## SETPTEMBER 2023



# CURIOUS GEORGE F. NEWS

#### **Library Hours:**

Monday - Thursday 9 am-8 pm

Friday & Saturday 9 am-5 pm

#### **Library Board Meeting:**

Wednesday, 9/20 @ 6 pm in the library's Tech Center

#### **GFJ Tech Center**

Check out the Tech Center's September offerings! You can find more info at <u>gfjlibrary.org/tc</u>.

- Open Hours Tech Help
  twice each week
- New in-person and online class offerings
- Free eBooks and Audiobooks class at the Broome West Senior Center

### Friends of the Library Book Sales

Find a bargain at a September book sale on 9/1 & 9/15 from 10am-4pm and 9/9 from 10am-2pm. Visit <u>gfjlibrary.org/friends</u> for more information!



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## **SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

**Community Pathway Project:** The Library received a mini-grant from the Four County Library System to start the Community Pathway Project. The goal of this project is to assist decarcerated individuals and combat recidivism in our area. Principal Library Clerk, Kathy Mills, amassed resources to be placed in 125 bags for



distribution to those released from the Broome County Jail. The bags contained booklets with curated lists of resources available in our



community, as well as a calendar and a *Pocket Guide to Emergency Services and Contacts in Broome County.* The pocket guide and booklet are also available to help patrons at the library. Rev. Dr. Cris Mogensen from the jail advised us on this project and will distribute the bags. The hope is that these will help the recently decarcerated on their path to future success.

**Library Construction Aid Press Conference:** On Wednesday, August 16, Senator Lea Webb held a press conference at the library to announce \$897,255 in state aid for library construction in Senate District 52. GFJ Library applied for this funding and will receive \$27,250. In advance of receiving this grant, the library renovated the Casey Room on the main floor into two community meeting rooms. These rooms are now available to reserve, creating more space for our patrons. Senator Webb said of the grants, "These funds will empower our local libraries to undergo vital structural enhancements, taking their services and impact to new heights. Our libraries are more than buildings – they're centers of education, innovation, and inclusivity."







# FALL PROGRAMS

**Fall Story Times:** Join us for fall story times from 9/26-10/26! Visit the library or <u>gfjlibrary.org/kids</u> for information and to register.

- Mother Goose (ages birth-2) on Wednesdays @ 10am or 11am
- Toddler (ages 2-3) on Tuesdays @ 10am or 11am
- Preschool (ages 3-5) on Thursdays @ 10am or 11am

**Book Clubs:** Book club registration is open for GFJ Readers (grades 4-6) and Jr. Readers (grades 1-3)! Visit the library or <u>gfjlibrary.org/kids</u> for information and to register.

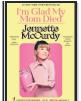
**Fun with Friends @ GFJ:** Our friends with disabilities and their caregivers can join us on Monday, September 18 & 25 from 1-2pm for books and social time with sensory-friendly activities and crafts. You can register to receive reminders at <u>gfjlibrary.org/kids</u>.

**Stay Informed:** Looking for updates on our children's programs & events? Visit <u>gfjlibrary.org/kids</u> to register for our new email list!



I'd Rather Read YA Book Club: Join us via Zoom for a discussion of *Truly Devious* by Maureen Johnson on **September 27 @ 6pm**. All ages are welcome to join us! Follow the link to register: https://forms.gle/NsgnYfeZUf4wXi8Y7

**GFJ Adult Book Club:** Our Book Club will be meeting on **September 27 @ 1pm** to discuss *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy. No registration is required.





- 1 Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10am-4pm
- Summer Concert Series @ 6pm
- **4** Library Closed
- 5 Open Hours Tech Help, 2-3pm\*
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- 9 Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10am-2pm
- 12 Open Hours Tech Help, 2-3pm\*
- 13 Discover Free eBooks & Audiobooks class @ 11am (offsite)
  - Open Hours Tech Help, 2-3pm\*
- 14 FAFSA 101 class @ 6pm\*
- **15** Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10am-4pm
- 18 CCE Cooking Class @ 9am\*
  - Fun with Friends, 1-2pm
  - Open Hours Tech Help, 2-3pm\*
- **19** Internet for Beginners class @ 3pm\*
- **20** Open Hours Tech Help, 2-3pm\* Library Board meeting @ 6pm
- 21 Protect Your Privacy Online virtual class @ 1pm
- **25** CCE Cooking Class @ 9am\*
  - Fun with Friends, 1-2pm
  - Open Hours Tech Help, 2-3pm\*
  - GFJ Readers Book Club @ 6pm\*
- 26 Toddler Story Time @ 10am\*
  - Toddler Story Time @ 11am\*
  - Library 101 class @ 6pm\*
- 27 Mother Goose ST @ 10am\*
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  - GFJ Book Club @ 1pm
  - Open Hours Tech Help, 2-3pm\*
  - I'd Rather Read YA Book Club @ 6pm
- 28 Preschool ST @ 10am\*
  - Preschool ST @ 11am\*

\* registration required