

AMHERST PUBLIC LIBRARY, CLEARFIELD

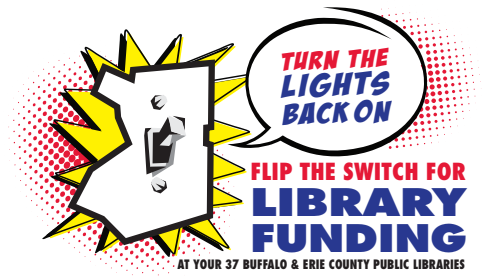
Restorations will be:

- Restore 13 hours per week to increase services at convenient times for patrons.
- Restore funds to enhance programming such as inter-generational programs, adult and children's programs.

Benefits of system-wide restorations:

- Increase funds for more patron technology training.
- Restore funds to increase the materials budget.
- Restore funds to meet the needs of increased programs.

HOW THE 37 BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES STACK UP!



Compared to 20 library systems across the country and Canada* serving similar sized populations, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System is a bargain.

- Operating expenses rank 15 out of 20
- Average cost per open hour ranks 19 out of 20
- Cover the fifth largest area with 1,045 square miles with the second highest number of branches—36

In 2011, the total value of the programs and services provided at our 37 libraries was \$141,901,262. Our taxpayer support was \$21,171,833. For every hard-earned tax dollar invested at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System, the community received a public service return on investment of \$6.70.

Imagine what we could do if the Library's funding was restored and we could open up the 5,100 hours annually we've lost because of budget cuts.

HOW DOES YOUR LIBRARY STACK UP?

Even with 5,100 less hours in 2011, the numbers for the Amherst Public Library at Clearfield are impressive!

- 173,854 patron visits
- 16,893 people used its public computers, and
- 369,314 items were circulated
- 6,964 children, teens and adults attended 410 programs

*San Francisco Public Library, The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Columbus Memorial Library, Edmonton Public Library, Palm Beach County Library System, Ottawa Public Library, Jacksonville Public Library, Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, Saint Louis County Library District, San Jose Public Library, Salt Lake County Library System, Pima County Public Library, Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System, Montgomery County Dept. of Public Libraries, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Gwinnett County Public Library, Prince George's County Memorial Library System, Memphis/Shelby County Public Library & Information Center and Kern County Library.