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Galway's Long Awaited New Library Breaks Ground

Galway, NY ... The public is invited to a ground-breaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction of a new building for the Galway Public Library on Saturday, June 30, at 1:00 at the site of the new library, 2110 East Street, Galway. It is expected that the doors of the new library will open in the summer of 2019.

The library has long outgrown its current building located in the Village of Galway. The 1,800-square-foot building has a 23-person capacity and parking for only five cars, yet within these confines the library serves the entire Galway Central School District, which includes Galway and parts of four surrounding towns — a population of more than 7,000.

The new library will be 5930 square feet, almost three times the size of the current library, and be situated on a 13-acre parcel. The building has been carefully designed to meet the community's growing needs through community input held at several locations over the last three years. Features of the new library include space for expanded collections of books and e-books, a larger children's section and dedicated teen area, a 45-seat multi-use program room, more computers and technology equipment, a work space with wi-fi, a study and research area of local history and genealogy, and ample parking. In addition, the 13-acre property will offer a full range of outdoor study and recreational activities.

Funding for the new library has come from a variety of state and federal grants, foundations, corporations, fundraisers and private donations, and in 2017 tax payers passed a referendum supporting the project.

The Galway Public Library has made remarkable achievements since its inception in 1998. It has been awarded several grants from the NYS Council on the Humanities, the Southern Adirondack Library System, NYS Council on the Arts and STEM, and in 2007 was winner of a NYS Education award for Best Library programming for its social-history, literary project, the Story Quilt.