

Galway Public Library



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Strategic Long Range Plan

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Vision

Our vision is to be deeply integrated into the community in the following ways:

- Facilitate the development of a literate and informed community
- Provide free and equal access to our facility and varied resources
- Promote partnerships with the library
- Foster freedom of information
- Support sustainable choices that are good for the environment, make sense economically, and treat everyone equitably

Mission

Connect the community to ideas, resources, and information that will enrich, enlighten, educate, and entertain.

Values

Access – We value access to information resources regardless of format and believe they should be readily and equally accessible to all patrons.

Community – We value our community! We strive to engage with our community and welcome the opportunity to connect or assist community groups in any way we can.

Education and Lifelong Learning – We value education and the lifelong pursuit of learning and always strive to offer educational experiences and programs that are accessible to our patrons should they choose to take advantage.

Excellence – We value quality work, a positive attitude, integrity, compassion, and tolerance. We strive to earn our patrons' trust and confidence and exceed their expectations.

Service – We value a welcoming, inclusive environment that supports creativity and diversity. We strive to maintain a comfortable, inviting place to take advantage of our resources.

<i>Goal 1: Expand collaboration with the community</i>		
We will partner with local groups and district residents to develop and sustain opportunities and resources to benefit the community.		
Provide meeting and community gathering spaces		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promote public awareness of the availability of meeting and gathering spaces ● Make use of outdoor pavilion space after completion (See Goal 4)
Develop a stronger connection with Galway Central School		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Implement after-school drop-off at the library ● Offer tour/reception for groups: faculty, administration, School Board, PTSA, etc.
Increase Public Relations and Library Awareness		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acknowledge the efforts of volunteers regularly ● Participate in events that promote awareness of community services ● Coordinate installation of library road (traffic) signs
Strengthen partnership with the Friends of the Galway Public Library		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assist with planning and defining goals ● Review/update policies, roles, and relationship
Collaborate with other libraries		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Partner with other libraries to bring in special programs, authors, etc.
<i>GOAL 2: Increase use of the library by the entire library community</i>		
We will monitor our facility and resources to ensure all community demographics are adequately served and remain responsive to the needs of each demographic group.		
Serve as a gathering place for arts and culture		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Offer programs and opportunities for the community to engage in arts and culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Active programs include opportunities for participation ○ Passive programs include displays, lectures, spectating, etc
Continue to offer a variety of “non-reading” materials for circulation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expand, monitor, and adjust the variety of items available for loan
Provide library resources/services to homebound library patrons		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish a partnership with a community group or volunteers for the delivery of requested materials
Increase hours		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expand open hours

<p><i>GOAL 3: Maintain environmental stewardship of library building and property</i></p> <p>We will pursue opportunities to develop and maintain the responsible use and protection of the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices.</p>		
Environmental stewardship		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue opportunities for additional sustainable practices • Establish additional uses for green spaces
<p><i>GOAL 4: Continue the development of functional and well-maintained facilities and grounds</i></p> <p>We will continue to make necessary upgrades and/or changes to provide a comfortable, welcoming, functional, and well-maintained library building and property.</p>		
Build pavilion		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construct a pavilion for additional gathering space (See Goal 1)
Add garden shed		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erect an enclosed, protected shelter for outdoor tools and supplies used for library maintenance
Pave and maintain the parking lot		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make necessary improvements to the pavement for longevity