

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.

Goal 1: Expand collaboration with the community 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 Private tutoring, school tutoring OM - weekly Girl Scouts - 2x/month GPS Archives Garden Club Holiday gift basket org meetings Potential new mothers' group 2 rooms always in use + 3 tables		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote public awareness of the availability of meeting and gathering spaces Website, word of mouth, room use policy on website Make use of outdoor pavilion space after completion (See Goal 4) Ad hoc committee - in process
Develop a stronger connection with Galway Central School Connection with new admin, new librarian Art teacher exhibits - fall Spring student art exhibits PTSA collaboration		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement after-school drop-off at the library Possible, will require changes Offer tour/reception for groups: faculty, administration, School Board, PTSA, etc. No formal tours for adults, but lots of visits this year Hosted field trips for GSC 2nd and 7th graders and a group from Broadalbin
Increase Public Relations and Library Awareness Continue paper info at Pantry, Bank, Local, Agway, PO, Laundromat, etc Social Media Little Free Libraries at Pantry and Local		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledge the efforts of volunteers regularly Volunteer Reception - Oct 19, 2025 (had been 3 years) Another Fall 2027? Date will need to be set in spring of 2027 Participate in events that promote awareness of community services Parade float, Trunk or Treat at Brookledge Coordinate installation of library road (traffic) signs Requires contact with Village of Galway, State Dept (147), and County (East St)
Strengthen partnership with the Friends of the Galway Public Library Friends Board has made changes this year, internal changes made gradually		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with planning and defining goals Encourage everyone to attend annual meeting in November, join/re-join 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. SALS author visit (with 15 libraries)

(Other local groups - Audubon Society, PTSA)		
<p><i>GOAL 2: Increase use of the library by the entire library community</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>PTSA Halloween costume exchange, Backpack program can/bottle drive, gift wrapping center, Rotary winter coat collection</p>		
<p>Serve as a gathering place for arts and culture Suggestion to contact Saratoga Arts: Art in Public Places</p>		<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 Children and adult programs, holiday art projects ○ Passive programs include displays, lectures, spectating, etc Artist of the month, Open Mic Night, Poetry Potential for expansion with pavilion space
<p>Continue to offer a variety of “non-reading” materials for circulation Community use of print, copy, fax, notary has increased</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expand, monitor, and adjust the variety of items available for loan New telescope Video games have been donated Puzzles, games, Discovery kits, Birding, Stay Sharp, Seeds, Snow shoes
<p>Provide library resources/services to homebound library patrons</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish a partnership with a community group or volunteers for the delivery of requested materials Some collaboration with Office of the Aging with story and cards program Ongoing consideration of privacy and successful implementation of loaning materials - suggestion to speak with Halfmoon about their program
<p>Increase hours</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expand open hours Added 2 more hours to Thursday this year (open earlier) Hope to add 2 more to Wednesday next year to give more consistency
<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>		
<p>Environmental stewardship</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pursue opportunities for additional sustainable practices ● Establish additional uses for green spaces October Audubon Society program successful
<p><i>GOAL 4: Continue the development of functional and well-maintained facilities and grounds</i></p>		

We will continue to make necessary upgrades and/or changes to provide a comfortable, welcoming, functional, and well-maintained library building and property.		
Build pavilion		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construct a pavilion for additional gathering space (See Goal 1) <i>Consideration for stable structure given challenging land - planning in process</i>
Add garden shed		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Erect an enclosed, protected shelter for outdoor tools and supplies used for library maintenance <i>(After pavilion project)</i>
Pave and maintain the parking lot		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make necessary improvements to the pavement for longevity <i>New parking lot Summer 2025, will need to be sealed in 2026 and again in 2029</i>