

**We believe that cost shouldn't be a barrier to fixing up your home, growing your own food, or improving your community.**



The Tool Library loaned out over 5,000 tools from our storefront in 2017, saving our members thousands of dollars.

**We believe that a strong community is a civically engaged community. When communities come together, incredible things can happen.**



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**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS TOOL LIBRARY**  
**2017**  
IMPACT REPORT



# The mission of the Tool Library is to provide communities with the tools they need to create the change they want.

The Tool Library is a community resource center located off of Main Street in Buffalo's University Heights neighborhood. It is run by an all-volunteer staff of residents and students. A Tool Library membership gives people, organizations, and businesses access to thousands of tools for a small annual fee. Members can borrow tools on an as-needed basis, attend workshops, host events, and volunteer for service events and community projects.

## We accomplish our mission through...



### THE SHARING ECONOMY & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

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### CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE LEARNING

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# Life & Times of the Tool Library 2011-2017

2011



## Unto us a Tool Library is born

Tool Library founder, Darren Cotton's experience renting from a negligent landlord in University Heights spurs the creation of the University Heights Tool Library.

- The Sharing Economy & Social Enterprise
- Civic Engagement & Service Learning
- DIY Workshops & Community Education

2012



## New Digs on West Northrup Place

With additional funding from the City of Buffalo, the Tool Library looks to expand closer to the heart of University Heights. The organization moves into two adjacent vacant storefronts on West Northrup Pl.



## The 3083 Main Street Era

After securing a \$15,000 grant from University District Councilmember Bonnie Russell, the University Heights Tool Library officially opens for business in a 900 square foot storefront at 3083 Main St.

2013



## Linear Park & the Rail Trail

With the Heath Street Block Club and University Heights Collaborative, the Tool Library begins assisting in regular cleanups of Linear Park and what would later be transformed into the North Buffalo Rail Trail.



## Tool Library Joins 21st Century

Thanks to a partnership with myTurn, an online rental and asset tracking platform, the Tool Library migrates its inventory and membership databases to an online, searchable format to improve efficiency and track metrics.

2014



## Buffalo TRAX Graffiti

Thanks to a Keep America Beautiful grant, the Tool Library rolls out an online graffiti "tagging" platform allowing residents and students to record and geolocate graffiti in University Heights through their smart phones.



## From Vacant to Verdant

In partnership with Grassroots Gardens of WNY, the Tool Library helps transform a vacant lot at 73 Tyler St. into a community garden that continues to grow and evolve today!



## #HeightentheHeights

Over a dozen murals are painted over graffiti identified through Buffalo TRAX along Main Street in University Heights. Partners include the Tool Library and arts organization Community Canvases.



## ReTree the District Takes Root

Working with over a dozen community partners, the Tool Library launches ReTree the District, a project to plant 1,000 street trees across the University District in two years. The initiative has strengthened ties among neighbors, encouraged volunteerism, and reinvested in parks. More than 1,200 trees have been planted to date.

2015



## Learning to CoLab-orate

Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the St. Joseph Neighborhood Housing Initiative, the University Heights Community Laboratory (CoLab) opens in the vacant storefront next to the Tool Library. The CoLab offers space for workshops, meetings, a gallery, pop-up shop, and much more.



## Bailey Fights Blight Takes Flight

The Tool Library, Bailey Avenue Business Association and community partners launch Bailey Fights Blight, a project to improve public spaces and re-imagine vacant or underutilized properties on Bailey Avenue. Plans include street cleanups, community gardening, and public art.

2016



## DIY Workshops Series

In its first full year of operation, the CoLab sets the ambitious goal of hosting 20 DIY workshops on housing repair and maintenance. Through these events, the Tool Library builds lasting relationships with local partners such as Valu Home Centers.



## Bloom Where You Are Planted

Thanks to a gift of 1,000 daffodil bulbs donated to the Tool Library in memory of a lost loved one, University Blooms becomes an annual celebration of life through the planting of perennial bulbs in public green spaces, pocket parks, and vacant lots in the University District.

2017



## Members Forum Launches

The Tool Library rolls out an online forum as part of a new, user-friendly website to connect members with DIY experts. This innovation connects members not only with the tools they need, but also with the knowledge to use them skillfully.



## Don't Ditch It, Dare to Repair It

In partnership with the City of Buffalo Department of Recycling and many other re-use conscious organizations, the Tool Library sets out to get people to rethink junk. Dare to Repair workshops are born, connecting people with volunteer fixers who can give old things a new life, saving money and the planet.



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2017 was a busy year for the Tool Library's shop at 5 W. Northrup Place. After successfully debuting a new tiered membership structure in 2016, the Tool Library worked to cultivate new partnerships with organizations across the city who could benefit from our new \$50 and \$100 memberships, which enable holders to borrow up to 50 tools at once. The Tool Library also debuted a series of "alternative" gift cards that people can buy in varying increments (\$5, \$10, \$25, etc.) to directly support projects such as ReTree the District and Bailey Fights Blight.

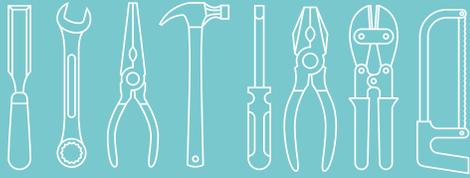
The addition of two AmeriCorps VISTAs, Dylan Steed and Mady Hughes, to the Tool Library's staff marked another big change for the organization in 2017. Thanks to a unique partnership between the City of Buffalo and the University at Buffalo, Dylan and Mady provided capacity-building and project management support to the Tool Library. They were also instrumental in the Tool Library receiving its official incorporation from New York State, a step toward becoming an independent nonprofit.



**OUR SHOP IS JUST  
A 5 MINUTE WALK  
FROM THE LASALLE  
METRO STATION!**



# 2,400 TOOLS



The Tool Library's inventory increased by nearly 600 tools in 2017. This included many individual donations, as well as a \$5,000 in-kind donation from Black & Decker that allowed the Tool Library to purchase higher-end tools to fill gaps in inventory.



# 5,373 LOANS

4,120 Tools loaned in 2016

5,373 Tools loaned in 2017

**30% increase over 2016**

Loans at the Tool Library have steadily increased over the past year, increasing by over 30% in 2017. This is due in part to the Tool Library's growing number of partnerships with block clubs, neighborhood associations, and other nonprofits who are utilizing higher-tier members in support of large-scale service events or community improvement projects.

# TOP 10 BORROWED TOOLS

1. Cordless Drill
2. Miter Saw
3. Circular Saw
4. Cordless Chainsaw
5. Belt Sander
6. Pressure Washer
7. Air Compressor
8. Reciprocating Saw
9. Hedge Trimmer
10. Caulk Gun

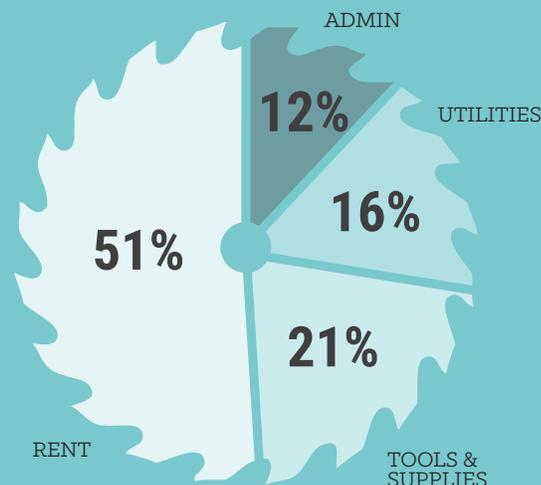


Thanks to the myTurn lending platform, the Tool Library has been able to target tool replacement and purchase tools that are in highest demand by members. Home improvement power tools continue to be the most popular items checked out by members.

The Tool Library is developing a low-cost daily rental program for select, higher-cost tools to help cover the expense of equipment maintenance and provide supplemental income. The "Super Tool" program would allow us to carry items such as a floor sander, jackhammer, and other high-end tools that members have often requested but have been too cost prohibitive to acquire.



# \$19,900 OPERATING BUDGET



The Tool Library's operating costs in 2017 were slightly over \$19,900, marking an 11% increase over 2016. Most of these expenses are associated with the Tool Library's brick and mortar location at 5 W. Northrup Place, with over two thirds of the budget going to rent and utilities. In 2017, the Tool Library grossed \$10,232 in revenue from sources such as membership dues, late fees, and online crowdfunding campaigns.

The Tool Library also received funding through the City of Buffalo's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), as distributed by the University District Councilmember's Office. The University at Buffalo and St. Joseph Neighborhood Housing Initiative have also contributed funding.



# MEMBERSHIP

The Tool Library would not exist without our members, whose annual dues not only help keep our doors open, but also support dozens of community projects across the city. Membership has increased from 706 to 893 members over the past year, with 481 of the members borrowing tools in 2017. The Tool Library saw a jump in the number of users renewing their membership dues online, thanks to myturn's streamlined payment system.

**893**   
**MEMBERS**  
**481 ACTIVE**



**Tool Belt**  
\$20/yr | 5 tools



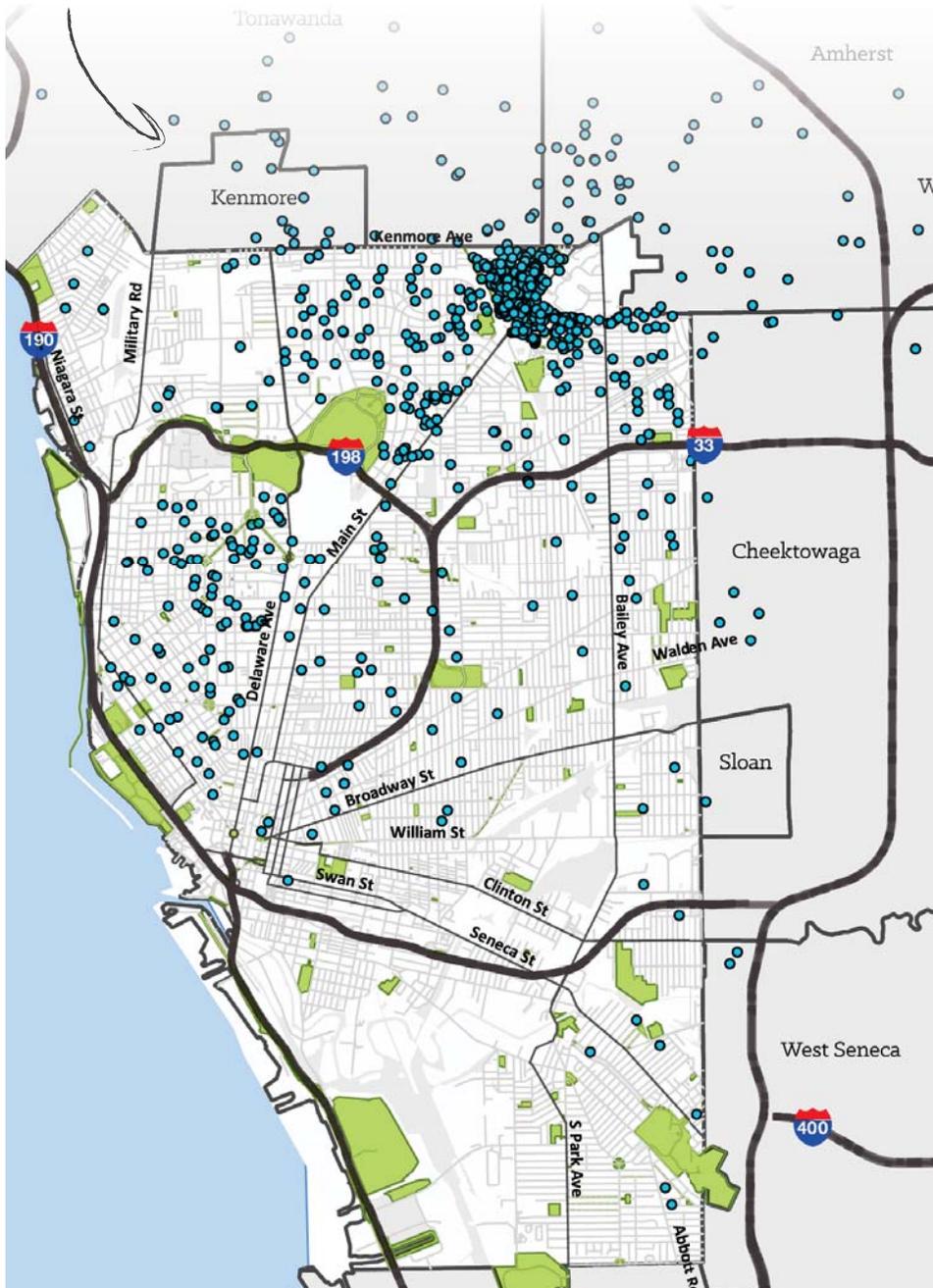
**Tool Box**  
\$50/yr | 25 tools



**Wheelbarrow**  
\$100/yr | 50 tools

Having debuted new membership tiers (\$20, \$50, \$100) in 2016, the Tool Library currently has 866 Tool Belt (\$20) members, 14 Tool Box (\$50) members, and 9 Wheelbarrow (\$100) members. The tiered membership structure allows individuals and organizations to reserve a larger number of tools while also increasing revenue and the Tool Library's long-term sustainability.

## WHERE ARE OUR MEMBERS?



## WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS?

**55%** Home Owners

**34%** Renters

**11%** Other

Median age of **43**

**35%** of members are located within a 20 minutes walk of the Tool Library

Our members come from **69 zip codes**



# CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE LEARNING

## 5,496 HOURS

Value of Volunteer Hours:  
**\$132,673**

### 2017 Volunteer Statistics

Service Events	32
Volunteer Shifts	1,456
Volunteers	1,011
Volunteer Hours	5,496

## 195,000 DOLLARS

150 trees planted

1,011 volunteers engaged

2 murals painted

1,500 bulbs planted

4 gardens maintained

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2017 saw the continued growth of Tool Library-led initiatives including ReTree the District, Bailey Fights Blight, the Tyler Street Community Garden, and University Blooms. Through service learning, these projects engaged an increasing number of students of all ages in community-driven change. Examples:

- Middle school students from Westminster Community Charter School helped design and paint two large murals on buildings right by their school.
- Students in Gloria J. Parks Community Center's Summer Camp learned all about food systems and growing food thanks to their adopted raised bed at the Tyler Street Community Garden.
- Undergraduates in the University at Buffalo's Engineering Intramurals program continued their engagement with the garden by expanding the automated watering system that had been developed a year before.

# PUTTING OUR TOOLS TO WORK

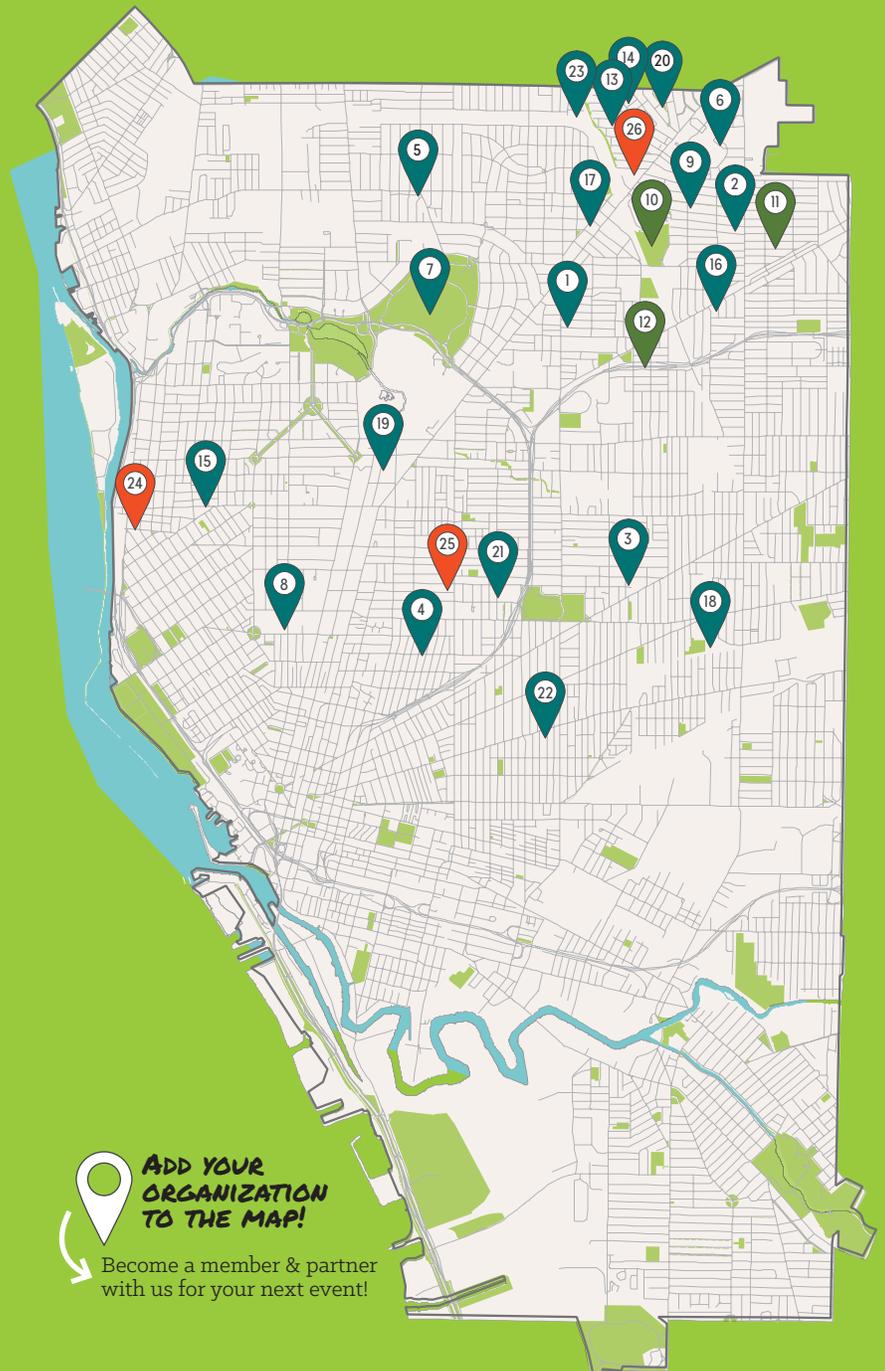
#	Organization	Event
1	JOURNEY'S END REFUGEE CENTER	Urban Farm Maintenance
2	BUFFALO PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD	Community Garden & Street Cleanup
3	DIY BFLO	Workshop
4	UB ANDERSON GALLERY	Fruit Tree Planting
5	NORTH BUFFALO ORGANIZATION	Hertel Avenue Cleanup
6	UB CENTER FOR URBAN STUDIES	Community Workday In BPS
7	BUFFALO OLMSTED CONSERVANCY	Tree Stewardship Workshop
8	HEART OF THE CITY	West Side Cleanup
9	MINNESOTA AVENUE BLOCK CLUB	Minnesota Avenue Cleanup
10	MCCARTHY PARK TREE PLANTING	Retree The District
11	WESTMINSTER CHARTER SCHOOL TREE PLANTING	Retree The District
12	GODFREY AVE & DAVIDSON AVE TREE PLANTING	Retree The District
13	UB ENGINEERS FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD	Park Benches For Tyler Triangle
14	UNITED WAY OF BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY	United Way Day Of Caring
15	WEST SIDE BAZAAR	Raised Bed & Cultural Wayfinding Sign
16	UNIVERSITY DISTRICT BLOCK CLUB COALITION	University District Cleanup
17	BENNETT HIGH SCHOOL	Raised Bed Constructions
18	BUFFALO YOUNG PRESERVATIONIST	Wildroot Cleanup
19	OXFORD SQUARE BLOCK CLUB	Oxford Square Cleanup
20	CAPEN GARDEN WALK	Capen Garden Walk
21	EAGLE SCOUT TROOP #139	Neighborhood Cleanup
22	GREATER EASTISDE BLOCK CLUB FIELDS OF DREAMS BUFFALO	Detroit Street & Neighborhood Cleanup
23	UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COLLABORATIVE	Minnesota Rail Trail & Triangle Parks Cleanup
24	KNOWLEDGEFIRE	Dare To Repair Cafe
25	THE FOUNDRY	Dare To Repair Cafe
26	UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY LABORATORY	Dare To Repair Cafe



## 1,200+ tools

were borrowed by organizations across the city for community projects, workshops, and service events.

The number of large community event tool requests has more than doubled since 2016. Organizations look toward the Tool Library to save hundreds of dollars on tools for neighborhood cleanups, tree plantings, green infrastructure improvements, workshops, and more. With our inventory growing, we'll continue to offer an affordable array of tools and expand their reach across the greater Buffalo area, encouraging civic engagement and volunteerism at a grassroots level.





# RE<sup>♻️</sup>REE THE DISTRICT

ReTree the District is a community development initiative in Buffalo's University District that has planted over 1,000 trees across the community. The project is reinvesting in our urban tree canopy, strengthening ties among neighbors, restoring our parks and green spaces, teaching the importance of urban ecology and encouraging hands-on volunteerism.

ReTree the District started back in 2014 with a goal of planting 1,000 trees across the University District. Having since surpassed that goal, plantings in the spring and fall of 2017 saw another 150 trees along Godfrey Avenue and Davidson Avenue, in McCarthy Park, and near Westminster Community Charter School with the help of 365 volunteers. Adopting a new approach, future plantings will be smaller but in areas with high demand and strong community engagement.

With the total tally of trees planted exceeding 1,200, survivorship of these trees is very

important. In 2017, The Tool Library adopted a host of new tools from the CommuniTree Steward program, which trains and empowers residents to properly care for and maintain trees in parks and public spaces, and along streets. During ReTree the District, Tool Library CommuniTree Steward graduates taught their own hands-on service learning workshop on inventory-taking, monitoring, and caring for trees. Future efforts will focus on monitoring trees, teaching urban tree workshops, and hosting service learning events.

6 Events

150 Trees

460 Tools

365 Volunteers

1,395 Service Hours

\$48,675 Invested



# Bailey Fights Blight

Bailey Fights Blight is a community-based project that is helping to redevelop Bailey Avenue — one of Buffalo's major East Side commercial corridors. The initiative is working to improve public spaces and reimagine vacant or underutilized properties on Bailey through neighborhood cleanups, community gardening, and public art.

With grants from the Arts Services Initiative of WNY and M&T Bank, Bailey Fights Blight partnered with Westminster Community Charter School on two new murals at the intersection of Bailey Avenue and East Amherst Street. This location — at the heart of the Bailey-Kensington neighborhood — is adjacent to two neighborhood schools.

Artists Nicholas Miller, Christopher Kameck, and Edreys Wajed worked with Westminster middle school students after school and held community brainstorming sessions to develop

the mural designs. Final designs for "The Dreamer" and "The Protector" were developed from these efforts. Community paint days over the summer brought together dozens of students, residents, and business owners.

Upon completion of the murals, a community celebration and cookout transformed a parking lot at the corner of East Amherst Street.

11 Events

2 Murals

40% Decrease in Blight

155 Volunteers

565 Service Hours

\$25,560 Invested



# TYLER STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN

**9 Raised Beds**

**12 Work Days**

**15 Gardeners**

**55 Volunteers**

**165 Service Hours**

**\$4,283 Invested**

The Tyler Street Community Garden is a once-vacant lot that has been transformed into a place to grow food locally, hold events, host gardening workshops, and build community. It features seven raised beds, several perennial flower gardens, a handful of fruit trees, a community tool chest, and a picnic area. The beds are adopted and maintained by local residents and organizations.

Managed by Tool Library volunteers, the garden has been a signature green space in the University District, giving residents the chance to adopt raised beds for free and escape city life. The community garden added two raised bed available for adoption and three new gardeners to its network.

UB engineering students in Experiential Learning Programs helped the Tool Library expand the community garden's existing automated watering gardening system to four total beds. The goal of this project is to iteratively

build an affordable, automated watering system so gardeners can spend their time maintaining the ground and raised beds, and furthering their education, instead of devoting hours to watering each season.

The garden expanded from the 8 to 9 raised beds this year, allowing even more community members to grow and harvest their own produce.



# University BLOOMS

**7 Events**

**5 Public Spaces**

**1,500 Bulbs**

**121 Volunteers**

**298 Service Hours**

**\$7,693 Invested**

University Blooms is a partnership of community groups using gardening as a tool to improve and beautify public gardens, parks, and green spaces across University District through direct service and gardening workshops. Annual bulb plantings, community gardening days, and park cleanups engage volunteers in improving their environment to reduce blight and improve public health.

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In 2017, University Blooms planting locations included the North Buffalo Rail Trail (in front of a former railroad abutment), Westminster Triangle Park (located at Westminster and Stockbridge Avenues), and in front of the "Stocks

are Rising" mural at Bailey and Stockbridge Avenues. Volunteers chose these locations to highlight new investment in the neighborhood and to call attention to underutilized and underinvested green spaces.

University Blooms has also come to encompass other gardening initiatives supported under a partnership between the Tool Library and Buffalo in Bloom. This includes maintenance and improvement of extensive public gardens at the Winspear-Tyler Triangle, as well as the Tyler Triangle Park.



# DIY WORKSHOPS & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

**262  
HOURS**

*Value of Rental & Management\*:*  
**\$6,524**

**133  
Events**    *3 repair cafes*  
                  *3 block clubs*

*1,1175  
attendees*    *35 new partner  
organizations*

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Community education is becoming a key part of all Tool Library programming, allowing us to grow from a physical tool-sharing library into one that also shares knowledge in an accessible way.

In addition to hosting Tool Library workshops, the CoLab has created a space where other groups can share skills and knowledge. For example, the University at Buffalo's student-led group, Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW), taught a hands-on workshop about re-using pallet wood to build furniture. Two benches were ultimately constructed by ESW for use in a local park.

The birth of Dare to Repair Cafe in 2017 strengthened our commitment to making community education a pillar of the Tool Library's mission. Realizing that our members have a strong desire to learn how to use all the tools in our inventory, the Tool Library aims to host an annual DIY workshop series in 2018 that teaches proper tool use through practical examples related to home maintenance.





**27 Workshops**  
 .....  
**133 Events**  
 .....  
**240 Hours in Use**  
 .....  
**1,175 Attendees**  
 .....  
**\$9,414 Invested**  
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The University Heights Community Laboratory, or CoLab, was formally introduced in March 2015 as a multipurpose space open to the community to rent for no- to low-cost. The space hosts art shows, events and meetings, and provides workshops focused on community development, self improvement, and affordable and accessible education.

2017 was another year of growth for the CoLab: It hosted 133 events during the year, inviting 1,175 people through its doors to experience workshops, art galleries, dance performances, community meetings, and more nearly doubling from last year. A total of 35 new organizations or groups used the space, including three block clubs who used the space on a monthly basis.

The CoLab played a crucial role as the home base for three neighborhood block clubs and the birthplace of the ongoing Dare to Repair Cafe initiative (featured below). The first Dare

to Repair Cafe event was held in the CoLab, pulling together collaborators from all levels of society, reflecting the CoLab's mission as an accessible space where members of the community can share their knowledge. The Get Handy! Workshop Series, created by Westside Neighborhood Housing Services, offered free round-robin style presentations at the CoLab about homeownership, from lead testing to building your own worm bin, showcasing how other nonprofits can leverage the space.



Dare to  
**REPAIR**  
 Cafe

**3 Events**  
 .....  
**96 Participants**  
 .....  
**593 Pounds of Waste Diverted**  
 .....  
**49 Items Repaired**  
 .....  
**71% Repair Success**  
 .....  
**\$10,207 Invested**  
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The Dare to Repair Cafe is a community event where individuals can bring broken items to the repair cafe and have volunteer “fixers” try to repair the item alongside them for free. It’s not just about reducing waste, it’s about sharing knowledge and building community.

The Tool Library added the Dare to Repair Cafe to its community education programming thanks to the help of AmeriCorps VISTAs Dylan Steed and Mady Hughes who secured a \$3,000 grant from LUSH Cosmetics for the program. Collaborating with a host of partners including the City of Buffalo Department of Recycling, Knowledgefire, The Foundry, & NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to host 3 repair cafes which successfully repaired 49 items diverting 593lbs. from the landfill.

Looking ahead, Dare to Repair aims to host repair cafe events on a monthly basis in neighborhoods throughout Buffalo, providing a free and accessible service to diverse communities. The initiative also plans to create apprenticeships for youth and broaden its network of fixers.

# Volunteers

What makes the Tool Library truly unique is the community we've been able to cultivate over the past seven years. As an all-volunteer organization, the Tool Library relies on individuals willing to donate their time, talents, and energy to keeping the doors to our shop open. Tool Library volunteers during 2017 included:

- Darren Cotton
- Dylan Steed
- Fabian Windheim
- Jill Kliber
- Joe Kurtz
- Mady Hughes
- Marty Seeger
- Matt Straub
- Matthew Gates
- Maxwell McManus
- Mike Czajkowski
- Colin McCarville
- Naomi Iwamoto
- Matt Eichhorn



## SUSTAINING SPONSORS

Thanks to our sustaining sponsors, the Tool Library is able to provide thousands of Erie County residents with low-cost access to thousands of tools to improve their homes, gardens, and communities.



University District Council  
Member Rasheed N.C. Wyatt



**RUPP  
FOUNDATION**

## PROJECT SPONSORS

Thanks to our project sponsors, the Tool Library has been able to accomplish incredible things out in the community, from tree-planting to blight-fighting and everything in between.



City of Buffalo Division of Parks and Recreation | Department of Recycling



## PARTNERS

We believe that partnerships are crucial to overcoming many of our community's greatest challenges. Thanks to our community partners, we've been able to build a stronger, more resilient Buffalo.

- Bailey Avenue Business Association
- Buffalo in Bloom
- Capen Garden Walk
- Dash's Market
- Edreys Wajed
- Gloria J. Parks Community Center
- GOBike Buffalo
- Grassroots Gardens WNY
- Habitat for Humanity Buffalo
- Heath Street Block Club
- Home Depot

- Main Street Garden Group
- myTurn
- North Buffalo Organization
- Northrup-Custer Block Club
- People Inc.
- ReTree WNY
- Stockbridge Avenue Block Club
- Team Razor Wire
- The Foundry
- UB Center for Urban Studies
- UB Engineers for a

- Sustainable World
- UB Honors College
- UB Office of Student Engagement
- University District Block Club Coalition
- University Heights Business Association
- University Park Block Club
- Valu Home Centers
- Villa Maria College
- Westminster Community Charter School

# The Tool Library Needs You!

As an all-volunteer organization, there are many ways to support the Tool Library with your time, talents, and resources. Learn how you can lend us a helping hand:



## Join

Become a member of the Tool Library and support our mission! Not only do you get access to thousands of tools, you also become part of a community dedicated to improving the world through shared knowledge and resources.

### Membership Levels:



#### Tool Belt

\$20/year  
5 tools at a time  
one user



#### Tool Box

\$50/year  
25 tools at a time  
two users



#### Wheelbarrow

\$100/year  
50 tools at a time  
two users



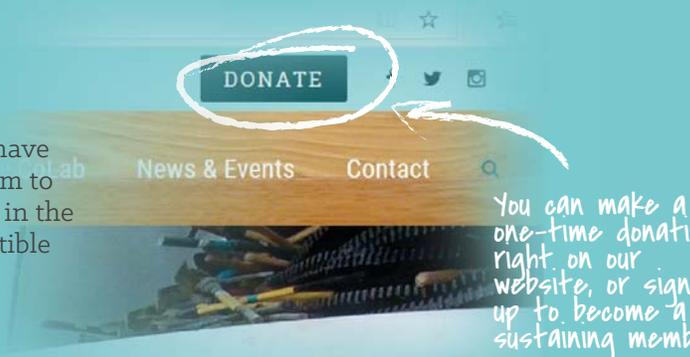
Sign up for a \$20, \$50, or \$100 membership and start borrowing tools today!



## Donate

Cleaning out your garage or basement and have a few extra tools laying around? Donate them to the Tool Library and we'll put them to work in the community! You can also make a tax deductible donation to support our work.

If you really want to make us happy, you can buy a tool off our wishlist!



You can make a one-time donation right on our website, or sign up to become a sustaining member!



## Volunteer

Looking to make a difference in your community? Become a volunteer at the Tool Library and help keep our shop doors open! You can also get involved with one of our many community projects.



Did you know every year the Tool Library comes out with a service event calendar with dozens of events? There's always a way to get involved!

# The TOOL LIBRARY

## Don't buy tools Borrow ours!

Whether you're a renter on a tight budget, a homeowner with a fixer upper, or a neighborhood group planning a community project, the **Tool Library** is sure to save you time, money, and space! A membership to the Tool Library gives you access to thousands of tools for a small annual fee. Members can borrow tools on an as-needed basis, attend workshops, share their skills, and volunteer for service projects.

### ACCESS TO ALL THE TOOLS YOU NEED:

Power Drills	Chop Saws	Lawn Mowers	Air Compressors
Circular Saws	Table Saws	String Trimmers	Nail Guns
Jig Saws	Routers	Wheel Barrows	Ladders
Sanders	Planers	Chainsaws	& Much More!
Grinders	Hedgetrimmers	Power Washers	

## THE AVERAGE DRILL IS USED JUST 12 MINUTES OVER ITS ENTIRE LIFETIME!

Imagine what happens when a community can share that same drill for 1,200 or 12,000 minutes over hundreds of different projects. By providing communities with the tools they need, we help them create the change they want. Your membership not only gets you access to tools, but also helps put tools to work in our community:



### TYLER STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Tool Library helped build 9 raised beds at the Tyler Street Community Garden, transforming a vacant lot into a neighborhood asset.



### BAILEY FIGHTS BLIGHT

The Tool Library converted the storefront next door from a vacant eyesore into the CoLab, a multipurpose space hosting DIY workshops, lectures, and more.



### DARE TO REPAIR CAFE

The Tool Library is getting people to rethink junk by connecting them with fixers who work with them to turn their trash back into treasure for free at a repair cafe.

IMAGINE WHAT  
ELSE WE CAN  
ACCOMPLISH  
WHEN WE  
SHARE MORE!

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