tuned!

This year the library developed a Long-Range Plan for the next five years. We used input from our patrons, staff, and trustees to develop where the library is headed, and steps we want to take to get there.

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