

There is much to celebrate and be proud of as we prepare to mark the 100th birthday of the GFJ Library on March 16. 2014 marked our third public funding vote, and I am pleased to report that it passed with sixty-three percent, winning every Town of Union district. Thanks to all library supporters and to everyone who values GFJ's contribution to our community's educational, business, and cultural life. These are difficult times for public libraries as funding continues to be slashed by municipalities struggling to stay under the New York State tax cap. However, library funding votes pass about ninety percent of the time; proof that libraries are appreciated and valued throughout New York.

We've been busy expanding non-traditional library services. GFJ's Digital Archives now offers searchable access to local newspapers from 1855 through 1945, as well as Endicott-Johnson and Union-Endicott publications. Cardholders now have home and mobile access to Mango Languages, a fun, interactive online suite offering instruction in more than sixty languages. We continue to partner with the Four County Library System to expand the Download Zone, our resource for downloadable e-books and audio books. We have partnered with the Corning Museum of Glass to offer passes that can be borrowed just like a book and permit free admission to their world-class museum. We now offer a mobile app to search our catalog and review your account, as well as the ability to pay fines via credit card.

GFJ has renewed its commitment to digital literacy by expanding staff and classes in its Tech Center (formally the PCC). The Tech Center staff has developed an exciting curriculum and students can review and register for classes via our web site. Our Atomic Training suite lets cardholders take online computer training modules from home. We have also partnered with Binghamton University to provide volunteer staffing and expanded open hours.

Despite these digital enhancements GFJ will always maintain a strong focus on books, particularly getting children excited about the world of reading. What better way to enrich our tomorrows than to grow readers today? I look forward to seeing everyone at the library in 2015. We invite you to celebrate our 100th anniversary all year long by using your library card!

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The Tech Center offers free computer classes.



In Memory of longtime Friend of GFJ Merle Newberry.

George F. Johnson Memorial Library
1001 Park St.
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Library Hours:
Monday—Thursday 9-9
Friday-Saturday 9-5
Closed Saturdays July & August

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2014 Annual Report 100 Years!



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Highlights from our 100th Year of Service to the Community

- Passed funding vote with 63% “Yes” - first increase in six years
- Expanded Digital Archives including E-J & U-E items
- Debuted Mango language-learning suite
- Replaced Children’s Room lighting via a NYS grant
- Added 6,199 new books, 161 music CDs, 403 DVDs, 224 audio books – our collections remain among the largest of the 43 Four County System member libraries
- 1,353 new patrons registered
- 143,991 patron visits
- 61,994 library web site visits
- 2,421 e-books borrowed



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Service Measurements:

- Days open: 295
- Circulation: 174,428 (-11.62%)
- Reference questions: 14,896 (-4.9%)
- In-house reserve requests: 3,329 (-3.1%)
- Interlibrary loans received: 7,266 (-6.2%)
- Interlibrary loans provided: 10,859 (-7.9%)
- Registered borrowers: 20,938 (+1%)
- Programs: 264 (+2.3%)
- Program attendance: 9,045 (+1.7%)
- Computer usage: 27,956 (-7.3%)
- Wi-Fi sessions: 2,342 (+8.5%)
- Study room use: 250 (-6.4%)
- Public fax transmissions: 1,127 (+11.4%)
- Group meetings: 250 (-6.4%)
- Free tax returns prepared by volunteers: 400 (+8.1%)
- Web site visits: 61,994 (-5.9%)
- Library visits: 143,991 (-3.6%)
- Computer classes: 812
- E-book circulation: 2,421 (-1.2%)
- Audio-book downloads: 1031 (+35%)



Summer Reading Kickoff

Financial Report

2014 Receipts:

Union library district:	\$908,275
Grants & NYS aid:	45,187
Fines/Fees etc.:	33,974
Gifts & Donations:	8,988
Interest on deposits:	884
Broome County aid:	0
Total Receipts:	\$997,308

2014 Expenditures:

Salaries & benefits (current staff):	\$694,934
Print material:	98,654
Automation:	42,876
Building operations & maintenance:	34,750
Health insurance (retired):	25,815
Audiovisual material:	22,993
Contracted services:	16,279
Office supplies:	12,070
Liability insurance:	10,845
Miscellaneous:	7,109
Publicity:	5,991
Travel:	3,600
Equipment/furniture:	2,049
Programming:	1,550
Postage:	1,322
Building improvements:	0

Total Expenditures:	\$980,837
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