



# Library Advisory Board Meeting Monday, July 15, 2024, 12:00pm Virtual Meeting via zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83819780963?pwd=OFkraXEyamdRL2tEbFNXcDJZOWswZz09>

District 1- Vacant	District 4- Howells	District 7- Aoh (President)
District 2- Rosenthal	District 5- Almorsy	At-Large- Murphy (Secretary)
District 3- Vacant	District 6- Vacant	At-Large- Groves (Vice-President)

## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes – June 17, 2024**
3. **Public Comment- (limit to 15 minutes)**
4. **Library Reports**
  - a. Staff Report- none
  - b. Report of the Director- Jessica Stefano
  - c. Review of Financial Report- Deana Cooper
  - d. Statistical and Other Reports- Deana Cooper
  - e. Report of District Consultant-Jessica Church
5. **Board and Committee Reports**
  - a. Report of County Council Liaison- Councilman Horton
  - b. Report of Friends of the Library- Kathleen Horan
  - c. Report of Erie Regional Library Foundation- Patrick Miller
6. **Unfinished Business-**
  - a. None
7. **New Business**
  - a. September In-person meeting time and location
8. **Adjournment**
9. **Appendix**
  - a. Announcements
  - b. News Articles

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## Connections-

### Opioid Education Series-

As part of the Opioid Settlement Grant, the library continues with the Opioid Education Series. The different series being offered include opioid epidemic forums, the psychology of drugs, proper drug disposal, use of naloxone, emergency responses to overdoses and Good Samaritan laws. The library had a program titled, “Write Your Reps!” where members of the community wrote a postcard to their representative to let them know their concern surrounding the opioid epidemic. There will also be a book club surrounding the title, “Empire of Pain” by Patrick Radden Keefe. All series and grant purchases should be completed by 8/31/24.

### Summer Reading Update-

Preliminary counts in the Summer Reading Program look promising. We’ve had a large uptick in adults signing up for the program. The library is offering robust programming across all locations. Some of the highlighted program offerings are below. A full list of summer programs can be found on our website: [www.erieibrary.org](http://www.erieibrary.org)

Tuesday, June 18, K-Pop at the Library\* - Blasco Library  
 Mondays, June 24, July 22, August 19 - Family Group Dog Walks - Locations Vary  
 Friday, June 28, Friday Family Film Series - Blasco Library  
 Tuesday, July 9, Asbury Woods Nature Tots at the Library\* - Millcreek Library  
 Wednesday, July 10, WQLN PBS STREAM Machine Visit\* - Iroquois Library  
 Saturday, July 20, Worm Races\* - Blasco Library  
 Monday, August 12, Cardboard Drive In\* - Blasco Library  
 Monday, August 19, ExpERIENCE Children’s Museum Visit\* - Edinboro Library  
 Thursday, August 22, Piggie Party! with Tree Family Party Pigs- Lincoln Library  
 Various Dates, Tamarack Wildlife Visits the Library - Locations Vary  
 Summer Family Storytimes - All Library Locations!

### Summer Outreach Happenings-

June brought the launch of Outreach Service’s summer school bookmobile stops—an initiative to bring library services and enrichment via the bookmobile to slay the summer slide. We are seeing much success in the partnership with Harbor Creek School District having visited 2 of their elementary schools this month, Clark Elementary and Klein Elementary. Each stop allows Outreach staff to share traditional library services through the bookmobile, engage families in a storytime, and provide activities and crafts. These stops are successful because of the enthusiasm of our contact, the embedding of ECPL’s summer library program with the school’s, and the willingness/availability of caregivers to bring children to these weekday programs.

Additionally, we offer enrichment at Harding Elementary and Grover Cleveland Elementary, and provide a bookmobile activity stop at Fort LeBoeuf Middle School during their summer meals distribution. A brand new stop at Erie County Community College's west campus was added in June and we've received favorable reports. The Bookmobile served 444 patrons this month and distributed 90 passive programs.

**Housing Authority Week of Fun** - the Erie County Public Library is hosting a week programming events for the Housing Authority of the City of Erie. This includes five days of fun from 3pm-5pm, August 5-August 9 at the Dafmark Creative Arts Program Center at the John E. Horan Garden Apartments Library. Events we are bring that week include a visit from a Therapy Pig and piglets, face painting and glitter tattoos from Taradoodles and a traveling zoo! The Youth Services Librarians will also be onsite for crafts, storytimes and to host giant games.

**Victorian Princess Event-** Using the summer grant funding provided by Eire Insurance, the library has booked the Victorian Princess for 5 hours on August 20 to offer a special series of storytimes for the evening. This will accommodate up to 100 patrons per trip. We are partnering with UPMC to provide health related activities and there will be Naturalists on board to help with wildlife identification.

## Capacity-

### Personnel Updates-

We have filled 5 of the 6 posted positions. Jess Reed has accepted the position of Emerging Technologies Librarian. She has been with the Library since 2021 as a Library Assistant. Her vacated position will be posted immediately. On Monday, July 22, we have 3 new branch clerks joining the team. The first week of August brings a new Youth Services Librarian. We are in the review process of candidates for the Youth Services Manager. We anticipate to begin interviews in the near future.

c. [Review of Financial Report- Deana Cooper](#)  
Report attached

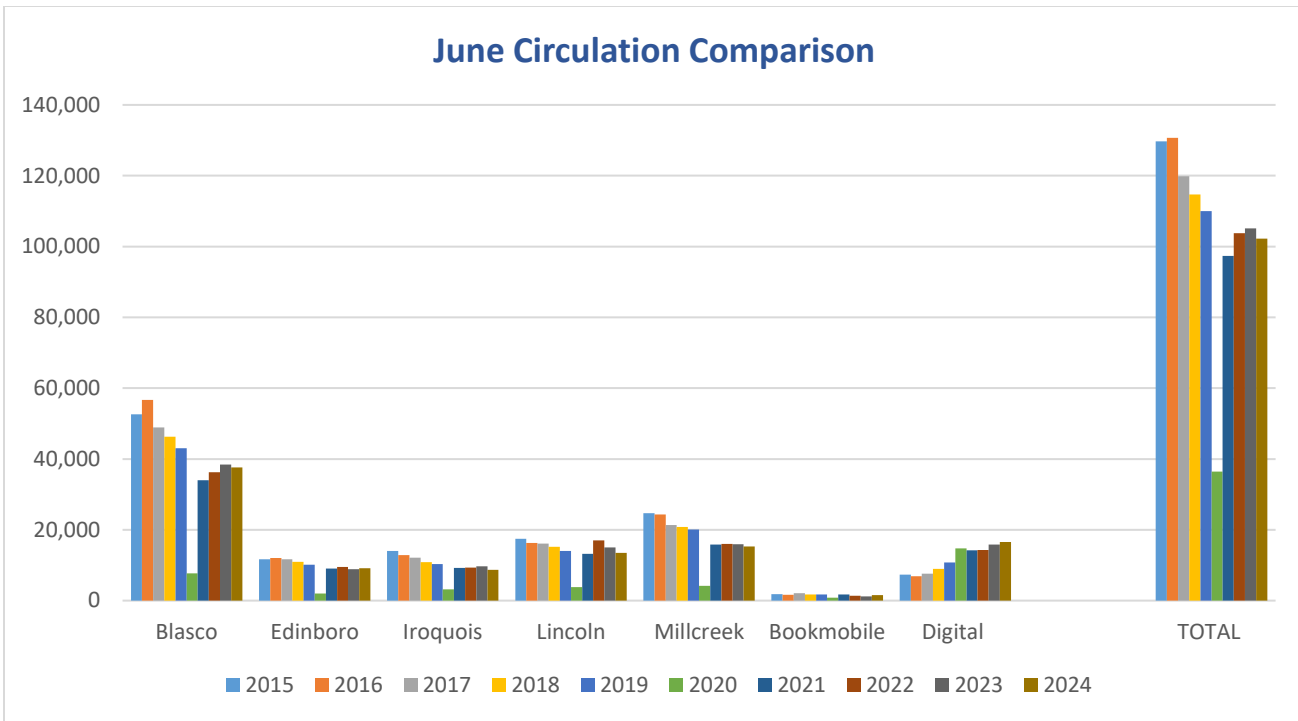
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## June 2024 Statistics

### Numbers Snapshot

- **595 new cards issued, including 52 e-cards**
- **3,956 WiFi logins, 3545 public PC logins across locations**
- **May patron visits 36,695. ↑1270 from 2023**
- **June patron visits 39873. ↓897 from 2023. (Bayfront construction may be contributing to patron visits at Blasco)**

## June Circulation Comparison



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Blasco</b>	52,633	56,648	48,880	46,287	43,014	7,686	34,000	36,239	38,460	37,576
<b>Edinboro</b>	11,660	12,059	11,677	10,963	10,132	2,012	9,082	9,507	8,844	9,101
<b>Iroquois</b>	13,991	12,816	12,105	10,902	10,307	3,220	9,264	9,317	9,694	8,714
<b>Lincoln</b>	17,472	16,276	16,136	15,165	13,983	3,772	13,177	16,994	15,059	13,476
<b>Millcreek</b>	24,684	24,338	21,348	20,769	20,040	4,172	15,815	15,992	15,957	15,274
<b>Bookmobile</b>	1,864	1,641	2,108	1,743	1,733	785	1,745	1,391	1,214	1,573
<b>Digital</b>	7,362	6,915	7,615	8,918	10,754	14,748	14,234	14,316	15,858	16,531
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129,666</b>	<b>130,693</b>	<b>119,869</b>	<b>114,747</b>	<b>109,963</b>	<b>36,395</b>	<b>97,317</b>	<b>103,756</b>	<b>105,086</b>	<b>102,245</b>

### e. Report of District Consultant-Jessica Church

**District Services Report as of July 10, 2024**  
**Updates for ECPL LAB Report**  
**Submitted by Jessica Church, District Consultant**

**RFP: Interlibrary Loan Shipping**

With the changes with delivery and the rising costs of interlibrary loan, the District has also been looking at changing the way our libraries ship interlibrary loan materials outside of Erie & Crawford County. To accommodate more cost-effective means of shipping materials to and back-to other libraries as well as more control over the spending as opposed to the per package cost of the current shipping model, we'll be submitting an RFP for postage service.

**No State Budget**

The State started out July 1 with no budget in place. If a budget and fiscal language is not passed relatively soon, the District will likely be in a similar situation of minimal, cautionary spending until it passes (provided there are no other surprises).

## **Public Libraries of Erie County**

The directors and some of the managers of ECPL met to discuss the interlibrary relations across the County. We will be having more discussions in the future to solidify procedures that will hopefully make for a more cohesive library experience for patrons who use an ECPL location as well as any of the independent libraries.

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The next board meeting will be Monday, August 19 at noon via zoom.

- b. News Articles

## **NEWS**

# **Erie County Public Library Encourages Teens to Read Around Town with YA Book Tour**

Tuesday, June 25th 2024, 10:17 AM EDT

Updated:

Tuesday, June 25th 2024, 10:52 AM EDT

## **Erie News Now- ECPL Encourages Teens to Read Around Town with YA Book Tour**

The YA Book Tour is part of the Teen Summer Library Program. Through the program, teens will meet at different locations throughout the summer to read and talk about books.

Event organizers said teens ages 13-17 years old can meet up with the library's Teen Advisory Board for the read-around-town events. At the events teens will get to talk about their favorite books, socialize and read.

Attendees are invited to bring a book, share thoughts and read together.

Additionally, YA Book Tour events will feature free book and prize giveaways while supplies last. Teens that sign up for the summer reading challenge can earn pins and a bucket hat.



# YA SUMMER BOOK TOUR 2024

- 17 JUN | MON | 6 PM FRONTIER PARK LABYRINTH  
27 JUN | THUR | 3 PM SCOTT PARK  
8 JUL | MON | 6 PM GLENWOOD PARK  
18 JUL | THUR | NOON BEACH 11 - PAVILION  
24 JUL | WED | 3 PM WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK  
29 JUL | MON | 6 PM GRIDLEY PARK  
8 AUG | THUR | 3 PM ZUCK PARK  
20 AUG | TUE | 6 PM VICTORIAN PRINCESS

BOOK GIVEAWAYS | SOUVENIR PINS

GET OUTSIDE, SOCIALIZE AND READ! JOIN THE TEEN LIBRARIAN IN A FUN READ AROUND TOWN EVENT. DROP BY AND STAY FOR AS LONG AS YOU LIKE. WE WILL TALK ABOUT BOOKS AND READ. NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED. FREE. AGES 13-17 YEARS OLD.

RAIN LOCATION: BLASCO LIBRARY TEEN SPACE.



ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
WWW.ERIELIBRARY.ORG



# Summer read: Erie's Great American Book Sale returns June 16-21

**Nicholas Sorensen**

Erie Times-News  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Coming back from record-setting sales in 2023, The Friends of the Erie County **Library** are looking to raise the bar once again at the Great American Book Sale.

The sale this year will again take place at the Flo Fabrizio Ice Center at 527 W. 38th St. from June 16-21. The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day except for June 21, when it will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Great American Book Sale in 2023 generated a record \$77,379, according to a report in the nonprofit board's membership newsletter. Smaller book sales in February, May and October raised a combined \$16,593, also a record, while additional revenue throughout the year added up to around \$70,000.

This year the sale will include over 75,000 gently used books, audiobooks on CD's, music CD's, DVD's and puzzles.

The books for sale will be priced at \$2 for hardcover and large sized paperbacks, \$1 for regular paperbacks and children's books, and \$0.50 for paperbacks.

All funds raised from the sales go toward supporting the Erie County Public **Library**.

## Can I still make a donation to the Great American Book Sale?

Although the next book drive date has yet to be announced for 2025, the Friends of the Erie County **Library** are always seeking donations. Contact them at [erielibraryfriends.org](http://erielibraryfriends.org) to learn how and when to make donations.

The Friends of the Erie County **Library** accepts the following types of donations:



**A shopper looks through the fiction section at the Great American Book Sale at Blasco Memorial **Library** in Erie.**

ERIE TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO

- Gently used books.
- Books on CDs.
- Music on CDs.
- DVDs.
- Jigsaw puzzles.

These are among the items you will find at the specialty sales each year, including the Great American Book Sale.

## Other book sales

Can't make it to the Great American Book Sale this year? Not a problem.

For the Friends of the Erie County **Library**, the remaining small sales for 2024 will be held at the Blasco **Library** at 160 E. Front St. on Oct. 17-19.

Times will be announced as the date gets closer. Find information at [erielibraryfriends.org](http://erielibraryfriends.org).

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