

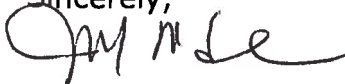
October 30, 2014

Dear Erie County Legislator Hardwick,

Enclosed please find 2 signed letters from your constituents who are patrons of the City of Tonawanda Public Library in the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System. In total today, 493 letters are going to members of the Erie County Legislature from constituents requesting adequate funding for libraries.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the downtown Central Library at 858-7182 or [testaj@buffalolib.org](mailto:testaj@buffalolib.org). Thank you for your support of the libraries.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Deputy Director  
Development & Communications  
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Fall, 2014

Hardwick

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Libraries add so much to my life. I have checked the ways I use the library:

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- 5.64 million items (books and media) have been borrowed;
- 625,770 public access computer sessions have been logged;
- 164,740 patron Wi-Fi logins were counted;
- 2,587,562 patron visits were counted.

Our public libraries provide support to families, schools and businesses. For pre-school-aged children, libraries regularly provide opportunities for enrichment in an inspiring environment dedicated to creativity and free inquiry. When schools are closed at the end of each day, on weekends and in the summer, public libraries remain open. For adult learners, job seekers, and entrepreneurs, libraries provide an avenue for personal improvement, technology training, programs and lifelong intellectual enrichment. Our public libraries are for everyone!

**Thank you in advance for making a commitment to our libraries. Thank you for supporting the 2015 proposed Erie County Executive's budget to keep library doors open, maintain open hours, provide all ages with literacy programming, and make materials and databases available to all in an effort to build a stronger, more knowledgeable community.**

Name:

Rosemary Taber

Address:

33 Grove St Tonawanda NY 14150

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