

BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PROPOSED AGENDA

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Thursday, September 20, 2012
4:00 p.m.

**NOTE MEETING LOCATION: Niagara Branch Library
280 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 882-1537**

- A. Call of the roll
- B. Approval / Changes to the Agenda
- C. Minutes of the Meeting of July 19, 2012 **ACTION**
- D. Report of the Chair **INFORMATION**
- E. Committee Reports
 - 1. Executive Committee
 - 2. Budget and Finance Committee
 - a. Res. 2012-31 – Unanticipated Expenditure Assistance: Amherst Public Library **ACTION**
 - b. Monthly Financial Report (to be distributed at meeting) **INFORMATION**
 - 3. Policy Committee
 - a. Res. 2012-32 – Amend Anti-Harassment Policy **ACTION**
 - b. Res. 2012-33 – Withdraw Central Library Special Events Policy and Procedures **ACTION**
 - 4. Development Committee
 - a. Res. 2012-34 – Fundraising Plan 2012-2013 **ACTION**
 - 5. Special Collections Committee
- F. Report of the Director (sent via e-mail if on file) **INFORMATION**
- G. Public Comment
- H. Unfinished Business
- I. New Business
 - 1. Res. 2012-35 – NYS Construction Grant Request - Dudley Library **ACTION**
 - 2. Res. 2012-36 – NYS Construction Grant System Evaluation and Recommendations **ACTION**
 - 3. Res. 2012-37 – Approve 2012-2016 Central Library Five-Year Plan of Service **ACTION**
 - 4. Res. 2012-38 – Approve 2012-2016 System Five-Year Plan of Service **ACTION**
 - 5. Res. 2012-39 – Approve to Form: SLDPL MOU between B&ECPL and Contracting Libraries **ACTION**
- J. Adjournment

**PROPOSED
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 19, 2012**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library was held on Thursday, July 19, 2012, in the Central Library pursuant to due notice to trustees. The following members were present:

Jack Connors, Chair
Elaine M. Panty, Secretary
Frank Gist, Treasurer
Amy Alvarez-Perez
Phyllis A. Horton
Theodore K. Johnson
Sharon M. Kelly
Anne M. Leary
John G. Schmidt, Jr.

Chair Jack Connors called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Joseph B. Rounds Conference Room. A quorum was present.

Agenda Item B - Approval/Changes to the Agenda. Chair Connors informed trustees an Executive Session would be held around 4:30 p.m. to discuss confidential attorney/client matters via conference call with counsel in Albany.

Agenda Item C - Minutes of the Meeting of June 14, 2012. On motion by Ms. Panty, seconded by Ms. Horton, the Minutes were approved as submitted.

Trustee Schmidt arrived at approximately 4:07 p.m.

Agenda Item D - Report of the Chair. Mr. Connors reported attending the Erie County Legislature Mid-Year Budget Hearing held on July 18th. At the hearing the Library presented the following: the Library's budget is on target and may not need to expend as much of the Library's fund balance as had been allocated, however there are a lot of unforeseen things that can happen, especially with ongoing bargaining unit contract negotiations with the County; going forward, the Library would like to see the \$2 million County Interfund Subsidy put into the tax line so it truly reflects the total amount of County support; the Library will be asking for increased funding above what it received last year. The Legislature is not confident they will meet revenue

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projections; this means the 1% promised to the Library if they met the projections may be in danger so the Library may not get all of the \$198,000 for next year. Deputy Directors Kenneth Stone and Carol Batt and Assistant Deputy Director Joy Testa Cinquino were in attendance at the hearing to answer questions.

Agenda Item D.1 - Intermit August Meeting. The Chair introduced Resolution 2012-26 and entertained a motion to intermit the August Board meeting. Mr. Connors commented this has been done in the past and currently there are no action items for next month; the Executive Committee can be convened if needed. Ms. Panty made a motion, Ms. Leary seconded, and approval was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2012-26

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 1 of *Bylaws of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library* states: "...that the Board may, by resolution, intermit meetings for a particular month or months," and

WHEREAS, in the past, the Board has suspended meetings during summer months when Library business permits, and

WHEREAS, the Library Board will meet in September 2012, and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 1 of *Bylaws of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library* states: The Executive Committee, in intervals between meetings of the Board of Trustees, shall have all the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees not inconsistent with law. All Trustees should be notified of any actions within three (3) business days," and

WHEREAS, absent other urgent business, this action enables the Library Board to intermit its regular August meeting, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the August 2012 meeting of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Board of Trustees is hereby intermitted.

Agenda Item E. Committee Reports.

Agenda Item E.1 - Executive Committee. In the absence of Vice Chair Sharon Thomas, Ms. Panty read the following report of the Executive Committee meeting held July 12th:

Present: Executive Committee members Jack Connors and Elaine Panty, as well as Anne Leary who was present via telephone conference call, constituting a quorum. Also present were Trustee Phyllis Horton, CFO Ken Stone and COO Carol Batt.

Board Chair Jack Connors called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Joseph B. Rounds Conference Room at the Central Library.

The Committee reviewed the agenda for the July 19, 2012 Board of Trustees meeting including the proposed resolutions which were presented for member comment including:

1. Budget Guidance to direct the Library's 2013 Erie County operating budget request and service restoration package proposals which have been established based upon the needs of the City branches, Central Library and priorities established by the contract library boards.
2. NYS Library Construction Grant program to address reduced match criteria and guidelines for prioritizing project support.
3. Proposal to intermit the August 16, 2012 Board meeting.
4. Unanticipated expenditure assistance for the Hamburg Library to address a funding gap resulting from staffing changes.
5. Discussion on proposed changes to amend the Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy, per a recommendation from the Board's Policy Committee.

Ms. Panty asked if there were any updates regarding the Library Foundation. Mr. Connors reported that Director Mary Jean Jakubowski had been named to the Foundation Board of Directors.

There was no other business to come before the Executive Committee and the meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Panty and second by Ms. Leary.

Agenda Item E.2 - Budget and Finance Committee. Deputy Director Kenneth Stone presented Budget and Finance Committee items.

Agenda Item E.2.a - 2013 Proposed Budget Guidance. Mr. Stone informed trustees the Library received a budget briefing and targets earlier that day (July 19th); the targets are basically status quo. They are anticipating the tax base will not grow at all. Resolution 2012-27 will direct: 1) the current split allocation of County support between the Library Tax (\$19.9M) and the County Interfund Revenue Subsidy (\$2M) be combined into a single Library Tax line; 2) to develop a base budget request using the County's funding amount provided in 2012 (\$21, 872,457) plus any money included in the budget targets reflecting the County's Four-Year Financial Plan's 1% Property Tax Growth Sharing with the Library (he added we now know it will be zero because the tax base isn't growing); and, the Library submit for County funding consideration a progressive series of service restoration options for 2013 and beyond. Options provided are to restore service to 2010 levels, particularly open hours, followed by funding to restore

library programs and services. A summary of Service Restoration Requests was included with the resolution's background information; Mr. Stone pointed out proposals were developed by the staff and boards of those individual libraries, relaying what their most important priorities for restoring services were. Mr. Johnson moved for approval of Resolution 2012-27. Ms. Horton seconded. Mr. Connors further discussed the levels of restoration funding and reiterated these requests only get us back to 2010 levels.

Ms. Jakubowski conveyed County Executive Poloncarz has been informed the Library will be asking for additional funds as a restoration package.

In response to a question by Ms. Kelly, Mr. Stone explained the timeline for budget submission and that the County Executive needs to release his budget on or before mid-October. Ms. Jakubowski added, the Library is working on an advocacy campaign to stress the importance of the Library for the residents of Erie County. Information is forthcoming.

Following this discussion, approval of Resolution 2012-27 was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2012-27

WHEREAS, the Library anticipates receiving Year 2013 budget instructions and preliminary targets from the Erie County Budget Office on or after July 16, 2012, with budget requests due to the Erie County Budget Office no later than August 15, 2012, which is before the next scheduled Board meeting, and

WHEREAS, in order to provide a timely response to the County, budget preparation and review alternatives were discussed by the Board's Executive Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee recommends that Library trustees articulate guidelines for preparing the 2013 budget request; designate the Library Director as responsible for preparing a draft budget request consistent with these guidelines; provide for feedback on the draft budget by the Budget and Finance Committee to aid the Library Director in finalizing the budget submission to Erie County, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library hereby directs the Library Director to complete the 2013 budget request utilizing the following criteria:

- **Request that the split allocation of County support provided in 2012's Adopted Budget and Revised Four-Year Financial Plan (\$2,000,000 County Interfund Revenue Subsidy + \$19,872,457 Library Tax) be combined into a single Library Tax line of \$21,872,457, which would not increase the overall County property**

tax rate as the \$2 million Interfund Revenue amount could then be used to offset the County portion of Property Taxes; and

- Develop a base budget request using the County funding amount provided in 2012 (\$21,872,457) plus any funding included in budget targets reflecting the County's Four-Year Financial Plan's proposed "1% Property Tax Revenue Growth Sharing with the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library"; and
- Note the impact of the base budget on 2013 service levels; and
- Submit for County funding consideration a progressive series of service restoration options for 2013 and beyond developed in cooperation with System and contracting library leadership and trustees that will allow the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System to successfully meet continued strong public demand within the context of constrained Erie County resources, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director transmit the resulting request to the County of Erie's Division of Budget, Management and Finance as close to the deadline as schedules and preparation time will allow.

Agenda Item E.2b - Unanticipated Expenditure Assistance: Hamburg Public Library. Ms. Panty moved, Mr. Gist seconded, and approval of Resolution 2012-28 was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2012-28

WHEREAS, the contract between the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (B&ECPL) and contracting libraries, in the TWENTY-SECOND item, provides a process for requesting assistance in the event of "unforeseeable circumstances" that "result in a material impact on the 'Public Library's' operating budget..." and

WHEREAS, the Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees has requested assistance to help offset the need to honor contractual obligations for accrued leave and related payouts associated with a recent retirement, and

WHEREAS, the Hamburg Public Library Director consulted the B&ECPL staff to identify the best method to address this situation, including an analysis of projected personnel costs for the balance of the year, and this review resulted in a recommendation to request assistance in the amount of up to \$17,585, and

WHEREAS, without this assistance the Hamburg Public Library Board has found that having to hold key positions vacant over an extended period, as would otherwise be required to address this cost, would result in inadequate staffing needed to provide committed programming associated with operating the library for the weekly hours of service stipulated in contract Exhibit C, and

WHEREAS, projected savings generated from vacancies from other areas within the System budget will result in sufficient monies being available within the 2012 budget salary and fringe benefit accounts to accommodate this request, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section EIGHTH of the contract, this change may be implemented by resolution and transmitting a revised Exhibit A to reflect same, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library approves a reallocation within the budget to utilize vacancy savings in the System salary, wage and fringe accounts to provide up to \$17,585 in salary/wage/fringe benefit funding assistance to the Hamburg Public Library, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution and a revised Exhibit A be transmitted to the above contracting library to implement the change.

Agenda Item E.2.c - NYS Library Construction Grant - Reduced Match Criteria and Review Guidelines. Mr. Stone explained last year the State Legislature modified the program to recognize the fact that many libraries, particularly in economically challenged communities, had trouble meeting the match. The State authorized lowering the local match requirement for economically challenged communities to 25% of the eligible project costs from the present 50%. They assigned the task of determining who was economically challenged to the library system in each area. This resolution sets the criteria to be used by staff to determine which libraries are located in economically disadvantaged communities and are eligible. It also provides guidelines for reducing recommended awards to balance to the available allocation, should the grant amounts requested total more than the available allocation. A substantial number of libraries would be eligible for the reduced match. Ms. Panty moved for approval and was seconded by Mr. Johnson. Approval was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2012-29

WHEREAS, the 2012-2013 New York State budget included a \$14 million State Aid for Library Construction Grant Program, with \$641,863 available for projects supporting the 37 public libraries in Erie County, and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, in its role as a Library System, must determine which libraries are located in economically disadvantaged communities and therefore eligible for grant funding of up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the total project approved costs vs. up to fifty percent (50%) for projects for libraries in remaining communities, and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, in its role as a Library System, must evaluate, rank and recommend approval of construction

applications submitted by public libraries or public library systems under this grant program, and

WHEREAS, this includes reducing recommended awards to balance to the available allocation, should the amounts requested exceed that allocation, and

WHEREAS, these tasks must be completed by the October 10, 2012 deadline for reviewed applications to be submitted to the New York State Library, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library sets the criteria for qualifying for up to seventy-five percent (75%) funding as:

- Libraries located in communities with a poverty rate as determined by the 2010 U.S. Census, including margin of error, exceeding the Erie County average of 14.0% and/or
- Libraries located within the boundaries of a school district whose student population's participation in the federal free and reduced lunch program is 35% or higher which is the percentage utilized by the E-Rate program to qualify said libraries for a 60% discount on eligible E-Rate services, and be it further

RESOLVED, that should the grant amounts requested by libraries exceed the \$641,863 available allocation, the following guidelines will be used to prioritize funding recommendations, with higher priority going to projects that:

- address safety issues;
- improve libraries serving economically challenged communities;
- improve public access and capabilities for increased public use of the facility;
- involve libraries that have not previously received NYS Library Construction Grant funding; and/or
- involve libraries that have not received NYS Library Construction Grant funding in the past three or more funding cycles, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the deadline for submitting grant requests to the Library System is set as September 7, 2012 to allow sufficient time for review and action by the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Board of Trustees in order to meet the State's October 10, 2012 deadline for submitting reviewed applications.

Agenda Item E.2.d - Monthly Financial Report. The financial report for the period ending May 31, 2012 was distributed in the Board packet mailing. Overall, the Library

is operating within its budget. Mr. Stone reported the Library did not receive its State aid payment yet because the State Library is still working on aid schedules.

Agenda Item E.3 - Policy Committee. Committee Chair Elaine Panty read the following report of the Policy Committee which met July 12, 2012:

Present: Policy Committee members Elaine Panty, Jack Connors and Phyllis Horton, constituting a quorum. Also present CFO Ken Stone and COO Carol Batt.

Committee Chair Elaine Panty called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Joseph B. Rounds Conference Room at the Central Library.

Ms. Panty introduced the discussion regarding the proposed amendment to the B&ECPL's Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy. Ms. Batt explained the reasons for several changes with emphasis that the new language better supports the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

A motion by Mr. Connors and a second by Ms. Horton, to submit the draft policy to the full Library Board for amendment, was unanimously approved.

Ms. Panty noted that the target review date for the B&ECPL's Anti-Harassment Policy was intermitted to the September 12, 2012 Policy Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Connors and a second by Ms. Horton.

Agenda Item E.3.a - Amend Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy. Assistant Deputy Director Carol Batt presented this resolution noting this policy has been significantly amended to now reflect the current changes in technology and new language which better supports the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) which requires the use of technological protection measures (filters). As part of the B&ECPL's ongoing policy review, this amended policy has been examined by the Policy Committee and reviewed by Library counsel Patrick Martin.

In the policy's Section II.3.g, Trustee Kelly commented the wording "Remember that everything one reads may not be true" was awkward. It was suggested the wording be amended to "Remember some things you read may not be true." The following resolution reflecting this change was approved unanimously on motion by Ms. Leary and seconded by Mr. Gist.

Trustee Schmidt questioned language used in Section I.8, and Ms. Batt commented this was exact language from CIPA recommendation. For those who might use unfiltered Internet access for bona fide research or other lawful purposes, Ms. Jakubowski commented that the Library's Rules of Conduct work in concert with this policy to help protect children from being exposed. Ms. Jakubowski noted staff will be advised of the amended policy and the expectations for the changes.

RESOLUTION 2012-30

WHEREAS, as part of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library's (B&ECPL) adopted Organizational Competencies, the Library has put together a new structure for process and review of the Library's standing policies to ensure that they remain timely and effective, and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee used this process to review and make recommendations to amend the attached draft of the Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library adopts the proposed revisions of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library's Internet Safety and Acceptable Use Policy to supersede and replace the prevailing policy, last amended September 28, 2006 and be distributed to all Buffalo and Erie County Public Libraries, Contracting Libraries and Contracting Library Trustees.

Agenda Item E.4 - Bylaws Committee. Bylaws Committee Chair Sharon Kelly reported the Committee met on June 27, 2012. Library counsel Patrick Martin was present at that meeting to discuss B&ECPL Bylaws Article II, Section 6 concerning trustee participation in Board meetings by conference telephone. Mr. Martin continues to investigate this. There are no changes proposed to the Bylaws at this point.

Agenda Item F - Report of the Director. Director Jakubowski was happy to report the System was able to find funds for additional Sunday hours at several libraries. She continues to meet with the County Executive to keep him informed on Library happenings and what its expectations and needs are from the eyes of the residents of Erie County.

Invitations to Battle of the Books were distributed to trustees which will take place Saturday, August 4, 2012 with the championship round beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m. at Erie Community College South Campus. She asked trustees interested in volunteering/attending this exciting event to contact her. Ms. Leary questioned the lack of a corporate sponsor for this event. Ms. Jakubowski stated corporate sponsorship would be looked into for future Battle of the Books. Ms. Leary added the Library should be looking at 3 - 4 events per year for corporate sponsorships.

The following was submitted by the Director and transmitted to Board members prior to the meeting:

B&ECPL Monthly Report June 2012

Demand for library services continues to rise as evidenced by increased circulation, computer use and patron visits. As we enter into budget season, it is important to be reminded that libraries are key community assets. They are the community's living room, full of activity, productivity, entertainment and educational resources. Each of B&ECPL's 37 libraries is unique in their footprint, their programs and their services; and, each works in concert with each other, as a team, to provide excellent, quality services to the residents of Erie County. I am proud of our libraries, the staff that work for us and the services they provide.

Summer Reading is off to a terrific start. The Summer Reading Kick-off was held at the Central Library on Wednesday, June 13th. New York State Deputy Commissioner of Cultural Education Jeffrey Cannell was on site to officially open the Summer Reading season.

Monthly Programming Statistics - June 2012

1. Public Services

In Library Programs:

	Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
1.2 Children (age 5 and under)	74	1255	1435	24562
3.3 Children (age 6-12)	97	581	2706	10733
4.4 Teens	65	159	799	1776
Intergenerational	35	236	2020	9032
5.3 Adults (excludes Technology)	75	592	852	11347

Adult Technology Programs:

	Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
Training Lab or Library Desktop PCs	65	287	312	1780
System or Library-owned Cyber Train	25	191	210	1829

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Outreach (out of library):

	Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
1.3 Children (age 5 and under)	20	162	486	4433
Children (age 6-12)	40	56	7849	10217
Teens	0	0	0	0
Intergenerational	0	3	0	295
Adults (excludes Technology)	14	92	446	3752

Summer Reading Programs:

	Number Registered		Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
Children (age 5 and under)	413	413	45	45	817	817
3.4 Children (age 6-12)	523	523	34	34	975	975
Teens	236	236	48	48	640	640

Highlights:

- On Sunday, June 10th, the Juneteenth Festival Committee held one of the pre-Juneteenth events at the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Library (MRW). Donisha Prenderast, granddaughter of Bob Marley, presented her documentary "RasTa: A Soul's Journey" to a packed house.
- On Saturday, June 16th, the Summer Reading Kick-off Carnival took place at the Central Library and it was a tremendous success! Over 150 people including children, teens and adults enjoyed a Zombie Walk (courtesy of Terror Technologies), the Magic of Mr. J, a visit with both Maisy and Pinkalicious, face painting, crafts and games. They also had the opportunity to visit the informational tables that branch libraries and organizations had at this event: Penn-Dixie, Child Care Resource Network, Holy Cross Head Start, Byron Brown Summer Reading Challenge, Whitworth Ferguson Planetarium, Theatre of Youth, and East Delavan, Niagara, Orchard Park and West Seneca Libraries.
- On June 20th, Information Services and Outreach Librarian Kenneth Wierzbowski taught an "Introduction to Finding Funders" course at the University at Buffalo. The course, provided by the Foundation Center, was taught at the invitation of the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County. The course aims to help nonprofits find funders using the Foundation Center's comprehensive funding research tool, the Foundation Directory Online. Twenty patrons attended the course and the post-session reviews were all positive.
- On June 23rd, Mrs. Eva Doyle presented an "Eye on History" lecture at the MRW Branch. The role of blacks in the Revolutionary War was the topic. Each

participant received a copy of the speech on the meaning of the "Fourth of July for Blacks" given by Frederick Douglass in Rochester in 1852.

- On June 26th, Information Services and Outreach Librarian **Dan Caufield** presented a 1 ½ hour lecture at Canisius Women’s Business Center. Mr. Caufield spoke to 23 potential entrepreneurs and introduced them to many of the useful online resources the library offers to help start and grow a business.
- On June 29th, Information Services and Outreach Librarian **Kimberly Falkowski** conducted a Library workshop for 15 teens in the Young Audiences program. The workshop focused on the online catalog, Library of Congress classification and microfilm.
- On June 27th, the Erie County Legislature Minority Women Business Enterprise Committee and County Executive Mark C. Poloncarz sponsored an “Erie County Government: Open for Business” workshop at the MRW branch. The workshop concentrated on project building, securing contracts, bonding and joint Erie County/City of Buffalo certification.

2. Collection Development

Print Collections:

Adds	Collection Size	Monthly Item Adds	Yr. to Date
2.1 Juvenile non-Fiction	160,162	424	2,829
3.1 Juvenile Fiction	354,800	2,527	11,573
4.1 Young Adult Fiction	67,413	816	5,818
5.1 Adult non-Fiction	1,392,962	2,765	13,477
6.1 Adult Fiction	559,811	4,404	27,921

Media Collections:

Adds	Collection Size	Monthly Item Adds	Yr. to Date
3.2 Juvenile	67,738	471	2,969
4.2 Young Adult audiobooks only	2,582	13	107
6.2 Adult	352,609	3,558	20,736

Electronic Collections:

	Collection Size	Adds	Downloads	% Change from previous month
e-Books	13,216	378	20,581	+ 1.2%
Music (Freegal)	Unlimited SONY Library		4,157	- 0.3%
e-Audiobooks	5,869	34	4,922	+ 2.3%
e-Videos	370	0	85	- 27.4%

Highlights:

- Circulation of eBooks continues to be strong. This month, 20,581 eBooks circulated to patrons; this compares to 9,903 in June of 2011. This month, 378 eBooks were added to the collection.
- Freegal Music continues to be popular. In June, patrons downloaded a total of 4,157 titles compared to 3,474 in June of 2011.
- On June 28th, the much anticipated exhibition “When Buffalo Burned: The War of 1812 on the Niagara Frontier” opened to the public. Working with Dawn Stanton and Darlene Pennachi from the Graphics Department, Rare Book Room Librarian Charles Alaimo curated the exhibit which highlights collections in Rare Books such as the War of 1812 Letters, maps from the period and documents related to government and popular culture. The newly restored portrait of Seth Grosvenor is hanging prominently in the room and public domain images are used to add color and bring the exhibit to life.
- Amy Pickard installed a new display in the Mark Twain Room titled “‘The Walt Whitman Controversy’ by Mark Twain” featuring an until-recently-unpublished writing about Twain. Readers learn what Twain really must have thought of literary censorship and book banning. Twain and Whitman shared the same publisher during the time when Whitman’s *Leaves of Grass* was banned in Boston and this intersection left many to wonder what Twain thought of the whole situation. The piece now on display seems to answer that question.

3. Technology

Library 2.0 Activity:

to Date	Number of Connections		% Change	
	Current Month	Monthly Change	Previous Month	Yr.
Facebook Fans/Likes	3,317	+ 39	+ 1.2%	10.0%
Twitter Followers	2,671	+ 73	+ 2.8%	8.9%
Flickr Views	40,162	+ 754	+ 1.9%	4.4%
Pinterest Followers	149	+ 22	+ 17.3%	N/A*

*N/A Pinterest created February 2012



Cory Buck @TheBuckMopsHere @buffalolibrary always hitting us with the great Twain quotes. Keep up the good work!



Rolly Pollies @RollyPolliesWNY @buffalolibrary At the Orchard Park branch checking out some books for the kids!



Timothy M. Kennedy @SenKennedy Yesterday, we joined @BuffaloLibrary officials to announce a significant state investment in our local libraries:
<http://www.nysenate.gov/press-release/senator-kennedy-library-officials-announce-state-grants-buffalo-erie-county-libraries>

Highlights:

- Erie County Bid No. 212219-005 for the purchase of Vostro All-in-One PCs was evaluated and awarded to Adorama, Inc. The new computers will replace older, slow processing staff workstations as well as update the public technology at the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Library.
- The Holds process has been revised to now include an auto-generated "Pick Up" date and truncation of the cardholder's last name and library card number to provide greater confidentiality for open shelf retrieval. This process has been implemented at the Central Library and is being rolled out to the libraries that currently have the new receipt printers supporting the RFID Self-Checkout technology.

4. Funding/Fundraising

Funding:

Highlights:

- E-Rate recurring services funding requests for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 were approved on July 10th. The Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company (administrator of the Federal E-Rate program) released the first funding wave of approvals for the new E-Rate funding year which began in July 1, 2012. All of the Library's recurring services funding requests were approved as submitted!

This funding provides vital support that makes the following services possible:

- High-speed Internet access for the entire System
- Fiber optic Wide Area Network connections to all libraries
- Voice telephone service for all Buffalo branch and contracting member libraries and part of the Central Library
- Wireless phone service

In 2012-2013, the E-Rate program will fund an estimated 61% of system-wide telecommunications and Internet access costs and 90% of the cost of the services specific to the Central Library based upon National Free and Reduced Price Lunch participation rates within the school districts served by these libraries. B&ECPL is now set to receive funding of up to \$327,960. Including current year projections and this newly approved funding, since its inception in 1998, the E-Rate program will have provided over \$3.2 million to support Library telecommunications, Internet access, as well as data related equipment/infrastructure. An additional funding request for networking equipment in the amount of \$95,317 is still under review.

- The 2011 Erie County operating budget process will begin soon. Instructions, targets, guidelines and forms are anticipated to be released on or about July 16th, with budget requests due in mid-August. Options based upon identified needs will be presented for trustee guidance at the July meeting.
- The Erie County Legislature's Management & Finance Committee will conduct mid-year budget hearings next week. The Committee will be reviewing year-to-date financial performance and operating results of County Departments and funded agencies. The Library is scheduled to present information to the

Committee on Wednesday, July 18th at 12:00 noon in the Legislative Chambers of Old County Hall.

- The City of Buffalo's capital project planning process is under way, with requests for improvements to City facilities due to be submitted online by July 20th. The City of Buffalo's Department of Public Works (DPW) has jurisdiction over capital work at library facilities. This spring, the City hired a firm to assess all City facilities to identify their capital needs. We hope to have a draft of that report next week to help guide development of branch library capital improvement requests. Hearings on proposed needs will take place by mid-September, with Mayoral recommendations due out in November for Common Council consideration in December.

Fundraising:

Campaign Name	Campaign Dates	Raised to Date
Annual Judy Summer Tribute Auction	April 8 - 30, 2012	\$4,046 gross
Summer Mini Online Auction	June 7 - July 6, 2012	\$533 (not final)
Annual Appeals	Year to date	\$ 88,437.84 (this includes a onetime \$10,113.84 from the Friends of the Riverside Library for Riverside Library)
East Delavan Book Sale	June 14, 2012	\$157.00
Crane Book Sale	Ongoing	\$557.45
Riverside Book Sale	Ongoing	\$13.05

Highlights:

- The Summer Mini Online Auction of 9 items closed on July 6th. All items sold. Preliminary income raised is \$533. There were a total of 19 bids on the 9 items. High bidders were from California, Pennsylvania and Western New York. We held this auction because we had contracted with the online "Bidding for Good" website through July 2012.
- A Young Professional's Committee is being formed to raise money for the Library System. Their first event will be held at Hotel Lafayette on November 16th.

- The Library is planning a StoryBook Ball for kids in fall/winter.

5. Facilities

- The air conditioning unit was repaired this month at the East Delavan Branch Library (EDL). EDL had been without air conditioning since May 18, 2012.

6. Staff Development

	Number of Program Attendees		Number of Programs Presented	
	Month	Yr. to Date	Month	Yr. to Date
Staff				
Administration				

*Statistical table is being redesigned to include staff training for all 37 libraries. Complete monthly and year to date totals will be provided in a future report.

Highlights:

- Staff members participating in the Palmer Institute’s Public Library Administrator’s Certificate Program (PLACP) attended classes June 4-5.
- On June 13th, Director **Mary Jean Jakubowski**, Librarians **Dan Caufield**, **Meg Cheman**, **Dorinda Darden**, and Assistance Deputy Directors **Joy Testa-Cinquino** and **Dawn Peters** attended a meeting with **June Garcia**. June reviewed how to take the raw data gathered in the Post it Note Palooza meetings and collate it for later review and assessment.
- On June 8th, at the New York State Library Assistants Association conference held at the Seneca Niagara Casino in Niagara Falls, Information Services and Outreach Librarian **Dan Caufield** presented a 1 ½ hour lecture. Mr. Caulfield’s workshop covered reference service and database use stressing the difference between Internet and databases searches, common features when searching databases and where to find them in communities across the state. The lecture was well received by the 23 attendees. In addition, Director **Mary Jean Jakubowski** and Amherst Library Director **Roseanne Butler-Smith** presented an interactive program on *The Future of Libraries*. The program included development activities addressing letting go of the past and embracing the future of libraries and their services. Director **Jakubowski** also gave the opening welcome to the Buffalo-Niagara region before all conference attendees on June 7th.

7. Media coverage/Media Releases

Type of Communication	Air Date/Publish Date	Topic
WKSE Radio Interview	6/20/12	Mary Jean Jakubowski interviewed live on Summer Reading
102.5 Radio Interview	7/3/12	Mary Jean Jakubowski interviewed live on Summer Reading
Business First Phone Interview	For 7/13/12 issue	Mary Jean Jakubowski interviewed about smoke free ramp policy
WBFO Radio Interview	6/28/12	Carol Batt interview e-Books and Downloads
Media Release	Bflo News 7/7/12 Business First 7/6/12	New Smoke Free Policy
Media Release	Sent 7/11/12	YAWNY performances
A.B.L.E.Y Advisor	6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22 and 6/29/12	ECL programs
East Clinton Shopper	6/4/12	ECL Programs
NIA Facebook Postings in June - 6		Summer reading suggestions
		Bike Workshop (2x)
		Be a library model
		Visit us at the Summer Reading Kick-off
		We have Blu-rays
Riverside Review		RIV Summer programs
WIVB		RIV Summer programs
WKBW		RIV Summer programs
WGRZ		RIV Summer programs
Art Voice		RIV Summer programs
Time Warner Cable		RIV Summer programs
July Central Programming press release	Various media outlets- Art Voice, Family, Buffalo News, etc.	July Central Programming

8. Partnerships

Highlights:

- Technology Support staff met with local preservationist and blogger Bernice Radle and discussed the impact social media can have on the Library's presence in the community and how the B&ECPL can connect with young professionals.

9. Governance

- System trustees, member library trustees and administration continue to discuss various aspects of regovernance.
- Member library trustees met with attorney Ellen Bach of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna LLP to finalize recommended language for Memorandums of Understanding between the B&ECPL System and member libraries.

10. Director Activities

Meetings and Events:

- June 1, 2012 Conference Call: Ellen Bach - Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna LLP
- June 1, 2012 Meg Cheman, Special Collections
- June 1, 2012 Anti-Bullying Coalition Meeting w/ Sawrie Becker, E.C. Comm. of Public Advocacy
- June 1, 2012 HR/Workforce Development Meeting
- June 4, 2012 Carol Batt, Chief Operating Officer
- June 4, 2012 Development Committee Meeting
- June 4, 2012 Public Library Advanced Certificate Program
- June 4, 2012 Lou Petrucci, President - Buffalo Public Schools, Board of Education
- June 5, 2012 Conference Call: Peter Murad & Nick Derr - Architectural Resources, and Susan Kent - Library Strategies International
- June 6, 2012 2013 Erie County Capital Budget Departmental Meeting
- June 6, 2012 Staff Forum: Q&A w/ the Library Director
- June 6, 2012 Elevator Replacement Project
- June 6, 2012 Association of Contracting Library Boards of Trustees (ACT) Meeting – Budget
- June 7, 2012 Welcome - Library Assistants Conference - Niagara Falls, NY
- June 7, 2012 Policy Committee Meeting
- June 7, 2012 B&ECPL Executive Committee Meeting
- June 8, 2012 Library Assistants Conference presentation: "Future of Public Libraries"
- June 11, 2012 Geno Principe - Fables Café, and Ken Stone Meeting

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- June 12, 2012 Anti-Bullying Coalition Meeting
- June 12, 2012 Special Collections/Rare Book Room Meeting
- June 12, 2012 PULISDO/DLD Conference Call
- June 13, 2012 Library Strategies International - Susan Kent and June Garcia
- June 13, 2012 Libby Post - Communication Services
- June 13, 2012 Managers/Directors Meeting
- June 13, 2012 Statewide Summer Reading Announcement @ Central
- June 13, 2012 Meeting with Deputy Commissioner of NYS Cultural Education, Jeff Cannell
- June 14, 2012 Library Strategies International - Susan Kent and June Garcia
- June 14, 2012 Libby Post - Communication Services
- June 14, 2012 Susan Kent, Ken Stone Meeting
- June 14, 2012 Welcome - Scarlet O'Hats Club
- June 14, 2012 Facility Study Review: Peter Murad & Nick Derr - Architectural Resources, and Susan Kent & June Garcia - Library Strategies International
- June 14, 2012 B&ECPL Board of Trustees Meeting
- June 15, 2012 Library Strategies International - Susan Kent and June Garcia
- June 15, 2012 Libby Post - Communication Services
- June 15, 2012 E.C. Office for Disabled Board Meeting
- June 15, 2012 Ken Stone, Budget Strategy Meeting
- June 15, 2012 Dudley Branch Library: Peter Murad & Nick Derr - Architectural Resources, and Susan Kent & June Garcia - Library Strategies International
- June 15, 2012 HR/Workforce Development Meeting
- June 16, 2012 Libby Post - Communication Services
- June 19, 2012 Children's Public Space Meeting: Dan Caufield, Chip Campbell, Mark Kross
- June 20, 2012 WKSE 98.5 Radio: live telephone interview
- June 20, 2012 Conference Call: Donall O'Carroll - Webster Szanyi, Patrick Martin, and Ken Stone
- June 20, 2012 Rules of Conduct and Central Library Access Ramp Policy Review: Ken Stone, Joy Testa Cinquino, Dawn Peters, Mike Miechowski and Joe Bush
- June 20, 2012 ACT Meeting
- June 21, 2012 Admin. Team Meeting
- June 26, 2012 Goals and Objectives Facilitator Meeting
- June 26, 2012 Workforce Development Meeting: Doreen Woods
- June 27, 2012 Bylaws Committee Meeting
- June 27, 2012 WNY Independent Living - Todd Vaarwerk
- June 27, 2012 Library Foundation of Buffalo & Erie County Meeting
- June 28, 2012 Admin. Team Meeting
- June 28, 2012 Conference Call: Architectural Resources - Peter Murad & Nick Derr

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- June 29, 2012 Paul Hogan - Oishei Foundation
- June 29, 2012 Olmstead Center: Linda Wieck, Dan Caufield, Dawn Peters
- June 29, 2012 Linda Rizzo - PLACP
- June 29, 2012 HR/Workforce Development Meeting
- June 29, 2012 Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services, Inc.: Ellen Breslin, Doreen Woods
- June 29, 2012 Kelly Donovan - PLACP

Other:

Contracting Member Library Activity Reports - June 2012

Elma Public Library - submitted by Karen Korpanty, Director

Highlights of events and activities at the Elma Public Library:

- Two teams of readers have been preparing with Children's Librarian Kate Puehn for participation in the August 4th Battle of the Books competition.
- Two hundred twenty-six pre-readers and independent school-age readers registered in the Vacation Reading Club have been keeping reading logs and collecting incentive prizes.
- Vacation Fun Club, a weekly library program of stories and crafts for children entering grades 1 - 4, runs through August 14th. Thirty-four children are registered.
- Summer Preschool Story Time with 26 children meets every Thursday morning through August 16th.
- Hawk Creek Wildlife Center presented a live animal program featuring "Animals of the Night" on June 28th to an audience of 122.
- The Magic of Mr. J presents "A Ton of Fun Show" to readers and their families on July 12th.
- On July 17th, System computer training staff will offer a "Technology Petting Zoo", allowing the public to test drive a variety of eReaders.
- Charlie & Checkers will juggle, ride a unicycle, and perform their magic for all on July 20th.
- Computer training class on Downloadable eBooks is scheduled on July 24th.
- Carmen Presti and live animals from The Primate Sanctuary will present an educational program for school-age children on July 26th.
- The Central Programming Team will conduct a Pet Show on July 27th.
- On August 8th, there will be 2 presentations of Mr. K's Mobile Dome Planetarium.
- Glenn Colton will perform at the Summer Reading Club party on August 16th.

Lackawanna Public Library – submitted by Jennifer Johnston, Director

Highlights of events and activities at the Lackawanna Public Library:

- Summer programming has begun at the Lackawanna Public Library and we are planning our annual summer picnic. We will have Glenn Colton entertaining us as well as a bounce house, carnival games, cotton candy and snow cones! Our Friends of the Library group has generously offered to provide hot dogs and lemonade. We are really looking forward to this event!
- We have started preparing for the Battle of the Books and have so many children interested in participating that we will have 2 teams this year instead of just 1. We also have a University at Buffalo student volunteering to help with our Battle teams. She participated in the Battle herself when she was younger and her team won! She brought in her trophy to show the kids and get everyone excited about the event.
- The Lackawanna Public Library has been invited to participate in the City of Lackawanna's Community Fun Days which will take place July 6-8. The focus of the event is on health, wellness and education. There will be games, music, and vendors. The library will join in with storytelling and face painting.

Agenda Item G - Report of the Foundation. Anne Conable reported the Library Foundation of Buffalo & Erie County met June 27th. Mary Jean Jakubowski was approved as the newest member of their Board of Directors in addition to Dr. Richard Lee who was approved at their previous meeting. At the June 27th meeting, discussion took place on how the B&ECPL Development Committee is coordinating with the Library Foundation trustees on fundraising planning. They are working on determining the role of the Library Foundation as it relates to the Library as part of the Strategic Planning process.

Agenda Item H - Public Comment. There was no public comment.

Agenda Item I - Unfinished Business. No unfinished business.

Agenda Item J - New Business. None.

Ms. Horton moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential attorney/client matters related to the Contract Member Library Memorandums of Understanding. This was seconded by Ms. Panty. All members of the audience and staff members, with the exception of Director Mary Jean Jakubowski, were excused from the room. Attorney Ellen Bach of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna LLP was on speaker phone for the Executive Session. The session commenced at 4:45 p.m. and concluded at 5:26 p.m. Mr. Connors exited Executive Session at approximately 5:15 p.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

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There being no further business, on motion by Ms. Horton with a second from Mr. Johnson, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Elaine M. Panty
Secretary**



B&ECPL Monthly Report July and August 2012

As you will note from the statistics and highlights in this report, July and August have been extremely busy throughout the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library (B&ECPL). So many great activities, programs, events, visitors...the list goes on and on. I couldn't be more proud of the staff for all of their hard work in making summer at the libraries successful and fulfilling.

With summer reading programs, the Battle of the Books, and special summer events behind us, we are moving forward to placing focus on students returning to school, Sunday hours, and of course, the budget. Plans for the development of educational materials including a support website, postcards, signage and media releases, are well under way. The theme of the educational materials "Turn the Lights Back On - Flip the Switch for Library Funding" will focus on restoration funding to all B&ECPL libraries so that libraries can reopen weekly hours lost during 2010 and 2011. Member Library Trustees and Library Directors, along with Library Administration and staff, provided input into the budget request to determine \$3.6M in funding is necessary to restore the lost 5,100 hours of annual service hours. This campaign launches September 4, 2012 and continues through the Erie County budget process. County leaders have received an initial letter regarding B&ECPL's 2013 budget request. Ongoing communication is expected.

Both the System Five-Year Plan of Service and the Central Library Five-Year Plan of Service are being developed. Plans will be ready for trustee review and approval at the September 2012 B&ECPL Board of Trustees meeting. The Plans must be submitted to the New York State Education Department - Division of Library Development no later than October 1, 2012.

Administration and staff continue to work toward timely completion of Organizational Competencies.

Monthly Programming Statistics - JULY 2012

1. Public Services

In Library Programs:

	Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
1.2 Children (age 5 and under)	252	1470	6188	30215
3.3 Children (age 6-12)	291	856	9023	19762
4.4 Teens	131	290	1746	3522
Intergenerational	57	293	4258	13290
5.3 Adults (excludes Technology)	54	645	629	11968
TOTAL In Library Programs	785	3554	21844	78757

Adult Technology Programs:

	Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
Training Lab or Library Desktop PCs	29	316	208	1984
System or Library-owned Cyber Train	21	212	227	2056
TOTAL Adult Technology	50	528	435	4040

Outreach (out of library):

	Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
1.3 Children (age 5 and under)	12	193	246	4467
Children (age 6-12)	7	63	202	10419
Teens	1	1	25	25
Intergenerational	0	3	0	295
Adults (excludes Technology)	12	104	425	4177
TOTAL Outreach (out of Library)	32	364	898	19383

Summer Reading Programs

	Number Registered		Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
Children (age 5 and under)	2668	3048	242	287	6006	6833
3.4 Children (age 6-12)	5676	6199	278	318	8882	10084
Teens	635	871	107	155	1474	2114
TOTAL Summer Reading Programs	8979	10118	627	760	16362	19031

Monthly Programming Statistics - AUGUST 2012

In Library Programs:

	Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
1.2 Children (age 5 and under)	138	1608	4005	34220
3.3 Children (age 6-12)	191	1047	6979	26741
4.4 Teens	78	368	1590	5112
Intergenerational	74	367	4695	17985
5.3 Adults (excludes Technology)	64	709	838	12806
TOTAL In Library Programs	545	4099	18107	96864

Adult Technology Programs:

	Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
Training Lab or Library Desktop PCs	43	359	216	2200
System or Library-owned Cyber Train	21	233	223	2279
TOTAL Adult Technology	64	592	439	4479

Outreach (out of library):

	Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
1.3 Children (age 5 and under)	8	201	260	4727
Children (age 6-12)	7	70	184	10603
Teens	0	1	0	25
Intergenerational	1	4	200	495
Adults (excludes Technology)	11	115	575	4752
TOTAL Outreach (out of Library)	27	391	1219	20602

Summer Reading Programs

	Number Registered		Number of Programs		Number of Attendees	
	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD	MTH	YTD
Children (age 5 and under)	1800	4848	145	432	4232	11065
3.4 Children (age 6-12)	3651	9850	183	501	6745	16829
Teens	943	1814	76	231	1572	3686
TOTAL Summer Reading Programs	6394	16512	404	1164	12549	31580

Highlights:

- On July 26th, Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Deputy County Executive Richard Tobe and Liz Burakowski visited the B&ECPL to learn about its rare book collection. Charles Alaimo provided a tour of the War of 1812 exhibit and Amy Pickard provided a tour of the Rare Book Room. Along the way, they

looked at and we talked about items from the Milestones of Science, a Thomas Jefferson letter, fine Roycroft examples, WWI poster examples, cuneiform, artist's book examples, medieval manuscripts and early print examples. The County Executive highlighted the tour on Facebook as copied below:

Mark Poloncarz

Yesterday I went on a behind the scenes tour of the treasures the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library has in its Rare Book Rooms. It is an outstanding collection. Thank you to Amy J Pickard for the tour and being a great tour guide.

- On July 27th, the B&ECPL Coordinated Outreach Committee met at the Central Library. Consisting of library staff and members of various community and government agencies, the Coordinated Outreach Committee allows for public input into the Library's programming and outreach goals. Librarians Dan Caufield, Peter Lisker, Brian Hoth and Kathy Goodrich presented an overview of the Library's current programming and outreach strategies and discussed future plans and possible partnerships with community agencies. Mr. Caufield also presented an overview of the Library's web resources which was well received by the 13 members of the committee.
- In the month of July, 132 programs were presented by or arranged by the Children's Programming Team in libraries across Erie County (including Central). These were attended by a total of 3,427 children and families.
- Librarian Wanda Collins received a very special framed poem written by a mother who attends the Lancaster Lapsit. This mother also made a \$150 donation to the Lancaster Library to be used to purchase materials for this Lapsit program. Congratulations Wanda!
- On August 18th, Information Services Librarian Peter Lisker and Children's Librarian Kathleen Mac represented B&ECPL at the *Wild About Wellness* fair at the Buffalo Zoo. Ms. Mac provided children's activities while Mr. Lisker spoke to the adults about the Library's many consumer health resources. Hundreds of Erie County residents stopped by the table and enjoyed learning what the Library has to offer.
- The 2012 Adult Summer Reading Challenge concluded on August 31st and was a great success. One hundred and ninety-seven patrons participated, and a total of 1,140 reviews were submitted. Summer Reading participants were asked to write brief book reviews, each of which counted as an entry in a prize drawing. The more book reviews participants submitted, the more chances they had to win. Entries were received representing 32 libraries. The grand prize, a Kindle Fire, was awarded to Elizabeth Maerten from the Kenilworth Branch.

- **Battle of the Books (BOTB)** - Each year the ECC gym is filled to capacity with parents, friends, coaches and volunteers cheering on their favorite team and this year was no exception. On August 4th, 33 teams comprised of about 220 players competed for the coveted BOTB trophy. Attendance at the event was approximately 541 consisting of the contestants, parents, siblings, and volunteers. The 2012 Battle of the Books champion team was from the Marilla Free Library. Several elected officials attended the BOTB competition. Legislature John Mills returned with Frisbees to toss into the crowd and Legislator Lynne Dixon cheered on libraries in her district. Before the championship round, Deputy County Executive Richard Tobe gave an inspiring talk to the audience. Mr. Tobe presented ribbons and the championship trophy to the winning team, along with ribbons to the runner-up team from the Clarence Public Library.
- **The Online Summer Reading Challenge** enjoyed another successful year. A combined total of 266 teens, children, daycares and babies (for early literacy) registered for this challenge. A total of 1,435 books were read and 1,306 reviews were written! The Organizations and Daycare portion of the Online Reading Challenge ended on August 4th. The lucky winner was the Salem Lutheran Preschool and their local library was the Concord Public Library! This preschool won a \$25 Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Store gift card and each child a *Fancy Nancy* and *Cars* gift pack.
- **The Children Services staff** was nominated for the WNYLRC Outstanding Library Program award by **Doreen Woods**, Workforce Development Officer.
- **Mrs. Eva Doyle** held her annual "Back-to-School" rally at the Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Library on August 18th; the program included music, speakers, storytelling, dancers and the distribution of free book bags with supplies for students for back to school!

2. Collection Development

JULY 2012:

Print Collections:

	Collection Size	Monthly Adds	YTD Adds
2.1 Juvenile non-Fiction	160,571	576	3,405
3.1 Juvenile Fiction	353,812	2,307	13,880
4.1 Young Adult Fiction	67,330	556	6,374
5.1 Adult non-Fiction	1,390,478	1,868	15,345
6.1 Adult Fiction	557,728	3,738	31,659

Media Collections:

	Collection Size	Monthly Adds	YTD Adds
3.2 Juvenile	67,547	204	3,173
4.2 Young Adult audiobooks only	2,575	0	107
6.2 Adult	353,558	3,023	23,759

Electronic Collections:

	Collection Size	Adds	Downloads	% Change downloads from previous month
e-Books	*13,611	395	23591	+14.6%
Music (Freegal)	Unlimited SONY Library		4448	+7%
e-Audiobooks	5904	35	5208	+5.8%
e-Videos	370	0	148	+74.1%

*e-Book "collection size include 150 free promotional MaxAccess titles for 1 year

- Collection Development staff responded to 498 patron purchase suggestions and 162 staff suggestions in July and 435 patron purchase suggestions and 119 staff suggestions in August.
- The Library's Subject Guides received 899 unique visitors from 7 countries in July. The most popular Subject Guides were Genealogy, the Babel Series Guides and Virtual Database Tours and Movies.

AUGUST 2012:

Print Collections:

	Collection Size	Monthly Adds	YTD Adds
2.1 Juvenile non-Fiction	160,652	289	3,694
3.1 Juvenile Fiction	353,633	2,877	16,757
4.1 Young Adult Fiction	65,578	696	7,070
5.1 Adult non-Fiction	1,390,959	2,728	18,073
6.1 Adult Fiction	557,794	3,887	35,546

Media Collections:

	Collection Size	Monthly Adds	YTD Adds
3.2 Juvenile	67,305	112	3,285
4.2 Young Adult audiobooks only	2,565	0	107
6.2 Adult	354,515	2,552	26,311

Electronic Collections:

	Collection Size	Adds	Downloads	% Change downloads from previous month
e-Books	*13,850	239	23,048	-2.3%
Music (Freegal)	Unlimited SONY Library		4,419	-0.7%
e-Audiobooks	5,963	59	5,136	-1.4%
e-Videos	370	0	84	-43.2%

*e-Book "collection size include 150 free promotional MaxAccess titles for 1 year

Highlights:

- Grosvenor Room Librarian Rhonda Konig developed a new collection guide: *Social and Cultural History: with a Focus on Buffalo and Erie County: for genealogists, historians and fiction writers.*
- Conservation of the William Smith map *Delineation of the Strata of England and Wales, With a Part of Scotland* (a.k.a. The Map that Changed the World) was completed by the Northeast Document Conservation Center. We are grateful to the Library Foundation for funding the work and housing necessary to keep this map for many generations to come.
- On August 27th, the Rare Book Room (RBR) received a gift from Amherst College: a Lancaster, N.Y. farmer's accounting journal 1857-1866. The note included with the journal stated that it was found at what was the Bissell Farm on Broadway in Lancaster. This farm was originally homesteaded in 1808 by Elias Bissell and remained in the family for 7 generations.
- On August 29th, UV sleeves were installed in the rest of the RBR storage area to protect the materials from potential UV light damage. The display room is the next area slated for installation.

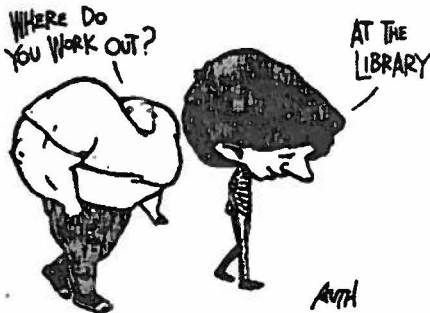
3. Technology

JULY 2012:

Library 2.0 Activity:

	Number of Connections		% Change previous month	
	Current Month	Monthly Change	Previous Month	Yr. to Date
Facebook Fans/Likes	3,380	+ 63	1.9%	19.8%
Twitter Followers	2,721	+ 50	1.9%	23.7%
Flickr Views	40,610	+ 448	1.1%	10.8%
Pinterest Followers	173	+ 24	16.1%	N/A*

Facebook Posts included:



- 86 people like this.



Lionel Davis HEHE!!! Ultramodernist

And 40 people "Liked" this:



- Buffalo & Erie County Public Library - Central Library
 How do you like our new cover photo courtesy of Nikki Rosenberg? This is a really cool shot of the card catalog still standing at the Central Library in downtown Buffalo. E-mail your local photos showcasing Buffalo or Western New York to WNYpics@buffalolib.org with a message giving us rights to use the image. We'll notify you if your photo will be highlighted! Thanks and please "share" this message with your Facebook Friends!



• 40 people like this.



• Carole Pink Those were the days my friends.

And Tweets:



Niagara Popcorn @NiagaraPopcorn

23 Jul

We salute our friends at the @buffalolibrary for all of the good work that they do each & every day on behalf of our community.



Mark Poloncarz @markpoloncarz

27 Jul

Yesterday I went on a tour of the Library's Rare Book Rooms. The collection is incredible and one of our region's priceless assets.

Highlights:

- The second self check-out stations have been installed at Dudley, Niagara and Merriweather and are up and running! Patrons have immediately started using them! Many thanks to IT (Dave) and Maintenance for this progress!
- On July 12th, 4 new self check-out RFID kiosks were installed in the Media Room making check-out faster and more convenient to patrons.
- The Technology Team produced 2 screencasts in July that aimed the spotlight on the trainers themselves, as well as their technical assistants. These instant classics, *Meet the Technology Team* (<http://bit.ly/NNa35P>) and *A Day in the Life of a CyberTrain Roadie* (<http://bit.ly/LS8NPu>) can be viewed on the Training Lab's YouTube Channel (<http://bit.ly/KdRNzH>).
- The Technology Team conducted 32 public classes for 319 attendees at 13 library locations.

AUGUST 2012:

Library 2.0 Activity:

	Number of Connections		% Change previous month	
	Current Month	Monthly Change	Previous Month	Yr. to Date
Facebook Fans/Likes	3,420	+ 40	1.2%	21.2%
Twitter Followers	2,798	+ 77	2.8%	27.2%
Flickr Views	45,038	+ 4,428	10.9%	22.9%
Pinterest Followers	227	+ 54	31.2%	N/A*

Facebook Posts included:



Buffalo & Erie County Public Library - Central Library We couldn't have said it better ourselves. Tell us about a book you loved.



10 people like this.



Lola Miller Charlottes Web :)



Jack Edson The best book I read this past year was "Cutting for Stone" by Abram Verghese. We will be talking about this book at the Hamburg Public Library book club tomorrow morning at 11 am, and YOU are invited to join us!



PhilipJames Jarosz The Boy Mechanic circa 1940's. Loved that book that taught you how to make just about everything.



Richardson Olmsted Complex The Architecture of Madness is a great book for anyone interested in places like the Richardson Olmsted Complex! We tried to find it in the buffalolib catalog though, and it wasn't there!

And Tweets:



Angela K @akepps

11 Aug

@buffalolibrary Hey...does the Grosvenor Room has old issues of WNY Heritage? I've never seen them, but there's a lot of stuff in there!



Buffalo/Erie Library @buffalolibrary

13 Aug

@akepps Holdings beginning with Vol. 1, 1997 are housed in the Buffalo Collection in the Grosvenor Room. Staff can show you where they are!



Angela K @akepps

13 Aug

@buffalolibrary Awesome, thanks! I had never seen them there, but there's a lot of stuff. I'll ask next-time I'm in :)

Highlights:

- The Technology Training Team developed 2 new handouts in August that offer assistance to patrons taking advantage of the Library's downloadable services. *Borrowing eBooks and Audiobooks from the Library for Android Devices* (<http://bit.ly/RPvdBW>) and *Downloading the Kindle App for iPad* (<http://bit.ly/SltFKi>) target specific devices and download options.
- A successful System hardware upgrade was completed August 21st. The aging servers that host the Library's bibliographic and patron information were replaced just in time! This overdue change ensures system stability while significantly reducing maintenance time. As a result, a major software upgrade is tentatively scheduled for the Veterans Day holiday weekend.

4. Funding/Fundraising

Funding:

2013 Operating Budget Request Submitted:

The Library's 2013 operating and grants budget request was submitted online to Erie County on the deadline date of August 15th.

The Library's 2013 base budget request is generally consistent with the County support funding limit indicated by the County Executive's current Four-Year Financial Plan. Following the direction provided by the B&ECPL Board of Trustees, the Library's 2013 Budget:

- Requests that the split allocation of County support provided in 2012's Adopted Budget and Revised Four-Year Financial Plan (\$2,000,000 County Interfund Revenue Subsidy + \$19,872,457 Library Tax) be combined into a single Library Tax line of \$21,872,457, which would not increase the overall County property tax rate as the \$2 million Interfund Revenue amount could then be used to offset

the County portion of Property Taxes (the present split is confusing to the public);

- Proposes a base budget request using the County funding amount provided in 2012 (\$21,872,457); and
- Provides a progressive series of service restoration options for 2013 and beyond developed in cooperation with Library System and contracting library leadership and trustees that will allow the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System to successfully meet continued strong public demand.

Proposed service restorations, if fully funded by the County, would restore \$3,623,109 to the Library, restoring County support to \$25,495,566, a price tag that is lower than the County funding provided in the year 2000. Educational material to "Flip the Switch for Library Funding" is now available at:

<http://initiative.buffalolib.org/initiative/index.php/flip-the-switch>



Additional detail regarding the 2013 Budget Request may be found on the Library's Budget Information Page by clicking on "2013 Budget" at:

<http://www.buffalolib.org/content/library-system/budget-information>

2013 New York State Library Construction Grant Requests Submitted for Library System Review and Recommendations:

A total of 8 libraries submitted project funding requests as of the Friday, September 7th deadline:

Grant \$ Req	Library	Description
\$ 47,500	Audubon	Replace 2 Original HVAC Units
\$ 153,989	Angola	Expansion - Meeting Room/Rest Rooms
\$ 269,562	Dudley	Replace Roof, including Skylights, Replace HVAC, Masonry Restoration
\$ 25,637	Clarence	Parking Lot Expansion
\$ 656,550	Hamburg	Expansion - Entry, Common Space and Meeting Room
\$ 44,950	Lancaster	Land Acquisition for Parking Lot Expansion
\$ 4,846	Newstead	Automated Door Openers at 2 Entrances
\$ 25,250	West Seneca	Exterior Masonry Rehabilitation
\$1,228,284	TOTAL REQUESTED	

Unfortunately, only \$641,863 in NY State Library Construction Grant funding is available. This will require reductions totaling \$586,421 to balance recommended grant awards with the funding available.

Fundraising:

Campaign Name	Campaign Dates	Raised to Date
Central Library Book Sale	August 9-11, 2012	\$3,500
Crane Book Sale	Ongoing	\$357.90
East Clinton Book Sale	August 6-11, 2012	\$287.44
Merriweather Branch Donation Box	Ongoing	\$79.50
Niagara Book Sale	Ongoing, left over from annual	\$356.00
North Park Book Sale	Ongoing	
Riverside Book Sale	See below	

Highlights:

- Niagara Branch's annual book sale was held July 24th - 28th. A bag and box sale continued through the last few days of July.
- The Riverside Friends Association held their annual book sale beginning August 7th with proceeds going toward programs and services to benefit the branch. The volunteers did an outstanding job organizing and implementing the sale. The sale has been held annually for the past 30 years. This year's sale yielded just over \$1,600.00.

5. Facilities

- The Dudley Branch building was hit by a car on August 20th. A car went through the stop sign on Lockwood hitting the building near the display windows on the right side of the building (as you face out). Only a few tiles were lost. No one on the street was hurt and building damage was very minimal.

6. Staff Development

JULY 2012:

Highlights:

- Several staff members attended a "Preventing Workplace Violence" workshop presented by training coordinators Pati Aine Guzinski (Erie County Department of Health) and Patricia Brammer (Erie County Department of Personnel) on July 25th.
- Assistant Deputy Director Human Resources - Labor Relations **Jeannine Doyle** attended the NYSPELRA (NYS Public Employer Labor Relations Assoc.) annual conference July 18-20th.

AUGUST 2012:

	Number of Program Attendees		Number of Programs Presented	
	Month	Yr. to Date	Month	Yr. to Date
Staff	31	*	7	*

* Year to date staff total for all 37 libraries incomplete. Complete year to date totals will be provided in a future report.

Highlights:

- A Peak of Success training workshop to help identify workplace bullying, low staff morale and shifting to a more cooperative work environment was held.

7. Media coverage/Media Releases

Type of Communication	Air Date/Publish Date	Topic
<i>Artvoice</i>	July 26, 2012	<i>War of 1812 exhibits at Karpeles manuscript museum and the downtown library by Jack Foran</i>
5/32/2012 Interview of Grosvenor Librarian, C. Pijacki, by Buffalo Spree magazine	Published Aug. 2012	Music collection - <i>Classically Speaking/ Seeing is Believing</i>
Challenger Community News	July 11, 2012	E. Delavan Library Summer Reading Programs created by Melissa Blattner, practicum student from UB Library School
System Media Release - Return on Investment	July 16, 2012	
Riverside Review	July 12, 2012	Glenn Colton

Riverside Review	July 19, 2012	Nickel City Reptiles
Riverside Review	July 19, 2012	Survival Skills Workshop
Riverside Review	July 26, 2012	Friends' Book Sale
BookFinder.com		Friends' Book Sale
Time Warner Cable		Friends' Book Sale
August Central Programming Press Release	Various media outlets - Art voice, WNY Family, Buffalo News, etc.	August Central Programming
Battle of the Books Announcement	July 23, 2012	Battle of the Books at ECC South on August 4 th
Battle of the Books Media Reminder	August 3, 2012	
Battle of the Books Press Release - announcing winning teams	August 6, 2012	
Book Sale Media Release	August 6, 2012	
Channel 7- "Aging is For Everyone" Talk Show Interview with Carol Batt	August 14, 2012	Airs on Channel 7 in August Cable all Mondays in Sept.
Buffalo News article about BoxCar Series		Mary Jean Jakubowski interviewed
September Central Programming Press Release	Various media outlets - Artvoice, WNY Family, Buffalo News, etc.	September Central Programs
Battle of the Books	See above	Battle of the Books -Finals/Recap
Summer Online Reading	See above	Summer online reading contests
Riverside Review	August 30, 2012	Friends Assoc. Book Sale (\$1/bag)
A.B.L.E.Y Advisor	August 3, 7, 17, 31, 2012	E. Clinton Library programs
East Clinton Shopper	August 17, 2012	E. Clinton Library programs

Highlights:

- The article: *War of 1812 exhibits at Karpeles manuscript museum and the downtown library* by Jack Foran was published in *ArtVoice* weekly edition (07/26/2012), featuring "When Buffalo Burned War of 1812 on the Niagara Frontier", Grosvenor Rare Book Display created by Rare Book Librarian **Chuck Alaimo**.
- The Merriweather Library was featured in a *Buffalo News* article: "Forum examines ways to start, cultivate and preserve black business" and may be read at the following link: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city/article1000123.ece>.

8. Partnerships

Highlights:

- On July 24th, **Meg Cheman** and **Amy Pickard** traveled to Rochester to strengthen partnerships and exchange ideas for future collaboration; Visited the Cary Collection at R.I.T. to view materials for possible exhibit loan to support the 2013 Milestones exhibit; Traveled next to the Strong National Museum of Play to return an item used in the Fishing exhibit that closed in June and learned of their storage and display methods and practices through a “behind the scenes” tour.
- The Niagara Branch coordinated with the Upward Bound program at D’Youville College to provide library use and instruction for their students. The sessions began in late June and concluded July 30th.
- On July 25th, Information Services Librarians **Peter Lisker**, **Dan Caufield** and Network Technologies Manager **Steve Hovey** met with Business Development Director **Patrick Gould** and other members of the Olmsted Center for Sight. The Central Library has been reviewing its technology for the disabled and the Olmsted Center has volunteered their services to conduct a technology audit. Members of the Olmstead Center will inspect current equipment in the Assistive Technologies Room (ATR) and will make recommendations for any upgrades.
- On July 17th, Information Services and Outreach librarian **Susan Kriegbaum-Hanks** participated in the *Buffalo & Erie County Workforce Investment Board Professional Development Day* held at the Ramada Conference Center in Amherst. In tandem with Technology Support Librarian **Kelly Donovan**, the team presented four 30-minute instruction sessions to a total of 75 people highlighting the Library’s computer training, Downloads-To-Go, and job-related databases.
- Through the continued efforts of **Susan Kriegbaum-Hanks**, the ECC One Stops have listed the Library’s Job Resources class as a “Core Service” in their “*Buffalo & Erie County Workforce Investment Board’s (WIB) 2012-13 local plan.*” Susan has presented these one and two-hour instructional sessions titled “How to use the Library’s Job Search/Employer Databases” on numerous occasions over the past year to staff and clients of ECC One Stop and Buffalo Employment and Training. The classes are always well received and the information provided considered indispensable by our Partners at the One Stops. A link to the full plan is available from the WIB’s website at <http://www.becwib.org/Local%20Plan%202012-2013.asp>.

- On August 6th, Meg Cheman and Rhonda Konig met with Anne Conable and Forest Lawn Cemetery Interpretive Program Director Sandy Starks regarding the Library offering genealogy programming at the cemetery.

9. Governance

Library Administration attended several meeting/sessions with attorney Ellen Bach of Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna and the Association of Contracting Library Boards of Trustees (ACT) to review and continue development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the B&ECPL and member libraries. This MOU has been developed at the request of ACT to insure various rights and responsibilities, protocols, etc. be maintained at the local level if/when the System becomes a special legislative district public library. The MOU will be reviewed by boards in the month of September.

10. Director Activities

Meetings and Events:

LIST of MEETINGS and EVENTS ATTENDED by DIRECTOR MARY JEAN JAKUBOWSKI July & August 2012

DATE	MEETING / EVENT
July 2, 2012	Meeting: Lucy Cook
July 2, 2012	Meeting: Anne Conable
July 3, 2012	Live Radio Interview 102.5
July 3, 2012	Meeting: Diel's Document Delivery, Mike Palmer
July 5, 2012	Meeting: Carol Batt, Deputy Director, & Dawn Peters, Asst. Deputy Director
July 5, 2012	Meeting: Hamburg Public Library, Re: Addition
July 6, 2012	Blueprint to Grover Cleveland Golf Course
July 6, 2012	Meeting: Asst. Deputy Directors Jeannine Doyle & Doreen Woods
July 9, 2012	Meeting: County Executive Mark Poloncarz
July 9, 2012	Meet with PLACP (Public Library Administrator's Certificate Program)
July 9, 2012	Meeting: Development & Communications
July 9, 2012	Business First Telephone Interview
July 10, 2012	Libby Post - Communication Services
July 10, 2012	Meeting: CE Representative, Joe McMahon

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July 10, 2012 Meeting: Administrative Team

July 10, 2012 Library Foundation Development Committee Meeting

July 10, 2012 PULISDO/DLD Conference Call

July 11, 2012 Friends Group Meeting with Libby Post - West Seneca Public Library

July 19, 2012 County Executive Mark Poloncarz, 2013 Budget Meeting with Library and BOE

July 19, 2012 Meeting: Grosvenor Room/RBR Milestones of Science

July 19, 2012 Meeting: B&ECPL Trustee Elaine Panty

July 19, 2012 Meeting: Len Lenihan & Elaine Panty

July 19, 2012 B&ECPL Board of Trustees Meeting

July 23, 2012 Member Library Lease Agreement Meeting, Ellen Bach - Grand Island Memorial Library

July 23, 2012 Member Library Lease Agreement Meeting, Ellen Bach - Audubon Branch Library

July 24, 2012 Meeting: Alden Ewell Free Library Board & Ellen Bach

July 24, 2012 Member Library Lease Agreement Meeting, Ellen Bach - Hamburg Public Library

July 24, 2012 Luncheon/Meeting: B&ECPL Partners - Project Flight, Young Audiences of WNY and Literacy NY

July 24, 2012 Meeting: Asst. Deputy Directors Dawn Peters & Joy Testa Cinquino

July 25, 2012 Preventing Workplace Violence Program

July 25, 2012 Meeting: Rare Book Room staff

July 25, 2012 Meeting: Leonard Williams, Dorrie Miller Riffle Club

July 25, 2012 Meeting: Ken Stone

July 26, 2012 Meeting: Carol Batt

July 26, 2012 Meeting: Administrative Team

July 26, 2012 Meeting: Carol Batt, Maureen McLaughlin, Dawn Peters - BISAC Shelving

July 26, 2012 RBR Tour - County Executive Mark Poloncarz, Deputy CE Richard Tobe and Liz Burakowski

July 27, 2012 Meeting: Niagara Falls Public Library Director, Michelle Petrazzoulo & Bill Siener

July 27, 2012 Meeting: Jeannine Doyle, Doreen Woods

July 30, 2012 Re-Imagine: Visit Denver Public Libraries

July 31, 2012 Re-Imagine: Visit Ridegview (AnyThink) Public Libraries

August 2, 2012 Photoshoot for WNY Outstanding Women of Influence

August 6, 2012 Meeting: Carol Batt

August 6, 2012 Conference Call: Libby Post - Communication Services

August 7, 2012 Conference Call: Patrick Martin, Esq.

August 7, 2012 Meeting: Nancy Brock, M&T Bank, Strategic Plan Update

August 7, 2012 Meeting: Library Foundation President Victor Rice, Anne Conable

August 7, 2012 Meeting: Carol Batt, Ken Stone and Jason Aronoff, President Town of Tonawanda Board of Trustees

August 7, 2012 Conference Call: Library Strategies International - Susan Kent & June Garcia
August 8, 2012 Meeting: Managers/Directors
August 8, 2012 Libby Post - Communication Services
August 9, 2012 Meeting: Patrick Martin, Esq.
August 9, 2012 Meeting: Administrative Team
August 9, 2012 Meeting: Communication Services - Libby Post, Advocacy
August 10, 2012 Conference Call: Ellen Bach, Esq. - Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna LLP
August 10, 2012 Meeting: Ana Sun, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School
August 10, 2012 Meeting: Claudia Yates, Re: Family Place
August 10, 2012 Meeting: Jeannine Doyle & Doreen Woods
August 13, 2012 WNYLRC
August 13, 2012 Meeting: Post-It Palooza (Strategic Plan)
August 13, 2012 Meeting: Carol Batt & Dawn Peters, Re: Archivist Position
August 13, 2012 Meeting: Association of Contracting Library Boards of Trustees & Ellen Bach - Clarence Public Library
August 14, 2012 Meeting: Online Borrower Card Registration - Carol Batt, Maureen McLaughlin & Dawn Peters
August 14, 2012 Conference Call: Library Strategies International - Susan Kent
August 14, 2012 Meeting: Architectural Resources - Peter Murad & Nick Derr
August 15, 2012 Meeting: Administrative Team
August 15, 2012 Meeting: Ken Stone & Carol Batt
August 15, 2012 Polaris ILS Demonstration
August 15, 2012 Meeting: County Executive Mark Poloncarz & Deputy County Executive Richard Tobe

Other:

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Angola Public Library - submitted by Mary Truby, Director

Highlights of events and activities at the Angola Public Library:

August was a busy month. In addition to our regular patrons, our population swells with the influx of summer residents coming to the library.

- Summer reading programs drew to a conclusion this month.
- Hawk Creek presented one of their entertaining, informative programs "Creatures of the Night".
- Construction of our new meeting room addition has started and is moving along swiftly. We have a shell and electric, and plumbing will be the next phase.

- On September 19th, our children's programs will resume.
- The Cyber Train will be here on September 20th to present their Downloads 2 Go program.
- The Visiting Nurses Association will be at the library to give flu and pneumonia immunizations on September 28th.

Clarence Public Library- submitted by Monica Mooney, Director

Highlights of events and activities at the Clarence Public Library:

Program Statistics - Summer 2012

- 206 children registered for the *Dream Big, Read* Summer Reading Program.
- 51 teens registered for the *Own the Night* Summer Reading Program.
- 83 children recorded total minutes spent reading - total 104,280 minutes (1,738 hours).
- The Clarence Public Library offered 46 total programs for children this summer and 14 programs for teens.
- Total attendance at children's programs was 1730; total attendance at teen programs was 399.

Summer Events included the following:

- A Summer Reading Kickoff event was presented by local celebrity Mike Randall & "Friends" with an evening of magic, storytelling and lots of audience participation.
- Battle of the Books - Clarence team placed 2nd in this annual event held on August 4th.
- The Clarence Library offered the *Dream Big, Read* Summer Reading Program for children entering grades 1 to 5. Children kept track of hours read and watched the Clarence Library "Cosmic Counter" grow with each hour they read.
- Family Fun Nights included Gravitational Bull Family Entertainment, Dream Big Magic Show with Mr. J, Medieval Artifacts with Lorna Czarnota, Canine Academy of Clarence, Cosmic Adventures Traveling Planetarium, Hawk Creek, Niagara University Repertory Theatre and Tops Cooking School (Healthy Snacks & Eating).

Upcoming Programs and Events:

- Think India! Tuesday, September 25th from 7-8:45 p.m. Local presenter Bob Poczik will draw on his experience living in India and his recent return visits to host a program that will bring modern India alive.
- Author Events at the Clarence Public Library:
 - Michael F. Rizzo (author of *Through the Mayors' Eyes, They Call Me Korney* and *Buffalo's Legacy of Power and Might*; Thursday, October 11th at 7 p.m. Mr. Rizzo will discuss his latest book *Gangsters and Organized Crime in Buffalo*.)

- C. Douglas Kohler, Monday, November 19th at 7 p.m. Local author and historian Doug Kohler will discuss his new book *Images of America: Clarence*.
- Black Light Puppet Show with Mr. J. Thursday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m. - Puppetry in the Dark with special LED Lighting!
- *Reminisce with Carol: Remembering the '50s*; Thursday, October 11th at 10:30 a.m.
- Kids Activities:
 - O-R-E-O Cookies, Celebrate the 100th birthday of America's Favorite Cookie - OREO! Tuesday, October 2nd, 4-5 p.m. for ages 6-10.
 - Fall Lego Club begins Thursday, October 4th from 4-5 pm. for kids 5 to 12 years old who love Legos!
 - Nature Ed-Ventures Science Workshop "Mad Scientist Laboratory" for children ages 7 to 11 who like squishy, slippery worms, gooey slime, eyeballs, want to learn how to make fake blood and play with outrageous ooze in this creepy science session; the Clarence Public Library will host sessions on Thursday, October 25th at 4 p.m. and Saturday, October 27th at 11 a.m.
 - Library Craft Time with the Clarence Youth Bureau; every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. beginning September 11th.
 - Charlie and Checkers present a Spooky & Silly Halloween Show, Monday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m. for all ages.
- Director Monica Mooney will be visiting the Clarence Co-op Nursery School on October 5th to present a story time program and introduce children to the public library.
- The Friends of the Clarence Public Library Fall Book Sale will take place October 18th, 19th and 20th. Proceeds from the sale will help support the many programs offered by the Clarence Public Library.

Eden Library - submitted by Joyce Maguda, Director

Highlights of events and activities at the Eden Library:

- **April** - The Town of Eden bicentennial tree was planted on the library's west lawn with a commemorative marker. Parking lot flooding issue was resolved with the replacement of a broken drain pipe by the County Highway Department. The library served as a pickup location for ALA's first World Book Night.
- **May** - Library Trustee Phillip Muck was named Erie County's Senior of the Year! County Executive Mark Poloncarz presented the award. Almost 100 people attended the ceremony and luncheon at the library.
- **June** - The Friends of Eden Library purchased a beautiful loveseat for the reading area by the front window.
- **July** - County Legislator John Mills hosted his first hot dog roast/fundraiser in Eden which 130 people enjoyed. Attendance at 46 summer programs totaled 889!

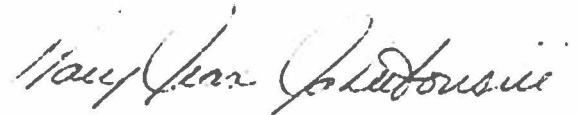
- **August** - Eagle Scout candidate Luke Podyma and his crew did a great job building two picnic tables, planting two gardens, refinishing two benches and painting the bike rack.
- **September** - NYS Construction grant project for replacement of uneven sidewalks and curbs was just completed.
- **Looking Ahead** - Classic Films series (monthly)/Historical programs: War of 1812 stories & songs; Erie Canal Sal; Civil War field music/Used Book Sale October 24-27 and holiday programs!

Grand Island Memorial Library - submitted by Lynn Alan Konovitz, Director

Summer 2012 was extremely busy. Here are the highlights:

- Seven adult computer classes were attended by 88 patrons.
- Twelve preschool story hours with a total attendance of 279.
- Six toddler programs with a total attendance of 167 caregivers and children.
- Twelve summer reading programs with a total attendance of 298.
- Glenn Colton concert attended by 150 children and adults.
- Charlie and Checkers magic show attended by 150 children and adults.
- Niagara University Repertory Theatre students presented stories to an audience of 53 children and adults.
- Omni Puppet Theatre presented *Sleeping Beauty* to 75 children and adults.
- Total number of children who registered for summer reading programs at the Grand Island Memorial Library - 204.
- Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library used funds donated in memory of Library Trustee Scott Smith to purchase a 60" television and Blu-Ray/DVD player for library programs.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Jean Jakubowski
Director