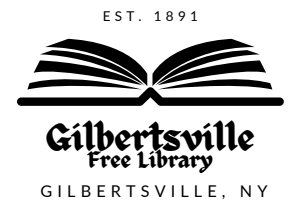


GILBERTSVILLE FREE LIBRARY'S NEWSLETTER



December 2023

2023 WAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE LIBRARY

The library had a successful year, made possible partly by the gifts of the community. We have been able to offer and participate in a variety of programs. It has been great to have life and excitement in the library. The primary mission of the library is to serve the needs of our community. The secondary mission of our library is as a repository of and research center for local history. At the Gilbertsville Free Library, we are dedicated to our community. Our commitment to making a positive impact relies heavily on the generosity and support from people like you.

DAILY BUSINESS

The library is open 5 days a week, with free WIFI and a patron computer. Books and magazines are available for check out. If there's a book you are looking for that our library does not have, you can make an interlibrary loan request via the Four County Library System, which are delivered twice a week. The library can also assist with sending faxes, making copies, and scanning. Garbage Tag are also sold at the library for the Village of Gilbertsville.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Gilbertsville Free Library has been in operation since 1891. It's the first Free Association Library in Otsego County. It has been maintained and looked after by the Board of Trustees for over 100 years, still operating in the original building.

The maintenance of the historic building is the biggest part of the library's expenses. In 2023, the furnace was replaced. Projects planned for 2024 include an air conditioning update and maintenance on the windows.



THE LIBRARY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

While the library does receive some funding both locally and from the state, it is never enough to cover the costs of serving the community. We need your financial help to fulfill our mission. Every contribution, no matter the size helps the library. Please consider helping to keep The Gilbertsville Free Library active and thriving in Gilbertsville..



SPECIAL THANKS

Our day to day library business is run by both Dawn Gage and Jamie McNamara. We are fortunate to have such good people who are passionate about the library.

Thank you to our Board of Trustees for all your tireless work for the library: Marie Stebbins, Tim Stark, Barbara Lilley, Amy Favinger, Ann Marie Hill, Jody Hughes, Susan Freyermuth, Scarlett Newman, and Jackie Place.

Thank you to Dawn Gage for leading Buns & Books. Thanks for Kathy Hartman for leading the Preschool Storytime. Also, thank you to Amy Favinger for leading the Summer Reading Program, with the assistance of Barbara Lilley, Lynne Ohl, and Kathy Hartman.

2023 PROGRAMS

- Weekly **Preschool Storytime**
- Monthly **Buns & Books** Book Club
- **Summer School Age Storytime**
- Partnership with Otsego Outdoors to offer **Nature Backpacks** at the library
- Participation in the **Summer Library Road Trip**- open library doors to many new patrons in the surrounding area.
- **The Great Give Back Program** was a great success during the month of October. Supplies were collected for the Butternut Pet Food Pantry



Please consider making a tax deductible donation today.

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"Gilbertsville Free Library"

