



George F. Johnson  
Memorial Library

**2008  
Annual Report**



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Library  
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## Highlight of Activities from our 93rd Year of Service to the Community

- Added interactive SmartBoard to meeting room through a grant from Community Foundation for South Central New York.
- Added five new public computing stations through a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and a bequest from the Dearie family.
- Added die-cut machine to enhance programs & crafts through a grant from Community Foundation for South Central New York.
- Applied for NYS grants for climate control & handicap access.
- Children's Reading Clubs formed.
- B.A.R.K-9. program begins—children reading to therapy dogs.
- Added 6,778, new books, 407 music CD's, 501 DVD's, 312 audio books – all collections remain among the largest of the 43 Four County System member libraries.
- Dedicated children's room in memory of Eleanor Henricks.
- Won funding vote increase and court challenge to library funding.
- 2,048 new patrons registered. Highest total since 1992.
- Highest circulation total since 2001.
- 26,423 public Internet sessions – Library record.
- 125,000-plus patron visits.
- Huge increase in meeting room use.
- Free tax prep program saves participants approximately \$50,000.
- Doubled number of story time programs
- Free Doug Jackson jazz concert
- Friends Book Sales relocated to larger basement facility

## Service Measurements:

- Days open: 298
- Circulation: 197,023 (increased 4.5%)
- Reference questions: 13,359 (increased 15.5%)
- In-house reserve requests: 4,302 (minor increase)
- Interlibrary loans received: 8,137 (increased 12.2%)
- Interlibrary loans provided: 7,419 (decreased 7.7% )
- Registered borrowers: 25,063 (increased 11% - 2nd largest total in Four County System)
- Programs: 221 (increased 22%)
- Program attendance: 5,990 (increased 17.9%)
- Internet usage: 26,423 (increased 2.2%)
- Public fax transmissions: 580 (increased 22.6%)
- Group meetings: 319 (increased 75.3%)
- Free tax returns prepared by volunteers: 498 (increased 42%)



This year's quilt raffle took in over \$200.00 for the youth services dept. The winner was Henry Nussbaum. Thanks to Carol Bunnell for donating this beautiful quilt.

