

## All in the family: What the library means to three generations.



(L to R) Stacy Horton, Audrey Horton, Joy Bernardo enjoy YHPL location.

Ever since Joy Bernardo was a little girl growing up in Johnson City in the 1950's, Your Home Public Library (YHPL) has been like a second home.

"We would walk there every week and it was really important to us. We made our own fun. We didn't have all these mechanical devices. There were no computers," says Joy.

Joy has passed that love along to two more generations: her daughter, Stacey Horton, and her granddaughter, Audrey Horton.

"There's nothing like walking into a library," says Stacey. "You can go anywhere. You can learn about somebody, you can go to a different time, you can go to a different place."

Stacey's 13-year-old daughter, Audrey, recently made honor roll, and her mother attributes it to reading. "Audrey reads all kinds of books and she's read ever since she was small girl participating in the summer book club."

The library is also a family tradition in Sharon Bryant's household.

"I grew up going to the library," says Sharon, who moved to Binghamton

from Rhode Island in 1994. "It's one of my favorite places and when I was a young girl I wanted to become a librarian. Reading just opened up so many doors for me. My mother was a reader and my sister and I would go to the library at least once a week. When I had Ibny (Sharon's 11-year-old son) I took him just like my mother took me."

Sharon said when she first moved to the Binghamton area, YHPL was one of the first places she went to "get grounded in the community." She fondly remembers one of the former directors who helped her get acclimated to the area.



Sharon Bryant and son, Ibny, enjoy both library locations.

"She got to know me, and when new books would come in she would call me and set them aside for me. I had this wonderful relationship with her," recalls Sharon.

The appeal libraries have for voracious readers is obvious, but with a wide array of offerings such as technology and craft classes, libraries are about a lot more than books these days.

Ibny checks out movies from the library and has participated in a reading-therapy program at GFJ Library where children read to dogs.

"Ibny read to dogs that were wearing sweaters and even outfits! And they come and sit down so nicely," explains Sharon.

But Ibny says his favorite parts about going to GFJ Library are the comic books and puppets he gets to bring home.

"I check out shark, pirate and lady bug puppets and put on a show at home," says Ibny. "My mom and I also play the board games they have there like *Sorry* and *Smashers*."

In addition to the fun it's brought to her son, Sharon says the library has strengthened her connection with Ibny. She often listens to audio books while in the car, and one, in particular, has made an impact.

"The library had the Manning Marable book about Malcolm X. I really would not have had the time to get through that very long book, but my son and I had some really amazing conversations about it because we'd listen to it in the car."

Joy recalls that even back in the 1950's, YHPL was more than a haven for readers, and she took advantage of the chance to learn a new skill.

"They had sewing classes downstairs and every Saturday I would go to sewing class here. We made skirts and different things. And I took the award every year!"

"That's why you still sew everything for me!" chimes in daughter, Stacey.

But for Joy and her family, reading is still the primary reason to frequent the library.

"I think if more people read, it would do society a lot of good."

"It's just one of the greatest gifts," adds Stacey. Stacey pauses, turns to her mother and says: "Do you realize that in your whole life you could never read all the books that exist?"

Joy looks around at the books stacked in front of her. "That's exactly what I was just thinking!"

### What the library means to me.



**Eileen Orringer**  
Endwell  
GJF member  
since 1968

I love this library.  
I love the people  
who work here.

It just has so much to offer.

I've taken Excel here, I've taken a fantastic photography course, and I'm thinking about taking Spanish next. I've also been in a reading group here for two years. I come at least once a week to pick up a book, drop off a book or take a class!

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## On your mark, get set, **READ!** Summertime at YHPL (Johnson City)

Our summertime theme is “Get in the game and read!” No matter what your age, the library has a program to help you enjoy the warm weather and exercise your mind!

### CHILDREN AND TEEN READING PROGRAM

Our Summer Reading Program for youths ages 3-16 kicks off on June 24. Participants can earn prizes and gift certificates for reading throughout the program. Sign-ups run from June 24 – July 17. The final date to turn in readings logs is August 22.

- The Summer Reading Club is for children ages 3-10. Earn a prize for every three hours of reading.
- Teen Readers can win Oakdale Mall or AMC Cinema gift cards. Keep track of the amount of reading time and enter your name for every two hours you read.

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Children ages 3-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us at 10 a.m., Wednesdays, July 6 -August 10, at the Charles F. Johnson Park for books, rhymes, crafts and more. *No registration required.*

### SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AND TEENS

**MYO (Make Your Own) Snacks: Tuesdays,  
July 5 – August 9, 1 p.m.**

Cornell Cooperative Extension staffers show you how to make inexpensive, healthy snacks. There will be taste-testing at each class! Attend as many as you like. *Registration required. Please tell us if you have food allergies when you register. Ages 6-10*

*The following programs are open to teens  
ages 10-14.*

**“How to Save a Life” (CPR Demon-  
stration): Monday, July 25, 6:30 p.m.**

Learn the life-saving technique of CPR in a demonstration by a member of the Town of Union Ambulance Squad. *Free, but registration is requested.*

**“How to Save a Life” (CPR Certifica-  
tion): Monday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.**

Become certified in CPR. A member of the Town of Union Ambulance Squad will teach the course and certify attendees who pass. *Registration is required, and there is a \$17.50 fee to cover part of the certification cost.*

**MYO (Make Your Own) Snacks: Tuesdays,  
July 5 and August 2, 2:15 p.m.**

Cornell Cooperative Extension staffers show you how to make inexpensive, healthy snacks. There will be taste-testing at each class! *Registration required. Please tell us if you have food allergies when you register.*

### FAMILY PROGRAMS

*The following programs are open to everyone.*

**Story Walk: Ongoing, July 5- August 19**

Walk the library grounds any time you want and read a book at the same time! Each station will feature the page of a picture book and some easy exercises to do. *No registration required.*

#### Family Yoga Classes:

**Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21, 6 p.m.**

Good for both physical and mental health, yoga provides stretching exercises and concentration techniques.

*Registration is required; let us know if you need a yoga mat or if you will provide your own.*

#### Ross Park Zoomobile:

**Wednesday, July 27, 1 p.m.**

Meet a group of Animal Athletes and their relatives. Zoo personnel will bring several animals to show and -- in some cases -- touch!

*No registration required.*



**Lego Club: Monday, July 11 and  
August 8, 6:30 p.m.**

Hone your Lego building skills! We will be free-building both evenings. Bring a kit, Lego-related book or movie to share with fellow enthusiasts. *No registration required.*

**Bark-9: Monday, July 18 and August 15, 6 p.m.**

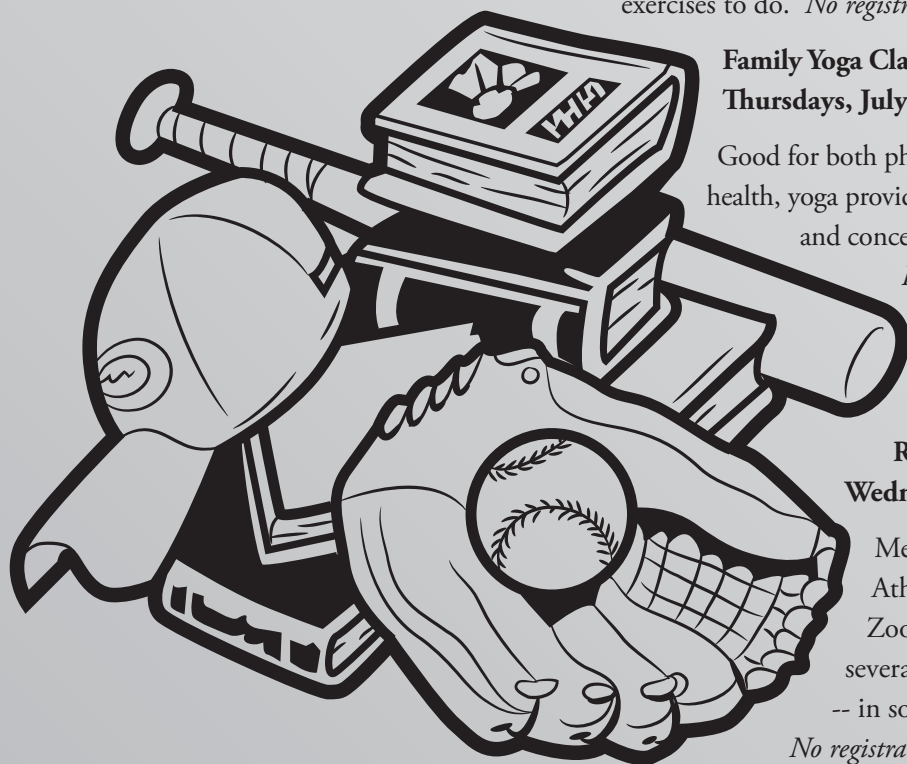
The dogs of Bark-9 are waiting for readers to entertain them with a story! This program uses registered therapy dogs (tested for health, safety and temperament) to help improve children's reading and communication skills. Bring your own book (or borrow one of ours) and read a story to these four-legged friends. *No registration required.*

**Magician's Skills Workshop:  
Thursday, August 11, 1 p.m.**

Learn the art of balloon twisting, juggling, simple magic tricks and more. You'll leave with the equipment and the skills to star in your own show! *No registration required.*

**Carousel Run: Wednesday, August 17,  
from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Meet at the library at 10 a.m. and we'll travel to five of the local carousels. A van is available for people who can't drive, or you may use your own car. A member of PAST (Preservation Association of the Southern Tier) will ride in the van and talk about the history of the carousels, the Johnson family, Rod Serling and other local topics of interest. At the end of the run, each participant will have earned an official “I Rode the Broome County Carousel” button. Bring a lunch. *Registration is required for van space.*





# On your mark, get set, **READ!** Summertime at GFJ Library (Endicott)

There are so many ways to exercise your mind this summer at GFJ Library. Join one of our reading clubs, create street art, play Quidditch... even solve a murder mystery!

All events are **FREE** of charge! Registration begins on Thursday, June 23. To register, stop by the library in person, call us, or register online at [gfjlibrary.org/kidzone](http://gfjlibrary.org/kidzone)



## Summer Reading Kick-off Party

Join us on the library lawn (or indoors in case of rain) on Monday, June 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. for our annual summer reading kick-off party. Stop by to enjoy games, crafts, music and lots of family fun. Remember to sign up for our summer reading clubs and programs, too!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

The following programs will be held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. either on the plaza in front of the library or in our downstairs meeting room. No registration required.

### Tom Sieling: July 6

Acclaimed singer/songwriter Tom Sieling will perform a family program called "Take a Tromp Through the Swamp!" filled with fun and funny participatory songs.

### Animal Adventure: July 13

This is a highly anticipated return engagement, and once again you'll get up close and learn about some fascinating animals.

### Dance Party: July 20

Join DJ Johnny Only and our own Miss Erin when they team up to lead you in an evening of stories, music, dancing and fun!

### A Visit with Laura Ingalls Wilder: July 27

Discover what it was like to be a child over 100 years ago! Master storyteller, Lonna Pierce, will be dressed in costume and bring period artifacts of the late 1800s. Re-telling stories from the *Little House on the Prairie* series, she'll incorporate history, geography, cooking, dance and music.

### Life-sized Board Game: August 3

Like games? Then, join us and be a playing piece in our giant board game. Answer questions to jump ahead!

### Chalk Art Extravaganza: August 10, 6- 8 p.m.

Chalk artist Eric Maruscak will help us create beautiful street art. *Please note earlier start time.*

## YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAMS

### Summer Reading Club:

Registration for our *On your mark, Get set, Read!* reading club for preschool and school-age children begins June 23. Club members have several weeks to reach their reading goal; final prizes will be awarded August 10 – 31. Members who reach their goal will also earn two chances to win a fabulous prize bag.

### Story Times

Registration for the following story time programs is required; registration begins June 23. Call, stop in or register online at [gfjlibrary.org/kidzone](http://gfjlibrary.org/kidzone).

- **Little Listeners** (up to age 2 ½): Tuesdays, July 12 – August 9, at 10 a.m.

- **Great Beginnings** (ages 2 ½ to 5): Wednesdays, July 13 – August 10, at 10 a.m.
- **Highland Park** (ages 2 to 5): Thursdays, July 14 – August 10, at 10 a.m. in the pavilion at the park on Hooper Road. *Registration is NOT required for this story time.*

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Registration is required for these two programs; registration begins June 23. You will be able to sign up for each week individually. Programs include books, games, crafts and technology.

- **The Good Sports** (children entering grades 1-3), Mondays, July 11 – August 8, 1:30 or 3 p.m.
- **The Champs** (children entering grades 4 - 6), Wednesdays, July 13 – August 10, 1:30 or 3 p.m.

### Maker Mondays for Families

Bring the family to the library Mondays, July 11 – August 8, at 6 p.m., for a variety of fun, "make-and-take" activities. Registration is not required, but registering in advance **guarantees** that you will have the supplies needed to create the project. Drop-ins welcome!

### Family Movie Afternoons

Enjoy family-friendly movies on Fridays, July 15, July 29 and August 12. The fun starts at 1 p.m. with a quick introduction to the movie; a brief discussion wraps things up. For children ages 5 and older; children must be accompanied by an adult. *No registration required.*

### Kids Street Art

Cartoonist/illustrator Eric Maruschak is back for more street art fun on July 7, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Kids ages 7 – 11 can learn about chalk art and create their own amazing pictures on the library sidewalk. Space is limited so register early for this very popular event. *Registration is required.*

## GET IN THE GAME AND READ TEEN PROGRAMS (FOR GRADES 7 - 12)

Registration for Teen Reading Club and Programs begins June 23.

### Summer Reading Club

Read a book, fill out a passport review sheet and enter to win a prize each week (drop your entry in the box located in the teen area of the library). Three winners will be selected each week from June 23 - August 8. *Thanks to the Friends of the GFJ Memorial Library for providing the funds for the Teen Summer Reading Program.*

Get active in our many teen programs; for each one you attend you will receive a book.

*These programs are funded by the Friends of the GFJ Library, the BOOKS Program and with public funds from the Chenango Arts Council's Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the NYS Council on the Arts, with support from Governor Cuomo and the NYS Legislature.*

### Teen Book Discussion Group:

Get in the Game with Great Books: Tuesdays, July 12 – August 9, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Participants in this librarian-moderated group will read one, full-length novel each week and discuss it. The books will be provided free of charge and are registrants to keep. Meet in the downstairs meeting room. *Registration is required and attendance at all five sessions is highly encouraged.*

### Teen Street Art: Tuesday, July 19, 6-7:30 p.m.

Meet on the library sidewalk and get ready to create some great chalk art with illustrator/cartoonist Eric Maruscak! Bring a picture you would like to draw. *Registration is required.*

### Teen Muggle Quidditch Game: Wednesday, July 13, 12:45 – 3 p.m. (rain date July 20)

Let's meet on the library side lawn to play Quidditch, everyone's favorite game from *Harry Potter*! In teams of two, score goals with the quaffle, throw bludgers and catch the snitch to win the game. *Registration is required.*

### Teen Mystery Night: Friday, August 5, 6-8 p.m.

Another murder...another chance to discover who, what and how to win a prize! Enjoy treats and check out the library "after hours." The event will be held in the downstairs meeting room. *Registration is required.*

### Teen Fun Nights: Thursdays, July 7 – August 11

*Programs meet in the downstairs meeting room, unless otherwise noted. Registration is not required for the following programs:*

- **Minecraft & iPad Games: July 7, from 6-8 p.m.** Come explore the world of Minecraft and play games on an iPad. Program held in the upstairs Tech Center.
- **Teen Book and a Movie: July 14 and August 4, from 5-8 p.m.** Join us for a movie based on a YA book followed by a discussion.
- **Clue Party! July 21, from 5- 8 p.m.** Come to the Clue Party dressed as your favorite Clue character or create your own. Play the board game and stay for a viewing of the 1985 movie adaptation of the board game.
- **Paper Football Tournament and Game Night: July 28, from 6- 8 p.m.** Learn how to play paper football and battle it out! Could you be the paper football champion? Other board games will also be available.
- **Trivia Night: August 11, from 6- 8 p.m.** Get your gears turning for the final teen program of the summer: an evening of trivia and prizes. Questions will range from entertainment, literature, sports, history, etc. Bring a friend!





## More on your mark, get set, READ! Summertime at YHPL ( Johnson City)

### ADULT PROGRAMS

Join us for Your Home Public Library's third annual Adult Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Exercise Your Mind!" *All programs are free unless noted. Registration is not required unless noted.*

#### Summer Reading Kickoff: June 24

Registrations for the Adult Summer Reading Program begin Friday, June 24. Enter a drawing for one of five weekly prizes awarded throughout the program. Registration continues through August 2.

#### "Million Steps" Program

The first 15 adult participants to achieve a million steps (approximately 50 miles of walking, or 10 miles/week for the five-week program) will win a pedometer. There will be a wall display where patrons can track their progress. Registration and further information available June 24.

#### Sports Movie Series: July 5-8

Get in the game! Our lineup includes: *Rocky* (Rated PG), July 5 at 6 p.m.; *A League of Their Own* (Rated PG), July 6 at 1 p.m.; *Friday Night Lights* (Rated PG-13), July 7 at 1 p.m.; and *Unbroken* (Rated PG-13), July 8 at 1 p.m.

#### Meditation Class: July 11, 6:30 p.m.

Say "om" and join Mike O'Sullivan from the Binghamton Buddhist Meditation Group on a workshop on meditation.

#### How to Save a Life (CPR Demonstration): July 25, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about the importance of CPR with a demonstration with the Town of Union Emergency Squad.

#### Zentangle Workshop: July 28, 1 p.m.

Come learn to draw Zentangles, a meditative art form that anyone can learn! No previous drawing experience necessary.

#### End of Summer Party/Front Porch Concert: August 2, 6 p.m.

Say goodbye to summer with a great send-off party! Enjoy music by The Island Hoppers Steel Band who will be performing on the front porch (weather permitting); plus, there will be food and crafts to celebrate another successful adult summer reading program!

#### CPR Certification Course: August 8, 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to save the life of a fellow citizen or a loved one by earning your CPR certification. The course will be taught by the Town of Union Emergency Squad. Registration is required and the cost is \$15 per person.



## More on your mark, get set, READ! Summertime at GFJ (Endicott)

### ADULT PROGRAMS

*Thank you to the Friends of the GFJ Memorial Library for supplying the funds for the Adult Summer Reading Club and programs!*

#### Summer Reading Club: June 23- August 8

Read five books, fill out a reading log and drop it in the box near the Adult Information Desk. For every log you fill out, you will be entered to win one of four gift baskets, each valued at \$50!



#### Dinner and a Book: Tuesday, August 8, from 6-8 p.m.

Join us for pizza and a discussion of favorite books. It's a great way to get recommendations! Meet in the downstairs meeting room. Registration is required; sign up at the Adult Information Desk or online at [gflibrary.org](http://gflibrary.org) beginning June 23.



## What the library means to me.

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**David L. Warren**  
Johnson City

**YHPL member since 2006**

I'm here two-to-three times a week mainly for the movies and CDs. It's conveniently located to where I live and I can walk here. Back in my day we didn't have computers so I used it for school. The librarians are great here. I know my way around but if I have a question they're there to help me with copying, paperwork or whatever I need to do. I don't work now, so it gives me something to do, especially in the winter.



**Judith Whiteman**  
Endicott

**GFJ member since 1979**

My first job out of college was in a library. And when I was a kid, it was my favorite place to be. For me, the appeal is obvious: It's reading. Both my husband and I were English majors.

I use the library primarily for the book club. I also bring books here to donate – the ones I can part with!

A library is a wonderful thing! Books are my treasure!

## Hours of Operation

### Your Home Public Library

107 Main Street, Johnson City  
607-797-4816 • [www.yhpl.org](http://www.yhpl.org)  
Monday–Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday\*: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

\*closed Saturdays June 20–September 5

### George F. Johnson Memorial Library

1001 Park Street, Endicott  
607-757-5350 • [www.gflibrary.org](http://www.gflibrary.org)  
Monday–Thursday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday\*: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

\*closed Saturdays June 27–September 5

\*\*Libraries closed July 4th

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