

GPL Trustee Candidate Biographical Information

Merry Dunn Brown

I've lived in Gloversville for most of my life. For all of those years, the Gloversville Public Library has been very important to me. During my childhood, I visited with my mother to pick out books and then went there to do schoolwork as a student. Later, as a mother, I'd bring my daughter to story hour and borrow books. Now I visit with my grandchildren, and we take advantage of the many services, collections, and programs offered. Where would we be without our Library! I've also volunteered as a Trustee of the GPL for over 10 years. I'm presently the Vice President and chair both the Outreach and the Trustee Development Committees. I also serve on the Personnel and the Building and Grounds Committees. As trustees, it's our role to appropriately maintain the Library in as cost-effective a way as possible, while meeting the community's needs. I take that role very seriously. The library is one of the most important services in our city, as well as one of the most beautiful buildings. It's used by people of all ages for many purposes. All free! Thank you for supporting the Gloversville Public Library. I hope to see you there!

Greg Niforos

I am a Gloversville native, graduate of Gloversville High School, and take every opportunity I can to give back to this city and ensure its bright future for my young son and for future generations. I have served on the Board of Trustees since 2019 and as its president since 2023. I believe that public libraries are the cornerstone of a community and serving on the board is a privilege. I take this as a chance to give back to Gloversville and help provide opportunities to others in our community. The mission of the Gloversville Public Library is to collaborate with others to provide inspiration, engagement, and education to the community, and I would relish the chance to serve another term on the board to help see that mission through.

Russell Eber

I am a Gloversville resident who has owned and managed an upscale women's garment manufacturing company for over 20 years. In addition, I have worked as a history teacher and college instructor in New York, Germany, the former Soviet Union, and China. A lifelong academic and bibliophile, I am a believer in the importance of libraries and that they are foundational to their communities. As the repository of information and as an oasis of learning and research in the modern world, libraries face the same difficult challenges faced by many institutions in our time. Like many in our community, I was shocked by the consequences of the failed budget vote last year. The process of rebuilding library services will likely take several years of sustained and fiscally responsible management. I very much want to be part of that regenerative process here at the Gloversville Public Library. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Caren Pepper

The Gloversville Public Library is truly one of the foundations of our city. Since 2018, when I moved to Gloversville, I have hoped to be involved with its evolution. In late 2020, I became a trustee of the governing board of the Library. Currently, I am Chair of the Program Committee and am a member of the Building and Grounds Committee. One of my passions has been to participate with the Friends in monthly grounds beautification workdays during the spring, summer, and fall. With the guidance of the Mohawk Valley Library System, Ren Reed and I worked diligently with members of the board, staff and Director, leaders of the community, and the public to create a Plan of Service that set workable goals and benchmarks for the next five years and beyond. I am passionate about our Library and hope that you will consider voting for me again, so that I can continue serving both the Library and the community. Thank you.