

Meet Our Candidates

Two current members of the Library's Board of Trustees will be running for reelection to open seats on the Board in the upcoming election. Each seat carries a three year term. The Board of Trustees plays an essential role in guiding the library's mission, overseeing policies, and ensuring the library remains a vibrant and responsive resource for the Goshen community. We encourage all residents to stay informed and participate in this important process that helps shape the future of our library. The library continues to thrive thanks to the support and engagement of our residents, volunteers, and dedicated Board of Trustees. Thank you for your continued support of the Goshen Public Library and Historical Society. We look forward to another season of learning, connection, and discovery together.

Current Library Board Members

- Emily Collado, President
- Tina Fortugno, Vice President
- Julie Markey, Secretary
- Lynn Tabbott, Auditor of the Bills
- Heather Labruna, Trustee
- Alison Newman, Trustee
- Michael Panzer, Trustee

Candidates Currently Holding Board Seats

Tina Fortugno



I am a ten-year resident of Goshen and an archaeologist and historic research specialist. I currently serve as Vice President of the Board of Trustees at the Library and am completing my first three-year term. During this time, I have served as both Board President and Vice President during periods of transition. I am hardworking and detail oriented. I strongly believe in the mission and value of the library as a vital community resource. I am committed to working with the Library Director and fellow trustees to help expand what the library can offer our community. My family and I are frequent library users. I regularly borrow books, conduct historical research, attend programs, and vote at the library. I am encouraged by the staff's outreach to diverse populations and would support continued efforts, particularly with local schools and the arts community. Our library has so much to offer, including innovative spaces like the Library.

Alison Newman



I have been a resident of Goshen for 16 years and bring a background in marketing and communications to my community involvement. I previously served for three years on the Goshen Little League Board of Directors and am a strong advocate for literature and the freedom to access information. I am currently serving as a trustee on the Goshen Public Library Board and have completed my first year in this role. I am an avid library user and regularly rely on the library for work-related research while also borrowing books for myself and my family. My 16-year-old daughter and I frequently use the library's study rooms. I am passionate about strengthening the library's role as a central community resource. I would love to see the library grow as an online hub for the community, increase awareness of its many programs, and support initiatives that help bridge the gap from childhood to adulthood, fostering a lifelong appreciation for the library.

PROPOSED 2026-2027 OPERATING BUDGET

OPERATIONS

- Library Materials/Services: \$107,000.00
- Programs: \$58,500.00
- Building & Maintenance: \$85,000.00
- Technology: \$79,000.00
- Administrative Expenses: \$38,100.00
- Insurance: \$43,000.00
- Utilities: \$65,000.00
- Professional Fees: \$56,500.00
- Library Supplies: \$10,000.00
- Total: \$542,100.00

- School District Tax Certioria: \$66,500

PERSONNEL

- Professional: \$1,153,265.00
- Pension & Benefits: \$499,824.00
- Total: \$1,653,089.00
- Gross Budget: \$2,261,689.00
- Less Other Revenue: (\$148,222.00)
- Net Budget-Tax Levy: \$2,113,467.00

Message From The Director

Over the past year, the Library has remained committed to providing meaningful services and programs for residents of all ages. Our programs continued to inspire curiosity and creativity through storytimes, crafts, and educational activities that encourage a lifelong love of reading and learning. We also host multiple book discussions, lectures, and wellness programs that bring neighbors together and invest in our community's welfare.

One of the things that makes our library so special is the strength of our community partnerships. This year, we continued our annual collaboration with the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry to collect small kitchen appliances for local families. Thanks to the generosity of our community, over 100 electric tea kettles and coffee pots were collected and distributed to members of our community in need.

Our staff has also worked diligently behind the scenes to ensure that our collections and services remain relevant and accessible. From expanding our physical, digital, and special collections, like the Library of Things and videogames, to maintaining welcoming spaces for study, research, and gathering, our goal is always to meet the evolving needs of our community. With support from local politicians, we were able to add both a Study Pod and a Maker Space that we named, "The Library." We are now able to offer one-on-one technology help and provide access to advanced technology like 3D printers, specialized scanners and printers, and cutting machines. The Local History Room also continues to play an important role in preserving Goshen's rich heritage, providing residents and researchers with valuable access to local history resources.

As we look ahead, the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society remains committed to building this momentum. We will continue to expand programs, strengthen partnerships, develop our collections, and ensure that our library remains a welcoming space for everyone in our community.

I'm proud of all that we accomplished together at the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society this year. None of this would be possible without the support of our dedicated staff, trustees, Friends of the Library, volunteers, and patrons.

Thank you for your continued support and for making the library an essential part of life in Goshen!

Rose Chiocchi
Library Director

Based on 2025 statistics:

+4%

Visitors
97,846

Library Card Sign-ups
902



Questions Answered
15,944

Programs

Children

377 programs
7548 attendance

Teens

76 programs
923 attendance

Adults

263 programs
1647 attendance

+6%

Checkouts
140,212

104,946 physical +4%
35,266 digital +12%

Workspaces

Study Pod
143
Library
15

Museum Passes

13 Passes 231 Checkouts

Rooms

Study Rooms
1594
Meeting Rooms
517

Library of Things

75 Things 409 Checkouts

These numbers represent more than statistics—they reflect the many ways the Library supports education, connection, and opportunity in our community.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library, who have worked together with the library to provide programming and enrich the library's offerings to the community.



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The Heart of Goshen

Spring 2026

Your library working with you, for you!



Dear Neighbors,
As we reflect on another successful year at the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society, we want to express our gratitude to you, our community, for your patronage and support. A thriving library is a reflection of the people who walk through our doors, and your visits, donations, and participation are what make us stronger. With the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and patrons, we've created a space where learning, connection, and growth thrive.

Our new Director, Rose Chiocchi, joined the library in May, and her vision and leadership helped elevate all of the library's programming and outreach initiatives. Under her directorship, and in collaboration with our talented programming directors, we've seen record attendance at events and a surge in popular programs. From storytime to wellness, crafting and chess, there are programs for all ages and interests at GPLHS.

The Historical Society continues to be a valuable resource of information for the public and local historians, with an extensive map archive and a well-curated collection of historical artifacts.

The Friends of GPLHS and Junior Friends organizations are a vital part of the Library's success. Their lecture series, bookstore operation, museum passes, and financial support of programming ensure our library's vitality.

The Board of Trustees appreciates your thoughtful consideration of our budget, carefully crafted to sustain and enhance the Library's ability to serve and be a vibrant cornerstone in our community. Please consider this when you come out to vote this April.

The Board of Trustees

Goshen Public Library and
Historical Society

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- Mon – Thurs: 9am – 8pm
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- Sunday: 1pm – 5pm (Labor Day - Memorial Day)



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