

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 2020-2021 with a momentum to build on the successes of the past year.

The first half of 2020 will mark the completion of the complete renovation of the public restrooms. In addition to the ADA compliant family restroom, the Library will now have all new ADA compliant public rest room facilities. These much-needed improvements are made possible through NY State Construction Grants, which provide the majority of the funding for the entire project. We have plans for exciting new improvements in the months to come as well, all with primary funding through grants and the tireless fundraising efforts of the Friends of the North Tonawanda Public Library. These will include updating our public access audio/visual equipment, and improved areas for children's programming and computer access.

I look forward to the success we will achieve in the coming year as we enter our 127th year of library service and 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

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**BUDGET VOTE
TRUSTEE ELECTION**
April 8, 2020
9:30AM-9:00PM

Dear Residents of North Tonawanda,

The Library budget vote and Trustee election is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8.

The public will be voting on a proposition to collect \$1,439,919 in school district taxes in fiscal year 2020-2021, this is the same amount that was approved 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 Paul Sikora.

On Monday, March 23 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,
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North Tonawanda Public Library

The North Tonawanda Public Library was bustling with activity in 2019! We did our best to offer the community a welcoming space with access to all the newest books, movies, music, plus engaging programs and events! Downloadable materials, electronic books, audiobooks, movies and magazines grew in popularity as circulation numbers soared upwards! Use of Hoopla, Overdrive and Zinio increased by over 25% in 2019. We were able to adjust budget lines to meet the soaring demands of these popular items!

As the world becomes more digitally dependent, the library is the proverbial lighthouse in the storm for many. Demand for library computers remained high as patrons needed computers for work, school, research, email and social media. The Library has always prided itself on bridging the gap between the technology haves and have-nots. 2019 was no different! If you needed to fill out an online job application, but didn't know how to use a computer, we were there to help! In 2019, we hosted approximately 36 computer classes, answered 3,217 computer questions and helped 2,569 people with copies and document scans.

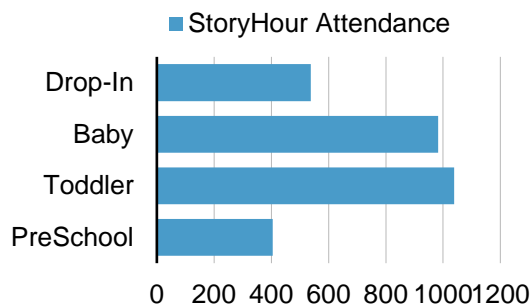
2019 was the year of programming and more programming! We have learned that if we offer it, the community will come. We facilitated roughly 400 programs of various interests for all ages, many of them lead by staff librarians. We hosted book discussions, exercise classes, music events, crafts and a month long Get Healthy series. If you wandered into the main proper of the library in July, you would have joined the 400 or so big and little people enjoying Nickel City Reptiles! We tried to offer something for everyone.

Children are the future. This is what we live and breathe. We are here to help families meet literary goals for school readiness! We offer weekly story hours for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, nurturing a child's listening abilities, developing a child's imagination and most of all, encouraging a love of reading. In October, we added a very popular drop-in story hour on Saturdays for all ages. This fun get together mixes storytelling with songs, movement and a craft to take home. North Tonawanda School classes, grades K-6 visited the Library throughout the year, many receiving a library tour, book talk and help with research projects.

Finally, 2019 was a year of transition for our North Tonawanda Library Family as we said good bye to Children's Librarian, Marcia Bugyi, our front office secretary, Deb Marshall and Technical Support Clerk, Sylvia Grace. While we miss them all, we wish them all the best in their well-earned retirement!

We are honored to serve a community which recognizes the value of an exceptional public library.

Drop-In Story hours were introduced in 2019 and proved to be very popular

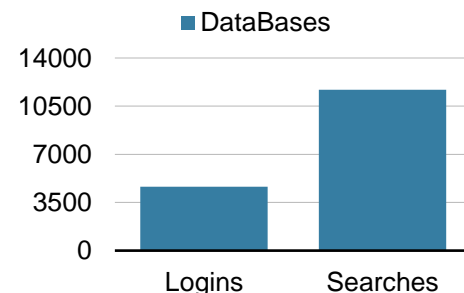


NORTH TONAWANDA PUBLIC LIBRARY 2019 A YEAR-IN-REVIEW

- 4,703 magazines on hand
- 6,822 folks attended 397 programs
- 19,390 items added to our collection
- 18,930 reference questions
- 21,659 in-house computer use
- 27,170 library card holders

How did you use YOUR Library?

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



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.