

Galway students publish again

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GALWAY — Not many Capital Region high schools can say they've published a coffee table book. [Galway High School](#) will be publishing its third book — and its first coffee table book — with the release of "Reflections of Galway from the Foothills of the Adirondacks" on Friday. The book features 90 glossy color photographs, and 30 poems and stories submitted by Galway junior and senior high school students, as well as community members. The High School student-run [Village Press](#) is able to publish the 104-page book with the help of the [Galway Public Library](#).

"We have a lot of different types of work from the community," said Mark Swain, a High School business teacher. "They've been very supportive."

The idea for this year's books started last summer with the help of Regina Doi, Galway Public Library director. The idea was to combine resources, said Doi.

A \$2,800 grant written by Doi helped make the publication possible. Partial funds were provided by the Saratoga Program for Arts Funding part of the Decentralization re-grant program of the [New York State Council on the Arts](#), administered by SaratogaArts. With additional funds from a [Galway Community Education Foundation](#) grant, students were able to use a high-quality digital camera and photo-editing software. A page layout and e-book conversion software was funded by the [Dockstader Charitable Trust](#). "The library has been successful at writing grants," said Doi. "The library reached out and supported the school."

The library has been promoting the book through email, its website, and news releases said Doi. Submissions of work for the book started back in December.

According to Swain, the process of creating the book has promoted 21st century learning skills for students, offering opportunities in project management, copy editing, graphic design, photography, writing, poetry, publishing, marketing, e-business, bookkeeping, managerial accounting, financial analysis, reporting, information technology printing, and entrepreneurship. "They've learned so much," said Swain, referring to the students.

The Village Press was created in 2009 for the publication of its first book, "A Life Between Two Cities." The Village Press went on to publish its second book, "[Lorenzo El Loro](#) and his Flying Adventure," in 2010.

Pre-sale for "Reflections of Galway" is now available through the [Eagles Media Center](#) website at www.eaglesmediacenter.com, the Galway Public Library, and the Galway Junior/Senior High School. The book costs \$29.95.

The book will be featured at the Cock 'n Bull restaurant, Parkis Mills Road, Galway, with a series of readings and a musical performance at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 13. The book will also be available for purchase at the event.

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