

# GALWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2023

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### Collaboration: A Word For Success

Looking back over the past few years at the Galway Public Library, I am struck by the spirit of collaboration that pervades the daily occurrences at the library. Another word for collaboration is partnership. Promoting community partnerships with the library is part of our vision of service. Striving to fulfill that goal has resulted in many positive resources at the library, particularly enriching programs, offerings that would not be possible without collaboration between staff, volunteers, and local organizations.

The Galway Central School District PTSA's partnership with the library is one example of a collaboration that benefits our community. The PTSA co-sponsored our Holiday Workshop, where 140 participants created gifts and ornaments. Together, we handed out candy and free book coupons to more than 300 kids at the Galway Town Fall Festival. The PTSA also supplied last summer's impressive, fun ocean-themed décor.

Collaboration with other local organizations allowed us to offer a technical HAM radio course, and to host our second annual Community Give Back program where local artisans and Quilt North created quilts to donate to people in need.

The library's Teen Advisory Board hosted teen and children's nights with escape rooms and video gaming, a teen Halloween movie night complete with popcorn, and a children's book sale to fund additional children's programs this summer.

It is awe-inspiring to witness the generosity of the many talented individuals in our community! From local authors who give book talks, artists who teach various classes, and educators who provide technology instruction, library patrons are privileged to have the opportunity to take part in many enriching learning experiences.

Yes, teamwork between the library and many collaborators has made a difference in our community. Thank you to all who have contributed to our ongoing efforts to serve our community, and I urge all community members to take advantage of our wonderful opportunities in the future.

- Deb Flint, Director



### 2022 By the Numbers

- ◆ **53,089 total items in the collection**
  - 30,151 print materials**
  - 17,317 electronic materials**
  - 5,621 audio/video materials**
- ◆ **5,875 new/donated items added**
- ◆ **29,534 items borrowed**
- ◆ **1,958 registered borrowers**
- ◆ **18,715 visits to the library**
- ◆ **413 library programs held**
- ◆ **4,091 program attendees**
- ◆ **184 summer reading registrations**
- ◆ **74 summer reading programs**
- ◆ **658 children attended summer programs**
- ◆ **1,003 early reading program attendees**
- ◆ **177 attendees at adult book groups**
- ◆ **130 tech assistance one-on-one sessions**
- ◆ **2,128 Wi-Fi/public computer uses**
- ◆ **3,055 reference questions answered**
- ◆ **68,254 website visits**
- ◆ **87 community non-profit room uses**



Fun at the popular second annual Holiday Gift Workshop hosted by the Library and the Galway PTSA.

## Galway Public Library Elections

**Wednesday, June 7 from 2 PM - 8 PM**

**at the Galway Public Library, 2112 East St.**

Voters will decide on a proposition to collect \$243,530 in property taxes to operate the library for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Voters will also fill one vacancy on the Board of Trustees for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2023. The seat is currently held by Santina Florio, and she is seeking re-election.

A public budget information meeting will be held at the library on Wednesday, May 31, at 7 PM.

All registered voters in the Galway Central School District are eligible to vote in this election. Absentee ballot applications are available at the library.

### *Appreciation For Our Many Essential Volunteers*

I love books and cherish libraries. In 2018 when a trustee position was left vacant, I volunteered to fill it for the remainder of the fiscal year. Little did I know the mighty learning curve ahead, as well as how rewarding this experience would be for me. Though the day-to-day operations of the library are the responsibility of the director, trustees develop policies and make fiscal decisions for the positive direction of the library. As much as libraries depend on an oversight board, libraries could barely exist without the variety of volunteers who contribute in meaningful ways. From a teenager wanting volunteer hours for a club or college application to a retiree looking for an opportunity to make a difference, there is something for everyone to contribute to the library community. From shelving books to weeding the gardens, sorting books for book sales to helping with the library's long range planning process, volunteering is a rewarding and highly valued experience. Perhaps you have a special interest and want to offer a program. Maybe you are a whiz at writing grants. We appreciate your special gifts and talents. Friends of the Library welcome new members to contribute their ideas and energy to fundraisers that directly benefit the library. Our new Galway Public Library Foundation has been established to allow for philanthropic giving and welcomes input from the community. If you have a few hours and are looking for a way to contribute, stop by and talk to Deb, our director. We'd love to have you on board!

- Cate La Barre, Board of Trustees President

## **Galway Public Library's Proposed 2023-2024 Budget**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Fees & Book Sales	\$2,000
Operating Interest	\$100
Galway School District Tax Levy	\$243,530
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME</b>	<b>\$245,630</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
<b>Payroll Expense</b>	
Gross Payroll	\$121,000
Personnel Insurance	\$2,350
Payroll Expenses	\$10,100
Retirement Expenses	\$8,000
<b>Total Payroll Expense</b>	<b>\$141,450</b>
<b>Service Expense</b>	
Movies	\$3,200
Books & Magazines	\$14,000
Circulation	\$10,100
Equipment	\$2,200
Programs	\$800
<b>Total Service Expense</b>	<b>\$30,300</b>
<b>Administrative Expense</b>	
Accounting & Audit	\$6,000
Election & Legal Fees	\$1,325
Dues, Fees, & Training	\$900
Property Insurance	\$8,200
Postage & Shipping	\$1,300
Publicity	\$1,400
Office Supplies & Software	\$5,740
<b>Total Administrative Expense</b>	<b>\$24,865</b>
<b>Utilities Expense</b>	
Electric	\$14,500
Propane	\$5,000
Phone & Internet	\$3,100
<b>Total Utilities Expense</b>	<b>\$22,600</b>
<b>Maintenance Expense</b>	
Alarm System	\$2,400
Copier & Fire Extinguishers	\$550
Heating & Cooling System	\$2,300
Water System	\$2,500
Lawn Care & Snow Removal	\$15,700
Generator Maintenance	\$725
Maintenance Supplies & Repairs	\$2,000
Refuse	\$240
<b>Total Maintenance Expense</b>	<b>\$26,415</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$245,630</b>

## GENEROUS GRANT FUNDING

Anonymous - \$2,000 - Books, supplies, robotic programs

Ballston Spa National Bank - \$500 - Youth programs

Friends of Galway Public Library - \$2,732 - Computer equipment, supplies, program snacks, art display units, and a memory aid kit.

Hannaford Supermarkets - \$260 - Program supplies

NYS Local Library Services Aid - \$2,048 - Operating expenses

Price Chopper's Golub Foundation - \$500 - Kids' books and programming

Saratoga County Youth Bureau - \$146 - Youth programs

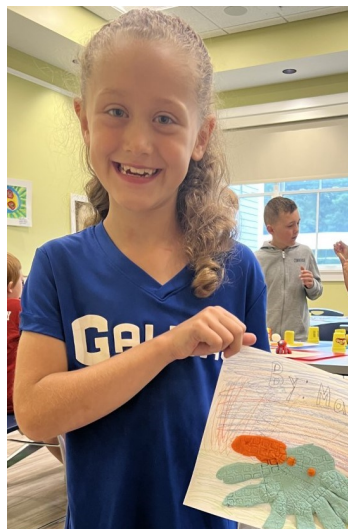
Stewart's Holiday Match - \$700 - Kids' Summer Reading

WGY Christmas Wish - \$500 - Kids' books



**New to Borrow:** a Birding Backpack with a NY bird guide, binoculars, and activities donated by the Southern Adirondack Audubon Society; and a Garden-themed Stay Sharp Memory Kit to assist patrons struggling with memory issues. The Memory Kit contains a puzzle, game, paint kit, and books purchased with funds from the Friends of GPL.

The pictures to the right and below were taken at a summer program and a robotics class, a few of the youth programs funded by grants.



### Library Foundation Established

A not-for-profit corporation has been established for the sole purpose of supporting the Galway Public Library. Our efforts began in fall 2020 when community volunteers explored the feasibility of establishing a library foundation to supplement school district tax dollars. After consulting the Library Board of Trustees and Friends of the Galway Public Library, the group applied for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charity status. The Foundation's current Board of Directors are Germaine Curtin, Jim Hodson, Cate La Barre, and Dawn Wheeler, with one vacancy on the Board. You may contact the Galway Public Library Foundation at P.O. Box 68, Galway, NY 12074, 518-882-8220, or email [the.gplf@gmail.com](mailto:the.gplf@gmail.com). Our website will launch soon.

### Making Connections: Meet Our New Board Member, Kat McCleneghen

My love of learning and making connections brought me to the new library in 2020 where I volunteered in children's programs, shelf reading, and the book sorting committee. In the spring of 2022, I received a call from Arlene Rhodes asking if I would be interested in running for the Board of Trustees as she would be stepping down from her many incredible years of serving the library in this capacity. I stepped in and found an amazing team in the library staff, board, and volunteers.

I have been a teacher since 1996, working in public

schools as both an elementary teacher and gifted & talented teacher, as well as a consultant and educator for homeschooling families. I most recently taught 6th-grade math and ELA in Galway.

Our family has lived in Charlton for almost 14 years. When not busy with our two high school juniors and a college freshman, you might find me creating miniatures, dabbling in something artistic, designing an escape room, organizing, skiing, or working with my husband on a new adventure - always learning and making connections!



# Children's Summer Reading Program

## June 24 - August 12, 2023

Sponsored by Ballston Spa National Bank, Galway PTSA, Hannaford Supermarkets, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, Stewart's Holiday Match, & WGY Christmas Wish

This summer, we will put the unity in community with programs about kindness, cooperation, and being stronger when working together. With a theme of "All Together Now," we have a fun lineup for kids of all ages at the Galway Public Library. Kids up to age 18 are invited to sign up online and log their reading time to enter to win raffle prizes. Kids can also complete Kindness Bingo Cards to earn extra raffle tickets. Attend our programs and spend the summer learning and creating while having a great time with friends!

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7/17 - Begin signing up for the Summer Reading Program.

### For Ages 0-5

7/24 - Begin logging reading time & completing Kindness Bingo Cards.

Tuesdays at 10:15 - Baby Storytime - Songs, rhymes, movement, and stories for our youngest readers (ages 0-2).

8/12 - Last day to log reading minutes & turn in Kindness Bingo Cards.

Tuesdays at 11 - PreK Storytime - We read, sing, rhyme, move, and end with a themed craft (ages 3-5).

8/16 - Summer Reading prize winners notified.

7/13 from 2-7 - Stuffed Animal Sleepover - See details in the Elementary Age schedule on the next page (ages 3-5).

### For All Ages

7/1 at 10 - Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest with games for the whole family.

### For Teens

7/6 & 8/3 at 6 - Family Storytime: Bring the whole family for stories and songs.

7/13 at 7 - Stuffed Animal Sleepover

7/11 at 1 - Amazing Honeybees: Join Ms. Cindy as she teaches about how bees and pollinators work together, and see a live observation hive!

7/27 at 7 - Teen Advisory Board planning meeting

7/20 -7/27 - Tegu Magnetic Blocks Makerspace

8/10 at 6 - Teen Tie-Dye: Bring a white t-shirt or bandana to tie-dye with friends.

7/25 from 4-6 - Escape the Cage: Get the Gnome Home Escape Room: Help set an injured gnome free from the library! (Sign up for a 30 minute timeslot in teams of 4-6 with your friends and family).

8/1 at 1 - Kindness Stones & Shells: Decorate stones & shells to leave around our community as acts of kindness.

8/5 at 10 - Donuts & Art: A Perfect Pair - This art project merges different art styles. Create while eating donuts!



Curiosity about life in the sea during a summer program.

Listed ages are suggestions; please check the older/younger schedules for other programming options.



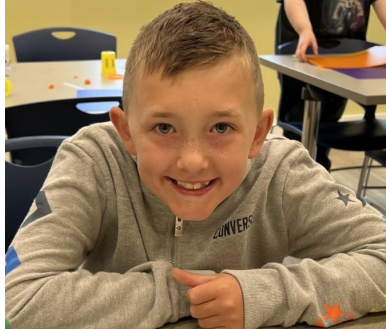
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### Program Schedule Continued



Excited for another Summer Reading Program!



#### For Elementary & Middle School Ages

6/26 at 2 - Mission Possible: A teamwork adventure where kids will learn about collaboration & communication while developing confidence (ages 8 -12).

6/26 at 4 - Tech Club: Laser Puzzle Boxes - Create with friends while exploring light and angles (ages 8-14).

6/27 at 1 - Tween Positive Self-Talk & Affirmation Boxes with Stacey Kozak (ages 11-14).

6/29 at 4 - DIY Music Makers: Make your own musical instrument and finish with a group jam session (ages 5-9).

7/3 at 2 - Doodles & Dots Puzzle Art: Combine beautiful designs using simple repetitive patterns to create a mosaic puzzle (ages 8-14).

7/3 at 4 - Lego Club: Friendship Challenge (ages 6-14).

7/10 at 2 - Shelter Pet Drive: Help make no-sew fleece blankets to donate to the Saratoga County Animal Shelter. Also accepting pet food & supplies donations (ages 6-12).

7/10 at 4 - Crafternoon: Origami Puzzle Cubes - Construct folded paper puzzle cubes without scissors, tape, or glue (ages 8-14).

7/13 - Stuffed Animal Sleepover presented by the Library’s Teen Advisory Board: Kids drop off a stuffed animal between 2-7 for the pet to spend a night of fun at the library! Pick the pet up the next day between 2-6 and receive a photo booklet of the pet’s adventures playing & exploring at the library (ages 3-10).

7/17 at 2 - Friendship Jewelry: Make a jellyfish bracelet, binary code bracelet, or puzzle piece friendship necklace (ages 8-12).

7/17 at 4 - Leaf Rubbing Collage: Join us for a nature walk and collect leaves to make beautiful artwork (ages 6-12).

7/18 at 1 - Trivia: Friends & Family in Movies & Literature (ages 10-14).

7/20 at 6 - Glowing Science with the Science Chef! Learn about fluorescence and what glows (ages 7-12).

7/24 at 2 - Collaborative Rube Goldberg Machine: Create a complex invention to complete a simple task (ages 8-12).

7/24 at 4 - Tech Club: Wearable Circuits - Make a wearable circuit and decorate it in your own style (ages 8-14).

7/31 at 2 - Love Bug Clips Craft: Create your own “Love Bug” with this simple craft about kindness (ages 5-9).

8/7 & 8/8 at 2 - Makey Makey Piano: Kids will work together to make their own playable floor piano while learning about circuits and conductivity (ages 8-14).

8/7 at 4 - Lego Club: Build Your Family (ages 6 -14).

#### Popular Children’s Programming Is at the Library!



Weekly Storytime is very popular with our youngest patrons.



The 2022 Summer Reading Program had 184 registrants read a total of 89,897 minutes! We are looking forward to this year’s program!

### Some of Our Services:

- ◆ Free notary public services
- ◆ Password-free Wi-Fi access 24/7
- ◆ Meeting space for community non-profits and tutors
- ◆ Public computers to utilize
- ◆ Print/copy/fax for a nominal fee
- ◆ Artist of the Month displays
- ◆ Saratoga Children's/Hyde/MiSci Museum passes to borrow
- ◆ One-on-one tech assistance
- ◆ STEAM & Memory Aid kits to borrow for a week
- ◆ Free puzzle and magazine swap
- ◆ A Story Walk behind the library
- ◆ Community information through the Galway Get Together bi-monthly newsletter, Facebook, & website at [galwaygettogether.org](http://galwaygettogether.org)

### Volunteer Spotlight: Magdalene Maciag

My name is Magdalene Maciag. I have lived in Galway since entering 5th grade and am currently a sophomore at Galway High School where I am enrolled in two college courses and several advanced courses of study.

I began volunteering at our library weekly in 7th grade and resumed after the pandemic, for a total of about three years. I enjoy working here because I believe that education is the foundation of our society and that it is important to make information available to everyone in our community; our library serves this purpose well. I also volunteer in other capacities, including programming for a youth board in Saratoga Springs, assisting at marches and voter registration events, and regularly picking up roadside trash in my neighborhood.

After high school, I plan to attend art college to study illustration and graphic design. As with education, I believe art is vital to our world and I hope to further advocate for social issues and encourage education through creating and illustrating children's books.

When not studying or drawing, I am usually photographing or playing with my four cats.

## The Library's "Artist of the Month"

Each month, the Galway Public Library chooses an artist's work to display as a way to celebrate the abundance of creativity and innovation in our community. We have featured painters, sketch artists, photographers, sculptors, and textile artists.

In March, we partnered with the Galway High School Art Department to host their annual Artist Profile Open House, which displayed various forms of senior student art. The show was a tremendous success, and demonstrated that artistic talents in our community are not limited to adults! The school has already reserved their date for the spring 2024 show.

If you are interested in displaying your art as an Artist of the Month, please contact the library at 518-882-6385.



Above: Proud seniors at the Artist Profile Open House (L to R: Teacher Maureen Mierzwa, Brandon Garney, Kaedin Bishop, Emma Mariani, and Spencer Newsom.

Right: Tari Lee Sykes, presenter & an Artist of the Month.



### A Message From the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Galway Public Library is an organization which supports the library with funds for purchases not included in the library budget. In March, we held our first Taste of Chocolate since 2020. We are also holding a book sale on Memorial Day at the library. We have a few other fundraising ideas that we will announce soon.

How can you support the Friends of the Library? If you have not already sent in your dues for the year, you can do that now. Visit the library or [galway-publiclibrary.org/friendsofgpl](http://galway-publiclibrary.org/friendsofgpl) for more information on how to

join the Friends or renew your membership.

We are looking for one member of our board. We meet each month except December. Feel free to join us at 7 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the library. Contact one of us for more information.

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**Used book & DVD donations are accepted.**

## We APPRECIATE the Library Volunteers and Donors Who Made a Difference This Year!

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Your support is always appreciated!

You can designate a contribution in honor or memory of a loved one, or to a particular project.

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**HOURS**

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

**Monthly Children's & Teen Programs**

1st Mon. at 4 - Lego Club  
1st Thurs. at 6 - Family Storytime  
1st Sat. at 10 - Family events  
2nd Mon. at 4 - Crafternoon  
2nd Thurs at 7 - Teen program  
2nd Sat. at 10 - Pokémon Club  
3rd Mon. at 4 - Nature Club  
3rd Wed. at 4 - Deconstruction  
3rd Sat. at 11 - Esports (middle school & up)  
4th Mon. at 4 - Tech Club  
4th Thurs. at 7 - Teen Advisory Board  
Every Tues. at 10:15/11 - Baby/PreK Storytime  
Week of 3rd Thurs. to 4th Thurs. - Makerspace

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Scenes from Lego Club and Storytime,  
two of our regularly scheduled youth programs.



**Monthly Adult Programs**

2nd Wed. at 6:30 - Sharing Poems We Love  
2nd Wed. at 7 - Young Professionals Book Talk  
3rd Wed. at 6:30 - Board of Trustees meeting  
3rd Thurs. at 6:30 - Writers' Group  
4th Mon. at 7 - When Readers Meet  
Last Wed. at 6 - Photography Club  
Every Mon. at 12 - Mahjongg  
Every Wed. 4-8, 3rd Sat., or by appt. - Tech Assistance  
Every 3 months on the 3rd Fri. at 3 - Tea at Three

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