To strengthen our community through lifelong learning with access to varied collections, programs, and assistance with digital literacy.

There are no delays! The Niagara Falls community includes both library branches and their various programs. In 2018, we saw a year of change and opportunity, where we were able to improve both library facilities and resources. The following information highlights changes implemented in 2018, as well as some upcoming initiatives for the year ahead.

Recent Improvements
- Adoption of new Strategic Plan 2018-2023. July 2018
- Awarded on New York State Construction grant to cover 75% replacement of Studio Library Bookshelves. September 2018
- Awarded a $100,000 grant from the Niagara Heritage Foundation to improve main branch’s climate. June 2018
- Replacement of elevator motor at Main Branch. December 2018
- Repair to Main Branch library’s air conditioning unit. June 2018
- Initiation of Request for Proposal with the Niagara Heritage Foundation for comprehensive inventory of Local History collections. October 2018 – ongoing
- Through combined efforts with the City’s Records Management and Department of Public Works, portions of the local history collection were being returned to service once again after nearly 40 years of being damaged on 3rd floor. December 2018 – ongoing
- Implementation of Apple’s Play button payment at both library branches for patrons’ convenience. November 2018 – ongoing
- Local History photo printing service for a small nominal charge. November 2018
- Implementation of children’s computer coding classes. December 2018

Summer Reading Program 2018
A Universe of Stories is the upcoming theme for Summer 2019. We are once again planning an exciting season of entertaining and educational events for children and families. The summer reading challenge for children will be back, along with our weekly story times and family fun clubs. There will also be family entertainment, including: Jello-Jumper’s “Checkers and Snoozer: Back to the Moon Show” and the Niagara Falls Public Library’s “Summer Reading Program.” For 2018, the theme was

The Summer Reading Program offers free, fun events to encourage reading and learning. The program is designed for children and families, with activities tailored to each age group. The focus is on reading, and there are rewards for participants who complete the program.

For more information, please visit our website or call us at (716) 283-8309.

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Each year the Niagara Falls Public Library participates in the New York State Summer Reading Program. For 2018, the theme was "Libraries Rock" and the Niagara Falls Public Library had 136 children take part in our "Read and Succeed" challenge. Upon registering, participants received a chain, time spent reading earned whimsically shaped beads (animals, sports balls, etc.) to add to the chain. It was a pleasure for staff to watch children proudly show up wearing their chains and excitedly choose their beads each week. Children who completed 30 days of reading during the six-week program also earned a prize for their successful six-week reading achievement. The six-week program was once again planned to occur during the month of June, with an exciting schedule of educational and fun events. A Certificate of Achievement for Reading Magic Show, the Checkers and Snoozer: Back to the Moon Show and the Friday Family Movies series were held. Stay tuned for summer activities and updates, including information on our mobile app, which will be available soon.

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I have enjoyed the various classes offered by the library. They open us to new ideas and a chance to meet new people.

— Condi
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have been another busy year for the Niagara Falls Public Library.

Our many children’s to adults’ programs continue to be well attended. Our Children’s Library staff continue to develop every possible program that we know YWCA is doing at the YWCA. Our Adult Librarians continue to offer engaging Book Clubs, Writing Groups which include poetry and local and more. Also, our Display and Communication Staff continue to offer popular print-in and craft night programs.

Improvements continue in various forms, some the public will see, others will not immediately see. In May we rolled out a 10% Discount Acceptance Program to our community members. Just a small reminder, the City will continue to update the buildings infrastructure. Improvements such as a new book in the Leeds branch was installed in December a new elevator is being installed a few years old more at Main Branch. Both branches were included in the City’s ADA compliance project.

We continue to be the Central Library in the Niagara System which is a tribute to the community and a very important leadership role in the Library System. As well as our network of branches, I look forward to continued work with Mrs. Pierson and the staff to continue to bring quality programming and meeting your needs.

Thank you for this in a thorough way. If there is anything which you wish to see at the Library please let us know and we will do our best to provide and meet your needs as our resources allow. We have been challenging ourselves in 2019, however, smart spending and a strict control of expenses will be the main focus without hurting all we offer. I would like to invite you to feel free to attend a board meeting to learn of our challenges. Remember, our services to the community and the people we serve.

Sincerely,

Carmen Grant
President, Board of Trustees
Niagara Falls Public Library

WHAT WE OFFER

- History Deep in Local History, Inc. & A.
- NTYS Grant - Undergraduate nursing career counseling and mentorship.
- History services.
- A diverse range of Library services will mean to keep a million more books from the City of Niagara Falls, 21 community libraries of the Niagara Falls Library System with the ability to access resources located.
- Afternoon for nanoparticles and nanotechnology, our PhD library offers an opportunity to researchers, from digital nanotechnology workshops and Conferences.
- Give Back week for fire awareness month.
- Milk: Coopers, Distilling, Brewing.
- Elks, a local social club for the local needs.
- Community meeting space including a state-of-the-art facilities.
- Computing programs and materials, valued at $150.
- Computers skills for adults who take IT programs.
- Large Print materials, print materials.
- Depends programs and large format computer services can be an important source for those with visual challenges.
- State and federal tax forms.
- Access to a world class local history collection which includes the work of the Niagara Falls Historical Society, Local, and Archival collections, photographs, city directories, etc.
- Donate to the Friends and scores from Contributes and Niagara.

FINANCIAL DETAILS

NFPL graciously acknowledges funding through the City of Niagara Falls, Town of Niagara, County of Niagara and New York State.

- NYS Library Budget
- NYS Library Construction grant (Thank you, Assemblyman Angelo Morinello)
- Friends of the Library $4,883
- Orrin Dunlap Trust $18,000
- NYLA Conference System Grant $270

The idea is to be a great place for learning how to use and other art projects.

- Sherry B.

GRANTS

- NYS Bullet Aid (State and western Aid) grant $15,000
- NTYS Grant (Originally acquired through the NTYS Grant)
- NYS Library Construction grant (Thank you, Assemblyman Angelo Morinello)
- Community Block Grant/Housing and Urban Development
- Western NY Library Resource Council - NYSB grant $10,000
- American Library Association Grant Services - National Library of China
- Friends of the Library $4,883
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- Summer Reading $300
- BLD Conference System Grant $270
- Gifts to the Library $18,000
- Friends of the Library $4,883

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The library is much more than books; it is also a great place for learning how to use and other art projects.