

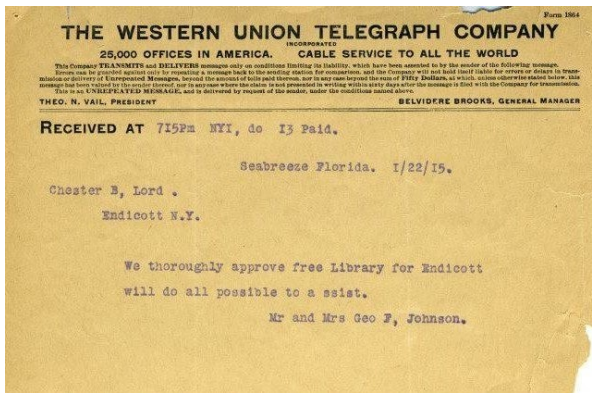
It has been over 99 years since George F. Johnson sent the following telegram while vacationing in Seabreeze, Florida: “We thoroughly approve free library for Endicott will do all possible to assist.” I still have that telegram in my office. It reminds me that our library straddles the old and the new, housing the memories of our community’s unique and colorful past, while simultaneously providing the tools and opportunities to fashion its future. That divide between yesterday and today is manifested in the document itself, communication via a paper telegram, brittle and yellowed with a century of age; juxtaposed with today’s digital and instantaneous communication.

GFJ paid homage to the past in 2013 by debuting its Digital Archives. This program has made local newspapers dating from 1855 available online. Numerous Endicott-Johnson Corp. titles will be added this year, including the fabulous E-J Workers Review. Digital Archives can be accessed at gfjlibrary.org.

As much as we love the past, GFJ is all about empowering people to fulfill their potential. Opening young minds to the wonders of reading during story-times, online access to eBooks and language-learning tools, free Wi-Fi and digital literacy classes, a hundred-thousand books to fill your lifetime-learning needs, and more open hours than New York City’s flagship library on 5th Avenue!

The year 2014 marks six years since the last library funding vote. Despite valiant efforts to contain costs, six years is about as far as we can go without cutting services. We need your help! Please let me know if you’d like to get involved in the effort to get us back on the ballot this November for a modest funding increase. We need lots of petition carriers, signatures and votes to make sure that this vibrant public library is not just part of our community’s past, but remains a vital part of its future as well.

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Endicott, NY 13760**

**Library Hours:
Monday—Thursday 9-9
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**2013
Annual Report
99 Years!**



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Highlights from our 99th Year of Service to the Community

- Continued support of digital literacy via the Public Computing Center (PCC)
- Expanded “Overdrive” downloadable e-book & audio book service
- Debuted GFJ’s Digital Archives
- Added 5,346 new books, 148 music CDs, 338 DVDs, 164 audio books – our collections remain among the largest of the 43 Four County System member libraries
- 1,399 new patrons registered
- 149,387 patron visits
- 65,862 library web site visits
- 2,450 e-books borrowed
- Free tax prep program saved participants thousands of dollars



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Service Measurements:

- Days open: 295
- Circulation: 185,948 (-5.97%)
- Reference questions: 14,896 (+.02%)
- In-house reserve requests: 3,329 (-15%)
- Interlibrary loans received: 7,266 (-5.7%)
- Interlibrary loans provided: 10,859(+.03%)
- Registered borrowers: 20,938 (+.01%)
- Programs: 258
- Program attendance: 8,896
- Computer usage: 34,179 (+2.9%)
- Wi-Fi sessions: 2,158 (+12.16%)
- Study room use: 267 (+47%)
- Public fax transmissions: 960 (+5.5%)
- Group meetings: 267 (+.02%)
- Free tax returns prepared by volunteers: 370 (+9.5%)
- Web site visits: 65,862
- Library visits: 149,387 (-11.4%)
- Computer classes & attendance 301/1542
- “Walk-in” computer patrons: 941
- E-book circulation: 2,450
- Audio-book downloads: 766



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Financial Report

2013 Receipts:

Union library district:	\$887,167
Grants & NYS aid:	50,995
Fines/Fees etc.:	36,629
Broome County aid:	27,259
Gifts & Donations:	7,773
Interest on deposits:	1,623
Total Receipts:	\$1,011,446

2013 Expenditures:

Salaries & benefits (current staff):	\$724,634
Print material:	89,562
Building improvements:	74,507
Health insurance (retired):	60,025
Automation:	39,235
Building operations & maintenance:	23,500
Audiovisual material:	21,319
Contracted services:	19,239
Office supplies:	9,995
Miscellaneous:	8,908
Liability insurance:	8,277
Publicity:	3,445
Programming:	2,458
Postage:	1,302
Equipment/furniture:	1,000
Travel:	715
Total Expenditures:	\$1,088,121

Ed Dunscombe, Director