



2023 Annual Report

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2023 marked GFJ's 108th year of service to the Greater Endicott community! This year, we partnered with Mission Ignite, who began teaching digital literacy skills to our patrons through their Tech 360 program. This program has successfully worked towards closing the digital divide in our community by giving our patrons the skills and tools necessary to succeed in their personal and professional endeavors. We also partnered with Kopernik Observatory to provide astronomy and STEM programs for kids and teens including a STEM camp at the library, which was funded with a grant from NASA. Other programs held at the library included tech assistance courses, story times, book clubs, and board game events. We had record attendance for these programs!

We were again an early polling location in 2023 and were pleased to have many Broome County residents vote at the library. We hosted AARP Tax Aide at the library during tax season. They were able to help numerous residents prepare their federal and state tax returns for free.

We have already completed a capital improvement project this year. We renovated our Media Room on the library's main floor. The renovation included new metal shelving for audiovisual materials, fire-resistant carpet, drywall, insulation, paint, baseboards, and a ceiling fan with a light. The renovation increased our audiovisual material shelving capacity by 25%. This project was made possible by NYS library construction grant funds. I thank Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo and Senator Leah Webb for working diligently to procure this funding. Assemblywoman Lupardo also procured a grant for the library for \$10,000. This grant was used to purchase nine laptops for our Tech Center. We are lucky to have local representatives who support our library.

I want to thank you, the GFJ Community, for your continued support of our library. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Sincerely,
Seth Jacobus, Library Director
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Service Measurements

Days open: 292

Circulation: 103,021

Reference questions: 12,784

In-house reserve requests: 1,655

Interlibrary loans received: 6,898

Interlibrary loans provided: 15,264

Registered borrowers: 22,208

Computer usage: 10,121

Wi-Fi sessions: 26,144

Study room use: 296

Public fax transmissions: 412

Group meetings: 247

Website visits: 121,582

Library visits: 77,600

Computer classes: 73

E-book circulation: 5,380

Audiobook downloads: 6,022



Dino Dig (7/14/23)



Read to the Therapy Dogs (7/21/23)



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Dom's Game Day (3/11/23)

Highlights from our 108th Year of Service to the Community

- 4,468 new books, 44 music CDs, 214 DVDs, 80 audiobooks, and 96 Playaways were added to the library's collection
- 901 new patrons registered for library cards
- 77,600 patrons visited the library
- 8,190 patrons attended the library's 537 programs
- 11,566 electronic materials were borrowed



STEM Camp (8/16/23)

Board of Trustees

- **President** - Maureen Gillette
- **Vice President** - Michael Mancini
- Ginger Bridges
- Hannah Smith
- Linda Sukarat

Financial Report

→ 2023 Receipts

Union library district	\$1,122,497
Fines/fees etc.	17,897
Grants & NYS Aid	171,931
Gifts & donations	22,786
Interest on deposits:	16,683

Total Receipts **\$1,351,795**

→ 2023 Expenditures

Salaries & benefits <i>(current staff)</i>	\$814,236
Print material	86,614
Automation	46,959
Building improvements	28,959
Building operations & maintenance	24,157
Audiovisual material	18,738
Contracted services	28,870
Office supplies	10,023
Health insurance <i>(retired)</i>	34,449
Miscellaneous	16,557
Liability insurance	14,453
Postage	896
Travel	5,265
Special grants	19,849

Total Expenditures **\$1,150,024**

George F. Johnson Memorial Library Mission Statement

The George F. Johnson Memorial Library exists to provide materials in varied formats, information from technological and traditional sources, and services from trained and qualified employees for library users of all ages for their recreational, educational, and lifelong learning needs. We promote policies, practices, and resources that will help people of all races, cultures, and socioeconomic statuses to have meaningful opportunities to learn and thrive and to ensure that the library is an environment where everyone is valued and respected. We vow to uphold the rights of all people of all ages under the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, and the guidelines of the library Bill of Rights adopted by the American Library Association Council of January 23, 1980.

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am - 8pm

Friday & Saturday 9am - 5pm

closed Saturdays in July & August



**A member of the
Four County Library System**