

A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.
—Andrew Carnegie

The Collins Library has computers, books, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines and more. Online, you can access virtual programs, e-book, and do research on anything from your family tree to a college paper. Visit us and explore!

Gifts and Contributions

Special thanks to the Friends of the Collins Library for all of their support in 2023. Our annual book sale was a huge success, and we have been able to add to our Library of Things Collection. We look forward to more events in the coming year! Consider joining to support your library.

Also thanks to:

Senator Patrick Gallivan

Assemblyman David DiPietro

Legislator John Mills

Gowanda Central School District

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- Mary N. Riggs Fund, and Mr. Andy Carr

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

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TOWN OF COLLINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2023



Library Hours 2024

Monday 10-7

Tuesday 10-7

Wednesday 10-5

Thursday 10-7

Friday 10-5

Saturday 10-3

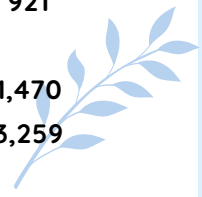
Sunday closed

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2023 BY THE NUMBERS

Items Loaned	57,140
Individual Visits	17,969
New Items	1,678
Reference Questions	921
Answered	
Public Computer Sessions	1,470
Free Wi-Fi Logins	3,259
Program Highlights	
Kids Programs	59 with 980 attendees
Teen Programs	21 with 38 attendees
Adult Programs	73 with 450 attendees
Intergenerational Prog.	33 with 2,255 attendees
Outreach	10 with 1,877 attendees
Tech Training	4 with 11 attendees
Online Videos	52 with 1,179 views 2,993 one on ones



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

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to be the first to know about all of our programs and events!



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

YEAR IN REVIEW 2023

2023 was a year of excitement here at the Collins Library.

This year we added a number of new programs, including a regular morning book club, two crochet groups, as well as lots of cool story times for kids! Our concert series expanded to 5 free shows through the summer. We are partnering with more organizations to increase the library's reach in the community outside of our building, at events like local farmer's markets, Liberty Fest, and Halloween events. We plan on even more new programs in 2024 including Lap Sit programs for young children, an Art Show for teens & adults, technology programs, and more.

The health and safety of our patrons and staff are of the utmost importance to us, and so we have partnered with Erie County to provide free Narcan dispensers, COVID tests, and have installed an AED kit for emergency use in the building. 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 have added a number of new items to our Library of Things Collection. With

the generosity of our Friends of the Collins Library, we have been able to add items like a radon detector, laminator, Kan Jam, and more to our collection. We encourage everyone to explore all of our Things!

The library also has sports kits and Chromebooks with Wi-Fi hotspots to borrow, so just ask at the desk to place a hold. Our Libby and Hoopla apps are great for digital content like eBooks and more. Free Wi-Fi is available 24/7 in and outside of the the library.

We had our first full year of being Fine Free, and our patrons couldn't be happier. There are also no more fees for items placed on reserve from the library, and out of county card fees have been removed as well!

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

