GFJ continued its commitment to provide quality educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities in 2016, our 102nd year of service. We offer items in many formats, including print, electronic, and digital. Members can access many features from home, including downloadable e-books and audio books, databases, and foreign-language learning tools.

Our Tech Center continues to provide computer-learning opportunities on a wide array of topics. Our digital literacy efforts include a suite of tutorial videos, Atomic Training, covering hundreds of software applications that can be viewed at home. Our Mango Languages service lets you choose from seventy languages each featuring hundreds of fun and interactive lessons. The phone app makes it easy to learn on the go.

GFJ’s Digital Archives provides keyword access to over one hundred years of local newspapers, as well as Endicott-Johnson publications that give a real flavor as to what life was like in Endicott at the height of E-J. We are working on expanding the Digital Archives to include our collection of Union-Endicott High School yearbooks later this year.

Our Children’s Department is dedicated to opening the world of reading and learning to area youth, and offers many programs throughout the year designed to introduce and encourage a love for reading.

Most library programs, as well as Tech Center classes, can now be viewed on our interactive online calendars, where you can also register to attend. Community groups can also schedule their events and book our free meeting room online.

GFJ partnered with Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in 2016 to provide free screenings of the Center’s world-class cultural events. Our adult book group is growing and provides a fun way to meet new people and gain insights into popular reads. We also offer free passes to the Corning Museum of Glass.

The library completed its lighting project in 2016, 75% funded by a grant from New York State. Our building now has all LED fixtures which have greatly improved lighting and saved over 28% on our energy usage. Many thanks to Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo and Senator Fred Akshar for their continued support of this grant program.

2017 is the 50th anniversary of our building. Please visit often and celebrate all your public library has to offer.

Ed Dunscombe, Library Director; en.ed@4cls.org
**Highlights from our 102nd Year of Service to the Community**

- Replaced Adult Area lighting via a NYS grant resulting in improved lighting, and 28% energy savings. 75% paid for with NYS grant
- Added 6,119 new books, 117 music CDs, 521 DVDs, 158 audio books – our collections remain among the largest of the 43 Four County System member libraries
- NYS audit commended trustees & director on financial management
- 1,145 patrons registered
- 126,443 patron visits
- 60,459 library web site visits
- 2,884 e-books borrowed

**Service Measurements:**

- Days open: 296
- Circulation: 160,793
- Reference questions: 13,318
- In-house reserve requests: 3,021
- Interlibrary loans received: 6,294
- Interlibrary loans provided: 17,693
- Registered borrowers: 21,167
- Programs: 391
- Program attendance: 10,323
- Computer usage: 25,035
- Wi-Fi sessions: 45,790
- Study room use: 280
- Public fax transmissions: 1,011
- Group meetings: 250
- Web site visits: 60,459
- Library visits: 126,443
- Computer classes: 140
- E-book circulation: 2,884
- Audio-book downloads: 1,476

**Financial Report**

2016 Receipts:
- Union library district: $997,775
- Grants & NYS aid: 31,928
- Fines/Fees etc.: 31,101
- Gifts & Donations: 9,183
- Interest on deposits: 421
- Broome County aid: 0
- **Total Receipts:** $1,070,408

2016 Expenditures:
- Salaries & benefits (current staff): $719,807
- Print material: 97,229
- Automation: 48,601
- Contracted services: 35,149
- Building operations & maintenance: 21,367
- Audiovisual material: 19,602
- Health insurance (retired): 18,199
- Building improvements: 15,951
- Equipment/furniture: 13,798
- Office supplies: 10,862
- Liability insurance: 9,715
- Miscellaneous: 7,176
- Publicity: 3,469
- Postage: 3,248
- Programming: 847
- Travel: 620
- **Total Expenditures:** $1,025,640

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**Summer Reading Kickoff**