

Curious George F. News

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Library Hours: Monday—Thursday 9-6 Friday 9-5 Saturday—1-5

All book sales have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

We cannot accept any donations at this time.

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Library board meetings are scheduled for the third Thursday of each month @ 7 p.m.

Next meeting will be April 15, 2021.

Due to Covid-19
meetings are being held
online. The meeting link
can be found on the library's website:
www.gfjlibrary.org.

GFJ Library 2020 Annual Report: From our Director—Seth Jacobus

2020 marked GFJ's 105th year of service to the Greater Endicott community. The library went through some trying times this year due to the on-going pandemic. We saw a reduction in our hours of operation and services to the community. I'm hopeful that we will return to our pre-pandemic level of service sometime this year.

In 2020 we remained dedicated to fulfilling our library's mission to the GFJ Community. Even though the library was closed for three months due to the pandemic, we still provided a high level of service to the community. The library staff successfully implemented modified programs for the community, including virtual technology programs, storytimes, and book clubs. Our new curbside pick-up service implemented in June has been a great success. In 2020 we were also an early voting polling site for the general election. We had over 5,000 Broome County residents vote at the library.

Plans for 2021 include three significant renovation projects to the library. Shortly, the library's roof will be renovated. I'm looking forward to no more leaks! Next, we will have the library's security system enhanced, which will provide additional safety and security to our patrons and staff. Security cameras will be placed throughout the interior and exterior of the building. Lastly, we will be upgrading some interior and exterior doors, which will be more energy efficient and ADA compliant. These projects will be made possible due to construction grant funds that the library has received.

I thank our local legislators, Assembly Member Donna Lupardo and Senator Fred Akshar, for working diligently to procure these funds. These projects will ensure that our library remains an asset to the community for years to come. To see the entire Annual Report: http://www.gfjlibrary.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/annual-report-to-community-2020.pdf.

2020 parking lot renovation during the pandemic:

















GFJ LIBRARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2021

Children Events—April 2021

Coming soon:

Virtual Story Times!

Each has a story, an activity & more! Subscribe online to be notified when a new story time is released!



Visit **gfjlibrary.org/stories** to subscribe or for more info.



Curbside Pickup: Call, text or go online while the library is open. Any materials requested within one hour of closing will not be available for same day pickup. Limit of 5 items per card, except for children's books, which have no limit.

Call: (607) 757-5350—#2 for Adult materials, #3 for Childrens.

Texting: Text "book" to (607) 208-2121. Click on the link in the response to enter our online chat service.

Online: To chat from your computer: widget.uniquelibrary.com/configs/gfjl.html . For more information, go to our webpage: www.gfjlibrary.org/about/curbside-pickup/

Adult Events—April 2021

The GFJ Book Club will meet via Zoom on April 28 at 1 p.m. to discuss *Vincent and Theo: the Van Gogh Brothers by Deborah Heiligman*. The deep and enduring friendship between Vincent and Theo Van Gogh shaped both brothers' lives. They shared everything, swapping stories of lovers and friends, success and disappointments, dreams and ambitions.

Tech Center Classes for April 2021 -During these classes, you will be able to chat with our Tech Center staff as they present a live, online class. **Note:** We are doing some spring cleaning and this will be the last month we use Screenleap. Starting in May, we will be running our virtual classes on **Zoom!!!** We have no plans at the moment to restart in-person classes.

<u>Facebook Settings for Safety and Privacy!</u> – April 20th at 3:00pm

Facebook can help you connect with family and friends, share pictures and stories, but how do you know if your account is safe? Come learn how to use Facebook settings to help keep your identity safe and protect your privacy.

<u>Android Google Photos and Amazon Prime Photos:</u> – April 26th at 3:00pm

This introductory class will show you how to easily save, organize, edit and share your digital photos with Google Photos and/or Amazon Photos - both of which can be used on any computer, phone or tablet.

Discover Windows 10 – April 23rd at 3:00pm

Windows 10 is here to stay as older operating systems by Microsoft are being discontinued. Take a tour of Windows 10 and discover where to find information when you get stuck. **We'll be taking your questions so make sure you bring them!**

Introduction to Zoom - April 30th at 3:00pm

This introductory class will allow you to ask questions and see how to attend and set up your own Zoom meetings. **This will be the last Zoom class before we move to using Zoom as our presentation platform.**

For more information and how to join the classes: http://www.gfjlibrary.org/tc/