

North Collins Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

11/05/25 - Director's Report, submitted by Alice Yoder

Programming in September and October

- ABC Story Time
- Virtual and Take/Make crafts
- Chess Club
- Freestyle LEGOs
- LEGO Club
- Book Clubs (Kids/Teen/Adult)
- Dungeons and Dragons
- For the Queen – Teen game
- Art Club
- Farm Truck
- Book Sale
- Cooking with Carolyn
- Pumpkin decoupage – 21 adults!
- Pumpkin painting – 17 kids

Meetings

- Managers Meeting: September (did not attend due to illness) and October (virtual)
- ACT Meeting: October 18 Kenmore Library

Training

- Mandatory staff training completed in October
- Youth Services: Decodables

Personnel

- Alice away 9/30-10/6 (Katie wedding); 11/17-11/28 (baby#2)

Upcoming Programs:

- Scavenger hunts for Nov/Dec/Jan
- Cooking with Carolyn (Dec)
- Ornament Painting (2): adult and kids (Dec)
- Book Boxes: Adult in December
- Tuesday afternoon Book Club
- Juggling workshop with Jacob Harter (Dec)
- Puzzle contest (Feb?)

Miscellaneous

- Equipment and Technology Grant-\$10,000 update: furniture ordered. Expected 11/7.
- HOOPLA will be discontinued as of 1/1/26.
- Good News! Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz released his **2026 Proposed Budget** today, which can be found in its entirety here: <https://www3.erie.gov/budget/county-budget>.
Some key highlights for the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Systemwide Budget:
 - System Total 2026 Operating Budget is \$36,080,059.
 - System Total 2026 Grants Budget is \$639,881.
 - As a System, we received a 3.0% increase in the Library Real Property Tax Levy.
- Reminder: This is just the PROPOSED Budget, things can change by December when the Legislature votes to adopt the final budget. We remain grateful to our partners in Erie County government for their continued support and hope that our Budget is adopted as proposed. We will keep you updated as we continue the process.

September 2025 Statistics:

	September			Year to Date		
Type	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change
Circulation	1589	2008	-20.9%	13,754	15,026	-8.5%
Library Visits	1238	1148	7.8%	10,284	10,725	-4.1%
Computer Use	141	105	34.3%	940	945	-0.5%
WIFI	367	450	-18.4%	3412	3549	-3.9%
Virtual Programming	475	356	33%	4567	2390	91%
Traditional Programming	326	209	55.9%	2875	2857	.63%
First Time Checkouts	754	893	-15.5%	7165	8085	-11.4%

October 2025 Statistics: *Some statistics not available by meeting time

	October			Year to Date		
Type	2025	2024	Change	2025	2024	Change
Circulation	1789	1799	-.5%	15,543	16,825	-7.6%
Library Visits	1268	1255	1.0%	11,552	11,980	-3.6%
Computer Use		113			1058	
WIFI		460			4009	
Virtual Programming	379	236	60.5%	4946	2626	88.3%
Traditional Programming	357	283	26.1%	3232	3140	2.9%
First Time Checkouts	938	896	4.6%	8103	8981	-9.7%

Financial Report September/October

County Funds

Date	check	description	deposit	payment	balance
9/3/2025		August revenue P\$112.6/F\$11.25	\$ 123.90		\$ 9,310.51
9/3/2025	2232-32	Village of North Collins (water)		\$ 109.50	\$ 9,201.01
9/8/2025	2233-33	Eden/North Collins Pennysaver		\$ 287.00	\$ 8,914.01
9/30/2025		interest	\$ 0.08		\$ 8,914.09
10/8/2025		September rev	\$ 158.25		\$ 9,072.34
10/9/2005	2234-34	Agles (pumpkins)		\$ 60.00	\$ 9,012.34
10/28/2025	2235-35	Alice Yoder - cleaning supplies		\$ 35.00	\$ 8,977.34
10/28/2025	2236-36	Carolyn Scheible - October cooking		\$ 106.55	\$ 8,870.79
10/31/2025		interest	\$ 0.07		\$ 8,870.86

Local Funds

Date	check	description	deposit	payment	balance
9/29/2025	WEB-47	Amazon - pillows for window		\$ 52.71	\$ 51,952.57
9/29/2025	WEB-48	Amazon - mod podge		\$ 41.99	\$ 51,910.58
9/29/2025		donation/booksale	\$ 493.90		\$ 52,404.48
9/30/2025		interest	\$ 0.43		\$ 52,404.91
10/10/2025	WEB-49	Amazon - canvases, halloween		\$ 73.14	\$ 52,331.77
10/21/2025	WEB-50	Amazon - prizes		\$ 35.16	\$ 52,296.61
10/20/2025	DEB-51	Piz-A-Italia (Oct book club)		\$ 22.00	\$ 52,274.61
10/31/2025		interest	\$ 0.45		\$ 52,275.06

Foundation – \$4469.33

Foundation CD: \$26,516.79 (matures 6/10/26) Petty Cash - \$26.85

Local CD \$110,272.65 (matures 5/28/26)

Money Market Account - \$43,606.06