



Galway Public Library 2025 Annual Newsletter



Hello from your friendly neighborhood library!



We would like to take this opportunity to review some of the highlights of the past year, as well as provide news of upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you very soon!



GALWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROUD RECIPIENTS:

**2024 NYLA Public Libraries
Innovative Program Award for
our "Messages From Survivors"
program series.**



In May 2024, we held twelve programs in conjunction with hosting a Memory Project Productions Holocaust display. The Public Library Section of NYLA recognized our efforts to educate the community with quality programming.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR KIDS

- Galway Public Library's "Color Our World" Summer Reading Program is open to kids, teens, and families!
- Pick up reading logs starting June 21st and begin logging reading on June 28th.
- Kids up to age 18 earn prizes for every hour read and can win grand prizes. Prizes available all summer long!
- Reading BINGO cards offer more chances to win.
- Guest programs include:
 - Tang Teaching Museum art program.
 - REPCO Wildlife Encounters with live animals.
 - Science, art, drama, and music programs exploring color and creativity.
- Art Adventures Passport Series: Explore global art with weekly events and collect stamps.
- Weekly Color Wheel Storytime for young readers with crafts and activities.
- Teen activities: Tie-dye crafts and design-your-own locker lamps.
- End-of-summer celebration on August 16th with treats and fun activities.

Stop by the library for a full calendar of events and get ready to "Color Our World" this summer!!



LIBRARY ELECTION



Wednesday, June 11 from 2-8 PM

PROPOSED 25-26 BUDGET

INCOME	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	
Fees, Sales, Interest	\$2,100	\$2,300	
Donations & Foundation Support	\$10,500	\$12,500	
Tax Appropriations	\$246,085	\$253,850	3.2%
TOTAL INCOME	\$258,685	\$268,650	3.9%
EXPENSE			
Payroll	\$153,100	\$164,500	
Materials & Programs	\$28,330	\$30,280	
Maintenance & Utilities	\$47,030	\$45,020	
Administrative Services	\$30,225	\$28,850	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$258,685	\$268,650	

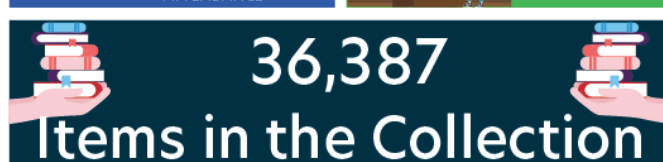
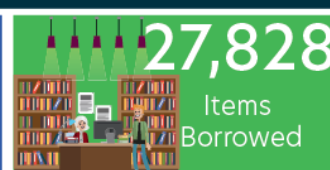
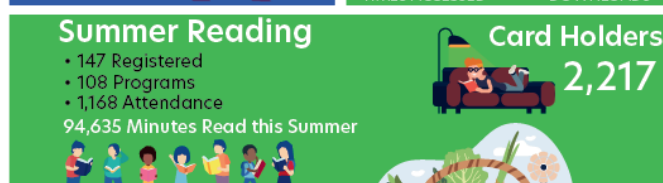
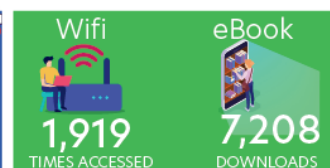
- All registered voters in the Galway Central School District may vote in the Library's annual budget and trustee election.
- The public will vote on a proposition to collect \$253,850 in property taxes to operate the library for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
- A budget information meeting will be held at the library on Wednesday, June 4th at 6:30 PM.
- There will be two five-year positions to fill on the Board of Trustees. The seats are being vacated by Jim Hodsoll and Sue Wemple, and neither is seeking re-election.
- Absentee ballot applications are available at the library.

GRANTS

\$30,000	Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh Grant-In-Aid
\$800	Ballston Spa National Bank
\$2,347	Friends of GPL
\$200	Galway Lions Club
\$1,200	Galway Public Library Foundation
\$60	Hannaford Supermarkets
\$600	NYLA PLS Programming Award
\$2,133	NYS Local Library Services Aid
\$500	Price Chopper's Golub Foundation
\$800	Stewart's Holiday Match
\$600	WGY Christmas Wish



Galway Public Library 2024 REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITY



Left: Holiday Workshop Volunteers
Right: Creating Galaxy Slime



Above Left: Friends of the Library Holiday Swag Event

Above Right: Happy Crafter!

FRIENDS & FOUNDATION

The Friends and the Foundation are separate non-profits that support the library by providing funds for expenditures not in the library's operating budget.

The Friends will be hosting their popular annual book sale on July 26th in the library parking lot, and they will repeat their popular holiday swag event in November.

The Friends can always use assistance with their fundraisers. Membership is only \$5 per year and new members are always welcome. Please join!



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Friends:

galwaypubliclibrary.org/friends

The Foundation can invest money for long-term growth of funds received. Consider giving your charitable donations in any amount in honor or memory of a loved one.

The Foundation financially supports the publication of the community newsletter, the Galway Get Together. Businesses and individuals who value the newsletter are encouraged to make a designated donation to the GPL Foundation.



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Nature Club Curiosity



Above & Left: Raptors Program

DID YOU KNOW? WE HAVE A LIBRARY OF THINGS!

- Board Games
- Snowshoes
- Garden Seeds
- Birding Backpack
- Garden-Themed "Stay Sharp Memory Kit"
- Educational Activity Kits



THE LIBRARY OFFERS TECH ASSISTANCE



WEDNESDAYS
2-8pm
+
3RD SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH
10am-2pm

Call for an appointment to ask about a specific tech problem, or just drop in for help with your device or other tech issues.

GALWAY GET TOGETHER

Community News & Resource Center

The bi-weekly Galway Get Together newsletter provides a network for sharing information, opportunities, products and services within the Galway community. Email your submissions to:



galwaygettogether@gmail.com

Thank You, Volunteers & Donors

Mary Abes
Debbie Agresta
Animals Around 4H Club/Tom Venditti
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Catherine Duncan & Bill Bateman
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6th Grade Volunteers

DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF:

Sheelagh Baily
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ONGOING PROGRAMS



Children & Teen Programs



Raising Readers Storytime

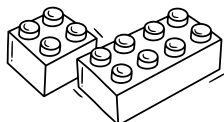
Themed stories & songs with crafts too!

Every Tuesday 10:15-11am | Ages 0-5

Lego Club

New build challenges each month!

1st Monday each month at 4pm | Ages 5-14



Lego Club Show & Tell

Crafternoon

Hands on crafts!

2nd Monday each month at 4pm | Ages 6-12

Nature Club

Get outside and learn about the environment around you!

3rd Monday each month at 4pm | Ages 6-12

Pokémon Club

Trade, play, and talk about Pokémon with friends!

2nd Saturday each month at 10 | Ages 6 & Up



Adult Paint Class

When Readers Meet

Reading & discussion group. Books are chosen from a variety of genres. All readers are encouraged to attend! Find copies of the next book pick in advance at the circulation desk.

4th Monday each month at 7pm

Astronomy Club

Promote interest in astronomy & increase the knowledge of members through formal presentations, star gazing, fields trips & more!

3rd Wednesday each month at 6:30pm

Young Professionals Book Discussion

A book club for young adults ages 17-30s.

2nd Wednesday each month at 7pm



Tech & Science Club

STEM exploration!

4th Monday each month at 4pm | Ages 8-12

Deconstruction

Learn how things work by taking them apart!

3rd Wednesday each month 4-5 | Ages 8-14

Chess & Checkers Club

3rd Thursday each month 4-5 | Ages 9-14

E-Sports Gaming Club

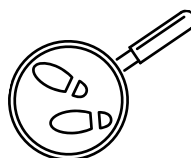
Fun & competitive video gaming (PS4/5, Switch & Wii); tournament brackets with prizes awarded.

2nd Saturday each month 11-2 | Grades 5 & Up

Teen Advisory Board

Help plan future teen programs at the library while having fun with friends and earning volunteer hours!

4th Thursday each month 7-8 | All Teens



Valentine's Storytime



Teen Mystery Night

Adult Programs



Writer's Group

Network with other writers & share your work. This group welcomes beginners as well as published writers.

3rd Thursday each month at 6pm

Mahjonn

Join other players to enjoy this fun, yet intricate tile game.

Every Monday at 1pm

Photography Club

Share your photographs & learn how to improve technical & artistic skills.

Last Wednesday each month at 6pm

Cozy Corner Stitchers

Gather together to work on your fiber art creations while chatting with new friends.

4th Friday each month 4-6pm



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Tuesday	10-6
Wednesday	2-8
Thursday	2-8
Friday	12-6
Saturday	10-2
Sunday	Closed

HOURS & LOCATION

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