

Curious George F. News

Summer 2020

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Library Hours : Mon—Friday 9-5 Summer Hours: Closed Saturdays

All book sales have been cancelled for the foreseeable future. We cannot accept any donations at this time.

Curbside Pickup: Call, text or go online between 9-5 daily. Any materials requested after 4 p.m. will be available the next day. Limit of 5 items per card. **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. Or to chat from your computer go to: https:widget.uniquelibrary .com/configs/gfjl.html For more information, go to our webpage: http:// www.gfjlibrary.org/about/ curbside-pickup/

TECH CENTER LIVE Digital classes coming soon. Check out : gfjlibrary.org/tc for more information.





Children's Summer Reading Programs @ GFJ Library for 2020

Although this year's summer reading program for children birth

through grade 6 is going to look a bit different, of course our goal is the same as ever. We want everybody reading lots of terrific books! You will still be counting minutes read or read to in the case of pre-readers, to earn a new book and raffle tickets for prizes. We will be offering participants the ability to do this virtually using Readsquared software. It is a fun and easy program and specific sign-up details will be forthcoming. For those that wish to keep track the familiar way with paper and stickers, packets will be available for curbside pick-up. Registration begins on **June 24** at 9:00 am.

Please remember to check our webpage at <u>gfilibrary.org</u> and our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/gfilibrary) often for updated information regarding all aspects of our summer reading program including special events and activities. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate these changes together!

Teen Summer Reading Program

This year's Teen Summer Reading Program will be hosted by READsquared. Download the READsquared APP or register at : <u>gfilibraryny09.readsquared.com</u>

You will log your reading, find book lists, and gain points to win cool prizes. There will also be fun missions to complete for even more points. The missions include: Writing & Art program, and a Folk and Fairy Tale workshop.

The fun starts **June 24th**. More information can be found at **gfjlibrary.org** on the Children's, Teens, and Adult webpages. Just click the corresponding tab on the website. Feel free to contact the library at 607-757-5350 if you need help registering or have any issues.

Physical copies of the summer reading program will still be handed out for patrons who wish to do a traditional summer reading program. Use the curbside service to collect program material which will include instructions on how to complete the program and when to hand it in.

Adult Summer Reading Program

This year's program will include our usual reading logs (which you can pick up through our curbside service) and/or you can register online at READsquared. Imagine Your Story @ the GFJ Library is the theme of this year's reading clubs. Register beginning June 24. Read 5 books, fill out a reading log and drop it off at the library. Or keep track at home using READsquared. Download the READsquared APP or register at : gfili-

braryny09.readsquared.com For every log you fill out you will be entered to win one of our three gift bags. The drawing will be August 14, 2020.

From the Director: 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



2019 marked GFJ's 105th year of service to the Greater Endicott community. We went to Town of Union voters this year to ask for an increase in library funds. I'm happy to report that the proposition passed with an overwhelming 65% of the vote!

I'm truly grateful for your continued support of our library.

In 2019 we remained dedicated to fulfilling our library's mission to the GFJ Community. We partnered with Broome County Habitat for Humanity and Catholic Charities of Broome County to make books available to children whose families participate in community programs at St. Ambrose Church. A portable bookcase was built and donated by Habitat for Humanity and debuted at the church's Summer Free Lunch Program. We are proud to be partnering with such great organizations as we continue our effort to promote literacy and life -long learning in our community.

In two months we plan to start the renovation of our parking lot. The renovation will commence in early May and should conclude sometime in June. Parking will be limited during this time, as the entire parking lot will be renovated at once. We have received over \$300,000 in NYS construction grant funds to complete the renovation.

In the coming months, we will be expanding our media collections. The shelving in our Media Room will be updated to accommodate the collections' expansion. We will be making available a meeting room on the library's main floor, adjacent to the library café. The newly designed area will allow us to offer more space for our patrons and local organizations to meet.

Sincerely, Seth Jacobus , Library Director en.seth@4cls.org

To see the full report: http://www.gfjlibrary.org/ about/file-cabinet

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Highlights from our 105th Year of Service to the Community

Added 4,150 new books, 17 music CDs, 314 DVDs, 123 audio books – our collections remain among the largest of the 43 Four County System member libraries,

- 1,053 patrons registered
 - 111,439 patron visits
- 57,988 library web site visits
- 3,431 e-books borrowed

Service Measurements:

- Days open: 292
- Circulation: 138,842
- Reference questions:
 - 12,336
- In-house reserve requests: 3,044
- Interlibrary loans received:

8,294

- Interlibrary loans provided: 16,106
 - Registered borrowers: 25,650
 Programs: 551
 - Program attendance: 8,345
 - Computer usage: 20,944
 - Wi-Fi sessions: 24,760
 - Study room use: 265
 - Public fax transmissions: 774
 - Group meetings: 461
 - Web site visits: 57,988
 - Library visits: 111,439
 - Computer classes:: 84
 - E-book circulation: 3,431
 - Audio-book downloads: 5,420

