

# GALWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2019



June 2018 Groundbreaking for the new library!

## New Library Opening Set for September!

What a busy and exciting year it has been, starting with the awarding of new library bids last June! Site work began in July, and month by month we have watched our new library come to life both inside and out. The building will be substantially complete by the middle of June, and site work will continue into July. Furniture and shelving will be installed in August, followed by the relocation of books and equipment from the old library. Please mark your calendars for the Grand Opening of our new library, Saturday, September 21.

Hoosick Valley Construction, our general contractor, and Butler, Rowland and Mays Architects have guided us through the building process, providing excellent service each step of the way. A special thank you to our new library neighbors for their patience and understanding as the peace and quiet on East Street was disturbed by trucks and construction equipment delivering fill, moving earth, and blasting bedrock.

The library is being built with a combination of public and private funds. Public funds include bond monies approved by school district residents, \$1.15 million, and NYS Construction Aid and legislative grants, \$579,273 (\$311,804 of it expected in August). Additionally individuals, businesses and private foundations have donated \$1.36 million. We are grateful for every contribution. The library continues to seek additional funds to complete the audio-visual systems, furnishings and landscaping. All building fund donations of \$100 or more that are received by August 1, 2019 will be recognized on the donor wall in the lobby.

Our new library is an example of what we can accomplish as a community when we work together. Thank you all for your encouragement and your support. Please join us to celebrate our new library on Saturday, September 21!

### Board of Trustees

Arlene Rhodes, Fred Baily, Mary Lynn Kopper, Jim Hodsohl, Jane Behrens, Santina Florio, and Caté La Barre

The new Galway Public Library building is nearly complete! You can look forward to many new amenities, including a larger program space, a conference room for small meetings and tutoring, comfortable seating in the reading nook to read or have quiet conversations, separate areas designated for teens and children, and increased, safer parking! We also plan to host more programs, and we welcome suggestions. At the end of August, we will close for approximately three weeks to pack up and move. We are looking for volunteers to assist us with the move, so if you are willing to help, please let us know, especially if you are strong and own a truck. We are thankful for all of the on-going community support from all the donors and volunteers who have given so much of their valuable time and resources, without which this venture would never have come to fruition.

We look forward to continuing to serve both our old and new friends. Please visit - the new library is an opportunity to try us again for the first time!

Deb Flint, Director

### Meet Santina Florio, elected to the Library Board of Trustees last June:

I moved to Galway in 2016, and soon learned that a new library building was under consideration. I saw it as the perfect opportunity to get involved in my new community. While I became a library trustee in July 2018, my involvement with libraries started long ago. Since childhood, libraries have always felt like a second home. I have vivid memories of going to my neighborhood library while growing up in Rhode Island. I spent many days there exploring the shelves, attending summer programs, and becoming a better reader. After college I moved around the country and explored several occupations, but ultimately my path led me back to a familiar place, and I became a school librarian.

Since joining the board last year, I have expanded my knowledge of libraries in a whole new way. In the next year, I am looking forward to the opening of the new building, to learning more about the Galway community, and to helping the library continue to be a valuable resource for all residents.

**Library Budget & Trustee Election Vote—**  
**Wednesday, June 12 from 2 PM to 8 PM**  
**at the Galway Public Library, 5264 Sacandaga Rd.**

A public information meeting on the budget will be held at the library on Wednesday, June 5, at 6 PM.

The public will be voting on a proposition to collect \$184,680 in school district property taxes for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to operate the Galway Public Library.

There are 4 vacancies for Trustee on the Board. Two seats are for five-year terms of office that will begin on July 1, 2019 and end on June 30, 2024. These seats will be vacated by Fred Baily and Mary Lynn Kopper, who were elected on June 10, 2014. The two other seats are for one-year terms of office to fulfill previously elected terms. One seat is vacated by Jim Hodsoll who was appointed on July 18, 2018, to the seat vacated by Donna Erickson on June 21, 2018, whose term began on June 16, 2016, and whose term will end June 30, 2020. The second one-year seat will be vacated by Cate La Barre who was appointed on September 19, 2018, to the seat vacated by Kayla Dodds on August 17, 2018, whose term of office began on June 14, 2017, and whose term will end June 30, 2020. The 2 one-year seats will commence immediately after the election and end on June 30, 2020. Fred Baily, Jim Hodsoll, and Cate La Barre are running for re-election. The four seats are "at large," which means that each nominee is eligible to fill any available seat. The candidates with the most votes get the longer terms of office followed by the shorter terms of office. Any Galway School District resident who is a registered voter is eligible to vote in this election.



### Volunteer Spotlight

Meet long-time volunteer,  
Nanci Wilson:

Hi! Dennis and I moved to Charlton in 2008 from Downstate. We are both retired, but prior to moving, I had worked for the Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union for 18 years, starting as a teller and working my way up to Branch Manager in charge of 26 employees. Between us, we have 4 sons, 3 grandsons, 2 granddaughters, & 2 great-granddaughters. I started volunteering at the Galway Library on January 8, 2009 (coincidentally, Elvis Presley's 74th birthday). Loving Galway Library came very easy...from my first steps in the door, I knew it was a place I wanted to spend a lot of time, and I have

been very fortunate to do so. Regina, Deb, Stephanie & Kathy were warm & welcoming, and immediately made me feel like family. They were the reason I was so anxious to volunteer, and here I am, 10 years later, still loving what I do. One of my primary duties is to help with barcoding new and donated items so that they can be borrowed. It gives my heart great pleasure to be able to give whatever time I can to the library. I am looking forward to the future of the library, moving into the new building and making new memories. I have met so many wonderful and interesting people at the library. I am looking forward to many more years of volunteering with Deb and the staff at our library! Keep up the GREAT work!

### Galway Public Library's Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget

<b>INCOME</b>	
Fees & Book Sales	\$3,500
Gifts & Donations	\$1,000
Galway School District Tax Levy	\$184,680
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME</b>	<b>\$189,180</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
<b>Payroll Expense</b>	
Gross Payroll	\$99,800
Insurance	\$1,350
Payroll Expenses	\$8,000
Retirement Expenses	\$8,000
<b>Total Payroll Expense</b>	<b>\$117,150</b>
<b>Service Expense</b>	
Audio/Visual	\$3,400
Books & Magazines	\$10,950
Circulation	\$6,100
Equipment	\$2,800
Programs	\$800
<b>Total Service Expense</b>	<b>\$24,050</b>
<b>Administrative Expense</b>	
Accounting & Audit	\$5,000
Election Expense & Legal Fees	\$1,450
Dues, Fees, & Training	\$1,400
Property Insurance	\$7,300
Postage & Shipping	\$1,300
Publicity	\$1,200
Office Supplies & Software	\$3,900
<b>Total Administrative Expense</b>	<b>\$21,550</b>
<b>Utilities Expense</b>	
Electric	\$10,500
Propane/Oil	\$3,000
Phone & Internet	\$1,600
<b>Total Utilities Expense</b>	<b>\$15,100</b>
<b>Maintenance Expense</b>	
Alarm System	\$2,330
Copy Machine	\$350
Fire Extinguisher	\$50
Boiler	\$200
Lawn Care & Snow Removal	\$6,000
General Building	\$1,800
Maintenance Supplies	\$300
Refuse	\$300
<b>Total Maintenance Expense</b>	<b>\$11,330</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$189,180</b>

## THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS!

Without you, this library would not be able to provide the service that it does. (List from May 2018 to mid-April 2019)

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The Friends of the Galway Public Library are a group of energetic community members who raise money for library extras that are not covered by the library budget. We are looking for two individuals who would like to sit on our board. Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Galway Town Hall (except December). We also welcome anyone who would like to help out at any of our events. If you are interested, please contact us at [friendsofgalwaylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgalwaylibrary@gmail.com). We are excited to announce a few upcoming opportunities for you. First, we are hosting our annual Memorial Day Book Sale behind the library from 9-1. A few days later, we will be hosting our annual Wine Tasting event at the Cock n' Bull on Tuesday, June 11th from 7-9. Finally, we have our ongoing brick campaign. This is an opportunity to honor someone by purchasing a brick that will be placed at the new library site. The brick can be purchased online or you can pick up an order form at the library.

**Friends of the GPL Board:**

Amanda Ferraro, Kristen Anuszewski, Ardeth Deay, Sharyn Kalinkewicz, Linda Jackowski, Bill Bateman, Laura Sakala



Summer 2018 Playful Clay Creations

**2018 Statistics!**  
**44,044 items in the collection**  
**22,932 items borrowed**  
**13,790 e-books /e-audio**  
**2,491 downloads**  
**4,736 new & donated items added**  
**243 programs**  
**2098 program attendees**  
**4691 Wi-Fi and computer uses**  
**18,189 visitors**



Friends' Paint & Sip

## Children's Summer Reading Program July 8 - August 15, 2019

Space is limited, so please register for programs at 518-882-6385 or [galwaylibrarystaff@gmail.com](mailto:galwaylibrarystaff@gmail.com).

Ages are suggestions only. Check our website for details & additions.

### July 2019

7/1 - Begin Signup for Summer Reading Program 4 - Lego Club - parade vehicle	5-14 yrs.
7/2 - 10:30 - Story Time - 4th of July	preschool
7/6 - 10 - Pokémon Club	8-18 yrs.
7/8 - Summer Reading Program Begins 4 - Kids' Garden Club - fairy gardens	2-12 yrs.
7/9 - 12:30 - Lunch 2 - Build a Space Suit	1-18 yrs. 6-18 yrs.
7/11 - 12:30 - Lunch 2 - Solar System Mobile/Cards	1-18 yrs. 10-16 yrs.
7/15 - 11 - Artful Monday - glitter slime 4 - Tang Museum - craft project	5-12 yrs. 5-12 yrs.
7/16 - 10:30 - Story Time - stars 12:30 - Lunch 2 - Astronaut Food	preschool 1-18 yrs. 8-16 yrs.
7/18 - 12:30 - Lunch 2 - Soda Bottle Rockets	1-18 yrs. 8-18 yrs.
7/22 - 4 - Calligraphy	12-18 yrs.
7/23 - 10:30 - Sing Along - patriotic songs 12:30 - Lunch 4 - Magician Sam Dvorak	preschool 1-18 yrs. 5-18 yrs.
7/25 - 12:30 - Lunch 2 - Create a Birdhouse Contest Makerspace Opens - Scrabble	1-18 yrs. 10-18 yrs. all ages
7/29 - 11 - Artful Monday - bug tic tac toe 4 - Kids' Garden Club - sculpture	5-12 yrs. 2-12 yrs.
7/30 - 12:30 - Lunch 2 - Metal Pipe Wind Chime 3:30 - Robot Coding (1st day)	1-18 yrs. 12-18 yrs. 5-12 yrs.
7/31 - 3:30 - Robot Coding (2nd day)	5-12 yrs.

### August 2019

8/1 - 12:30 Lunch 2 - Aerodynamic Kites & Contest	1-18 yrs. 12-18 yrs.
8/3 - 10 - Pokémon Club	8-18 yrs.
8/5 - 4 - Lego Club - rocket ships & moonscapes	5-14 yrs.
8/6 - 10:30 - Story Time - kites 12:30 - Lunch	preschool 1-18 yrs.
8/8 - 12:30 - Lunch 2 - Poured Paint Night Sky Pictures	1-18 yrs. 10-18 yrs.
8/12 - 11 - Artful Monday - smash painting	5-12 yrs.
8/13 - 12:30 - Lunch 7 - Overnight at the Library - Perseids	1-18 yrs. 10-18 yrs.
8/15 - 12:30 - Star Party - food, games, costumes	all ages
8/17 - Reading Logs Due	
8/19 - Prize Winners Notified 4 - Kids' Garden Club - mosaic birdbath	2-12 yrs.
8/20 - 10:30 - Story Time - camping	preschool
8/22 - 2 - Workbench - wooden shadow box	10-18 yrs.

This summer, adults can have fun reading too! It's easy: Register at the library. Read. Rate the book on a simple form and turn in the form for a chance to win a prize.



Spanish Sing-Along



Garden Donation to the Food Pantry

Did you know that the Library has copies of Galway Central School yearbooks from 1942 to 2015? Digital copies of the yearbooks are also on CD, and they can be viewed at the Library during open hours.

**In cooperation with CAPTAIN Youth and Family Services, the library will be serving free lunch to any child 18 & under at 12:30 PM on Tuesdays & Thursdays from July 9 to August 13.**



## Summer Reading!

This year's exciting theme for the Summer Reading Program is "A Universe of Stories" and will have an emphasis on outer space. We will have such programs as learning about and making our own space suits and space foods, making rockets to launch with vinegar and baking soda, learning about aerodynamics by flying kites, making our own solar system mobile, and, of course, we will have entertainers. We will have an Overnight at the Library on August 13 to correspond with the Perseid meteor shower and to learn about constellations. We will have a "Star Party" as our closing celebration on August 15.

Each completed program or two hours of reading will earn a sticker for our chart, as well as a ticket for fun prizes. Summer Reading will be held from July 8 through August 15, and registration will begin on July 1. Our programs will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and we will, once again, offer free lunches to those 18 and under on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30. The reading logs will need to be submitted by Saturday, August 17 to be tallied for the prize drawing on August 19. We hope to see a lot of you here again this year and look forward to a fun summer!

Visit us at [www.galwaypubliclibrary.org](http://www.galwaypubliclibrary.org) for dates, additions, and descriptions of all our programs. Programs are free, but we encourage registration, as group sizes may be limited.

## June Children's Programs

- 6/1 - Pokémon 10 AM
- 6/3 - Lego Club 4 PM
- 6/4- Story Time 10:30 AM
- 6/17- Kids' Garden Club 4 PM
- 6/18 - Story Time 10:30 AM
- 6/20- Kids' Crafternoon 4 PM
- 6/20 - Snap Circuit Makerspace
- 6/24 - Small World 4 PM
- 6/25 - Sing Along 10:30 AM
- 6/25 - Book Rock Painting 4 PM
- 6/27- Workbench 4 PM



Story Time with Miss Kayla!



Creating Our Own Terrariums

THANK YOU TO THESE PEOPLE & BUSINESSES FOR DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS & BOOKS:

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Saratoga County Youth Bureau - Program presenters

Stewart's Holiday Match - Presenters and materials

WGY Christmas Wish - Books

We provide many other services besides Adult & Children's Programs:

- ◆ Passes to the Saratoga Children's, Hyde, & MiSci Museums.
- ◆ Printing, copying, and faxing for a nominal fee.
- ◆ Monthly displays of local artwork.
- ◆ A weekly newsletter at [galwaypubliclibrary.org](http://galwaypubliclibrary.org). Like us on Facebook!
- ◆ Free access to Wi-Fi.
- ◆ One-on-one technology assistance every Wednesday from 4-8 PM.



Turtle Visits

[director@galwaypubliclibrary.org](mailto:director@galwaypubliclibrary.org)

[www.galwaypubliclibrary.org](http://www.galwaypubliclibrary.org)

Galway Public Library

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**Hours:**

**Monday: 10-6**

**Tuesday: 10-6**

**Wednesday: 2-8**

**Thursday: 2-8**

**Friday: 2-6**

**Saturday: 10-2**

**Sunday: Closed**

**Resident**  
**Galway, NY 12074**

**Staff:**

Deb Flint, Director

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**Special Events for Adults:**

6/5 - Budget Info Meeting 6 PM

6/11 - GPL Friends' Wine Tasting 7 PM

6/12 - Library Election 2-8 PM

6/25 - Family Rock Painting 4PM

7/8 to 8/15 - Summer Reading

7/10 - Playful Clay 6-8 PM (every Wed until 8/14)

7/20 - Folk Instruments w/ Tim the Music Man 11 AM

**Monthly Adult Programs:**

Open Art - 2nd & 4th Thursdays 6-8 PM

Mahjong - every Monday 1 PM

Tea at 3 - 3rd Friday 3 PM

Writers' Group - 3rd Thursday 6:30 PM

When Readers Meet - 4th Monday 7 PM

Tech Assistance - Wednesdays 4-8 PM &

3rd Saturday 10-2

Arts & Crafts - Last Wednesday 6 PM

Board of Trustees meetings - 1st & 3rd

Wednesdays 6:30 PM



Groundbreaking Fun!

**Galway Get Together**  
Look at [Galwaygettogether.org](http://Galwaygettogether.org) or on our Facebook page for area news and information! If you have a business or organization, share your news at [galwaygettogether@gmail.com](mailto:galwaygettogether@gmail.com).



Children are Our Future

**Every day, patrons come in and say they cannot wait for the new library to open! Mark your calendars - the Grand Opening Celebration is Saturday, September 21!**