



Make Your VOTE Count April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society 366 Main Street, Goshen from 8am-7pm

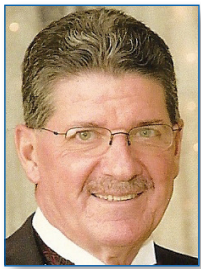
### Current Library Board Members

Meghan Boroden – President, William Troy – Vice President, Catherine Gardner – Secretary, Robert Quinn – Auditor of the Bills, Emily Collado, Heather Labruna, James Tarvin & Mary Hoens – Clerk of the Board

## Meet The Candidates



**Tina Fortugno**, an archaeologist and historic research specialist, views libraries as critical community institutions. She values libraries and historical societies as “vital historic resources and essential public repositories.” On a personal level, the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society, is an essential family resource. Their children are voracious readers and frequent the library multiple times a month. Tina and her family have resided in Goshen for about 7.5 years. She is running for the Library Board because “I want to give back to this community that has given us so much and hope that in serving as a Library Trustee, I can help contribute to its mission to educate and serve the Goshen community.”



**William (Bill) Troy**, a retired corporate executive, has been a resident of Goshen for over twenty years. Currently the Vice President, and most recent Past-President, of the Library Board, Bill has served as a Trustee for three years during which time he focused on issues related to budget and supporting the growth of the Library. Before joining the Library Board, Bill attended Board meetings for 5 years and was instrumental in leading the private fundraising campaign that raised nearly \$500,000 for the new Library building. As an officer and active member of the Friends of Goshen Public Library and Historical Society, he continues his philanthropic work and manages the Friends lecture series. Bill was involved in the Library’s acquisition and installation of a generator (to be concluded in the coming months), a project that will enable the Library to serve as a gathering place and support center in the event of a widespread power failure. Bill says, “A key part of the Library’s future is its ongoing work of reaching out to the community to learn how the Library can best serve and respond to the community’s needs.”



## Highlights of 2022!

This year in the **Children’s department** our kids and families began by “Mixing It Up” with a maker Monday STEM program, several Read-A-Thons and Beanstack challenges, and storytimes galore. Winter turned into Spring and we said “Let’s Play” with library playdates for our little readers, drop-in board game days during Spring Break, a Jackie and Me Dugout Party and several baseball themed videos and storytimes. By the time June arrived, we were ready to dive into our “Oceans of Possibilities” Summer Reading Program.

Over 500 kids read books, joined us for programs and earned great rewards in the Library Surf Shop. As Fall arrived, we felt a little nostalgic rewinding the clock to some “Retro Reading” with a fun 80’s candy themed reading challenge, throwback games and activities including DIY Halloween costumes, Saturday morning cartoons and choosing our own adventure! We finished up with another successful Hot Chocolate Party which is becoming part of our Library family holiday traditions! Over the year we held over 320 programs and served close to 10,000 parents and children by providing a fun, safe space for early childhood development, literacy, learning, and library love!

2022 was a great year in the **Teen Room!** We were thrilled to be back to offering in person programming and volunteering this year. We were able to share great programs from the Marine Mammal Center in California, the Alaska Zoo, and Paws for a Cause. Our child care certification classes were popular and our teens completed several reading challenges throughout

the year. We had lots of help from hard working volunteers throughout the year and were happy to welcome 110 volunteers this summer who worked a total of 922 hours! Our amazing summer readers read 314 books and completed 460 activities! We are grateful to have such active and involved teens! We look forward to an even better year in 2023, thank you Goshen!

2022 was the year of Community re-Connection! **Adult Library** users re-connected through a wide-variety of programs including: acting improv, gaming, trivia, book clubs, dance, movement, and exercise classes, movie nights, history lectures, author talks, and art classes. Over 270 adult programs were attended by 2154 patrons! Highlights from the year include our adult/teen program De-Stress with a Dog with Hudson Valley Paws for a Cause, the “Tea for Three – Lady Bird, Pat Betty” performance with Emmy Award-winning actress Elaine Bromka, and live concerts from Turnpike Joe and The Traffic Jam; and the talented duo Deni Bonet and Chris Flynn (who are scheduled to return this summer!).

The Library again partnered with Cornerstone Theatre Arts to bring the treat of live theatre to Goshen with Shakespeare in the Park “Two Gentlemen from Verona,” “Sports Stories on Stage,” and “Rumors.” Board games, puzzles, and yard games have been added to our ever-growing Library of Things collection. Come in, check them out, and enjoy them at home!

Dear Neighbors,

We couldn’t have done it without you! Thank you for voting last spring to approve our budget. Thank you for your patronage. Thank you for volunteering. And thank you for being a Friend!

The Goshen Public Library & Historical Society is focused on offering programming, materials, and services that meet the community’s needs. Judging by our loan statistics and program attendance, we are thriving! Our staff has done a wonderful job of making everyone’s library visit fruitful. Nothing makes us happier than seeing our beautiful library living up to its potential.

The Friends of GPLHS and Junior Friends organizations are a vital part of the library’s success. Their continued volunteer and fundraising efforts bring a myriad of events, programs, and even museum passes to our community. If you haven’t already, please visit their bookstore in the lobby and consider becoming a Friend.

An enormous debt of gratitude is owed to Assistant Director and Head of Youth Services, Michelle Muller. She took on additional leadership responsibilities as we embarked on a quest to find our new Director. We wouldn’t have been able to conduct our thorough and lengthy search without her supporting the entirety of GPLHS.

This February we welcomed Director Catherine Lemmer. It is a true privilege to have someone of her caliber at our helm. Ms. Lemmer’s expertise is very much in line with our vision for the future. We’re excited for everyone to engage with her; her door is always open!

The Board of Trustees largely operates quietly behind the scenes. We represent the Goshen Central School District tax base and our main function is to ensure our library is financially healthy. We’ve thoughtfully put forth a proposed budget that will continue to provide our patrons with a valuable library experience. Please consider this when you come out to vote this April.

Appreciatively,  
The Board of Trustees

Coming up, we will be welcoming The Twangtown Paramours in late July; and a full band retro Blues and Americana project called Double Down on a Bad Thing. The Adult Services Department has more fun to add this year so stay tuned!

**History is Fun!** Through a wonderful partnership with the Harness Racing Museum and a grant from Southeastern Library System, IMLS, and the New York State Library, Goshen residents of all ages had a great day watching a vintage baseball game this past June! This little known piece of Goshen history was brought to life through museum displays at the Harness Museum and at the Library, with book discussions, crafts and storytimes. Our big finale consisted of two local baseball clubs playing America’s favorite pastime with equipment and rules from the late 1800’s at the Library complete with snacks, commemorative baseballs, and Civil War era reenactors mixed in with the fans. This unique community experience was our privilege and pleasure to bring to our community.

A **summer evening concert** on the Library’s outdoor patio by The Big Band Sound orchestra was enjoyed by old and young! We are pleased to announce The Big Band Sound will return to the Library on August 5! Mark your calendars! A huge thank you to Norton & Christensen, Trailside Treats, and the Friends of the Library for making this wonderful event possible.



# Summer Reading 2023

Get Ready to Celebrate

as we Collaborate!

Reading, stories, programs, activities

and prizes all coming together

for a Summer of fun!

Registration through

Beanstack begins June 23rd

VISIT

[goshenpubliclibrary.beanstack.org](http://goshenpubliclibrary.beanstack.org)

to be ready for registration day!



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Please make checks payable to Friends, GPLHS & mail form to:

Friends, Goshen Public Library, 266 Main St., Goshen, NY 10924 OR Drop off at the Library. Thank you!

## The Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library have had an active and productive year, thanks to your support. FOL funds enable us to provide reading programs, speakers' fees, equipment purchases, museum passes, and Ancestry.com. Membership offers volunteer opportunities and access to the latest information on activities.

It's time to renew or join. Meetings are held at 4:00 the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. Interested and engaged patrons like you make our library the vibrant place it is. Please fill out the form (also available online) and mail it or drop it off at the library. Thank you! Teenagers in grades 8-12 are invited to join our very active group of Junior Friends. For information, email [jrfriends.gplhs@gmail.com](mailto:jrfriends.gplhs@gmail.com)

**Hours**  
 Mon - Thurs: 9am - 8pm  
 Friday: 10am - 6pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 5pm  
 Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

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## Budget News



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## Together, we accomplish much . . .

**Thank you** for the opportunity to share our 2022 Highlights and other wonderful news with you! While we are respectful that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are still impacting our community, we celebrate that throughout it all, what kept the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society looking forward was you – our community – and the opportunity to find new and creative ways to connect with you and respond to your needs.

**Last month** GPLHS was pleased to welcome over **4,500** visitors. Hundreds more of you visited us virtually by using our website, electronic databases, and resources such as Hoopla and Overdrive (Libby). Over **1,100** came to one or more of the **74** programs offered, whether it was a literacy or early childhood development program, small personal stitchery or folklore craft hour, an exercise or movement activity, literary discussion, memoir writing, or entertainment, we were happy to see you! **4,000** individuals came to use the public Wi-Fi and **1,375** used one of the public computers to access the world beyond our doors. Nearly **10,000** books, dvds, cds, audio books, and e-books found their way into your homes for your reading, viewing, and listening pleasure. From our Library of Things, puzzles, games, Roku sticks, and other fun items were checked out. Museum passes providing reduced or free access to nine different museums and attractions were borrowed and family memories created. The Library's community spaces were available for use by tutors, entrepreneurs, remote workers, job seekers, and civic and community non-profits.

**While these numbers are important, there's so much more to the story!** Providing access to unbiased information, safe spaces for conversation, and resources is just the start. Programs, access to technology, and support for learning and education, digital and financial literacy, local businesses, job seekers, and entrepreneurs strengthen and advance our community. Partnerships with civic organizations and community non-profits help amplify the important good work those organizations are doing in our community to help those in need and enrich our way of life.

**Your story is our story, and your needs and interests matter to us!** Together we accomplished much to be proud of and we look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in the Library!

Catherine A. Lemmer, Director

### Proposed 2023-2024 Operating Budget

#### OPERATIONS

Books, Print	
& e-Resources	\$112,000
Programs	73,000
Building & Maintenance	136,320
Technology	60,000
Other Operations	44,300
Insurance	40,000
Utilities	36,000
Professional Fees	24,000
Library Supplies	16,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>541,920</b>

#### PERSONNEL

Professional	1,107,653
Pension & Benefits	381,735
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,489,388</b>

Gross Budget 2,031,308

Less: Other Revenue (134,202)

Net Budget-Tax Levy \$1,897,106

In preparing the budget, each aspect of our operation was examined to determine the best cost-efficient method of providing services without compromising the high level of service we provide and our community deserves. Reflecting the commitment to fiduciary responsibility, the proposed 2023-2024 budget is a balanced budget with expenses fully funded from current revenues.