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To coin a phrase, what a long, strange trip this past year has been! A year ago, it was inconceivable that the Galway Public Library would be closed to the public for more than two weeks, let alone several months, or that even when we reopened, we would have to limit our capacity. Much that occurred was unexpected and new, requiring flexibility and innovative ways of thinking to continue to meet community needs. Our service model had to be tweaked somewhat, but the one thing that remained the same is our commitment to serving our community by fulfilling our mission “to connect the community to ideas, resources, and information that will enrich, enlighten, and entertain.” So while our doors may have been shut for a time, we were here to serve you, and we will continue to do so.

One of our services is to provide current information on the library website galwaypubliclibrary.org and on the Galway Get Together business opportunity website galwaygettogether.org. Use of our sites increased this year, and our intention is to continue to be a source of local information. Check our site frequently to see what the library is offering. The Galway Library and Galway Get Together Facebook pages are also good sources of current information, particularly about library programs and special events in the community.

Undoubtedly, it will not surprise you that the usage of our 24/7 wifi also increased during 2020 - people were in the parking lot at all hours of the day - nor to learn that our eBooks usage increased. What is surprising is that even though we were unable to host in-person programs for most of the year, our program attendance still increased over 2019. It just shows that people are eager to come to the library and hungry to learn new things!

Recognizing that programming is a primary expectation of the community, our intention is to slowly resume many of our regularly scheduled programs, as well as to add exciting new programs for patrons of all ages throughout the summer and fall. All programs will be hosted in a safe, distanced manner and as many as possible will be held outside, and masks will still be necessary.

We are currently planning for a fun Summer Reading Program for children and adults. In particular, we are very excited to host two programs postponed from last summer. The first is a series of workshops in July for kids and adults focused on art and nature, called Color Your Summer, paid for by a Saratoga Arts grant. The second is a series of Science Technology Engineering Arts Math (STEAM) programs for all ages utilizing new technology equipment purchased through a grant from the Southern Adirondack Library

System (SALS). Be sure to check inside this newsletter for further details about these and other exciting events planned for this summer and fall.

One of the things we heard repeatedly as 2020 progressed was appreciation for the library’s provision of books and other resources, both virtually and in-person. We also heard how much people missed visiting the library. During this year, many people have realized that it is the simple things in life to be grateful for, small pleasures that we miss when we cannot do them - to hug someone, to eat a meal with family and friends, or to browse for just the right book - a few of the many joys in a life well-lived. As we move into a fresh, new season of hope for the future, let us recall the importance of our simple joys when life returns to a more hectic “normal.” Please also remember that the staff of the Galway Library enjoys assisting you. If you have a question, please call (518) 882-6385, email galwaylibrarystaff@gmail.com, or message us on Facebook. As always, we encourage everyone to come in and borrow a book or two, and we look forward to seeing you!

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Library Budget Vote

Wednesday, June 9 from 2 PM -8 PM

At the Galway Public Library, 2112 East St.

A public information meeting on the budget will be held at the library on Wednesday, June 2, at 7 PM.

The public will be voting on a proposition to collect \$198,400 in school district property taxes for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 to operate the Galway Public Library.

There are no Trustee vacancies to fill at this election.

Any Galway School District resident who is registered to vote is eligible to vote. If you are unsure if you are registered, you can contact the Saratoga County Board of Elections at (518) 885-2249 or the Fulton County Board of Elections at (518) 736-5526.

Absentee ballots will be available to registered voters of the Galway Central School District who will not be able to attend on Election Day. An absentee ballot application must be submitted before you can obtain a ballot. Contact Deb Flint at (518) 882-6385 for information or to obtain an application.

A Message from Cate La Barre, Library Board President

This has been a challenging and stressful year for everyone. The library is no exception. The Covid-19 pandemic and stay-at-home orders brought everything to a halt, including temporarily closing the library doors. Undaunted, our library director worked with the Southern Adirondack Library System and other libraries to find new ways to provide services to our patrons. Within weeks, new systems were created, and procedures put in place to provide services, from curbside pick-up to programs offered virtually.

This has been an ongoing rollercoaster ride for everyone: closed, open for curbside, open, closed with curbside only, back open... it goes on. Regardless, the library is still here, ready to provide the services the community has come to expect and appreciate.

Although challenges remain, we look forward to a brighter future. We are welcoming patrons back to browse the stacks safely, at their leisure, find a cozy spot to settle, and stay a while. We look forward to offering in-person programs safely for patrons of all ages and interests. We look forward to welcoming our volunteers for the invaluable service they provide. We look forward to better days and to seeing you again!

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Galway Public Library's Proposed 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget

| INCOME | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Fees & Book Sales | | \$2,500 |
| Operating Interest | | \$500 |
| Galway School District Tax Levy | | \$198,400 |
| TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME | | \$201,400 |
| EXPENSE | | |
| Payroll Expense | | |
| Gross Payroll | | \$107,200 |
| Personnel Insurance | | \$1,400 |
| Payroll Expenses | | \$11,100 |
| Retirement Expenses | | \$8,400 |
| Total Payroll Expense | | \$128,100 |
| Service Expense | | |
| Movies | | \$4,100 |
| Books & Magazines | | \$10,970 |
| Circulation | | \$6,200 |
| Equipment | | \$800 |
| Programs | | \$700 |
| Total Service Expense | | \$22,770 |
| Administrative Expense | | |
| Accounting & Audit | | \$5,100 |
| Election Expense & Legal Fees | | \$1,500 |
| Dues, Fees, & Training | | \$1,000 |
| Property Insurance | | \$7,800 |
| Postage & Shipping | | \$1,200 |
| Publicity | | \$1,000 |
| Office Supplies & Software | | \$4,430 |
| Total Administrative Expense | | \$22,030 |
| Utilities Expense | | |
| Electric | | \$9,000 |
| Propane | | \$2,600 |
| Phone & Internet | | \$2,400 |
| Total Utilities Expense | | \$14,000 |
| Maintenance Expense | | |
| Alarm System | | \$2,400 |
| Copy Machine & Fire Extinguishers | | \$400 |
| Water System | | \$1,100 |
| Heating & Cooling System | | \$2,000 |
| Lawn Care & Snow Removal | | \$6,600 |
| General Building Repairs | | \$1,000 |
| Maintenance Supplies | | \$700 |
| Refuse | | \$300 |
| Total Maintenance Expense | | \$14,500 |
| TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSE | | \$201,400 |

Where would we be without our **wonderful** volunteers and donors?!

Thank you for supporting us every day!

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Volunteer Spotlight: Sue Hinton

Sue has been a faithful volunteer at the library since 2017. She assists with shelving of returned books, finding requested books to send out to other libraries, and special projects. She became a volunteer after retiring from teaching primarily fourth grade in the Amsterdam School District for 34 years. She did miss working with the kids, so she was looking for something to keep her busy, and she loves reading and books, so the library has been a good fit that she enjoys. Born in Massachusetts, Sue has lived in our area for most of her adult life; she moved to Galway in 1990. She is married to Wayne, and they currently have four cats to keep them company. She loves gardening, many types of needlework, and travelling the world. She often visits Europe and Hawaii, but her favorite trip so far was to Greece, where they had a wonderful personal tour guide. On her "bucket list," she is looking forward to visiting the last six of the United States that she has not been to yet.

Volunteer Spotlight: Grace VanOmmeren

Hi, my name is Grace VanOmmeren. I work as a volunteer at the Galway Public Library and am also the creator and host of the library's Pokémon Club. I recently graduated from Schenectady County Community College with an associate's degree in liberal arts (English concentration). I live in West Charlton with my two parents, older sister, two cats, three guinea pigs, and a parrot. In my downtime I enjoy reading, drawing, watching cartoons, and napping. I also love video games, and while Pokémon is one of my all-time favorites, I am also a fan of unique indie titles such as *A Hat in Time* and *Celeste*. I'm very happy I am able to lend a hand at our wonderful library. I am very shy, so if you ever see me there, please approach with caution.

“Tails & Tales” Children’s Summer Reading Program June 26 - August 16, 2021

In-person, virtual, & online programming and activities for a FUN summer!

In-person programming space is limited - please register at 518-882-6385 or at galwaylibrarystaff@gmail.com. Access virtual programs & READsquared on our website.

Ages are suggestions only. Please visit our website for more details and for additional programs.

Summer Reading is sponsored by Stewart’s & BSNB.



A sample of some of the Summer Reading prizes donated by FYE!

- 6/19 - Signup Opens for Summer Reading Program
- 6/21 - 4pm Garden Club - Make a Pizza Garden (5-12 yrs)
- 6/26 - First Day to Log Minutes for Summer Reading
- 6/28 - 2pm Origami Animals (8-18 yrs)
- 4pm Robot Coding (5-12 yrs)
- 7/1 - 4:30pm Yoga for Teens (13-18 yrs)
- 7/8 - 4:30pm Trivia for Teens (13-18 yrs)
- 7/10 - 11am Visit with Nimbus the Llama (all ages)
- 7/12 - 2pm Create Your Own Nature Journal (5-12 yrs)
- 7/15 - 4:30pm Murder Mystery at the Library (13-18 yrs)
- 7/19 - 2pm Make Your Own Walking Stick (5-12 yrs)
- 4pm Garden Club - Make a Seed Bomb (5-12 yrs)
- 7/22 - 4:30pm Hogwart’s Virtual Escape Room (13-18 yrs)
- 7/26 - 2pm Wiggling Snakes Science (4-10 yrs)
- 4pm Robot Coding (5-12 yrs)
- 7/29 - 4:30pm Kindness Stones (13-18 yrs)
- 8/2 - 2pm Beaver Dam Engineering (5-12 yrs)
- 4pm Lego Club (5-14 yrs)
- 8/3 - 4pm Story Tiles Part 1 (13-18 yrs)
- 8/5 - 4:30pm Dance with Miss Samantha
- 8/9 - 2pm Animal House Engineering (5-12 yrs)
- 8/10 - 4pm Story Tiles Part 2 (13-18 yrs)
- 8/12 - 4:30pm Dance with Miss Samantha
- 8/16 - Final Day to Log Minutes for Summer Reading
- 4pm Garden Club Harvest Event
- 8/19 - Summer Reading Prize Winner Notification

Other Youth Programs to Look Forward to:

Baby Story Time at 10:15am every Tuesday
Preschool Story & Craft Time at 11am every Tuesday
Color Your Summer Workshops (see page 5 for details)

Check our website at galwaypubliclibrary.org for information on other regularly scheduled kid programs:

Pokémon Club Crafternoons
Makerspace Holiday Crafts
Afternoon Discovery Story Time & Movement (NEW!)
Young Adult Gaming (ages 15 to 30)

This summer the Galway Public Library will be providing the youth in our community with many resources to stay engaged, have fun, and keep reading all summer long. With the Covid pandemic ongoing, we will continue to strive to provide our patrons with safe and varied options to participate in this popular program. A hybrid of both in-person and virtual experiences will provide many ways to join in the fun!

We plan to hold many of our in-person activities outside. With that in mind, there are programs lined up that focus on nature, the outdoors, and animals. Kids will be able to make their own beautiful nature journals to draw, write, and record their outdoor experiences in. We will create walking sticks that have “flair”— each child will decorate a stick to use on their adventures. STEM activities will be the focus when gummy worms “come to life” with a “Wiggling Snakes” chemistry experiment, when we create our own mini beaver dams, and when we design and engineer animal houses suitable for our local wildlife. There will be an opportunity to create animal origami art. A highlight of the summer will be a visit to the library from a friendly local llama named Nimbus.

For teens, we are planning a murder mystery event where kids act as characters while discovering who the culprit is. There will also be opportunities to create book-themed art on tiles to be displayed at the library. We will host a Hogwart’s Virtual Escape Room and a Trivia event. With so many exciting events planned we ask that you register in advance. Be sure to watch our website for additional programming.

Our popular Take and Make kits will still be available for kids to create their own crafts at home. We will be using the READsquared app again this summer and kids can log their reading minutes, earn badges and use their reading time to enter for chances to win great prizes. Using the READsquared app also opens up virtual options for mini-games and missions to keep kids busy this summer. Visit galwaypubliclibrary.org for instructions on how to register. The Summer Reading Program will run from June 26 through August 16. Be sure to have your child stop in when they are registered so they can pick out a free book to get them started! We look forward to a great summer of reading!

More Fun Coming Soon to the Galway Library:
An illustrated Story Walk on the trails behind the Library!
Games & Puzzles to borrow for at-home fun!

Exciting STEAM Opportunities for All Ages

Though a generous SALS grant, Galway Public Library will be hosting exciting **STEAM** programs this summer for “kids” of all ages involving art, music, science, robotics, astronomy, photography, and even video gaming!

New Equipment: Makey Makey - an electronic invention kit turning objects into instruments or video games; **Dash and Dot** – mobile device-controlled robots; **Turing Tumble** (ages 8 to adult) - build mechanical computers powered by marbles to solve logic puzzles.

New Clubs: Astronomy Club - use a telescope to explore astronomical phenomena; **Video & Board Gaming Club** (for older teens and younger adults) - will begin with online gaming. Different games and tournament play will be featured each month. Build a community and friendships around the love of games; **Photography Club** (teens and adults) - led by Dave Waite, a local nature and fine art photographer. Create a group of people interested in promoting the art of photography while improving technical and artistic skills.

STEAM Kits to borrow: 3 for grades 4+ - Electronic Coding & Bots; Building & Design; or Estimations & Patterns; and for grades 7+ - Machines & Contraptions.

Through a generous Community Arts Grant from Saratoga Arts, throughout the month of July the Galway Public Library will be hosting “Color Your Summer: Draw, Write, Dance!,” a three-part workshop series open to children (age 8+) and adults focusing on the connections of art and nature. Each week is designed to be a separate workshop led by experienced local artists focused on a different art medium. The first week will be creating pastel drawings of nature, the second week will be writing and illustrating a children’s nature story, and the third week will be learning the art of belly dancing. Each week will consist of three classes from 5:30 to 7 each evening, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. These workshops will be held at scenic local sites, as well as on the library grounds. The workshops will culminate in a one-day festival exhibiting and celebrating participants’ work coupled with brief talks/demonstrations from the workshop instructors. There is a limit of 15 participants/week, and pre-registration is required. You can participate in one week or several. Parents/grandparents are encouraged to participate with their child. Adult participants will be charged a \$10 fee/week to donate to local sites hosting a workshop.

July 12, 14, & 16 - Landscape Pastel Drawing with Carolyn Justice
 July 19, 21, & 23 - Nature Writing & Illustration with Mary Cuffe-Perez & Sallie Way
 July 26, 28, & 30 - Intro to Belly Dance with Sarah Best
 Saturday, August. 7 from 1-3pm - Arts Festival



Saratoga Arts made this program possible with a Community Arts Grant funded by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Monthly Adult Programming

Writers’ Group - 3rd Thurs. 6:30 PM
 When Readers Meet - 4th Mon. 7 PM
 Adult Arts & Crafts - Last Tues. 6 PM
 Tech Assistance - Wed. 4-8 PM, 3rd Sat., or by appt.
 Young Professionals Book Discussion (age 17-30) - 2nd Tues. 7 PM

Check the website for the scheduled return of other popular regular programs like Mahjongg, Meditation, Open Art, and Tea at 3, and new programs as well.

Board of Trustee meetings - 3rd Wed. 6:30 PM

Working in conjunction with the non-profit organization Teach My Kid to Read and through generous grants from Stewart’s Holiday Match, Hannaford, and the Friends of the Galway Public Library, the Library is now offering Decodable Books to borrow. These phonics-based books are designed to help parents teach literacy skills to early readers, as well as to assist older students struggling with dyslexia or with reading proficiently. Some of the books include games to make learning more enjoyable, and we also have some guides to assist parents as they strive to help their children excel.



A Sampling of our Early Literary Decodable Materials

HOW WE SERVED YOU IN 2020

- ♦ 50,213 items in the collection, including 5,352 DVD/CDs & 16,897 eBooks/eAudio
- ♦ 5,681 new/donated items added
- ♦ 20,889 items borrowed
- ♦ 267 library programs held
- ♦ 2,465 program attendees
- ♦ 63 community non-profit meetings hosted
- ♦ 1,929 registered borrowers
- ♦ 5,904 wifi/public computer uses
- ♦ 17,576 visitors
- ♦ 5,200 reference questions answered
- ♦ 1,092,610 website pages viewed

Remembering Mary Lynn Kopper

Mary Lynn Kopper, a member of our library's founding committee and the first President of the Library Board, passed away on February 7. Mary Lynn will be remembered for her volunteer spirit, unbounded energy, positive attitude, and kindness.

Her contributions to the establishment and growth of the library are endless. She was there at the first committee meeting in April 1996. With her "can do" attitude, she took on any task, large or small, that would bring a library to Galway. She volunteered hours of time for meetings with lawyers and Town and bank and library system officials. Once the library was open, she sat the circulation desk, ran the vacuum, set up chairs, did whatever needed to be done. She and her husband Herb worked as a team creating and producing the library logo, signs, and brochures. She lent her creative spirit to the publication of the Story Quilt book and helped others to turn their stories into poetry.

During her twelve years on the Library Board, Mary Lynn served four terms as President and several terms each as Vice President and Secretary. She believed in the value of a community library, especially as a place where children learn to love books and reading. In the Spring 1999 newsletter she said "(the library) isn't just a place to get books.....it's a community center, alive, vital and growing." So it remains today.

One of her last endeavors at the library was hosting Tea at Three, a monthly event where all are welcome to meet with friends and neighbors. When the library is open for programs again, please come for tea. We'll read some of her poems, share some memories and celebrate the life of Mary Lynn Kopper.

Arlene Rhodes



Mary Lynn Kopper



Galway Public Library Website

In early 2019, it was apparent the Galway Public Library website needed major improvements. It was often unavailable and was hard to use based on our patrons' feedback. We knew we needed to make the site more valuable and user friendly for our patrons. First, we changed to a new hosting vendor for support, dependability and capability. More important though, we started a User Experience campaign and began talking with our patrons. We gathered information on how they used the site, what was easy and difficult, what information was missing and what other information or services they would want or need. We used this information along with data we gathered from studying other library websites across the country to design a new website. We launched our new website <https://www.galwaypubliclibrary.org/> in conjunction with the Grand Opening of the new library in September 2019. Immediately the usage of the website doubled. One might expect this due to curiosity, but the good news is that the usage continued to grow. We were getting positive feedback from our patrons on how much easier it was to find things and how surprised they were on how much the library offered in regards to services other than books. We also received great feedback and inquiries from other libraries. The usage of the site for the months of September through December was almost double the total usage for the previous 8 months!

When the COVID Pandemic hit and the library closed, we were determined to leverage the website to help people through this time. We provided as much valuable and pertinent information that we could to everyone in our community and the surrounding area. We created a COVID site which contained not only library details, but information from local and state governments, status of local businesses in Saratoga and their available services, links to aid services, online and home activities for the families, etc. The usage of our website tripled during the early months of 2020.

We took this time to also refocus our library programs to online, by providing online training materials, access to virtual museums and city tours, partnering with organizations for games and activities that families could do at home. This redirection was very well received and thus we continued to add new online programs and activities even after the library re-opened.

Since we went live in September of 2019 we have continued to grow and attract more unique visitors as we are now at 30K visitors a year. However, the more impressive statistic is the number of pages viewed in 2020, which was nearly 1.1 million!

We want to thank our patrons for your continued support and feedback. We love to hear from you and we will continue to enhance the website.

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. Although we've put fundraising events on hold for the past year, we've continued to support the library with funds raised from past events. Our brick sale, which created the beautiful brick walk near the library's entrance, was a great success. It allowed the Friends to donate \$5,000 to the library's capital campaign and provide an additional \$8,000 to purchase items on the library's wish list this year - including (so far) computers, software, and early literacy books.

We are excited to jump back into fundraising, and we need your help! Please visit **friendsofgalwaypubliclibrary.org** for more information on how to join the Friends or renew your membership. We are also looking for more board members. Not only are we effective in helping our public library, but we enjoy a communal and fun approach to it! Your energy and ideas can make a difference.

All are welcome at our meetings on the third Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7 pm. We've met virtually for the past year, but we look forward to meeting in person at the library again soon. Feel free to contact any Board member or email us at **friendsofgalwaylibrary@gmail.com** for more information.

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Julie Pasioka with Pete

DID YOU KNOW?:

A child who can write his/her name can have their own library card, and will receive a free book to celebrate obtaining their "passport to knowledge" card.

If you give us written reviews of books you've read, we'll post your reviews on our website/social media to assist other readers. What can you recommend?

We welcome program & book suggestions.

We appreciate tribute donations in honor/memory of loved ones.

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We appreciate used book/DVD donations. Many of these are added to our collection; others are sold at book sales, and the funds support the library. Items must be clean and mold-free. We do not accept textbooks, VHS/cassette tapes, condensed books, encyclopedias, nor legal, medical, or software manuals.

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Library crafts are a BLAST!

Hello! My name is Julie Pasioka and I am thrilled to be joining the Galway Public Library as the Youth Services Coordinator. I lived in Galway as a child and loved the community and area so much that I moved back over seventeen years ago. I am thankful to be raising my children here. I have been a volunteer in the Galway community over the years and also volunteered and worked in a local nursery school.

As the Youth Services Coordinator, I get to share my passion for reading and learning with the children in our community. I am looking forward to holding story times with crafts, music and movement for our youngest patrons. I am busy planning engaging and fun activities for the bigger kids too, and am most excited about the upcoming Summer Reading Program. We will have lots of things to do and learn about, books to share and prizes to win for reading all summer long. Stop in and sign up for the Summer Reading Program (which will run from June 26 through August 16) and pick out a free book to help get you started!

Some of my favorite books are *Goodnight Moon*, *On the Night You Were Born*, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, *The Day the Crayons Quit*, *Lovable Lyle*, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, the Harry Potter series, *Anne of Green Gables* and anything by Chris VanDusen.

The theme of the Summer Reading Program this year is "Tails and Tales." We have lots of creatures with tails at my house and some enjoy a good book too. We have a tortoise, a guinea pig, two cats, one dog, a tank full of fish and three chickens. Here is a picture of my cat Pete and me. Every evening when I read with my own family, Pete joins us for a story. I look forward to meeting you all and hearing about your favorite books and reading buddies!

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Monday: 10-6
 Tuesday: 10-6
 Wednesday: 2-8
 Thursday: 2-8
 Friday: 2-6
 Saturday: 10-2
 Sunday: Closed

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We Also Provide:

- ◆ Notary services.
- ◆ Free Wi-Fi access 24/7.
- ◆ Meeting space for community non-profit organizations.
- ◆ Print/copy/fax for a small fee.
- ◆ Local art displays.
- ◆ Weekly online newsletter at galwaypubliclibrary.org.
- ◆ Saratoga Children's/Hyde/MiSci Museum passes to borrow.
- ◆ Local business/area news on Facebook & galwaygettogether.org.
- ◆ One-on-one tech assistance.

Summer Reading:
 Fun & Educational!



A few of the books added to the collection in memory of Lucas Rockwood.



The Galway Get Together (GGT) is a service of the Galway Public Library. Its purpose is to provide a network for sharing information about local resources, products and services within the Galway community. There are several components to the GGT. The library has been publishing the free bi-weekly newsletter since June 2011; the April 2021 issue was the 218th one! To receive each issue right in your email, just sign up at the library or on the form on our website. Recent issues are posted on the library website, and available in print as well. Deadlines for submitting your news are generally the 13th and the 29th of each month.

Our most recent and far-reaching addition is *The Galway Get Together Community News and Resource Center* at www.galwaygettogether.org, which was made possible by a 2017 Seed Challenge Grant from SALS (Southern Adirondack Library System). The website includes a comprehensive directory of local businesses and organizations, a bulletin board for community news and announcements, and a calendar of local events. It's a great resource for newcomers to learn about the Galway area, and a helpful source when you're looking for repairs, places to shop, how to contact organizations, or even to find local things to do.

You are encouraged to like/follow and send guest posts to our *Galway Get Together* Facebook page for up-to-date information about community events, restaurant specials, lost pets, help wanted, garage sales and more. We welcome information from individuals, local businesses, and organizations as we help you reach more of the community with your information. Email us at galwaygettogether@gmail.com with questions and to send us your submissions! Don't miss out on this opportunity for free local advertising!