2017 marked GFJ’s 103rd year of service to the Greater Endicott community. Along with traditional print materials our library continued its commitment to offering a broad array of other items designed to foster education and enrichment for all ages. We remain dedicated to helping our area and its residents achieve their dreams and potential.

Our four children’s librarians work tirelessly to develop reading skills and a love of learning in thousands of area youth. I encourage you to take advantage of our great resources and reinforce their efforts by getting your children in the reading habit and by reading to them yourself on a regular basis. There is little you can do as a parent that will pay so many rewards.

GFJ upgraded its public computers in 2017 and continues to meet the computing needs of our community. Our Tech Center has regular classes and we offer online tools to improve digital literacy. We also made a major addition to our Digital Archives by debuting our collection of Union-Endicott High School yearbooks. Our online resources now also include Weiss Financial Ratings, letting patrons research and track ratings for investments, banks, and insurance companies.

Plans for 2018 include a partnership with LinkedIn to offer LyndaLearning, with thousands of online courses. We will also partner with the Village of Endicott on a grant application to reconstruct the library’s parking lots, with construction targeted to begin summer 2019. Our adult and young adult librarians continue to offer programs, book clubs, movies, and many more fun activities.

On a personal note, I have decided to retire June 2018. My 38 years at GFJ, the last fifteen as Director, have been a delight. It is time to turn the page and see what the next chapter brings. Thank-you for supporting and using GFJ and its staff through all of those years. Thank-you to my trustees, colleagues, and wonderful staff. Our library, like those in every town, is a critical resource vital to our individual and communal needs. If you support it, it will support you. Keep reading!
Service Measurements:

- Days open: 292
- Circulation: 161,138
- Reference questions: 13,183
- In-house reserve requests: 3,283
- Interlibrary loans received: 11,188
- Interlibrary loans provided: 17,572
- Registered borrowers: 21,223
- Programs: 347
- Program attendance: 8,013
- Computer usage: 22,564
- Wi-Fi sessions: 26,545
- Study room use: 287
- Public fax transmissions: 1,049
- Group meetings: 213
- Web site visits: 46,317
- Library visits: 122,905
- Computer classes: 99
- E-book circulation: 2,901
- Audio-book downloads: 2,071

Highlights from our 103rd Year of Service to the Community

- Installed emergency doors in children’s & meeting rooms, 75% paid for with NYS grant
- Added 6,315 new books, 226 music CDs, 645 DVDs, 204 audio books – our collections remain among the largest of the 43 Four County System member libraries
- 1,128 patrons registered
- 122,905 patron visits
- 46,317 library web site visits
- 2,901 e-books borrowed

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Financial Report

2017 Receipts:
- Union library district: $997,775
- Fines/Fees etc.: 32,285
- Grants & NYS Aid: 26,980
- Gifts & Donations: 6,043
- Interest on deposits: 477
- Total Receipts: $1,063,560

2017 Expenditures:
- Salaries & benefits (current staff): $728,167
- Print material: 94,760
- Automation: 52,423
- Building improvements: 31,004
- Building operations & maintenance: 25,970
- Audiovisual material: 21,890
- Contracted services: 17,657
- Office supplies: 14,115
- Health insurance (retired): 13,654
- Miscellaneous: 12,830
- Liability insurance: 11,907
- Publicity: 2,760
- Postage: 1,237
- Equipment/furniture: 965
- Travel: 728
- Total Expenditures: $1,030,067