

# George F. Johnson Memorial Library: 2025 Budget Presentation, Prop 2

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# Town of Union Library Funding Referendums

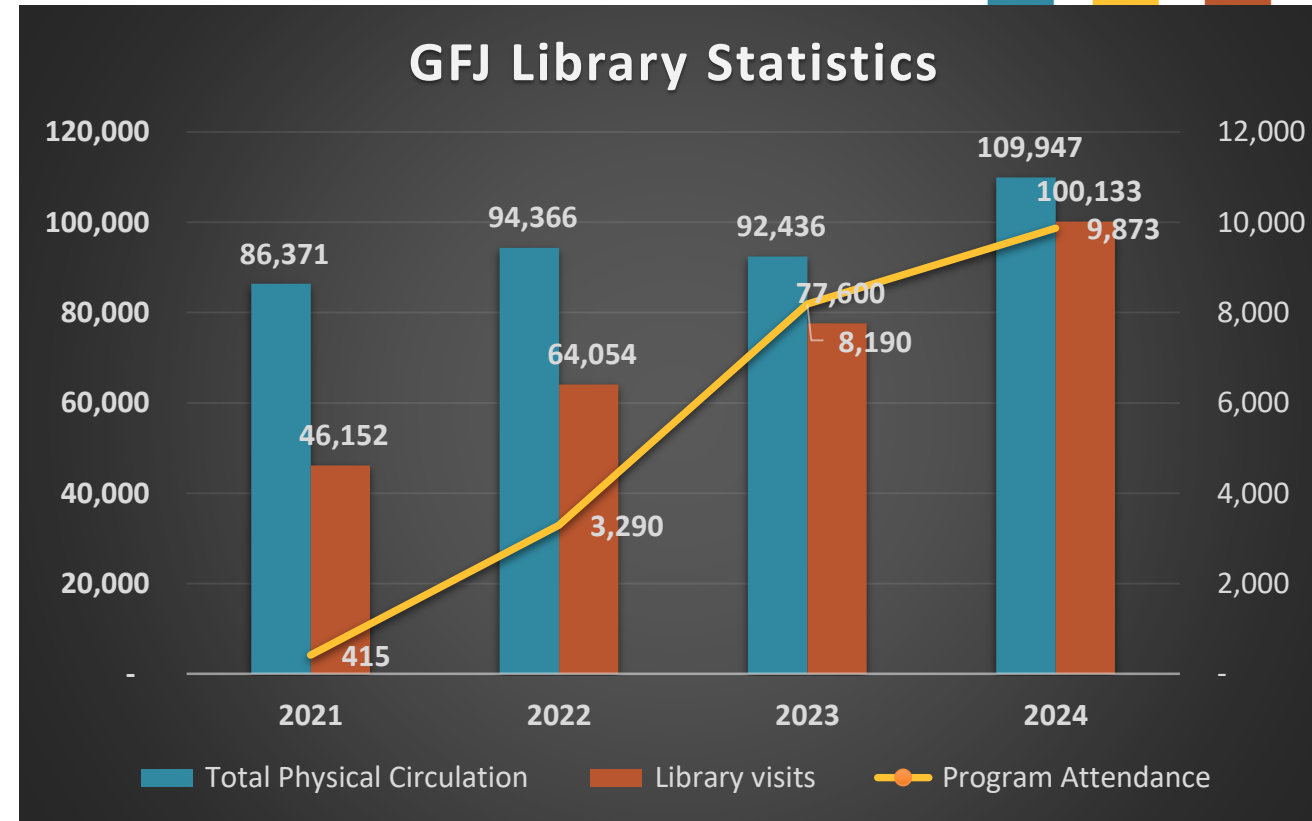
## Historical Data

In 2004, the voters of the Town of Union approved taxes to fund the town's two public libraries - Your Home Public Library in Johnson City and George F. Johnson Memorial Library in Endicott. This funding kept both libraries open and allowed them to return to a full level of service after years of cuts. Town voters approved funding increases in 2008, 2014, and 2019. There has been no increase in the past six years.

# 2024 Core Usage & Statistics

- Physical circulation – 109,947 items  
Electronic circulation – 13,986 items
- Total Programs across all ages – 593 programs  
Program Attendance across all ages – 9,873 patrons
- Library visits – 100,133 visits  
Website visits – 153,921 visits  
Public computer use – 11,274 sessions  
Wi-Fi use – 27,601 sessions  
Meeting room usage – 936 sessions

Data from 2024 NYS Annual Report



# Community Impact

As part of our mission to provide services for library users of all ages for their recreational, educational, and lifelong learning needs we partner with many community organizations including:



We also promote policies, practices, and resources that will help people of all races, cultures, and socioeconomic statuses to have meaningful opportunities to learn and thrive through programs and services such as:

- Hygiene pantry
- English as a New Language classes for adults
- Warming and Cooling Center during extreme weather

# Budget

| Budget Line               | 2025-26 Approved      | 2026-27 Proposed      |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Regular salaries          | \$784,425.00          | \$807,957.75          |
| Site Improvement          | \$110,000.00          | \$0.00                |
| Equipment                 | \$3,000.00            | \$3,000.00            |
| Equipment-New Phones      | \$800.00              | \$800.00              |
| Computer Equipment        | \$52,300.00           | \$53,000.00           |
| Logics Financial Software | \$1,000.00            | \$1,000.00            |
| Office Supplies           | \$7,000.00            | \$7,000.00            |
| Postage                   | \$1,500.00            | \$1,500.00            |
| Book Binding              | \$500.00              | \$0.00                |
| Miscellaneous             | \$14,000.00           | \$15,000.00           |
| Contracted Services       | \$37,500.00           | \$38,500.00           |
| Equipment Repair          | \$4,000.00            | \$5,000.00            |
| General Rpr Mtce          | \$4,000.00            | \$4,000.00            |
| Heat                      | \$9,000.00            | \$10,000.00           |
| Electricity               | \$8,000.00            | \$9,000.00            |
| Water                     | \$900.00              | \$900.00              |
| Cleaning Supplies         | \$4,000.00            | \$5,000.00            |
| Liability Insurance       | \$26,000.00           | \$29,000.00           |
| Books                     | \$86,000.00           | \$86,000.00           |
| Periodicals               | \$16,000.00           | \$17,000.00           |
| A-V                       | \$22,000.00           | \$23,000.00           |
| Travel                    | \$8,000.00            | \$8,000.00            |
| NYS Retirement            | \$105,000.00          | \$110,000.00          |
| Social Security           | \$60,008.51           | \$61,808.77           |
| Workman's Comp            | \$7,000.00            | \$8,000.00            |
| NYS Disability            | \$500.00              | \$600.00              |
| Health Ins Active         | \$123,235.25          | \$135,558.78          |
| Health Ins Retirees       | \$44,278.42           | \$48,706.26           |
| EAP                       | \$1,000.00            | \$1,500.00            |
| Programs                  | \$7,500.00            | \$10,000.00           |
| Hygiene Pantry            | \$2,000.00            | \$2,000.00            |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$1,550,447.18</b> | <b>\$1,502,831.55</b> |

# Tax Impact

| Market Value of Home | Current Annual Payment 2025 | Current Monthly Payment 2025 | Proposed Annual Payment 2026 | Proposed Monthly Payment 2026 | Proposed Annual Increase from Previous Year | Proposed Monthly Increase From Previous Year |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| \$ 50,000            | \$ 22.64                    | \$ 1.89                      | \$ 26.93                     | \$ 2.24                       | \$ 4.29                                     | \$ 0.36                                      |
| \$ 100,000           | \$ 45.29                    | \$ 3.77                      | \$ 53.87                     | \$ 4.49                       | \$ 8.58                                     | \$ 0.72                                      |
| \$ 150,000           | \$ 67.93                    | \$ 5.66                      | \$ 80.80                     | \$ 6.73                       | \$ 12.87                                    | \$ 1.07                                      |
| \$ 200,000           | \$ 90.57                    | \$ 7.55                      | \$ 107.74                    | \$ 8.98                       | \$ 17.17                                    | \$ 1.43                                      |
| \$ 250,000           | \$ 113.22                   | \$ 9.43                      | \$ 134.67                    | \$ 11.22                      | \$ 21.46                                    | \$ 1.79                                      |
| \$ 300,000           | \$ 135.86                   | \$ 11.32                     | \$ 161.61                    | \$ 13.47                      | \$ 25.75                                    | \$ 2.15                                      |

| Year          | TOU Library Tax | 2005 Amount Adjusted for Inflation | Difference     | Percent More/Less Than Inflation |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 2005          | \$ 1,373,021.00 | \$ -                               | \$ -           |                                  |
| 2009          | \$ 1,535,874.00 | \$ 1,520,208.56                    | \$ 15,665.44   | 1.02%                            |
| 2015          | \$ 1,704,395.00 | \$ 1,682,667.12                    | \$ 21,727.88   | 1.27%                            |
| 2019          | \$ 1,899,779.00 | \$ 1,812,301.32                    | \$ 87,477.68   | 4.60%                            |
| 2026 Proposed | \$ 2,259,846.10 | \$ 2,309,692.04                    | \$ (49,845.94) | -2.21%                           |

# Union Town Proposition #2

“Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Union for the operating budget of the George F. Johnson Memorial Library be increased by Three Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Ten Cents (\$336,749.10) to the sum of One Million Four Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Ten Cents (\$1,459,246.10) annually, and shall the annual contribution of the Town of Union for the operating budget of the Your Home Public Library be increased by Twenty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$23,318) to the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$800,600) annually?”

# Sample Ballot

| Propositions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <p><b>PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE, AN AMENDMENT</b><br/><b>Amendment to Allow Olympic Sports Complex in Essex County on State Forest Preserve Land</b></p> <p>Allows skiing and related trail facilities on state forest preserve land. The site is 1,039 acres. Requires State to add 2,500 acres of new forest land in Adirondack Park.</p> <p>A "YES" vote authorizes new ski trails and related facilities in the Adirondack forest preserve.<br/>A "NO" vote does not authorize this use.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes<br/><input type="radio"/> No</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>Union Town Proposition</b></p> <p>Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Union for the operating budget of the George F. Johnson Memorial Library be increased by Three Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Ten Cents (\$336,749.10) to the sum of One Million Four Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Ten Cents (\$1,459,246.10) annually, and shall the annual contribution of the Town of Union for the operating budget of the Your Home Public Library be increased by Twenty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$23,318) to the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$800,600) annually?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes<br/><input type="radio"/> No</p> |

SAMPLE BALLOT

# EARLY VOTING AT GEORGE F. JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

*gell* All registered Broome County voters may vote at the library during the following times.

Early voting is also available at

- Broome County Public Library
- Taste NY Building
- Vestal Public Library

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Saturday, October 25 .....  | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  |
| Sunday, October 26 .....    | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  |
| Monday, October 27 .....    | 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm |
| Tuesday, October 28 .....   | 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm |
| Wednesday, October 29 ..... | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  |
| Thursday, October 30 .....  | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  |
| Friday, October 31 .....    | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  |
| Saturday, November 1 .....  | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  |
| Sunday, November 2 .....    | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  |

 WE WILL ALSO BE A POLLING PLACE  
FOR UNION ELECTION DISTRICTS 1-4  
ON TUESDAY, 11/4 FROM 6AM - 9PM.



# Questions?

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# Additional Resources

- [2022 Patron Survey Results](#)
- [2024 Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries](#)
- [2024 Annual Report to Community](#)
- [2024-2028 Strategic Plan](#)
- [2025-2026 GFJ Library Budget](#)
- [GFJ Library Financial & Activity Report](#)
- [Sample Ballots & Voting Schedule](#)
- [Tax Roll and Equalization Rate Information from the Town of Union Assessor's Office](#)
- [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Inflation Calculator](#)