

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

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Library Director	(716) 693-7734
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Administrative Staff

Kevin M. Wall	Library Director
Tammy Smith	Principal Clerk

Programming & Informational Services

Anya Puccio	Librarian
Kelly Menzel	Librarian
David Odum	Librarian
Jordan Stoelting	Micro Computer Coordinator

Support Staff

Kathleen Marfione	Circulation Supervisor
Valerie Dumais	Clerk
Terri Rowe	Technical Services Supervisor

Board of Trustees

Brenda Daigler, President
David Jakubaszek, Vice President
Members :
Colleen Andres, Nicole Grinnell, Susan Grimm

NORTH TONAWANDA PUBLIC LIBRARY 2021 A YEAR-IN-REVIEW

- 1,693 take home crafts
- 64,584 visits to our website
- 2,853 curbside pick ups
- 13,065 reference questions
- 2,211 in-house computer use

**How did you use
YOUR Library?**

**A LIBRARY IS NOT A
LUXURY BUT ONE OF THE
NECESSITIES OF LIFE**

HENRY WARD BEECHER



2021 Annual Report North Tonawanda Public Library

Dear Residents of North Tonawanda,

The Library budget vote and Trustee election is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022.

The public will be voting on a proposition to collect \$1,439,919 in school district taxes in fiscal year 2022-2023, 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 Brenda Daigler. On Monday, March 28 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
David Jakubaszek, Vice President
Colleen Andres
Nicole Grinnell
Susan Grimm

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.

Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election

**April 13, 2022
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.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear North Tonawanda Community,

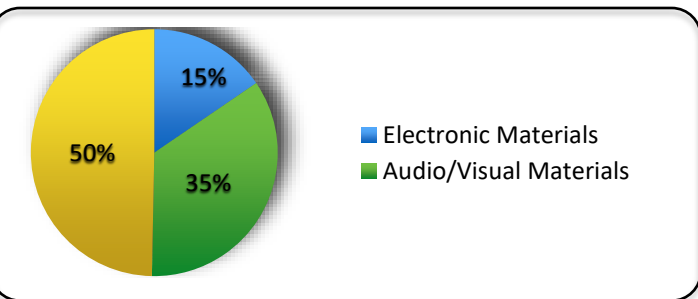
I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to tailor new and innovative services for you and your families. With strong community support and enthusiastic patronage of our Library, we are moving forward into fiscal year 2022-2023 with a momentum to build on the successes of the past year.

2021 was a second year of unprecedented challenges for our entire community as well as the Library. We were able to make the necessary modifications and adjustments to allow for public access throughout the continuing Pandemic. The safety of our community and Library staff has always been the primary concern and we continue to offer materials, services, and facility access with this in mind. Despite these challenges, we have continued to see overwhelming community support for the Library.

This year will offer another opportunity to improve the facility through a variety of capital improvements. We are currently waiting for approval of a New York State construction grant to replace the aging concrete at the front approach to the building. Additionally, we are in the process of changing over the old lighting to energy efficient LED's, replacement of all rooftop furnaces and interior furnaces, and a refresh of the library's website. The completion of the Library Friends' book sale area renovation has made it possible to showcase the majority of the donated materials with very little back stock. This has substantially increased the Friend's ability to fund equipment purchases for the Library, which included a large die cut machine that we use with all of our children's craft activities. Finally, the children's Room is nearing completion of a major renovation, which will allow space for programming, a new computer area, new carpet and lighting and new audiovisual equipment.

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 129th 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
21,190
items to
our
collection

25,162
Library Card Holders



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARIANS

Covid-19 impacted the way we began and ended Fiscal Year 2021. We had to find new ways to adapt and stay open while maintaining a vital connection to the community during this public health crisis.

We extended the hours for curbside pick-up, took every precaution to clean and disinfect surfaces, and tried our best to keep popular materials stocked and on the shelf. Our efforts paid off as circulation numbers were up from 2020! We quickly learned how indispensable our copy machines, fax machine, notary service and internet computers were to the public, as they were in frequent use! Digital eBooks and Audiobooks have cemented their presence among NT Library users! Libby and Hoopla Digital continue to be more popular than ever, averaging over 5000 downloads per month for Libby and about 1000 downloads per month for Hoopla Digital.

We remained vigilant and mindful of mask and social distance protocols when offering any in person programming. We brought back books discussions, an exercise class, teen programs, story hours and various informational adult programs. Weekly grab-n-go craft bags for all ages were heavily requested, along with our growing collection of S.T.E.A.M to Go Kits encouraging children to engage in the Arts, Science, Technology and Engineering.

"Tails and Tales" was the 2021 Summer Reading Club theme and the Library was proud to host various outdoor animal themed events and activities. These events attracted high levels of participation: Lakeside Animal Sanctuary, 380 participants, Avalon Exotics, 425 participants and on a beautiful sunny day 110 people watched a Dog Agility Demonstration that had us appreciating the beauty of a well-trained dog! Families were grateful for an escape from a year of lockdowns and uncertainty and everyone was encouraged to read more to win prizes.

While the past year had its challenges, the Staff, Library Board, Friends of the Library and the North Tonawanda Library Community stepped up to the plate and supported this long-standing gem of an institution. We look to 2022 with a sense of optimism and look forward to continue serving the community!

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

