

Partnerships

The Lackawanna Public Library is grateful to have long-standing partnerships with local organizations.

We deeply appreciate all of our Friends, volunteers and supporters that help us provide needed services to Lackawanna and beyond! If you'd like to partner with us, reach out to Director Danielle.

And a special thank you to our elected officials for their continued support of library services in Erie County.

Please consider making a tax deductible donation or memorial gift to the Lackawanna Public Library.

Contact Your Representatives

NY State Senate District 63 **April N.M. Baskin**

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NY State Assembly District 149 **Jon Rivera**

Erie County District 9 Legislator **John Gilmour**

U.S. Representative NY District 26 **Tim Kennedy**

Let them know your library matters!

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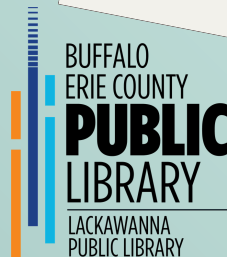
Michelle Kublek – Trustee

Library Director Danielle Ptak

Library Staff

3 Full-Time

8 Part-Time



Check out our website!

Lackawanna Public Library



COMMUNITY REPORT 2025

The Lackawanna Public Library has been serving the Lackawanna community since 1922, giving residents access to materials and resources, programs, and a space to connect with their neighbors.

**560 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218
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Regular Open Hours

Sun & Mon: Closed
Tue & Wed: 10a-8p
Thu: 10a-6p
Fri & Sat: 10a-4p

Summer Hours

Mon: 10a-4p
Tue & Wed: 10a-8p
Thu: 10a-6p
Fri: 10a-4p
Sat & Sun: Closed

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

Library Visits
30,948

Items Circulated
46,153

Computer Sessions
5,321

Wi-Fi Sessions
5,912

Programs Offered
356

Program Attendance
7,331

Reference Questions Answered
735

Followers Across All
Social Media
13,756



Instagram



Facebook



TikTok

YEAR IN REVIEW

2025 was a year of renewal and change for the Lackawanna Public Library.

We said goodbye to many beloved faces on staff and welcomed a new Director, Library Assistant, and Clerk, as well as several new Senior Pages.

With new staff comes new ideas, resulting in expanded program offerings, such as Story Stars, a laugh and learn event for grade school children held over the summer. Other new programs added later in the year included Sensory Storytime and Bilingual Storytime (now Bilingual Youth Social).

Not everything has changed though. We made sure to continue monthly programming favorites like BINGO, LEGO Club, and our themed family parties and craft events, like our Minecraft IRL party, and Slime Week in April. And Toddler Time, as always, remains a Lackawanna Library staple, now in the hands of the famed Ms. Tracey.

The Friends of the Lackawanna Public Library helped out with multiple fundraisers throughout the year, like our first ever 'Books, Brews & Banter' held at J's White Elephant (which we hope to reprise in 2026), and two big Book Sale events. Their dedication is greatly appreciated, and thanks to these fundraisers and generous community donors, we were able to add some fantastic large scale events in the second half of the year with our Fall Festival Pumpkin Patch and Noon Year's Eve Party!

We were also able to refresh the downstairs children's play area and add some new accessibility aids, like a lighted magnifying glass and a Medline rollator, thanks to an equipment grant provided through the B&ECPL system. If you would like to borrow an accessibility aid, or need any other assistance while in the building, come to the desk, or call us on the phone and we'll come to you.

We are incredibly grateful for increased City funding this year, which allowed the library to finally replace our long broken drinking fountain. The celebration of this new installation resulted in worldwide renown on social media and has brought in new faces for us to welcome.

Sadly, the B&ECPL system said goodbye to Hoopla at the end of the year, but the Libby app is still available for your digital content needs. We have public access computers available during open hours, two scanning stations, a copier, and Free Wi-Fi is available 24/7 on the library premises.

As a reminder, the B&ECPL system remains fine free for overdue charges, only charging if items are lost or damaged, and as of 2024, anyone in New York State is eligible for a free library card!

The entire staff and Board of Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank the community and the City of Lackawanna for its enduring support. We are here because of, and to serve, you! We are always striving to make changes to better serve our patrons, and welcome your participation and feedback, so please stop by and visit us often, and let us know what you'd like to see next!