

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
David Odum	Librarian
Christine Wright	Librarian
Jordan Stoelting	Micro Computer Coordinator

Support Staff

Kathleen Marfione	Circulation Supervisor
Valerie Dumais	Clerk
Elizabeth Croop	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 2022 A YEAR-IN-REVIEW

- 5,944 take home crafts
- 63,883 visits to our website
- 809 curbside pick ups
- 9,896 reference questions
- 5,966 in-house computer use
- 108 Adult programs, 2391 participants
- 41 Teen programs, 309 participants
- 174 Children's programs, 4,095 participants

**How did you use
YOUR Library?**

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

HENRY WARD BEECHER



2022 Annual Report North Tonawanda Public Library

Dear Residents of North Tonawanda,

The Library budget vote and Trustee election is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

The public will be voting on a proposition to collect \$1,439,919 in school district taxes in fiscal year 2023-2024, 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 David Jakubaszek. On Monday, March 27 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
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Library Budget Vote and Trustee Election

**April 19, 2023
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,

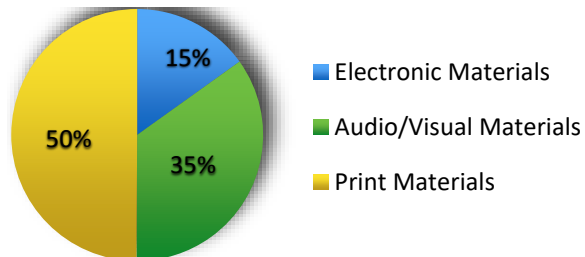
I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to tailor new and innovative services for you and your families. With strong community support and enthusiastic patronage of our Library, we are moving forward into fiscal year 2023-2024 with a momentum to build on the successes of the past year.

New York State has given final approval for a construction grant to replace the aging concrete approach at the front of the building. The work is scheduled for spring 2023, and will greatly improve the facility's curb appeal and provide safer access to the main entrance. We have been undergoing a complete replacement of all of the HVAC systems in the library, and that project will be completed this spring with the installation of the final few air conditioning condenser units. Continuing the theme of energy efficient improvements, a complete retrofit of the old lighting has been completed in all public access areas of the library, including the conference room, providing more efficient and brighter lighting.

We also completed a Wi-Fi signal upgrade within the building, as well as a complete redesign of the library's website. This has allowed us to more effectively market programs and events on a much more user-friendly interface. For the new fiscal year, there will be additional improvements to the adult public computer area and also the aging flooring in high traffic public access areas.

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 130th 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



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARIANS

The Reference Librarians have worked hard in 2022 to provide innovative and traditional library services in the most cost effective way. Librarians were busy helping patrons locate materials, assisting with computers and copiers and answering a variety of reference questions. With the pandemic cautiously in the rearview mirror, we were encouraged to see so many community members walking through the library doors, checking out materials and participating in our many programs.

We got the message that everyone was anxious to get back to life as we knew it, and our door counts, circulation numbers, and attendance at programs echoed that! We were busy year round offering various programs such as book clubs, craft classes, exercise classes, author talks, tech training, charity crochet sessions and much more.

The Children's room bustled with activity all year. We restarted our popular baby & toddler story hour and that proved to be a big hit, with classes full at every session. Lego Club also resumed this summer, with kids making amazing and truly creative builds – one bridge they made held over 20 books! With demand booming, we expanded our children's graphic novel collection; we invite you to find your new favorite series! We're working hard to bring you the best children's literature has to offer.

Summer @ the North Tonawanda Library was the place to be! What better place to read, learn and have fun? 1,189 adults and children signed up for Summer Reading 2022, *Oceans of Possibilities*, and we loved hearing about families setting aside a "reading hour" to complete the required Summer Reading bingo board! We offered many family activities and special events and every program was filled to capacity. We held more than 35 programs for kids/families and had over 600 children participate. Thanks to the Friends, each child received a book when they signed up.

Attendance @ Family Programs – A Snapshot View

*Nickel City Reptiles: 400	*Buffalo Museum of Science: 325
*Albright-Knox Art Truck: 150	*The Buffalo Dolls Concert: 51
*Big Truck & Pizza Day: 260	*Bubble Day: 75
*Kiwanis Hot Dog Picnic: 150	*N.F. Aquarium Touch Tank (2 sessions): 60
*K-9 Demo with Dina Bigham: 82	*Hawk Creek Wildlife Center (2 sessions): 190

We continue to build on our successes and strive to maintain the library as a community hub, a welcoming space where you can pick up a book, learn something new and engage with your neighbor. Thank you North Tonawanda Library users, we look forward to another great year!

23,802 Library Card Holders



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

