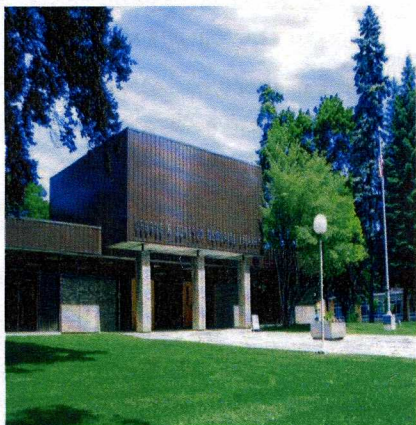




George F. Johnson
Memorial Library

2006 Annual Report



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Highlight of Activities from our 91st Year of Service to the Community

- The library functioned for its first full calendar year under expanded funding provided by the 2004 library funding vote.
- Replaced exterior doors for greater access, security and energy savings. 50 % paid for by a NYS Grant.
- Awarded preliminary approval of a new York State construction grant to add elevator/lift access to basement and second floors.
- Restoration of Broome county aid, reduced impact of library funding district for town of Union taxpayers by 18%.
- Exterior children's court and interior furnishings improved—all labor and materials donated—grant by the Friends of the Library.
- Added 8,081 new books; 416 music CD's; 597 DVD's; 248 audio books—all collections now among largest of the 43 Four County System member libraries.
- For a two week period the library waived overdue fines on late items in return for food donations to CHOW (Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse).
- Reduced Worker's Compensation insurance premium by 84%.
- Reduced NY State Retirement System premium 38%.
- Health insurance costs reduced 1%.
- Non-Union Library tax revenue increased 20% (State aid and in-house).
- In-house revenue increased 43%.

Service Measurements:

- Days open: 294
- Circulation: 175,826 (increased 13%)
- Reference questions: 15,079 (increased 59%)
- In-house reserve requests: 3,663 (increased 3%)
- Interlibrary loans received: 6,726 (increased 10%)
- Interlibrary loans provided: 8,101 (increased 17%)
- Library web site visits: 28, 084 (increased 39%)
- Registered borrowers: 26,904 (increased 8%)
- Programs: 151 (increased 4%)
- Program attendance: 5,734 (increased 19%)
- Internet usage: 22, 506 (increased 14%)
- CD-ROM usage: 490 (decreased 31%)
- Public fax transmissions: 443 (increased 58%)
- Group meetings: 158 (increased 14%)



Financial Report

2006 Receipts:

Union library district:	\$816,360.27
Fines/Fees etc. :	27,562.17
NY State aid & grants:	16,365.50
Interest on deposits:	30,613.72
Gifts & Donations:	8,737.80
Total Receipts:	\$899,639.46

2006 Expenditures:

Salaries & benefits (current staff):	\$463,757.27
Print material:	126,861.16
Health insurance (retired):	33,414.29
Automation:	30,566.93
Building operations & maintenance:	27,524.91
Capital improvements:	25,649.66
Audiovisual material:	24,875.57
Equipment/furniture:	18,536.55
Office supplies:	11,582.80
Publicity:	6,433.41
Liability Insurance:	5,500.81
Programming:	1,768.14
Travel/Continuing education:	1,147.65
Miscellaneous:	1,106.93
Postage:	1,051.10
Contracted services:	682.50
Total Expenditures:	\$780,459.68



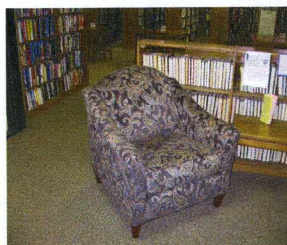
George F. Johnson Memorial Library—2006 Flood Impact

Fortunately our library was not directly impacted by either of the 2006 floods. In response to the state of emergency the library closed June 28 and June 29, and reopened June 30. Floodwaters did not seriously threaten our building, and there was no seepage of water into the basement. The library waived fines on approximately \$100.00 in materials damaged in patron's homes due to the June floods. Several area libraries suffered expensive damage, notably those in Walton and Sidney. Several library staff also had damage to their homes in both incidents, but the library work schedule was not effected. I attended a workshop on library disaster recovery and learned that Cornell University offers free use of their "book freezer" to freeze water-damaged books so that they can be treated before mold develops and destroys them. Damage from leaking roofs and pipes is a much more likely problem for libraries than damage from floods.—Ed Dunscombe, Director



**2006 Raffle
Quilt donated
by Carol
Bunnell**

**New
Benches
on the
lawn of
the
library.**



New library furniture

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Friday-Saturday 9-5
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