

GALWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2020



Greetings!

It has been an exciting, momentous year for the Galway Public Library! The new library construction was completed, and we were humbled by your generosity when so many volunteered to assist us in moving 30,000+ books. We were thrilled to see about 500 of you attend the long-anticipated Grand Opening in September! It was such a happy occasion, a chance to celebrate the new library as well as to say thank you for the outpouring of love and support we have received through the years. For me, the opening was also a moment to reflect on how proud I am to be a member of this wonderful community.

Since the opening, we have enjoyed seeing so many new and old faces visiting and taking advantage of what we have to offer. Whether it's reading a magazine in the reading nook, attending our numerous programs, holding a small meeting in the conference room, or tutoring at a quiet table, it's a joy to see people utilizing our spaces! There are many compliments on the open, well-lit areas, as well as on the increased parking spots! We continue to issue a record number of new library cards. Before we had to close the building in March to protect the safety of our patrons and staff during this COVID crisis, we were steadily increasing the number of programs and volunteers. Our intention is to schedule programs again as soon as we can safely host group gatherings. We welcome programming and book suggestions, and we thank you for your involvement.

We look forward to continuing to serve you in any way we can. Please "check out" YOUR new library once we reopen!

Deb Flint, Director

We want you to know that although the library is currently closed because of the Governor's stay-at-home orders during the COVID crisis, we are still here to serve you. Everyone has had to adapt during this difficult time, and the way the library serves our community may look and feel different, but we are still dedicated to providing resources and support to our patrons and the greater Galway community. One of the main ways we are doing that is through our website at galwaypubliclibrary.org.

The library's website is updated daily with the latest news from the state regarding COVID, links to community organizations and benefits for families in need. We are posting various online educational resources for families and students, links for virtual museum tours, and fun activities for children, teens and adults. Please see our site for a full list of what the library is offering while we're closed.

Be sure to check out our Facebook page, where the library shares new resources for you and your family every day. We are also updating the Galway Get Together Facebook page daily by sharing take-out specials from local restaurants and community news and announcements. You can also look at the Galway Get Together website at galwaygettogether.org. To help us keep up to date and stay in touch, we appreciate your input to our sites.

Now, let's talk about reading, our favorite subject! You can access ebooks and audiobooks on your computer or device in the safety of your home. **If you have a computer**, visit the Southern Adirondack Library ON-Demand (SALON) site, accessible via our website. Use your library card barcode number to create or log in to your account, and then download ebooks to your computer or read/listen right in your browser! **If you have a mobile device**, download the Overdrive or Libby app and follow the prompts to set up your account. We recommend the Libby app, as it is much more user friendly. If you need help setting up your account or are having issues of any kind with accessing books online, please let us know. One of our library staff members will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Looking forward, we are hoping to be allowed to reopen in early to mid- June. Reopening will be a phased process, and we know it won't be back to "business as usual" for some time, but we will reopen in a manner that will continue to protect your health and safety. It is our mission to serve you, so if you have a question, or just need to talk, please reach out. Call (518) 882-6385, leave us a voicemail, and a staff member will get back to you as soon as possible. You can also send a message to our Facebook page or email galwaylibrarystaff@gmail.com. We'll get through this together.

We miss seeing your lovely faces! We look forward to the day we can open our doors to you once again. Stay safe & well,
The Staff of Galway Public Library

Introducing our new Board President, Cate La Barre

My husband and I moved to Galway in 2009, after a year-long search for an ideal site for our new home. Our desire included being in a friendly, active, rural community with proximity to Saratoga Springs, the Capital District and Adirondack Mountains. Galway proved to be a perfect fit. I am a life coach and workshop facilitator, and our move enabled us to continue working from home, while being able to return easily to friends, family, and occasional work in the Cooperstown area.

My husband, Win McIntyre, is on the Town of Galway Planning Board. His service inspired me to look for local volunteer opportunities. In the fall of 2018, I became aware of a vacancy on the library board of trustees and eagerly volunteered (continuing to serve after being elected to the board in 2019). It was an incredibly busy time for the library. Construction for the new building was in mid-stage, with ongoing twice monthly board meetings. My first “assignment” as a brand new board member was to chair the Long Range Planning Committee. With the guidance and enthusiasm of the director, board members, and a dozen community volunteers, we created a five-year plan for the new library, adopted by the board in December 2019. We look forward to the doors re-opening so we can meet again in person and begin to implement the plan.

I look forward to the future of the library even as I appreciate its history. So many dedicated community members have worked diligently to ensure that the library would grow to see itself housed in a beautiful new building. Service seems to be inherent in this vibrant community and the spirit of volunteerism is contagious. I am delighted that this opportunity found me.

When not working or helping as a library trustee, I enjoy exploring the natural world, walking, hiking, and taking photographs. And, of course, I love to browse the library shelves! Favorite author? Currently I am a Louise Penny fan.

Meet Sue Wemple, the newest Library Board member—

Community involvement and volunteering have always been important to me. I have been Town Clerk & Tax Collector in the Town of Providence for over twenty years and feel the best part of the job is working with our residents and for our community. I have also been volunteering with the Saratoga County Meals on Wheels Program for over 15 years. Serving as a Trustee since October 2019, I have learned why the Galway Public Library is an important resource to our community and hope to continue with planning for the future. I am a life long resident of the Town of Providence and married with two children. My current hobby is rug hooking.

Imagine Your Story: The Kids’ Summer Reading Edition!

Because of social constraints at this time, for the 2020 summer we are hosting a new adventure - a virtual Summer Reading Program! The theme is “Imagine Your Story,” and it will be so much fun because you will be expressing YOUR dreams and imagination! Our projects may include any amazing creatures or landscapes you can imagine because YOUR fantastic story will be the focus this summer. You’ll make a hardcover book to write your stories in. You’ll create frosted-glass fantasy lights, fantasy paper airplanes, and tie-dye shirts. You’ll decorate birdhouses or build a bug hotel and experiment with other science projects. There are so many wonderful programs that have been planned for you to do this summer, and we’ll continue to add many more. The important key is to have fun and express yourself!

The Summer Reading Program runs from 6/29 until 8/17, with sign-ups beginning on 6/29 and continuing through the summer. Registration and recording of reading time can be done on the library website galwaypubliclibrary.org under the READsquared tab. Activity ideas and instructions can also be found on the website. If you don’t have access to a computer, call the library (518-882-6385) and we will provide copies of the reading log and activity directions. Anyone who registers and records reading or activity participation will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a prize at the end of the summer. All the activities are designed so that they can be completed whenever you wish. If you need supplies to complete a project, you can request a supply kit from the library. For those interested in reading (hopefully all of you!), you can also borrow themed tote bags complete with several books and a related activity from the library, a neat, fun way to explore new interests. If you have any questions, you can call or email us at gal-director@sals.edu or rschaaf@sals.edu. We also ask you to please take photos or videos of your projects and send them to us so we can share your creative achievements.

We hope you are well and adapting to our temporary new way of life. We look forward to welcoming you back into the library very soon and to having fun with you again!

“Imagine Your Story” Children’s Summer Reading Program June 29 - August 17, 2020

Access READsquared, detailed directions for these online activities, and many other fun things to do at galwaypubliclibrary.org !

Important Dates to Remember:

- 6/29 - Summer Reading Program Sign Up Begins** – Anyone can participate, even adults! Register on READsquared at galwaypubliclibrary.org. READsquared will track your reading and award badges for progress through the program.
- 8/17- End of Program** - Reading times and activity counts are due in order to be eligible for PRIZES! Prizes will be handed out the following week.

Activities to Fill Your Summer With FUN!

Find detailed instructions on the website.

Adult assistance may be necessary.

Please share photos of your creations!

Create Your Own Book

- * **Imagine Your Story** – Use your imagination to write, illustrate, and create your own book! Your book can be a short story, poem, or graphic novel. It can be about a made-up world or even your dream of the future. It is up to YOU because you are the author! Once you have written and illustrated your story, you will make marbled paper for endcovers and use decorated cardboard to assemble the book. This project will take time to create, but you will have it forever - your first published work of art!

Nature and Gardens

- * **North Country Wind Bells** - What role does wind have on plants? Materials supplied. Recommended ages 13+.
- * **August 13 – “Overnight at Home”** - watch the Perseid Meteor Shower from your backyard. How many meteors do you see? How long can you stay awake?
- * **Bug Hotel** - Make a home for butterflies and bees. Materials supplied. Recommended ages 10+.
- * **Decorate Birdhouses & Bird Feeders**. How do birds help the environment? Birdhouses & feeders are available from the Library. Recommended ages 6+.

STEM

- * **Float Paper Boats** - Fold paper boats and experiment with them in the water.
- * **Fantasy Paper Airplanes** - Decorate/alter a paper airplane to make a dragon, fairy, or other fantasy creature. Video the airplane’s flight before and after alteration. The sky’s the limit with this project!
- * **Pompom Catapult** - Make a catapult from popsicle sticks and rubber bands & see how far you can fling pompoms. Is there a way to make some fly farther than others?
- * **Weather** – Create a tornado in a bottle; make a wave tunnel. Learn about extreme weather and how to document it. Tornado tubes available from the library.

Story Times & Music & Movement

See book recommendations and activities under the Youth tab at galwaypubliclibrary.org.

Arts & Crafts

- * **Chihuly-Inspired Window Hanging** – Color Solo cups with permanent markers and melt in the oven to create glass-like window hangings.
- * **Melted Crayon Art** - Iron crayon shavings between waxed paper to create beautiful art.
- * **Embossed Metal Designs** - Use found objects to create a raised design.
- * **Elmer's “Stained Glass”** - Simple paint and glue can create a colorful piece of art to hang in your room.
- * **Origami paper cranes** - Read the story “Sudoku and the 1000 Paper Cranes.” Fold paper cranes & create a mobile.
- * **Tie-Dye T-Shirts** - Use water pistols to create colorful, iconic summer wear - a tie-dye t-shirt you can wear.
- * **Moroccan Pouf** – Use old neckties to create a circular floor cushion. Recommended for ages 13+.

Fantasy

- * **Fantasy Furniture** - Use clothespins and popsicle sticks to engineer miniature furniture you can use in a fairy garden.
- * **Frosted Glass Fantasy Lights** - With a little glitter and glue and imagination, you can create a beautiful candle holder.

Lego Club

Legos are made for imagining your own story! Build a sea creature in the ocean or a fantasy world of wizards & ogres, fairies & butterflies, the world in 2050 or 3050, or an alien planet. If you can imagine it, you can build it!

Socially Distant Outside Summer Activities

We will plant our traditional Kids’ Container Garden and donate produce to the Food Pantry. We also hope to reassemble the “Singing Tree” sculpture that kids created during the summer of 2018 to make lovely other-worldly sounds when it captures the wind in our backyard garden.

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Adult Opportunities

Mahjongg - Mon. 10:30 AM
 Tech Assistance - Wed. 4-8 PM & 3rd Sat. 10-2 & by appt.
 Meditation - 1st & 3rd Wed. 7 PM
 Yoga - 2nd & 4th Fri. 4:45 PM
 Adult Crafting - 1st & 3rd Sat. 12 PM
 Open Art - 2nd & 4th Thurs. 6-8 PM
 Young Adult Video & Board Gaming - 3rd Sat 11-2
 Tea at 3 - 3rd Fri. 3 PM
 Writers’ Group - 3rd Thurs. 6:30 PM
 When Readers Meet - 4th Mon. 7 PM
 Arts & Crafts - Last Wed. 6 PM
 Trustee Meetings - 3rd Wed. 6:30 PM

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Miles Compani, weekly teen volunteer at the library:

Miles Compani is the valedictorian of the 2020 graduating class at Broadalbin-Perth High School, who has volunteered at the Galway Public Library for almost one year. When looking for a way to give back to his community last summer, he heard that the library was looking for volunteers before moving to its new location. He eagerly offered his services, to ensure that many more readers, young and old, could experience the joys of reading. He has participated in multiple school-related events, such as the Greater Capital Region Science and Engineering Fair and several tournaments for the Masterminds quiz bowl game. He enjoys performing with his alto saxophone in various school and community music groups, such as the Mohawk Valley Chamber Ensemble, the Gloversville Civic Band, and Broadalbin-Perth's new Music Improv Group. Among other activities, he is an Eagle Scout and role model for the younger Boy Scouts in Troop 48 in Amsterdam. He is also very active in his religious community, having been an altar server, lector, and Fun"D" Committee member for St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church for a total of over 8 years. In the fall, Miles plans to attend Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY as a Clarkson Ignite Presidential Fellow, majoring in Engineering and Management.



Friends (of the Library)!

Once we reopen, the library will appreciate your book/DVD donations for addition to our collection or to sell at used book sales to raise funds for the library. We cannot accept textbooks, VHS/cassette tapes, condensed books, encyclopedias, nor legal, medical, or software manuals. Items must be clean and mold-free.



Eager for the festivities to start!

- 2019 By The Numbers -

- ♦ **45,493 items in the collection, including 3,869 DVDs & 15,087 eBooks /eAudio**
- ♦ **21,080 items borrowed**
- ♦ **3012 downloads**
- ♦ **5,097 new/donated items added**
- ♦ **297 programs held**
- ♦ **2061 program attendees**
- ♦ **4,166 Wi-Fi and computer uses**
- ♦ **19,627 visitors**



The Friends of the Galway Public Library is an organization which supports the library with purchases that are not provided for in the library budget. During this uncertain time, the Friends are not backing down because of the current situation. We are looking forward to the library reopening and reimagining how we can fundraise as well as support the library. As of (right) now, all of our fundraising opportunities (Memorial Day Book Sale and the Wine Tasting) are on hold. We will let you know (as soon as we know) when we can or will reschedule.

What can you do to help, you ask? If you have not already sent in your dues for the year, you can do that now. You also continue to have the opportunity to purchase a brick to be placed in front of the Library. Visit our website at <http://galwaypubliclibrary.org/friendsogpl/> for more information on how to renew your membership and/or purchase a brick.

We are still looking for one member of our board. We meet once a month for about an hour and you would even have December off. Feel free to join us on the third Tuesday of the month at the library, or virtually via Zoom until we are able to gather again. Just contact one of our Board members for more information.

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Fred Bailey, Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS) Trustee of the Year 2019



Library Supporters!

Library Trustee Election

Tuesday, June 9

In accordance with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.26, this year's Library Trustee election will take place in conjunction with the Galway Central School District absentee ballot vote.

In light of the difficult times we are living in, the Library Board resolved that no additional funding will be asked for from taxpayers, so there will be no increase in the collection of property taxes to operate the Library for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The tax levy amount of \$184,680 remains the same as the previous year's collection rate. While this means that difficult decisions have been made, the Board recognizes that everyone is being forced to do the same at this time. Funds from the sale of the old library building will be used to decrease the shortfall in the income necessary to operate the library for this year.

There are 2 vacancies for Trustee on the Board. Both seats are for five-year terms of office that will begin on July 1, 2020 and end on June 30, 2025. These seats will be vacated by Jim Hodsoll and Sue Wemple. Both candidates are running for re-election.

Jim Hodsoll was elected to the seat for a term beginning on June 13, 2019, to fulfill the seat vacated by the resignation of Donna Erickson on June 21, 2018, whose term of office began on June 16, 2016, and whose term ends on June 30, 2020.

Sue Wemple was appointed on October 31, 2019, to the seat vacated by the resignation of Bridget Torres on September 15, 2019, who was elected to a term beginning on June 13, 2019, to fulfill the seat vacated by the resignation of Kayla Dodds on August 17, 2018, whose term of office began on June 14, 2017, and whose term ends June 30, 2020.

All seats are "at large," which means that each nominee is eligible to fill any available seat. Any Galway School District resident who is a registered voter is eligible to vote in this election.

Board of Trustees

Cate La Barre, Arlene Rhodes, Fred Bailly, Jim Hodsoll,
Santina Florio, Jane Behrens, and Sue Wemple

Galway Public Library's Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2020-2021

INCOME		
Fees & Book Sales		\$3,500
Operating Interest		\$200
Funds Transfer		\$6,445
Galway School District Tax Levy		\$184,680
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME		\$194,825
EXPENSE		
Payroll Expense		
Gross Payroll		\$101,500
Insurance		\$1,450
Payroll Expenses		\$8,500
Retirement Expenses		\$7,600
Total Payroll Expense		\$119,050
Service Expense		
Movies		\$3,400
Books & Magazines		\$11,675
Circulation		\$6,200
Equipment		\$2,000
Programs		\$800
Total Service Expense		\$24,075
Administrative Expense		
Accounting & Audit		\$5,000
Election Expense & Legal Fees		\$1,000
Dues, Fees, & Training		\$1,600
Property Insurance		\$6,800
Postage & Shipping		\$1,300
Publicity		\$800
Office Supplies & Software		\$3,470
Total Administrative Expense		\$19,970
Utilities Expense		
Electric		\$9,000
Propane		\$1,300
Phone & Internet		\$1,950
Total Utilities Expense		\$12,250
Maintenance Expense		
Alarm System		\$2,030
Copy Machine		\$350
Water System		\$2,000
HVAC System		\$2,000
Lawn Care & Snow Removal		\$11,000
General Building		\$1,100
Maintenance Supplies		\$700
Refuse		\$300
Total Maintenance Expense		\$19,480
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSE		\$194,825

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS!

Volunteers are our Foundation: You make a difference in your community on a daily basis! (May 2019 to April 2020)

Mary Abes	Friends of the Pember Library	Eileen Lawson
Greg, Brian, & Adam Alden	Galway School 6th graders	Leisuretime Greenhouse
Anonymous	Galway School Student Gov't Officers	Dave, Nancy, & Paige Lisicki
Kristen Anuszewski	Galway Lioness	Fred & Phyllis Lyngard
Jean Audy	Galway Lions	Magdalene Maciag
Kaylee Bagdan	Galway Preservation Society	Holly Mahoney
Fred & Sheelagh Bailly	Galway Village Police	Janet Mallette
Ballston Spa National Bank	Galway Women's Club	Isabella Mancini
Jim & Rosemary Barnes	Game Stop	Stephanie Carney Manske
Lee Bascom	James Gardinier	Emma Mariani
Chuck & Genie Bassett	GE Foundation & United Way	Roxanne Marsh
Bill Bateman	Margaret Gelvin	Bernadette Mauro
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Adrienne Beebe	Barbara & Bud Germain	David May
Jane Behrens	George, Rachel, & Taylor Germain	Holly McConchie
Serena Benson	Janice & Nick Gileski	McHale Family
Sarah Best	Geza Ginzerly	Al & Barb McKean
Alyson & Mike Bingham	Girl Scout Troop 2755 & 2644	Sioux McMullen
Bow Hunters Plus	Glenville Hills Garden Club	Ben & Julie Merchant
Boy Scout Troop 5	Jacques Godbout	Ann L. Moore
Jeff Brown	Lori Godbout	Richard & Paige Morgan
Bruggeman Gang - Ellis Hospital	Ken & Paula Gold	Becky & Trevor Morris
Jessica Budris	Maria, Sonny, & Jake Goldsmith	Lisa Nargis
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Miles Compani	Mike & Lois Hammond	Andrea Novak
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Melissa Cornthwaite	Hannaford Supermarkets	Bob & Adam Pandori
Mary Cuffe-Perez & Ken Perez	Happy Days	Beth & Karl Parker
Germain Curtin	Isabella Hart	John Peterson
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Story Time is FUN!

Other Services We Offer:

- ◆ Notary services.
- ◆ Free Wi-Fi access 24/7.
- ◆ Room reservations for community non-profit organizations.
- ◆ Print/copy/fax for a small fee.
- ◆ Local art displays in the program room/foyer.
- ◆ Weekly newsletter at galway-publiclibrary.org. Like our Facebook!
- ◆ Saratoga Children's/Hyde/MiSci Museum passes to borrow.
- ◆ Local business/organization news on galwaygettogether.org & Facebook.
- ◆ Private tech assistance on Wed.

A Message from Arlene Rhodes, Library Board Past President

Twenty-four years ago a group of community residents met to consider the establishment of a public library in Galway. The bookmobile had made its last run five months earlier. Attending that meeting on April 17, 1996, were Peter Bowers, Chris Cook, Bill Daley, Jim Davenport, Mike Flinton, Mary Lynn Kopper, Dick Lane, Polly Stahl, and I.

Through the years the ranks of the original nine library advocates expanded again and again. Our community of volunteers founded a library and helped it to grow. The library opened on July 2, 1998, chartered with the NYS Education Department in July 2000, and reorganized to serve all school district residents in 2007. We dreamed and planned and worked together, but it took many more years until our new building on East Street opened on September 21, 2019.

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to have served on the founding committee and the library board. One of my greatest pleasures has been reconnecting with former students, meeting their families, serving with them on library committees and on the library board. Along the way I've made new friends and worked with many talented and hard-working Galway area residents. All of us believe that a library plays an important role in the lives of our residents, from toddlers to seniors.

Now I have begun to step back a bit and make time for other interests; gardening, family history research, walking in the woods, spending more time with family and friends. While remaining on the library board for now, I have resigned from my position as Board President, turning the reins over to Cate La Barre who will bring fresh ideas to continue to grow our library in the years ahead.

My sincere appreciation to all in our community with whom I've spent these years working to establish our library. I'm proud of all we have accomplished together. When the library reopens, I look forward to seeing you there, whether attending a program, working on a committee or just sitting in one of those comfy chairs in the reading nook where we can visit.

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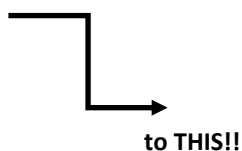
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See how far we've come:

From an open field...



to THIS!!



Galway Public Library received a generous SALS Grant to host exciting **STEAM** programs involving music, science, art, robotics, astronomy and even video gaming. You can look forward to participating in these programs once the library reopens. In the meantime check out galwaypubliclibrary.org under the Family Activities tab for weekly fun things to do.

Makey Makey is an electronic invention kit for all ages that allows everyday objects to become instruments or to play video games.

Dash and Dot are mobile device-controlled robots that kids can have a great time learning and communicating with.

Turing Tumble is a revolutionary new game where players (ages 8 to adult) build mechanical computers powered by marbles to solve logic puzzles. It is fun, addicting, and while you are at it, you discover how computers work.

Astronomy Club will join the Night Sky Network outreach program and use a telescope to explore astronomical phenomena.

Environmental Club is a way to learn about our environment while being proactive to explore and protect it.

Video & Board Gaming Club (VBGC) meets the third Saturday of every month. The goals of VBGC are to build a community and great friendships around the love of games. Different games and tournament play will be featured each month. Online gaming coming soon! This group is for older teens and 20-30 somethings.