

# Newsletter

**Gilbertsville Free Library**

**December 2025**



## GREAT YEAR!

The Gilbertsville Free Library had another wonderful year, and it's all thanks to you—our incredible community.

Your support helps us host engaging events and keep the library a welcoming place for learning, creativity, and community.

Our mission remains to serve the diverse needs of our community while preserving and sharing local history through our collections and research resources.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity, enthusiasm, and involvement. Together, we're keeping the Gilbertsville Free Library a place our community can be proud of.

## LIBRARY SERVICES & HOURS

The library is open five days a week with free Wi-Fi, public computer access, and a wide selection of books and magazines. Need something we don't have? Request it through the Four County Library System's interlibrary loan service, with deliveries twice a week. We also offer faxing, copying, and scanning services.

## HOURS

**Sunday- Closed**

**Monday- 1-5pm**

**Tuesday- 9am- 1pm**

**Wednesday- 1-5pm**

**Thursday- Closed**

**Friday- 1-5pm**

**Saturday- 9am-1pm**

## OUR HISTORIC LIBRARY

Since 1891, the Gilbertsville Free Library has proudly served our community as Otsego County's first Free Association Library. The library continues to operate in its original historic building, cared for by a dedicated Board of Trustees.

Preserving this local landmark is an ongoing effort.

## INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY

Local and state funding only goes so far. Please consider supporting the Gilbertsville Free Library to keep it welcoming and thriving for our entire community—every gift matters!



## BEHIND THE SCENES AT YOUR LIBRARY

Our daily operations are expertly managed by Dawn Gage and Jamie McNamara, whose dedication makes a real difference in our community.

We're grateful to our Board of Trustees—

Board of Trustees:

- Marie Stebbins, President
- Amy Favinger, Vice President
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- AnnMarie Hill, Trustee - co-leads Historian/Archivist Committee
- Jody Hughes, Trustee
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- Scarlett Newman, Trustee - co-leads Historian/Archivist Committee
- Liz Bankus, Trustee

Special thanks to Jacquie Foster & Dawn Gage for leading Buns & Books, Kathy Hartman for Preschool Storytime, and Amy Favinger for coordinating the Summer Reading Program. We also appreciate the many local authors and community members who share their time and talents.



## PRESERVING OUR PAST, SHARING OUR FUTURE

The Gilbertsville Free Library is taking an exciting step in preserving our community's history. With the community's support, we purchased a high-quality scanner and computer to begin digitizing our local history collection.

Led by AnnMarie Hill and Scarlett Newman, this project is a big undertaking, preserving rare documents, photos, and books—school records, family histories, and stories of local businesses that shaped our village and surrounding area. Eventually, these materials will be available online for all to explore.

Your donations help make projects like this possible and ensure that Gilbertsville's history remains accessible for generations to come.

### LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

#### Ongoing Programs:

Weekly Preschool Storytime

Monthly Buns & Books Book Club



#### Fundraisers & Community Initiatives:

Flower Power Bulbs Fundraiser

Library Tote Bags\*

Postcards\*

\*featuring artwork by local artist Randy Palada

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Special Events for 2025

**Summer School-Age Storytime**  
-with local authors, Otsego Dairy,  
GMU Nat'l Honors Society members,  
and volunteer readers

**July 4th Games at Centennial Park**  
with board-led activities and free  
Stewart's ice cream

**Support the Gilbertsville Free  
Library with a tax-deductible  
donation!**

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essential programs and  
services. Donate by check or  
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