

GALWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2024



Grant Funding This Fiscal Year

Youth Programming Grants:

- Ballston Spa National Bank - \$500
- Galway Lions Club - \$100
- Hannaford Supermarkets - \$319
- NYS Love Your Library Funds - \$284
- Price Chopper's Golub Foundation - \$500
- Saratoga County Youth Bureau - \$153
- Stewart's Holiday Match - \$700
- WGY Christmas Wish - \$850

Operating Expense Grants:

- Anonymous - \$1,500
- NYS Local Library Services Aid - \$2,052

Capital Expense Grants:

- NYS Facilities Capital Program - \$100,000



We appreciate Stewart's and all of our generous grant funders!

We Can't Spell Community Without You!

Last July, the Galway Public Library marked 25 years since first establishing a community presence in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall in the village. Libraries have undergone rapid changes since then, and we are proud to have kept pace. Developments made in that time have allowed libraries to expand the scope of their mission and to continue to meet patrons' needs - whether that's in a library building or from home.

Here are a few examples:

- Lending print books joined by eBooks & audiobooks
- Reading newspapers & magazines in person joined by digital access
- Computer stations joined by free Wi-Fi - in & outside the library
- Borrowing DVDs joined by streaming movies on Hoopla
- Reference materials joined by electronic databases

Libraries are always looking forward, and GPL is especially focused on the next five years as we embark on a new Long Range Plan. As with the last one, community input is vital. This is your opportunity to share your vision for how you want to see the library develop in the future. Please see the final page of this newsletter to find a survey to send in and make your views known.

Another way to help us grow is to become a volunteer. Options can range from joining the Teen Advisory Board, the Friends Board, or helping with clubs and programs. You can learn about more opportunities on our website.

In lieu of time, perhaps you want to offer a monetary donation. The GPL Foundation was established to help the library provide services and programs beyond the limits of its regular budget. You can learn more on page 3.

The library will continue to be a central part of the Galway community for many years to come. Let's see what we can do together over the next 25 years!

- Santina Florio, Board of Trustees Secretary

Why We Do What We Do: A Reflection on Libraries

The Galway Public Library celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2023, which naturally led to some reflection about our origins and our future. We began to serve the community with volunteers in a small building bursting at the seams. The community asked us to provide more programs and services, and after many, many years of planning and effort, we have been in a nice, new facility for four years. Here we can provide for many more needs, and we are busier than ever. We give out new library cards, make many photocopies, and host multiple programs for all ages every week. We are always striving to provide the best service that we possibly can, in as many ways as possible.

One striking thought is that even though libraries are about so much more than “just books” because libraries offer so much more - movies, tech assistance, computer and internet access, and gathering spaces, to name a few - a fundamental part of what libraries do is still books. When people think of a library, their first thought is books, or obtaining information. While people come to the library every day for many

different reasons, not a day goes by that someone doesn't borrow a physical book or an eBook, whether a bestseller or a classic. Many people first encounter libraries as children, and they learn to appreciate good stories and knowing where to find them. For many that love of reading and books continues into adulthood. Even those who are less enthusiastic about reading are aware that a library is where to find free reading materials or information assistance.

Because my job is to provide stories that are of interest to a wide range of people, I often ask, “What do you enjoy reading?” I get a myriad of answers. Many people enjoy fiction – mysteries, romances, or fantasy. Others, even adults, really enjoy young adult fiction or picture books. The response I find intriguing is when someone says they aren't a reader. This comment will frequently come from people who primarily read for informational purposes. I disagree that you aren't a reader; non-fiction books allow you to explore and learn about the subjects that interest you the most, whether cooking, nature, biographies, or crafting.

Reading can be useful, no matter whether you are doing it to learn, or for pure escape. You are a reader when you find the perfect book to suit your needs and pique your interest!

Be assured, I will keep looking for the perfect read for you. In the meantime, be sure to visit the library, and we will continue to provide quality service to our community.

- Deb Flint, Director



Fostering a Love of Reading!



The Friends of the Library NEED YOU!

The Friends of the Galway Public Library support the library through fundraisers that raise monies to purchase items that are not within the library's budget. In April, we held our popular Taste of Chocolate at the Galway Town Hall. Our eagerly awaited annual book sale will be held on Memorial Day at the library. We will announce other upcoming fundraisers soon.

How can you support the Friends of the GPL? Consider joining our Board of Directors. We currently only have 5 members on our 9 member board. We cannot do this without you. Feel free to join us at the library on the third Tuesday of each month to see what we do. Contact Amanda Ferraro (518-882-5484) for more information.

We also need volunteers to assist us at our events. If an event is scheduled, please contact us to let us know you would like to help. Many hands make light work!

Are you a member? If yes, please send in your dues for the year. If you want to join, visit the library or our website at <http://galwaypubliclibrary.org/friendsofgpl/> for more information.

Friends' Board of Directors:

Chairman: Amanda Ferraro

Vice Chair: Donna Zelanko

Secretary: Ardeth Deay

Treasurer: Sharyn Kalinkewicz

Member at Large: Melissa Jones

Good News for the Galway Public Library

It's rare that "good news" is a headline in these challenging times. As costs continue to rise, we're all watching our budgets. The library has similar concerns.

As a government organization, the library is funded with local tax funds. The library does a great job developing its annual budget with the taxpayers in mind. The budget covers only necessary and foreseeable expenses. The budget does not cover emergency expenses, like HVAC repairs, extraordinary snow removal costs, additional office supplies, and special programs

for the local community.

The good news is the Galway Public Library Foundation, a recently formed charitable organization, is here to help!

The Foundation was established by a group of Galway residents. The sole purpose of the Foundation is to support the library. It's designed to cover financial shortfalls the library may incur due to unexpected expenses, or for special programs or the purchase of additional books.

The Foundation accepted an extraordinary donation of \$250,000 from the Dockstader Charitable Trust and has

received other generous donations from Galway residents.

The Foundation is separate from the library, with its own governing board. Unlike a government organization, the Foundation can invest money for long-term growth of funds received.

The Foundation welcomes your charitable donation in any amount. Consider donating in honor or memory of a loved one, as part of your estate plan, or through a lifetime gift. Please view our website

www.foundation.galwaypubliclibrary.org or contact us at 518-882-8220 or at **the.gplf@gmail.com** to learn more.



Regular Children's programs:

Above: Chess & Checkers Club

Right: Nature Club

Far Right: Halloween Storytime



Regular Monthly Programs

Adult Programs

2nd Wed. at 7 - Young Professionals Book Talk
 2nd Fri. from 4-6 - Artist Jam
 3rd Wed. at 6:30 - Astronomy Club
 3rd Wed. at 6:30 - Board of Trustees meeting
 3rd Thurs. from 6-8 - Writers' Group
 4th Mon. at 7 - When Readers Meet
 4th Fri. from 4-6 - Cozy Corner Stitchers
 Last Wed. at 6 - Photography Club
 Every Mon. at 12:30 - Mahjonn
 Every Wed. & 3rd Sat., or by appt. - Tech Assistance
 Every 3 months on the 3rd Fri. at 3 - Tea at Three
 Every 3 months on the 4th Fri. at 6 - Open Mic

Go to galwaypubliclibrary.org for more details

Children's & Teen Programs

Every Tues. at 10:15/11 - Baby/PreK Storytime
 1st Mon. at 4 - Lego Club
 1st Thurs. at 5 - Homeschool Meet & Greet
 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
 2nd Sat. from 11-2 - Esports (middle school & up)
 3rd Mon. at 4 - Nature Club
 3rd Wed. at 4 - Deconstruction
 3rd Thurs. at 4 - Chess & Checkers Club
 4th Mon. at 4 - Tech Club
 4th Thurs. at 7 - Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
 Week of 3rd Thurs. to 4th Thurs. - Makerspace

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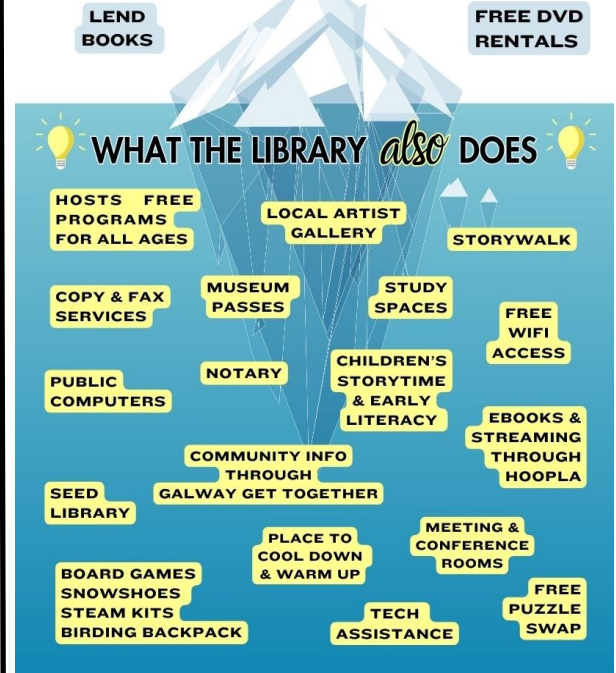
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Galway Public Library's Proposed 2024-2025 Budget

INCOME	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	% In-crease
Fees & Book Sales	\$2,000	\$2,000	
Operating Interest	\$100	\$100	
Gifts & Donations		\$8,000	
GPL Foundation Support		\$2,500	
Galway School District Tax Levy	\$243,530	\$246,085	1.0%
TOTAL INCOME	\$245,630	\$258,685	5.3%
EXPENSE			
Payroll Expense:			
Gross Payroll	\$121,000	\$132,000	
Personnel Insurance	\$2,350	\$1,300	
Payroll Expenses	\$10,100	\$10,950	
Retirement	\$8,000	\$8,850	
TOTAL PAYROLL	\$141,450	\$153,100	
Service Expense:			
Movies	\$3,200	\$2,200	
Books, Magazines, eContent	\$14,000	\$14,200	
Circulation	\$10,100	\$10,430	
Equipment	\$2,200	\$3,700	
Programs	\$800	\$1,500	
TOTAL SERVICE	\$30,300	\$32,030	
Administrative Expense:			
Accounting & Audit	\$6,000	\$6,000	
Election Expense & Legal Fees	\$1,325	\$1,725	
Dues, Fees, & Training	\$900	\$1,500	
Property Insurance	\$8,200	\$8,600	
Postage & Shipping	\$1,300	\$1,300	
Publicity	\$1,400	\$2,250	
Office Supplies & Software	\$5,740	\$5,150	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$24,865	\$26,525	
Utilities Expense:			
Electric	\$14,500	\$8,900	
Propane	\$5,000	\$4,000	
Phone & Internet	\$3,100	\$3,000	
TOTAL UTILITIES	\$22,600	\$15,900	
Maintenance Expense:			
Alarm System	\$2,400	\$2,500	
Copy Machine & Fire Extinguishers	\$550	\$1,540	
Heating & Cooling System	\$2,300	\$2,300	
Water System	\$2,500	\$2,500	
Lawn Care & Snow Removal	\$15,700	\$19,300	
Generator Maintenance	\$725	\$950	
Maintenance Supplies & Repairs	\$2,000	\$1,800	
Refuse	\$240	\$240	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	\$26,415	\$31,130	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$245,630	\$258,685	5.30%

WHAT YOU THOUGHT THE LIBRARY DID



Library Elections

Wednesday, June 5 from 2 - 8 PM
at Galway Public Library, 2112 East St.

Residents of the Galway Central School District may vote in the Galway Public Library's annual election to determine the budget and to elect trustees.

Annual Budget: The public will vote on a proposition to collect \$246,085 in property taxes to operate the library for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. A public information meeting on the budget will be held at the library on Wednesday, May 29, at 7 PM.

Trustees: There will be two vacant seats up for election on the Board of Trustees, both for five-year terms beginning July 1, 2024. The seats are currently held by Cate La Barre and Stephanie Todd Payton, and both are seeking re-election. Cate was elected to a term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024. Stephanie was appointed on September 20, 2023 to complete the term of Fred Baily whose term commenced July 1, 2019 and who resigned on August 31, 2023, and whose term ends June 30, 2024.

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

Adventure Begins at Your Library: Summer Reading Program

Our children's Summer Reading Program will be in full swing again this summer. This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library," and there will be new adventure-themed programs every week for kids up to age 18. Attend the fun programs to create and explore with friends. In addition, get credit for reading by signing up for the Readsquared app to log reading time and to be entered to win raffle prizes! Complete READO cards to earn shoe charms. There will be a lot to do, so join us for lively, exciting adventures all summer!

Important Summer Reading Program dates to remember:

- 7/22 - Begin signing up for the Summer Reading Program
- 7/29 - Begin logging reading time & completing READO Cards
- 8/12 - Last day to log reading minutes & turn in READO Cards
- 8/15 - Celebrate at the Summer Reading Wrap Up Party - 6-7 PM (all are welcome)



Summer Reading Program 2024 is generously sponsored by Ballston Spa National Bank, Hannaford Supermarkets, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, Stewart's Holiday Match, & WGY Christmas Wish.



ABOVE: Happy teens after a fun, costumed Murder Mystery Night
LEFT: A family enjoying the special solar eclipse at the library.

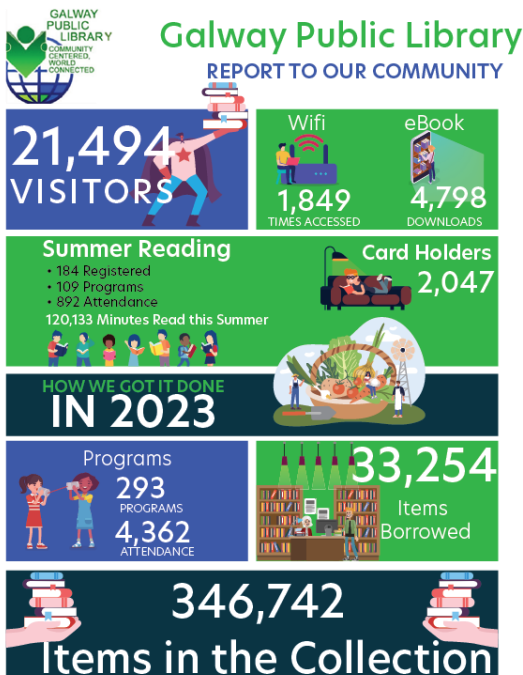
Library of Things to Borrow: Items to borrow now include board games, snowshoes, & garden seeds, as well as the Birding Backpack, a garden-themed Stay Sharp Memory Kit, & educational activity kits.

In the Volunteer Spotlight: [Ardeth Deay](#)

I arrived in Galway in June of 2007 after teaching at West Virginia University for over 30 years. At my retirement I moved here to be with my mother and sisters, who had lived here since the early 1970s. I got my Galway Public Library card and joined the book club before I finished unpacking. It was an inevitable next step to join the Friends of Galway Public Library because volunteering with fellow book lovers was a natural service activity for me in my new community.

As a Friend of the Library, my volunteer activities have included shelving books for one hour a week, sorting used book donations about once a month, and serving as the Friend's liaison to the Library's Board of Trustees. Some of the most fun I have had has been working fundraising activities such as Wine Tastings at the Cock n' Bull, Paint n' Sips at Bob's Trees, and Taste of Chocolates. The variety of opportunities for supporting the library is never boring, and we always need more help, so feel free to talk to me about how you can give us a hand.

I became a member of the Friends' Board 16 years ago, and being part of this group has given me many chances to enjoy and appreciate the Galway community's enthusiastic support of our library.





Adventure Begins at the Galway Public Library

Children's Summer Programming 6/29 – 8/15



Every Tuesday - 10:15-10:45 am - Baby Storytime (ages 0-2) &
11-12 pm - Preschool Storytime: Join us for songs, rhymes,
movement, stories, & a themed craft.

Week 1 - Adventures in the Kitchen!

Monday, July 1st 2-3 pm - DIY Lip Balm and Sugar Scrub
(for ages 8-12)

Monday, July 1st 4-5 pm - Lego Club: Build Your Favorite
Meal (ages 6-14)

Tuesday, July 2nd 1-2 pm - Kitchen Science: Enjoy fun ex-
periments made from common ingredients (ages 6-12)

Saturday, July 6th 11-12 pm - Make Ice Cream in a Bag (all
ages, under 8 with an adult)

Week 2 - Adventures in the Sky!

Monday, July 8th 2-3 pm - Make Your Own Galaxy Slime
(ages 6-12)

Monday, July 8th 4-5 pm - Crafternoon: Black Glue Galaxy
Craft (ages 6-12)

Tuesday, July 9th 1-2 pm - Constellation Tubes: A craft to
bring the stars indoors. (ages 6-12)

Thursday, July 11th 6-7 pm - Silent Wings Live Raptors: See
live birds of prey up-close, learn about their behaviors,
and about conservation efforts. (all ages - space is limited)

Week 3 - Adventures in Nature!

Monday, July 15th 2-3 pm - Nature Story Stones: Paint
stones to create stories. (ages 6-12)

Monday, July 15th 4-5 pm - Nature Club: Glowegee Creek
Nature Walk. Meet at the Saratoga PLAN trailhead for a
fun walk. (weather dependent; all kids must be accompa-
nied by an adult)

Tuesday, July 16th to Thursday, July 25th - Makerspace: De-
sign a Travel Adventure Patch (all ages)

Tuesday, July 16th 1-2 pm - Solar Ovens & Gourmet
S'mores: Harness the energy of the sun to make the best
snack ever invented. (all ages, under 8 with an adult)

Thursday, July 18th 4-5 pm - Chess and Checkers Club
(ages 9-14)

Week 4 - Adventures at Sea!

Monday, July 22nd 2-3 pm - Human Battleship: Play a life-
size version of the game. (ages 10-16)

Monday, July 22nd 4-5 pm - Tech Club: Pirate Escape
Room with Scratch Coding (ages 8-12)

Tuesday, July 23rd 1-2 pm - Ocean Art: Guided ocean-
themed painting session (ages 6-14)

Thursday, July 25th 6:30-7:30 pm - Teen Advisory Board
Presents: Water Blasters & Catapults. Bring your water
blasters & a towel; get ready for an epic water battle.
(ages 12-17)

Week 5 - Adventures Around the World!

Monday, July 29th 2-3 pm - Around the World Trivia: Test
your knowledge. (ages 8-14)

Monday, July 29th 4-5 pm - International Food Taste Test
Challenge: Try exotic snacks, if you dare. (ages 10-16)

Tuesday, July 30th 1-2 pm - Adventure Packs: Make an
adventure journal, compass, & pouch to hold your adven-
ture treasures. (ages 5-8)

Thursday, August 1st 5-6 pm - Galway Homeschoolers
Meet and Greet (all ages)

Thursday, August 1st 6-6:30 pm - Family Storytime: Bring
the family for stories & songs.

Saturday, August 3rd 10-11 am - Haiku Workshop: Learn to
write poetry in the Japanese tradition. (ages 8-14)

Week 6 - Adventures in History!

Monday, August 5th 2-3 pm - DIY Papyrus Paper: Make
paper & hieroglyphs like the ancient Egyptians. (ages 8-12)

Monday, August 5th 4-5 pm - Lego Club: Preserving Histo-
ry - Help build a Lego version of the Town of Galway for
display at the library. (ages 6-14)

Tuesday, August 6th 1-2 pm - Library Olympic Games:
Learn the history of the Olympics & take part in our own
library version of the event. (ages 8-12)

Thursday, August 8th 7-8 pm - TAB Presents: Don't Stop
Believin'... It's Karaoke Night at the Galway Public Library.
(all teens)

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

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The library is an important part of our community.
To help us better serve you, give us your opinion!

Find our complete survey at
www.galwaypubliclibrary.org

or



Do you or your family members use the library? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Why? In what way(s)? _____

As a library user, which library services/programs are important to you?

If you haven't visited the new building what might draw you to our library?

List 2 or 3 features/services you would like to see added to our library in the future.

Please return this questionnaire to the library or by mail (PO Box 207, Galway, NY 12074). Thank you for your contribution!