



George F. Johnson  
Memorial Library

## **2007 Annual Report**



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George F. Johnson Memorial  
Library  
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Endicott, NY 13760

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## Highlight of Activities from our 92nd Year of Service to the Community

- Major capital project added a lift and a full-service elevator making all floors fully accessible for the first time. Partially funded by a NYS grant.
- Basement hallway and study rooms renovated, fully redesigned rear entryway and lobby added.
- Implemented new time management software for public access computers.
- Added 6,057 new books, 386 music CD's, 453 DVD's, 252 audio books – all collections remain among the largest of the 43 Four County System member libraries.
- Coordinated program to donate books for children at Mom's House for the December holidays.
- Margaret Cooper takes over as Head of Children's Services following retirement of Eleanor Henricks. Children's Room renamed Eleanor Henricks Children's Room.
- "Go Figure" (early math literacy) & "Growing Toward Reading" (early literacy) programs initiated by Children's Department
- Broome County reinstitutes funding for Endicott & Johnson City libraries – town library tax assessment cut 18%.
- 1,870 new patrons registered. Highest total since 1994.
- Highest circulation total since 2001
- 25,858 public Internet sessions – Library record
- 28,743 library web page visits – Library record
- Awarded grant from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for additional public computers

## Service Measurements:

- Days open: 295
- Circulation: 188,589 (increased 10.66%)
- Reference questions: 11,562
- In-house reserve requests: 3,981 (increased 9%)
- Interlibrary loans received: 7,249 (increased 8%)
- Interlibrary loans provided: 8,040
- Library web site visits: 28,743
- Registered borrowers: 22,577
- Programs: 181 (increased 20%)
- Program attendance: 5,082
- Internet usage: 25,858 (increased 15%)
- Public fax transmissions: 473 (increased 7%)
- Group meetings: 182 (increased 15%)
- Free tax returns prepared by AARP: 350



This year's quilt raffle took in over \$300.00 for the youth services dept. The winner was Mary Minacci. Thanks to Carol Bunnell for donating this beautiful quilt.

## Financial Report

### 2007 Receipts:

Union library district:	\$671,279.
Broome County:	145,291.
Fines/Fees etc. :	28,695.
NY State aid & grants:	91,625.
Interest on deposits:	34,243.
Gifts & Donations:	13,822.
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$984,955.</b>

### 2007 Expenditures:

Salaries & benefits (current staff):	\$526,837.
Print material:	106,914.
Health insurance (retired):	30,554.
Automation:	32,850.
Building operations & maintenance:	25,781.
Capital improvements:	243,023.
Audiovisual material:	19,840.
Equipment/furniture:	6,042.
Office supplies:	8,150.
Publicity:	4,656.
Liability Insurance:	10,073.
Programming:	1,986.
Travel/Continuing education:	1,155.
Miscellaneous:	924.
Postage:	917.
Contracted services:	410.
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$1,020,113.</b>



## From the Director:

2007 marked the second full year the George F. Johnson Memorial Library has operated under funding from the Union Library District. Outcome measures demonstrate increased usage in all areas, substantiating the results of a recent national survey by the public opinion research organization Public Agenda indicating broad support for public libraries throughout the United States.

Our 92<sup>nd</sup> year also saw our largest capital project since the 1967 construction of the present building. A New York State Construction Grant partially funded the addition of an elevator, a lift, a new rear lobby and entrance, and remodeled study rooms. Finally all levels are accessible to all members of our community, enhancing the library's role as a true community, learning, and cultural center. Thanks go to Senator Tom Libous and Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo for their continuing support for libraries.

George F. Johnson once said: "Cultivate the habit of reading, cultivate it early in life. As you read more you will think more. Probably you will talk less but you will know more. No one ever learned anything by talking." Endicott's other favorite son, IBM founder Thomas Watson, is synonymous with the work THINK. This community's recent support for, and use of, its library ably demonstrates that George F. and Mr. Watson knew what they were talking about. What better place to read and think than the public library!

The staff and I are dedicated to providing our community with great library service. I encourage everyone to apply for a library card and to enjoy everything *your* library has to offer!

*Ed Dunscombe*



**New back  
lobby &  
elevator,  
and new front  
lift.**



**Holiday Gift  
Giving Tree  
benefited  
Mom's house  
this year. Over  
30 books were  
collected.**



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**Library Hours:  
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Friday-Saturday 9-5  
Closed Saturdays July & August**

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