

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
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 2023 A YEAR-IN-REVIEW

- 8,131 take home crafts
- 58,117 visits to our website
- 645 curbside pick ups
- 10,684 reference questions
- 8,003 in-house computer use
- 168 Adult programs, 2349 participants
- 31 Teen programs, 332 participants
- 195 Children’s programs, 6,540 participants

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



2023 Annual Report North Tonawanda Public Library

Dear Residents of North Tonawanda,

The Library budget vote and Trustee election is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

The public will be voting on a proposition to collect \$1,439,919 in school district taxes in fiscal year 2024-2025, 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 Colleen Andres. On Monday, March 25 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 17, 2024
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,

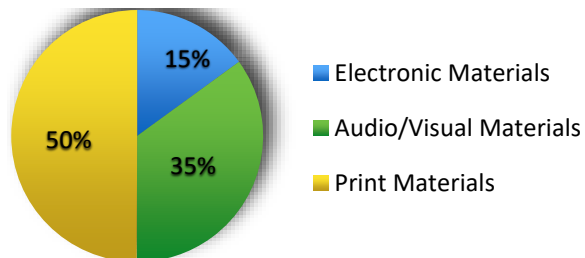
I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to tailor new and innovative services for you and your families. With strong community support and enthusiastic patronage of our Library, we are moving forward into fiscal year 2024-2025 with a momentum to build on the successes of the past year.

Capital improvements continue to be made to the library. Last summer we finished the demolition of the old concrete at the front of the building. All new concrete was poured replacing the badly degraded surface from the original, 1974 concrete. Additionally, a new sidewalk was poured parallel to the back of the building. This sidewalk will eventually provide egress for a new emergency exit door on the far side of the building. Within the next fiscal year, we are also planning a complete resurfacing of the parking lot. The initial site survey will begin this spring.

Other improvements to the library include all new chairs in the conference room. We have also purchased a large, flat screen television with blue ray player on a portable stand. These can be used by groups utilizing the conference and meeting rooms for meetings and presentations. Our extensive adult and children's programming has been continually augmented. We are excited to offer small business development programs for community members seeking to start a new business. We also offer tech help and computer classes that present a broad appeal for patrons of all skill levels.

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 131st 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

2023 was a busy year for the North Tonawanda Library Reference Department. Hundreds of people approached the Information Desk with a unique purpose or request. We answered over 9,000 in-person and telephone reference questions, assisted with over 2,000 computer and copy machine questions and presented a wide range of programs! It is an honor to serve a community that recognizes the value of this outstanding library.

We know that a huge part of our reason for being is to connect library patrons to information! At the same time, we also recognize the importance of nurturing and encouraging lifelong learners by offering programs and events for individuals and families. We do this with gusto and passion by offering a wide range of special programs and activities for library patrons of all ages, such as monthly book discussions, nutrition classes, arts and crafts, gardening, exercise classes and musical events to name a few. Our digital collections have become increasingly popular with circulation figures growing every month. Our Libby downloads have averaged approximately 6,000 for every month in 2023! That means 6000 library users either read or listened to their book electronically. As a point of reference, that circulation number averaged around 3000 in 2019.

2023 was a great year for the Children's Department! Our Baby/Toddler and Preschool story hours continue to fill up right away, with over 2,450 kids learning their 6 pre-reading skills and learning how to interact with other kids. Our programs for all ages have been big hits, with families loving magic shows, grant-funded concerts & crafts, spring celebrations, Lego club, candy bar bingo, and much much more! With budget adjustments, we were able to buy more of the super-popular Playaway audiobooks, while our check-out statistics across the board are higher than ever, especially for graphic novels and picture books.

Our Summer Reading Program for adults and children has taken on a life of its own! "All Together Now" was the theme and 1180 adults and children had fun reading and completing their bingo boards. We heard from many families who set up a reading hour at home just to finish their bingo boards. We thank the many people and organizations that we partner with to provide services and programs to the library community, especially during the summer.

Attendance @ Family Programs- A Snapshot View

Cris Johnson Magic Show – 184	Matt's Music Broadway Show - 110
Challenger Planetarium – 109	Big Truck & Pizza Day -305
Hawk Creek - 191	Buffalo Zoomobile – 80
Kiwanis Hot Dog Picnic- 275	All Together Now Carnival -300

It is with great sadness we share the news that our beloved Children's Librarian, Rebecca Stutzman passed away in 2023. Mrs. Stutzman will always be remembered for her wildly popular story hours and her love for children's books. She left an indelible mark on many generations of children as she encouraged a love for reading, and for that we will always be grateful.

24,018 Library Card Holders



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

