

# CURIOUS GEORGE F. NEWS

## Library Hours:

Monday – Thursday  
9 am–8 pm

Friday & Saturday  
9 am–5 pm

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

- Closed on Saturday, December 24
- Closed on Monday, December 26

## Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday, 12/21 @  
6 pm in the library's Tech Center

## Friends of the Library Book Sales:

- Fri. 12/2, 10 am–4 pm
- Sat. 12/10, 10 am–2 pm
- Fri. 12/16, 10 am–4 pm

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 [tinyurl.com/gfjyoutube](https://tinyurl.com/gfjyoutube)



## A WORD FROM GEORGE F. JOHNSON

"The hope of the world lies in evolution, progress and constant improvement, and we look with confidence into that future, rapidly approaching, when all may have a more equal share in the good things of life, when the rights of humans are acknowledged to be more sacred than the rights of dollars, when it will be the same vice, and the same crime, whether committed in broadcloth or in rags."

From *Home of the Square Deal, Endicott – Johnson Workers, Tanners & Shoemakers* available at the library

  
July 21, 1919

## IN CELEBRATION



This month we will honor the life of Domanick David Eugene Hayward, who recently committed suicide due to bullying at school. The library staff knew Domanick well, as he was a frequent patron of our library. Dom was an avid reader but also used the library as a safe place where he could go to get away from his bullies. The library is creating displays honoring his life, containing pictures and possessions, as well as

information on resources to combat bullying. You can also pick up a bookmark with a suggested act of kindness to do in honor of Dom. The entire library staff and Dom's mother hope this memorial serves as a reckoning for our community and that Domanick's sacrifice will not be made in vain. We have failed as a community, but we should now work to make sure that this type of tragedy never happens again.

## TECH CENTER

Happy Holidays from the GFJ Library's Tech Center! This month we are offering some great classes to help you through the holidays! Whether you're looking to learn something new or brush up on your skills, there is something for you to find. Copies of the Tech Center Newsletter are available at the library or at [gfjlibrary.org/tc](https://gfjlibrary.org/tc). Have a wonderful holiday season!!!

**Tech Center Registration:** In-person participants must be registered. To register, go to [gfjlibrary.org/tc](https://gfjlibrary.org/tc) and select the class or Open Hours Tech Help you would like to sign up for. Or give the library a call to sign up. To participate virtually for hybrid and virtual classes follow this link: [tinyurl.com/GFJTC-class](https://tinyurl.com/GFJTC-class).



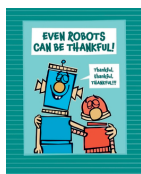
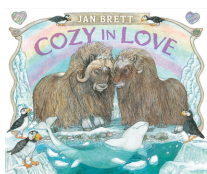
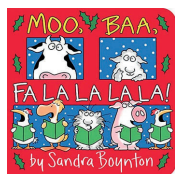
## KIDS

**Therapy Dogs:** Come to the library to read to the therapy dogs on **Saturdays, 12/3 & 12/17 from 10 am to noon!** No registration is required.

**Anytime Activities:** Stop into the children's room during December for fun at any time!

- **Take & Make Crafts** - We'll have a new winter-themed take & make craft each week!
- **Gingerbread Hunt** - Find the gingerbread man in the children's room and get a prize!
- **Guess How Many Candy Canes are in the Jar!**

**Give the Gift of Story:** These books would make great holiday gifts!



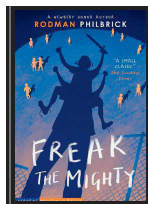
## TEENS



**Young Adult Readers Book Club:** Students in grades 7 through 12 can join us in the basement meeting room of the library on **12/12 from 5:30-6:30pm** as we discuss ***The Prince and the Dressmaker*** by Jen Wong. Participants can pick up a copy of the book at the adult information desk.

**I'd Rather Read YA Book Club:** Join us via Zoom for a discussion of ***Freak the Mighty*** by Rodman Philbrick on **12/28 at 6pm**. All ages are welcome! Follow the link below to register:

<https://forms.gle/NsgnYfeZUf4wXi8Y7>



## ADULTS



**A Fond Farewell:** Librarian Cathy Seary will be retiring at the end of this year after 27 years at the GFJ Library. Cathy is currently the Head of the Adult Services Department. Thank you, Cathy for your dedication and service to the GFJ community. Please join us in wishing Cathy a happy and healthy retirement!

**December Art Wall:** We will be featuring oil paintings by artist Michael Bolde on our art wall for the month of December.

**Learn Skills for Healthy Eating with Cornell Cooperative**

**Extension:** Join us in the library's Scott Room **every Tuesday from 4:30-5:15pm through December 20!** Enjoy learning cooking tips on creating healthy meals and taste some free samples. To register call 607-584-9972 or email [broomenuitrition@cornell.edu](mailto:broomenuitrition@cornell.edu).

## DECEMBER

- Tech Center Open Hours, 11am-3pm  
-Holiday Spending & Saving Class @ 3pm\*
- Friends Book Sale, 10am-4pm
- Therapy Dogs, 10am-12pm
- Jr. Readers Book Club @ 5pm\*
- Roku Tips & Tricks @ 1pm\*  
-Skills for Healthy Eating @ 4:30pm
- GFJ Book Club Pot Luck @ 1pm  
-Dealing with Financial Stress @ 6pm\*
- COVID-19 Booster Clinic, 11am-1pm  
-Tech Center Open Hours, 11am-1pm  
-Shopping Apps for Saving Money @ 3pm
- Friends Book Sale, 10am-2pm
- Teen Book Club @ 5:30pm\*
- Tech Center Open Hours, 11am-1pm  
-Skills for Healthy Eating @ 4:30pm
- Tech Center Open Hours, 11am-1pm  
-Netflix Alternatives @ 3pm
- Friends Book Sale, 10am-4pm
- Therapy Dogs, 10am-12pm
- GFJ Readers Book Club @ 5pm\*
- Windows Tips & Tricks @ 11am  
-Tech Center Open Hours, 1-3pm  
-Skills for Healthy Eating @ 4:30pm
- Library Board meeting @ 6pm
- Tech Center Open Hours, 11am-1pm
- Library Closed - Christmas Eve
- Library Closed - Christmas observed
- Tech Center Open Hours, 11am-3pm
- I'd Rather Read YA Book Club @ 6pm  
-Tech Center Open Hours, 11am-1pm  
\* registration required