

LIBRARY CONTACT INFORMATION

North Tonawanda Public Library
505 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120-2888

	Building Open	Curbside Service
Mon. - Thurs.	9:00 – 7:00	8:00 – 7:00
Fri. & Sat.	9:00 – 5:00	9:00 – 5:00

General Telephone	(716) 693-4132
Reference	(716) 693-3009
Library Director	(716) 693-7734
FAX to Library	(716) 693-0719

Administrative Staff

Kevin M. Wall	Library Director
Tammy Smith	Principal Clerk

Programming & Informational Services

Anya Puccio	Librarian
Kelly Menzel	Librarian
Jeffrey Matrachisia	Librarian
David Odum	Librarian
Christine Wright	Librarian

Support Staff

Kathleen Marfione	Circulation Supervisor
Valerie Dumais	Clerk
Drew DiPirro	Clerk
Heather Muscato	Clerk
Terri Rowe	Technical Services Supervisor

Board of Trustees

Brenda Daigler, President
Colleen Andres, Vice President
Members :

Nicole Grinnell, Susan Grimm, John Newman, Jr.

NORTH TONAWANDA PUBLIC LIBRARY 2025 A YEAR-IN-REVIEW

- 5,355 take home crafts
- 57,368 visits to our website
- 426 curbside pick ups
- 11,275 reference questions
- 8,056 in-house computer use
- 137 Adult programs, 2,214 participants
- 18 Teen programs, 536 participants
- 255 Children's programs, 8,081 participants
- 119 Outside groups used the library for meetings

How did you use YOUR Library?

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life." **Sidney Sheldon**



2025 Annual Report North Tonawanda Public Library

Dear Residents of North Tonawanda,

The Library budget vote and Trustee election is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

The public will be voting on a proposition to collect \$1,439,919 in school district taxes in fiscal year 2026-2027, this is the same amount as last year. The library's Board and Director worked hard to present this zero-growth budget, which will continue to allow us to meet the high demand for library services. Because the proposed tax levy remains the same as in the previous fiscal year, no change in tax impact is anticipated.

In addition to voting on the budget, you will also have the opportunity to vote for one Trustee, to fill the expiring term of Susan Grimm. On Monday, March 23 at 5pm there will be a public hearing at the Library. At that time, we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the budget.

Thank you very much for your continued support of the North Tonawanda Public Library. We look forward to continuing to provide you with outstanding library service.

Your Library Board of Trustees,
Brenda Daigler, President
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Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election

**April 22, 2026
9:00AM-7:00PM**

Voters must be US citizens, residents of the North Tonawanda City School District for at least 30 days, and at least 18 years of age
Please bring ID with proof of residency.

The mission of the North Tonawanda Public Library, through its resources and personnel, is to enhance the personal development of all North Tonawanda citizens by seeking to meet their informational, educational and recreational needs, recognizing the benefits to the community of a well-informed citizenry, the individual's capacity for self-improvement, the worth of each person, and the need for human dignity.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear North Tonawanda Community,

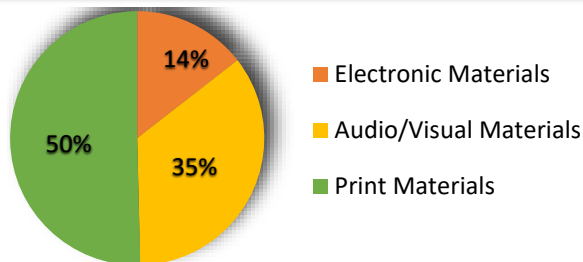
I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to tailor new and innovative services for you and your families. With strong community support and enthusiastic patronage of our Library, we are moving forward into fiscal year 2026-2027 with a momentum to build on the successes of the past year.

Capital improvements continue to be made to the library. This fiscal year we will start the public bid process for the replacement of the front entry doors and glass as well as the installation of an emergency exit door in the back corner of the building. These are large projects that involve additional site surveys and other facility modifications. We are excited to finally put these projects in motion in the coming fiscal year.

Other improvements to the library that were recently completed were the installation of a new carpet in the main room as well as new LVT flooring in the public computer area. Additionally we replaced all the computer work stations and purchased new individual desks and chairs for each computer. As a final component of last year's parking lot repaving job we will also be putting the final seal coat and line painting that will fully complete that project.

With all of these exciting projects underway, I look forward to the success we will achieve in the coming year as we enter into our 133rd year of library service. We look forward to serving a vital role in the community as we continue to meet your informational, educational and recreational needs.

Sincerely,
Kevin M. Wall, Library Director



We added
15,036
items to
our
collection

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARIANS

As we close the books on 2025, the Adult Reference Librarians want to thank all North Tonawanda Library users, new and old for their continued support! As our community turns to the Library for help in finding resources and information, the Librarians strive to do their best to meet those needs!

2025 was another banner year for the library. Throughout its long history, the North Tonawanda Library has retained a sense of place, a welcoming retreat for reading, learning and sharing experiences for community members. The Adult Librarians purchased new books, dvds, cds, playaways and audiobooks and we upped our electronic offerings on Libby and Hoopla Digital. Libby, our go-to app for digital e-book and e-audiobooks continues to soar in popularity! Library users have embraced this electronic format and checkouts have averaged approximately 6,500 e-books and e-audiobooks combined per month! We answered over 10,000 reference, computer and telephone questions, hosted various programs with an overflow of attendees! We tried to offer something for everyone, from book discussions, craft classes, healthy cooking demos, exercise classes, and informative business seminars to name a few. Hands-on computer classes designed to meet the technological needs of the community continued to soar in popularity.

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal, the Library hosted various special programs and provided informational displays throughout the Library. Young and old enjoyed learning about the history of "the big ditch" culminating with a Canal Bicentennial Concert by Doug Yeomans.

2025 was a record-breaking year for programs, with over 10,000 kids, teens, and their caregivers attending 288 programs, including our popular K-Pop Demon Hunters program, which attracted 209 people over 4 sessions. We offered everything from story hours and crafts to concerts, magic shows, festivals, teen gaming club, and yoga. We even hosted hawks that flew in the library and our very first tiny art show! We partnered with the Herschell Carrousel Museum for a grant-funded STEM Club, the Department of Health to hand out free Baby Bundles to new parents, and the P3 Center for an early learning party. A mini grant through NIOGA helped us bulk up our early learning and sensory toy bins, and another let us bring popular musician Glenn Colton to the library. Our children's librarian answered more than 2,300 questions from curious kids! We saw over 1660 kids during class visits to the library and library visits to the school and more than 25 participated in our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. It's been a busy year and we look forward to all the fun 2026 will bring!

As our Library moves forward, we are committed to providing resources which inform, educate, and enrich the lives of this great community. We welcome your comments and suggestions as we look forward to an equally productive and exciting year!

23,304 Library Card Holders



Learn a new language...research your family tree...check a product review...etc.

