

“The Endicott Bulletin” dated March 18, 1915: “Great Throng at Library Opening. Hundreds turned away. The people of Endicott conspicuously displayed their appreciation of their efforts on the part of those who have made possible a Free Public Library by their attendance at the formal opening on Tuesday evening. It is estimated that one thousand people visited and inspected the rooms while several hundred were turned away unable to get in. An orchestra of 15 pieces, under the direction of Mr. Herbert Clark, added to the success of the occasion.”

GFJ celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 16, 2015 with a cake and open house, accompanied by a series of programs given during the year by local historian Tim Main. Town of Union Supervisor Rose Sotak presented the library with a Certificate of Recognition, while Mayor Bertoni and village trustees Baker and Konecny visited and offered their congratulations. GFJ also received a proclamation from Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo and Senator Libous, plus a note from U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. With the celebrations complete we look forward to our second century. Learn more about our history at:

<http://www.gfjlibrary.org/about/history/>

In 2015 the library completed its newspaper digitization project. Our Digital Archives now cover the years 1855 to 1960, and can be keyword-searched from any connected computer or mobile device. Our Children’s Room received a new look with the installation of new badly-needed carpet, and we continued conversion of our old fluorescent lighting fixtures to modern LEDs. The grant-funded LEDs provide a lot more light and have also resulted in a 30% savings in electricity. We thank our Albany representatives for their support of the New York State Public Library Construction Grant Program that made the new lights possible.

GFJ began a partnership with The Corning Museum of Glass. As an institutional member the library now has four adult passes that can be signed-out like a book and cover admission to this world-class museum. We have also forged a partnership with Lincoln Center in New York City to stream broadcasts of their cultural performances. Look for these to begin in 2016, using our grant-funded Smart-board and sound system.

Our library has also partnered with the Four County Library System to offer magazines that can be downloaded to a computer or mobile device. The experience is much like reading a paper magazine, without the inserts and perfume!

My continued thanks to our community for its support. Please visit us soon. Today’s library has many traditional and new services we hope you will enjoy.

*Ed Dunscombe, Director; en.d@4cls.org*



**Town of Union Supervisor Rose Sotak Presents 100th Birthday Certificate to Library Director Ed Dunscombe**

**George F. Johnson Memorial  
Library  
1001 Park St.  
Endicott, NY 13760**

**Library Hours:  
Monday—Thursday 9-9  
Friday-Saturday 9-5  
Closed Saturdays July & August**

**607 757-5350  
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## **2015 Annual Report 101 Years!**



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## Highlights from our 101st Year of Service to the Community

- Celebrated our 100th birthday!
- Completed digital newspaper project
- Continued LED lighting project
- Replaced Children's Room carpeting
- Added 6,068 new books, 145 music CDs, 383 DVDs, 145 audio books – our collections remain among the largest of the 43 Four County System member libraries
- Debuted Flipster e-magazines
- Partnered with Corning Museum of Glass
- 1,215 new patrons registered
- 126,481 patron visits
- 63,825 library web site visits
- 2,519 e-books borrowed



Mayor Bertoni, Library Director Ed Duncombe and Village Trustees Commemorate GFJ's 100th Birthday

### Board of Trustees

- Nadine Herceg, President
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- Gary Beattie
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- Jennifer Musa, PhD
- Chris Ryan, M.D.
- Patrick Schafer
- Jo Whitney

### Service Measurements:

- Days open: 294
- Circulation: 166,563 (-4.99%)
- Reference questions: 13,448 (-9.8%)
- In-house reserve requests: 3,140 (-5.7%)
- Interlibrary loans received: 6,658 (-2.4%)
- Interlibrary loans provided: 9,958 (-1.0%)
- Registered borrowers: 21,228 (+1.4%)
- Programs: 250 (-5.3%)
- Program attendance: 6,908 (-23.6%)
- Computer usage: 26,008 (-7.0%)
- Wi-Fi sessions: 38,142
- Study room use: 193 (-23%)
- Public fax transmissions: 972 (-13.8%)
- Group meetings: 279 (+11.4%)
- Web site visits: 63,825(+2.9%)
- Library visits: 126,481 (-12.2%)
- Computer classes: 373
- E-book circulation: 2,519 (+3.9%)
- Audio-book downloads: 1179 (+12.6%)



Summer Reading Kickoff

### Financial Report

#### 2015 Receipts:

Union library district:	\$997,775
Fines, Fees etc.:	32,871
Grants & NYS aid:	23,126
Gifts & Donations:	11,251
Interest on deposits:	305
Broome County aid:	0
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$1,065,328</b>

#### 2015 Expenditures:

Salaries & benefits (current staff):	\$700,377
Print material:	92,421
Building improvements:	73,273
Automation:	44,033
Contracted services:	39,696
Building operations & maintenance:	25,744
Health insurance (retired):	24,606
Audiovisual material:	19,554
Liability insurance:	13,320
Miscellaneous:	11,661
Equipment/furniture:	9,750
Office supplies:	9,032
Postage:	5,249
Publicity:	2,704
Programming:	1,163
Travel:	989
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$1,073,572</b>