

GALWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2022



WELCOME to Your Friendly Neighborhood Library!

Greetings to all the residents of the Galway Central School District and surrounding communities. It is exciting to see smiles on everyone's faces again after being masked so long!

This year marks the library's 24th anniversary, and providing excellent service remains our goal. We are very proud of how important the library is to you, and we strive to be a positive presence in your lives. The library holds a unique position in our community, a place for people of all ages to gather, find information, and participate in a variety of activities with no charge for entry. The library experience is possible, in large part, because of the generous support from you, our wonderful patrons, volunteers, and donors. Your support allows us to be here to provide the assistance you need.

I extend a warm invitation to all of you to come visit. As always, we look forward to seeing you soon, here at your friendly neighborhood library.

- Deb Flint, Director

Monthly Adult Programming

Tech Assistance - Wed. 4-8 PM, 3rd Sat., or by appt.
Young Professionals Book Discussion - 2nd Tues. 7 PM
Young Professionals Board Games - 2nd Wed. 6 PM
Board of Trustee meetings - 3rd Wed. 6:30 PM
Writers' Group - 3rd Thurs. 6:30 PM
When Readers Meet - 4th Mon. 7 PM
Adult Arts & Crafts - 4th Tues. 6 PM
Photography Club - last Wed. 6 PM

Monthly Children & Teen Programming

Baby & Preschool Story Time - every Tues. 10:15 & 11
Lego Club - 1st Mon. 4 PM
Crafternoon - 2nd Mon. 4 PM
Nature Club - 3rd Mon. 4 PM
Tech Club - 4th Mon. 4 PM
Makerspace - 3rd Thurs. to 4th Thurs.
Esports - 3rd Sat. 11 AM (Middle School & older)
Teen Program/Advisory Board - 2nd & 4th Thurs. 6 PM

See galwaypubliclibrary.org for program additions.



A Camping-Themed Preschool Story Time



Children's Summer Reading Program June 25 - August 13, 2022

Sponsored by Stewart's Shops & Ballston Spa National Bank

Climb on board for another fabulous Summer Reading Program with some new ways to participate. There truly are "Oceans of Possibilities" this year! Sign up for the READsquared app and log your reading time to enter to win prizes. We are excited to be offering Brag Tags which are collectible tags that attach to a chain, lanyard, or keyring. Every child or teen who registers for the Summer Reading Program gets a chain and a tag to get started. Complete Bingo Reading Cards over the course of the summer to earn more tags to add to your collection! It is all hands on deck at the library as we offer engaging, fun, educational programs to keep you busy this summer. Programs are offered for children of all ages and we hope to see lots of friends at the library for a whale of a time. Pick up a flyer with a schedule of activities and instructions at the Galway Public Library to start your journey!

Special Summer Reading Programming Opportunities

For Ages 0-5

Tuesdays - Baby Storytime at 10:15 - Read picture books and sing. (ages 0-2)

Tuesdays - Preschool Storytime at 11 - Learn about the ocean through stories, songs, activities, and a craft at this fun filled weekly event! (ages 3-5)

For All Ages

7/2 at 11 - Here Be Monsters Map Making Event - A family-friendly event to learn about and make maps. (all ages, under 6 with an adult)

7/11 at 10:30 - Water Safety with the Sean Craig Memorial Foundation - Learn about safety in open water, the pool, and at the beach with fun activities and a craft. (all ages, under 5 with an adult)

7/18 at 4 - Hike at Glowegee Creek. Meet at Glowegee trail for a creekside hike. (all ages, parents must attend)

7/21—7/28 - Makerspace - Complete your own ocean comic book story and enter to win a prize. (all ages)

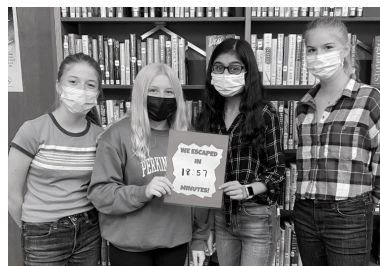
8/6 at 11 - Interactive "Under the Sea" movie event. (all ages)

For Teens

6/30 at 6 - 7 Wonders of the 7 Seas - Teens will complete a STEAM challenge and a taste test challenge!

7/7 & 8/4 at 6 - Teen Hangout - Make a cool craft and watch a movie.

7/28 & 8/11 at 6 - Teen Advisory Board - Help plan future teen programs while having fun and earning volunteer hours with your friends!



Left: Teen Escape Room participants

Below: Story Time craft



Having fun isn't
hard when you've
got a library card!

- Marc Brown



Children's Summer Reading Program June 25 - August 13, 2022

6/18 - Registration opens for READsquared app.

6/25 - Summer Reading begins! Start logging reading time!

8/31 - Last day to log reading minutes in READsquared.

Special Summer Reading Programming Opportunities Continued

For Elementary & Middle School Ages

6/27 at 10:30 - Message in a Bottle - Create a code to write secret messages to friends! (ages 8 -12)

6/27 at 4 - Tech Club - Wonder Workshop Ocean Exploration - Code robots on an underwater journey! (ages 6 -12)

6/28 at 1 - Mermaid Eggs Art – Use clay and ocean treasures to create a beautiful piece of art. (ages 6-12)

7/5 at 1 - Ocean Trivia - Join friends and test your knowledge with our ocean trivia quiz. (ages 7-12)

7/11 at 4 - Crafternoon: Glitter Notebook - Make your own beautiful, ocean inspired notebook. (ages 7-12)

7/12 at 1 - Ocean Poses Yoga - Join experienced Yoga teacher Nyrelle as she guides a yoga session. (ages 7-14)

7/14 at 6 - Mad Science: Life in the Sea - Learn about diverse ocean life with entertainers from Mad Science. Participants earn a prize. (ages 5-12)

7/18 at 10:30 - Octopus Camouflage - Create clay octopuses and see how they blend in and hide. (ages 6-12)

7/19 at 1 - Lighthouse STEAM Challenge - Who can build the tallest lighthouse using everyday materials? (ages 8-14)

7/21 at 6 - Ocean Escape Room – Sign up for a timeslot to see if you can beat our Ocean Escape Room. (ages 8 –14)

7/25 at 10:30 - Jewels of the Sea Pearl Craft - Create your own "pearl" keychain or bracelet. (ages 6-12)

7/25 at 4 - Light-Up Angler Fish - Create a circuit and make your own angler fish. (ages 8-14)

7/26 at 1 - Water Science - Fun science experiments to learn about oceans and ocean life. (ages 6-12)

8/1 at 10:30 - Sink or Float - Design a boat and test how much weight it can hold. (ages 5-12)

8/1 at 4 - Lego Club Sea Creatures - Join your friends and create your own Lego sea creatures. (ages 5-14)

8/2 at 1 - Ocean Motion - Join a Skidmore College dancer for an afternoon of dance and movement. (ages 5-12)

8/8 at 10:30 - How Do Whales Stay Warm? - Find out how whales, penguins, and polar bears keep warm. (ages 6-12)

8/8 at 4 - Crafternoon: Macramé Mermaid Tail – Make your own macramé mermaid tail. (ages 6-12)

8/9 at 1 - Water Bottle Jellyfish - Create a moving jellyfish from recycled materials. (ages 6-12)



Learning to garden with Miss Julie

2021 Statistics

- ◆ 51,468 items in the collection
- ◆ 5,698 new/donated items added
- ◆ 25,240 items borrowed
- ◆ 1,861 registered borrowers
- ◆ 289 in-person & virtual programs
- ◆ 1,342 Wi-Fi/public computer uses
- ◆ 3,300 reference questions answered
- ◆ 65,807 website visits

Thoughts from the Library Board President

Dear Library Community,

As I reflect over the last two years, I am proud that our library has been able to adapt as needed to ensure the safety of patrons during the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. Many thanks to our library director and staff for your determination and flexibility.

Each month more community members are becoming patrons of the library, whether attending programs, browsing for a favorite author, or asking for tech support. There is truly something for everyone. Sign up for the weekly email newsletter to stay informed and join us. Please don't forget to vote in the annual election for the budget and trustees.

This year, we bid a fond farewell to Trustee and Galway Public Library founding member, Arlene Rhodes. Arlene, we cannot thank you enough for your hard work and dedication to making the library what it is today. We look forward to your continued involvement in the library community.

- Cate La Barre

Library Elections

**Wednesday, June 8 from 2 PM - 8 PM
at the Galway Public Library, 2112 East St.**

Residents of the Galway Central School District are encouraged to vote in the Galway Public Library annual election for the following items:

Annual Library Budget: The public will be voting on a proposition to collect \$216,135 in property taxes for fiscal year 2022-2023 to operate the Library.

Trustee Election: There are two vacancies on the Board of Trustees, both for five-year terms commencing July 1, 2022. The seats are currently held by Jane Behrens and Arlene Rhodes. Arlene Rhodes is not seeking re-election.

A public information meeting on the budget will be held at the library on Wednesday, June 1, at 7 PM.

All registered voters in the Galway Central School District are eligible to vote in the library election. Absentee ballot applications are available at the library. For more information, call (518) 882-6385.

Galway Public Library's Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

INCOME		
Fees & Book Sales		\$3,000
Operating Interest		\$100
Galway School District Tax Levy		\$216,135
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME		\$219,235
EXPENSE		
Payroll Expense		
Gross Payroll		\$111,600
Personnel Insurance		\$1,350
Payroll Expenses		\$9,200
Retirement Expenses		\$9,200
Total Payroll Expense		\$131,350
Service Expense		
Movies		\$3,200
Books & Magazines		\$11,870
Circulation		\$6,400
Equipment		\$500
Programs		\$700
Total Service Expense		\$22,670
Administrative Expense		
Accounting & Audit		\$6,200
Election Expense & Legal Fees		\$1,000
Dues, Fees, & Training		\$700
Property Insurance		\$10,000
Postage & Shipping		\$1,200
Publicity		\$900
Office Supplies & Software		\$4,610
Total Administrative Expense		\$24,610
Utilities Expense		
Electric		\$12,000
Propane		\$4,800
Phone & Internet		\$2,900
Total Utilities Expense		\$19,700
Maintenance Expense		
Alarm System		\$2,400
Copy Machine & Fire Extinguishers		\$350
Water System		\$1,900
Heating & Cooling System		\$3,500
Lawn Care & Snow Removal		\$9,800
Generator Maintenance		\$725
Maintenance Supplies & Repairs		\$2,000
Refuse		\$230
Total Maintenance Expense		\$20,905
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSE		\$219,235



Left: A few esports players

Below: Lego Club STEM fun



Reading is a passport to countless adventures.

- Mary Pope Osborne

A Few of Our Services:

- ◆ Free notary service
- ◆ Open Wi-Fi access 24/7
- ◆ Online reservations for room use by community non-profits
- ◆ Print/copy/fax for a small fee
- ◆ Artist of the Month displays
- ◆ Saratoga Children's/Hyde/MiSci Museum passes to borrow
- ◆ One-on-one tech assistance
- ◆ STEAM kits to borrow
- ◆ Puzzle swap
- ◆ Weekly newsletter at galway-publiclibrary.org
- ◆ Story Walk Trail behind the library with seasonal books

A Salute to a Public Library Pioneer

Since 1998, there has been one determined, unstoppable driving force in the birth, growth, and development of the Galway Public Library: Arlene Rhodes. She has continuously given her time and energy to the Board, serving as the library's first Vice President, 13 years as President, and now, after serving as a trustee for 24 years, will be closing that chapter of her life this June.

Arlene was among a group of devoted community members who took action after the Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS) ended its bookmobile service to Galway in 1995. As she recently recalled, "A group of us ran the entire library operation for more than a year: sitting at the desk, cataloging and shelving books, presenting programs, raising funds and doing whatever was needed to serve our community and to find a path to becoming a chartered library." During her long tenure, the library has undergone significant changes, including becoming a chartered library in 2000, converting from a Town of Galway library to a Galway Central School District library in 2007, and taking on the new library building campaign from 2013 through 2019. All along the way, Arlene repeatedly stepped up as a leader, assuming additional roles, including serving on the New Building and Fund Development committees, organizing a campaign to get out the vote, and facilitating community information sessions. Arlene is also credited with starting a library book discussion group in 1998, which she still facilitates today, as well as the book sorting committee, which she chaired for more than 20 years.



Arlene's vision and tireless dedication has made the library what it has become: a community center for Galway and the surrounding area. Through her wise leadership and commitment to detail, she has been a stabilizing presence on the Board of Trustees, and in fact was recognized in 2012 as the SALS Trustee of the Year.

Reflecting on what this experience has meant, Arlene said, "It has been an honor to serve on the library Board. What a thrill to be there from the beginning and to see the library grow! We have a new library because many, many people worked together." She also shared the joy and satisfaction she has gained from her involvement. "At the library, I've made new friends and reconnected with former students. It's been such fun to meet their children and grandchildren as they attend library programs. Serving with former students on the Board and library committees has been a great pleasure."

Unquestionably, the Galway Public Library stands as a monument to Arlene's contribution to the quality of life in the community, and to her never-changing belief in education and its ability to change the world, one person at a time.

We are THANKFUL for all our Volunteers and Donors!

YOU Are What Makes the Library a Special Place!

We are grateful for all contributions of time, talent, and money. We need you! Your efforts help create a library that everyone can enjoy. Please remember that a contribution can be a lasting way to honor a loved one. Your donation can also be designated to a favorite project. Your support is always appreciated!

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Support From the Friends of the Library

The **Friends of the Galway Public Library** is a community organization that supports the library by raising money for purchases not covered by the library budget. Though our fundraising has been limited of late, we are delighted to report we raised more than \$1,000 at our book sale in August 2021. Looking ahead, we're excited about our Memorial Day book sale at the library on May 30th, and we're in the planning stages for more events later in the year. Come join us! Membership forms are available at the library, and renewal notices for

current members will be in the mail soon. Our Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the library. Bring your energy and ideas and help us continue to put the "fun" in fundraising. Feel free to email friendsofgalway-library@gmail.com for more information.

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Donations of clean used books and DVDs are accepted for use in the library or to sell in support of the library. Textbooks, manuals, VHS/cassette tapes, condensed books, or encyclopedias are not accepted.

Story
Time is
always
fun!



Volunteer Spotlight: Al & Barb McKean

Al and Barb married in 1971 and moved to their current home in Providence where they raised two sons. Barb taught at Galway for 31 years and Al was an RN at Ellis Hospital for 25 years. Barb and Al take advantage of all the outdoor activities in this area. They camp every other week all summer with their grandchildren. They enjoy fishing and boating with the kids, and Barb likes kayaking. In the winter, Al snowmobiles and Barb cross country skis. Both are active in many community organizations. Al is VP and Barb is secretary of the Galway Snowmobile Club. Barb volunteers at the Galway Pantry and together they deliver meals for the Saratoga County Office for the Aging. In the past, Barb chaired the Friends of the Galway Public Library. Al and Barb have volunteered with the Library's Book Sorting Committee for many years, and both are currently the co-chairs. At present, it is a small, dedicated group who meet when needed, usually once a month. The group is always looking for new members and they are very appreciative of all who serve.

An Updated Galway Get Together Website - <https://galwaygettogether.org>

We are pleased to announce that the Galway Get Together Community website has been revitalized to make it easier to use while giving the site a new, modern look. The Get Together site continues to provide information about products, services, and events available in the greater Galway area. The goal of the site is to support our local economy by keeping our community informed about the plethora of local resources available, from growers, builders, and care providers to restaurants, parks, and service organizations.

The site contains a User Guide and FAQs to walk you through the new exciting features.

Some of the highlights of the new site are:

- Over 250+ updated listings
- Simplified categories to quickly find a listing
- Ability to sort listings by title or date
- Ability to share a listing via social media
- Featured listings to showcase key events
- A chat function to share information and provide feedback

Please check out the new website and let us know your thoughts.

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Mon. & Tues. 10-6
Wed. & Thurs. 2-8
Fri. 2-6
Sat. 10-2

Building solar
robots pur-
chased with
money from
the Seed Grant.



GRANT FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS OF THE LAST YEAR

Ballston Spa National Bank — \$500 - Kids' Summer Reading Program

Friends of Galway Public Library - \$8000 for numerous items including 8 computers, software, & shelving, plus \$2500 for new books

Hannaford Supermarkets - \$408 - Program supplies

Humanities NY - \$800 - Adult book discussion of environmentally-themed books

NYS Department of Library Development - \$50,010 - Purchase & installation of generator

NYS Local Library Services Aid - \$2008 - Operating/capital expenses

Price Chopper Golub Foundation - \$500 - New kids' books

Southern Adirondack Library System Seed Grant - \$9952 - STEAM equipment & programs for all ages

Saratoga Community Arts - \$2511 - "Color Your Summer: Draw, Write, Dance!" program for kids and adults during summer 2021

Saratoga County Youth Bureau — \$147 - Holiday Gift Making Workshop for kids

Stewart's Holiday Match - \$750 - Kids' Summer Reading Program

Story Quilt - \$1200 - Playful Clay 2021 program