

# Gulu-Gulu Café to close Lynn location

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*Paintings by artist Corey Corcoran adorn the walls at the new Gulu-Gulu Cafe on Essex Street in downtown Salem on Monday, August 4th.*

Salem - Gulu-Gulu Café plans to close its original Lynn shop, but the Salem location shouldn't be affected, according to owners.

Steve Feldmann, who owns the two restaurants with wife Marie Feldmannnova, posted a message on Tuesday on the café's web site, [www.gulu-gulu.com](http://www.gulu-gulu.com). He described the Lynn café as one that struggled financially and was furthered damaged by the economic downturn.

Feldmann said he's proud the café succeeded as much as it did, surviving 3 1/2 years in a location that cause many people to be skeptical.

"The conventional wisdom was that Central Square [in Lynn] would never accept something like what we were offering. That the proper demographics just weren't there," Feldmann said on the site. "Well, they were there ... for a little while at least."

The owner said staff and customers will celebrate the shop's last night on Dec. 13.

Gulu-Gulu opened its Salem location a little more than a year ago, at 247 Essex St. on the corner of Washington Street. Feldmann contrasted the Lynn shop's financial struggle with the bottom-line success of the Salem site.

"Our second Gulu opened in Salem late last summer and has been an enormous success. I never could have built the one in Salem if I hadn't done the Lynn one first," he said.

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