

Irene Gallo

Irene Gallo grew up in Hauppauge, Long Island, and has lived in the Brookhaven Hamlet since 2009 (full time since 2020). She worked at Macmillan Publishers for thirty years —as a creative director, and a publisher of her own imprint.

She won the Society of Illustrators prestigious Richard Gangle Award for Art Direction, along with numerous award winners for her book covers across industry organizations.

Irene founded and developed Tor.com, Macmillan's most successful online media presence. She managed a team of writers, editors, web developers, and marketers to publish daily articles, short stories, and original art across a broad range of speculative fiction topics. This success led to the launch of the TDC imprint, specifically targeting traditionally underrepresented voices within the genre. TDC books have gone on to achieve both critical and commercial success, including American Library Association's Alex Awards and appearing on the New York Times, USA Today, American Bookseller Association, bestseller lists. (TDC is looking forward to its first television adaptation on Apple TV, starting in May.)

Irene served on the Board of Directors of the Society of Illustrators / Museum of American Illustration for ten years and is a trustee of the Bellport-Brookhaven Historical Society.

Currently, Irene Gallo is enjoying life in the Hamlet with her partner, artist Greg Manchess, two cats, attempts at native gardening, and volunteering at the Guide Dog Foundation as a puppy-raiser.

Having spent a lifetime surrounded by books, she has always felt that libraries are an essential right and should be the focal point of any community. Never has she felt that sense of community more than at the Brookhaven Free Library.