Galway Public Library



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Strategic Long Range Plan

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Annual Review by Committee - November 3, 2026

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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.

Objectives		Suggestions to achieve goals and objectives
Provide meeting and community gathering spaces Private tutoring, school tutoring OM - weekly Girl Scouts + Boy Scouts GPS Archives Garden Club Holiday gift basket org meetings 2 rooms always in use + 3 tables		• 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 (learning communities) Connection with new admin, new librarian Art teacher exhibits - fall Spring student art exhibits PTSA collaboration Julie is maintaining relationships with multiple elementary schools and homeschoolers		• Implement after-school drop-off at the library Possible, will require changes (not feasible at this time) • 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 All K and Pre-K from Amsterdam, Galway, and 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 with bookmarks Galway Seniors Galway Lions		• 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**		• Assist with planning and defining goals Encourage everyone to attend annual meeting in November, join/re-join • Review/update policies, roles, and relationship • MOU (memorandum of understanding) is being worked on
Collaborate with other libraries **(Other local groups - Audubon Society, PTSA)**		• Partner with other libraries to bring in special programs, authors, etc. SALS author visit (with 15 libraries) Mechanicville gave us carts Grant for technology from SALS Deb has a personal relationship with multiple directors
GOAL 2: Increase use of the library by the entire library community 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. PTSA Halloween costume exchange, Backpack program can/bottle drive, gift wrapping center, Rotary winter coat collection, Food Pantry drive, toiletry drive		
Serve as a gathering place for arts and culture **Suggestion to contact Saratoga Arts: Art in Public Places no response** **Artist of the Month is booked until 2028**		• Offer programs and opportunities for the community to engage in arts and culture ○ Active programs include opportunities for participation Children and adult programs, holiday art projects ○ Passive programs include displays, lectures, spectating, etc Artist of the month, Poetry Potential for expansion with pavilion space
Continue to offer a variety of "non-reading" materials for circulation **Community use of print, copy, fax, notary has increased**		• Expand, monitor, and adjust the variety of items available for loan New telescope , CD player Video games have been donated Puzzles, games, Discovery kits, Birding, Stay Sharp, Seeds, Snow shoes
Provide library resources/services to homebound library patrons		• Establish a partnership with a community group or volunteers for the delivery of requested materials (have this available with no current demand) 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
Increase hours		• Expand open hours Added 2 more hours to Thursday in 2025 Added 2 more hours to Wednesdays in 2026 to give more consistency
GOAL 3: Maintain environmental stewardship of library building and property We will pursue opportunities to develop and maintain the responsible use and protection of the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices.		
Environmental stewardship		• Pursue opportunities for additional sustainable practices • Establish additional uses for green spaces October Audubon Society program successful Added disc golf Audubon bird game Full moon event Story walk Nature Club (Monday night class for kids) Man hunt (teens) Owl Event Astronomy Club
GOAL 4: Continue the development of functional and well-maintained facilities and grounds 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		• Construct a pavilion for additional gathering space (See Goal 1) Consideration for stable structure given challenging land - planning in process
Add garden shed		• Erect an enclosed, protected shelter for outdoor tools and supplies used for library maintenance (After pavilion project)

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Pave and maintain the parking lot		• Make necessary improvements to the pavement for longevity New parking lot Summer 2025, was sealed in 2026, will need sealing in 2029

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