

Charlotte Will

Charlotte Will was appointed to the Gloversville Library Board of Trustees in December 2023 to fill a vacancy and is seeking election. Now retired, she worked in administration at Glove Cities Veterinary Hospital.

Will grew up in the Mohawk Valley attending Fonda-Fultonville Cental School. She graduated from Cornell University in 1988 with a bachelor's in biology and then went on to attain a Master of Arts in Teaching from SUNY Cortland in 1989. She worked at Tesago Elementary School in Clifton Park for four years until the premature birth of her son, at which time she elected to become a stay-at-home parent.

Will has volunteered with many organizations, primarily those involving youth. She has been a Girl Scout Leader and a coach for Odyssey of the Mind. She has also volunteered in her children's classrooms and at Story Time at the Gloversville Public Library. Additionally, she taught Sunday school and served on her church's parish council.

Will has lived in the town of Bleeker for nearly 20 years. She strongly believes in the importance of education and community service.

"I believe a library is a vital part of a community, mainly because it can provide children, teens, and adults with many educational opportunities not available to them otherwise. With access to books, both fiction and nonfiction, technology, programs, and other resources, people of all ages can find many ways to enrich and improve their lives. I hope to have the opportunity to continue to serve my community and give back to the library that have given my family and me so much."

Jonathon Federman

Jonathan Federman was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees in March 2024. Federman is an attorney who has served in all three branches of State government and hopes to volunteer his time and experience to helping the library continue to serve as a vitally important community resource and a fundamental anchor in the City's downtown revitalization efforts. Federman also serves on the Gloversville Planning Board and Gloversville Street Tree Commission and is committed to helping the City and its surrounding communities continue to grow and prosper.

Charles "Ren" Reed

My name is Charles W "Ren" Reed and I am running to serve as a member of the Gloversville Public Library's Board of Trustees.

After 35 years as a schoolteacher, I retired in July 2016 and moved from Albany, New York back to my hometown - Gloversville. In December 2017, I joined the Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy on the Board. In May 2018, I ran for a seat on the Board and won a one-year term seat. In May 2019, I again ran for a seat on the Board and won a five-year term seat.

During my six and a half years on the Board, I have witnessed many changes. In November 2018, the Library moved back into its historic and newly renovated building which now has almost twice as much space open to the public. Since joining the Board, the staff at the Library has increased by 50% in order to safely monitor the larger public space. The amount of programming and services offered to the public has more than doubled since I joined the Board. The Library remained "open" during the pandemic by offering on-line programming, outdoor programming, and curbside lending services. Many of these "pandemic" services are still available. This past winter when there was a large power outage in much of Fulton County, the Gloversville Public Library was identified by the County as "warming center". Through the Friends of the Gloversville Public Library, the Library has hosted free concerts and plays. The Library has also hosted events put on by the Glove City Coalition as well as other organizations.

Modern libraries are, in fact, community centers that serve the public and the public good.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Gloversville community as a member of the Gloversville Public Library Board of Trustees and I humbly ask for your vote.