

George F. Johnson Memorial Library

1001 Park Street

Endicott, NY 13760

Town of Union Libraries



Summer Newsletter 2023



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Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

Closed Saturdays 6/24 - 9/2



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Friday 9 am - 5 pm
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Summer Reading @ GFJ Library in Endicott

Pre-register at gfjlibrary.org/summerreading from 5/27-6/27 & enter to win Barnes & Noble gift cards!

Registration Day: Stop by anytime on 6/28! Sign up for a program plus crafts, games, puzzles & more! Register for any of our programs by calling or visiting the library or at gfjlibrary.org/summerreading.

Summer Reading Clubs: From 6/28 to 9/1 in person or online at gfjlibraryny09.readsquared.com. Kids, teens & adults can win prizes for reading books!



Kids

Story Times: Children and their caregivers can join us for stories, songs, activities, and more from 7/10-8/11!

Mother Goose: Wednesdays @ 10am for birth through age 2. *Registration required.*

Family Fun Fridays: Fridays @ 11am intended for ages 6 and under. *No registration required.*

GWJ Park: Tuesdays @ 10am intended for ages 2-5 under the pavilion at the park on Oak Hill Ave. *No registration required.*

Highland Park: Thursdays @ 10am intended for ages 2-5 under the pavilion at the park on Hooper Rd. *No registration required.*

Weekly School Age Programs: Join us each week from 7/10-8/11 for books, games, activities & more! *Registration required for each week.*

Grades 1-3 on Thursdays @ 2pm

Grades 4-6 on Mondays @ 2pm



Kids' Street Art: Wednesday, 7/12 from 6-7:30pm for kids entering grades 1-6 - Artist Eric Maruscak will help us create our own fantastic pictures on the library concourse. *Registration required.*

Read to the Therapy Dogs: Thursdays, 7/20 & 8/10 from 6-7:30pm - The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs will be here for reading fun! *No registration required.*

Family Fun Night: Tuesday, 7/25 @ 6pm - Johnny Only will be here for a night of family fun and games! *No registration required.*

STEM Camp: Stay tuned for information on a special program in mid-August for kids ages 9-14 in partnership with Kopernik Observatory & NASA!

Teens (entering grades 7-12)

Teen Book Club: Tuesdays, 7/11-8/1 @ 3:30pm - Join us to read and discuss a book each week. *Registration is required and attendance at all four meetings is encouraged.*

Teen Fun Days: Wednesdays, 7/12-8/9 @ 2pm - Join us weekly for cool activities that will get you creating, playing, and exploring. Kopernik will be here on 7/19! *Registration required.*



Teen Street Art: Wednesday, 7/26 from 6-7:30pm - Create great art with Eric Maruscak. *Registration required.*

Escape Room: Friday, 7/28 - Select a time slot and team up to go through our library escape room! *Registration required.*

Teen Mystery Night: Friday, 8/4 @ 6pm - There is another mystery to solve at the library! Work with other teens to figure it out. *Registration required.*

Families

The Dirtmeister: Tuesday, 7/18 @ 6pm - Scientist, author & educator, Steve Tomecek presents Great Collaborations in Science! *No registration required.*

Family Game Nights: Wednesdays, 6/28 & 8/16 from 6-7:30pm - Come to the library for modern board games for all ages! Bring a friend or come to play with one of our gamer guides. *No registration required.*

Kopernik Portable Planetarium: Friday, 7/7 - Come to the library after hours for a space activity and Kopernik's portable planetarium. *Registration required.*

6pm - Preschool, K & 1 (with an adult)

6:30pm & 7pm - Grades 2-6 (with an adult)

7:30pm - Teens (entering grades 7-12)

Chalk Art Extravaganza: Wednesday, 8/2 from 6-7:30pm - Amazing chalk artist Eric Maruscak will help us create fantastic street art. *No registration required.*

Adults

Dinner and a Book: Monday, 7/10 & Wednesday, 8/9 @ 6pm - Bring books you are reading and share them with others over a light dinner. *Registration required.*

Crack the Case Adult Mystery Night: Monday, 7/17 @ 6pm - Try to solve the case before the time runs out! *Registration required.*

Craft & Share: Monday, 7/24 @ 6pm - Bring a craft you're working on and share your passion with others. *Registration required.*

Harry Potter Trivia: Monday, 7/31 @ 6pm - Test your Harry Potter knowledge and win prizes! Children are welcome with their parents. *Registration required.*

I'd Rather Read YA Book Club: Last Wednesday of the month @ 6pm via Zoom - Join our all ages book club to discuss YA literature!

GFJ Adult Book Club: Join us on the 4th Wednesday of the month @ 1pm. *No registration required.*

6/28 - *Everything Sad is Untrue* by Daniel Nayeri

7/26 - *The Marlow Murder Club* by Robert Thorogood

8/23 - *The Lost Girls of Willowbrook* by Ellen Wiseman

Summer Movie Afternoons: Fridays, 7/14-8/11 @ 2pm for teens & adults - Escape the heat & watch a movie! Pre-register at the link above to receive movie titles. *Registration encouraged to save a seat.*

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Summer Reading @ YHPL in Johnson City

Kids & Teens: Starting 6/20, kids (ages 3-10) can earn prizes for time spent reading. Teens (ages 11-16) can earn tickets for Barnes & Noble or a pre-paid Visa card drawings. Turn reading logs in by 8/18.

Adults: From 6/20-8/18, adults can sign up in the library or online at <http://yhplny11.readsquared.com/>. For every five books read, you'll be entered into a drawing on 8/21 for a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card.

Register for our programs by calling, emailing, messaging, or visiting the library.

Kids

Preschool Story Times: Tuesdays, 7/11 - 8/15, CFJ Park @ 10am & Floral Ave Park @ 1pm. Children ages 3-5 and caregivers are invited to join us for books, rhymes, crafts, and more. *No registration required.*

Friendship Jewelry: Wednesday, 7/12 from 1-1:45pm or 1:45-2:30pm for ages 6+. Create a necklace from puzzle pieces, or bracelets with beads or embroidery floss for you and a friend. *Registration required; specify preferred time.*



Make Music! Thursday, 8/3 @ 1pm for ages 4+. Make musical instruments from sticks, bells, plastic eggs and other basic supplies. *Registration required.*

Outdoor Games: Wednesday, 8/9 @ 1pm for ages 4+. Play jumbo-sized versions of bowling, Jenga, Tic-Tac-Toe, and other games. *No registration required.*

Middle Grade Book Club: Wednesdays, 7/19 & 8/23 @ 3pm for grades 4-6. We will read and discuss a book. *Registration required.*

Teens

Sugar Scrubs: Thursday, 8/17 @ 1pm - Learn how to make a sugar scrub for self-care. We'll provide ingredients and instructions. *Registration required.*

I'd Rather Read YA Book Club: Wednesday, 7/26 & 8/30 @ 6pm - Open to ages 14+ (yes, adults too!). Join our virtual YA book discussion group. *No registration required.*

Families

Donation Blankets: Thursday, 7/20 @ 1pm - Help us create blankets for Project Linus, a program that donates blankets to children who are seriously ill or otherwise in need. We'll provide materials and instructions. *Registration required.*

Flower Pots: Wednesday, 7/26 @ 1pm for ages 5+. Beautify your home or neighborhood with decorated pots. We'll supply materials & seeds. *Registration required.*

The Party Brush Painting Program: Wednesdays, 7/12 and 8/16 @ 5pm - Create your own painting with instructor Stacey Burke. Adults and teens can complete this on their own; younger children will need adult assistance. *Registration required & space is limited.*

Friends of the Library Book Sales: Saturdays, 7/15 & 8/19 from 10am-1pm - Special pricing for our summer sales: \$3 to fill a bag or \$5 for two bags!



Adults

Escape Room: 7/3-7/8 or 8/7-8/11 - Solve a series of puzzles to open locks and track down hidden treasure! *Registration required.*

Book Discussion Series: Join a friendly group of readers for discussion in the basement meeting room on the following Tuesday evenings @ 5:30pm.

6/13 - *The Echo Wife* by Sarah Gailey

7/11 - *Kindred* by Octavia Butler

8/8 - *The Mountain in the Sea* by Ray Naylor

Classic Movie Series: Relax in our basement meeting room and enjoy one of these classic titles, with a historical introduction on these Wednesdays @ 1pm. Snacks provided!

7/12 - *It Happened One Night* (1934)

7/19 - *Counsellor at Law* (1933)

8/9 - *The Maltese Falcon* (1941)

8/16 - *Midnight* (1939)

Front Porch Concert: Join us on Saturday, 7/15 @ 2pm for a free front porch concert with the Vollmers, a folk duo from Binghamton specializing in bluegrass and old-time country.

Gardening Classes: Join Cornell Cooperative Extension for a series of gardening classes on these Saturdays at 11am. *Registration required.*

6/17 - Growing and Using Culinary Herbs

7/22 - The Importance of Going Native

8/19 - Gardening IS for the Birds

Chess Club: Practice, learn, and play chess with others from 11am-2pm on Saturdays 6/10, 7/15 & 8/12!

International Chess Day: Join us all day on Thursday, 7/20 for a chess extravaganza! Sign up for 1:1 instruction, or stop in anytime to play.

Board Game Night: Every Thursday from 4-7pm. Come play your favorite games or learn new ones.

Anime Club: Join us on these Tuesdays @ 5pm

6/20 - *The Girl Who Leapt Through Time*

7/18 - *Okko's Inn*

8/15 - *Summer Ghost*

Creative Aging: Wednesdays in July from 12:30-1:30pm - Join Creative Aging Specialist, Christina Muscatello, from the Memory Maker Project for a collaborative creative writing and storytelling workshop series. Together we will exercise our imaginations through storytelling and poetry prompts. This series is for aging adults, people living with all stages of memory loss, care partners, and anyone seeking an intergenerational experience.



ALL TOGETHER NOW



Downloads: Looking to read, listen, or watch? Patrons have access to Libby and Hoopla with their GFJ or YHPL library cards. On Libby, you can find ebooks and audiobooks. Take a look at the "Popular Book Club Picks" which includes *Little Fires Everywhere*, *Big Little Lies*, and *The Hate You Give*. You also have access to popular magazines such as *Good Housekeeping*, *People*, and *Men's Health*. Hoopla is great for ebooks and audiobooks too, plus they have popular comics, music, movies, and TV shows ready for you to download. Visit the app store on your device to download Libby and Hoopla!

Museum Passes: Looking for an adventure this summer? We have museum and park passes available to borrow. Get free admission with your library card! Contact the libraries for details & availability.

Bundy Museum of History & Art - See their 1930s barbershop, Bundy Time Clock exhibit, or take a look at their seasonal exhibits to learn more about local artists.

Corning Museum of Glass - See glass in a new light with world's largest space dedicated to the display of contemporary art and design in glass. Take in a live glassblowing showing during your visit!

Empire Pass - Park for free at any New York State Park including Chenango Valley & Buttermilk Falls!

Kopernik Observatory & Science Center - Visit on a Friday night for a science talk before spectacular viewing through the telescopes!

Museum of the Earth & Cayuga Nature Center - Explore the earth and its historic past in Ithaca!

Phelps Mansion Museum - Step back into the Gilded Age and enjoy a tour of this historic, local home!

Roberson Museum & Science Center - Tour the mansion, check out the local NatureTrek exhibit, watch the model trains, and catch a show in the planetarium!

Sciencenter - Learn about weather, space, and engineering, meet animals, and play on the playground at Ithaca's children's museum!

GFJ Tech Center

Join us this summer for a fresh array of tech classes on topics such as Roku, Gmail, and popular mobile payment apps. We offer beginner through advanced classes both in person and virtually year round. You can also register for one-on-one tech assistance appointments. Check out gfjlibrary.org/tc for the full schedule.



GFJ Independent Activities

Take & Make Crafts: Crafts for everyone! We'll have take & make crafts all summer long for kids, teens & adults. Stop in to the Children's Room, Teen Area, or Adult Reference Desk to pick one up!

Read Beads: Kids can create their own bracelet, necklace, or keychain by earning read beads! Get beads for attending programs or completing independent activities.

Find Elephant & Piggie: Elephant & Piggie are hiding in the Children's Room. Find them every week to earn a read bead!

Famous Pair Voting: Do you prefer peanut butter & jelly or mac & cheese? Which pair will win? Stop in to the Children's Room to cast your vote for a different pair each week & earn a read bead!

Missions: There are many missions for kids to conquer this summer. Try scavenger hunts, bingo & art! Each completed mission gets you a read bead and an entry for a Barnes & Noble gift card drawing.

Guess how many: Guess how many items are in our estimation jar & choose a read bead. We'll be switching it up throughout the summer!

Summer STEM Kits: Stop by GFJ or YHPL for a STEM Kit for children ages 7-12. Design a new tennis shoe, create a model roller coaster, or remix an old toy. A new kit will be available each month from June-August.

YHPL Independent Activities

Community Jigsaw Puzzle: 7/1-8/21 - Stop at the library and pick up a jumbo puzzle piece to take home and decorate. Return it to the library before 8/21, and we will assemble the pieces to form a community "picture."

Story Walk: 6/26-8/21 when the library is open, weather permitting - Follow the signs and read a book! Stories will change every two weeks.

Spice of the Month: Pick up a spice sample along with a flyer of history and recipes. We'll have lavender in June, sage in July, and mint in August.

Adult Take & Make: Pick up a craft kit that includes instructions and all the supplies you need.

June: Lavender sugar scrub

July: Beach luminaries

August: Woven paper hot air balloons



Take & Play: Pick up a game kit that includes instructions and all the supplies you need.

June: Cheat Your Own Adventure (2d6) & brief guide to online starter RPGs

July: Chonkers & guide to traditional card games

August: Nine Men's Morris

Teen Take & Make:

June: DIY Luggage/Backpack Tags

July & August: Paint a mini canvas for a Mini Art Display which will be up from 8/28-9/8.

Memory Maker Kits: Memory Maker & YHPL are offering a Take & Make kit each month from June to August. These projects are for people living with memory loss and their caretakers but are suitable for anyone ages 4-104. Pick up a new one each month!