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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 am-8 pm

Friday & Saturday
9 am-5 pm

Library Board Meeting:

Wednesday, 4/15 @ 6 pm

Friends of the Library Book Sales

- Fri, 4/3 from 10 am-2 pm
- Sat, 4/11 from 10 am-2 pm
- Fri, 4/17 from 10 am-4 pm

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WE'RE ON TIKTOK!



Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19-25, 2026

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American Library Association

Find Your Joy: Celebrate National Library Week at the Library! Get ready to celebrate! From **April 19 through April 25**, we are joining libraries across the country for National Library Week 2026. This year's theme, "Find Your Joy," perfectly captures what we strive to do every day: provide a space where you can discover a new passion, connect with neighbors, or simply find a quiet corner to escape into a great story. Whether you are a lifelong patron or haven't visited us in a while, this week is the perfect time to explore everything we have to offer.

What's Happening This Week: National Library Week features specific days to honor different aspects of the library world.

- **Monday, April 20: State of America's Libraries** - Take a look at the essential role libraries play in strengthening our democracy and providing equitable access to information for all.
- **Tuesday, April 21: National Library Workers Day** - A day to recognize the hard work of our dedicated staff. If we've helped you find the perfect book or master a new piece of technology, today is the day to say thanks!
- **Wednesday, April 22: National Library Outreach Day** - We celebrate the ways we bring the library to you, whether through our digital collections and community partnerships.
- **Thursday, April 23: Take Action for Libraries Day** - A day for library lovers to speak up! Your support helps us secure the funding and resources needed to keep our community vibrant.

Join the Celebration & Win! To make the week even more exciting, we're holding a special giveaway. Throughout the week, you can enter for a chance to win a gift card by checking out any library material, asking a question at the reference desk, or attending a library program.

National Library Week reminds us that libraries are more than just buildings—they are community hubs that connect people to knowledge and opportunity. Come find your joy with us this April!

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS



Adult Book Clubs: Join our meetings **in person at 1 pm or virtually at 7 pm**. *No registration is required.*

- The GFJ Classics Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month; this month, it is **Thursday, April 2**. We will be discussing *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. In May, the meeting will be on **Thursday, May 7**, when we will discuss *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe.
- The GFJ Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month; this month on **Wednesday, April 22**, we'll discuss *The Jackal's Mistress* by Chris Bohjalian.



Movie Screenings: *No registration is required.*
Classic films on **Thursdays at 2 pm!**

- **April 2:** *Night Nurse*; **April 9:** *The Hard Way*; **April 16:** *Mildred Pierce*; **April 23:** *I'll Cry Tomorrow*; **April 30:** *Hollywood Cavalcade*



CLUE in the Library: A Self-Guided Game at the Library - April 1 to April 21!
Compete to enter a raffle to win two tickets to see *Clue: Live on Stage* on **April 22 at 7:30pm** at Broome County Fourm. Stop by the library to play!



Crochet & Embroidery @ GFJ: *Registration is required at gfjlibrary.org/calendar.*

- **April 3 @ 1 pm - Crochet at GFJ:** Bring your project and crochet or get help every first Friday.
- **April 22 @ 6 pm - Beginner Crochet:** Learn a new pattern or skill every third Tuesday. In March, we'll focus on reading patterns and weaving in ends.
- **April 28 @ 6 pm - Learn to Crochet:** Join our class for absolute beginners!
- **April 29 @ 6 pm - Embroidery 102:** Come learn embroidery with the BC Stitchers with this second course and get a free embroidery kit!



Mindful Moments: Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group: On **Monday, April 13 at 2 pm**, the Alzheimer's Association will present the third of five workshops; this month is Communicating Effectively. *No registration is required.*

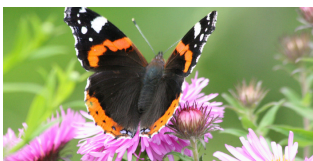
Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group: Protecting Your Health & Wealth: On **Tuesday, April 28 at 6 pm**, join us on how to prepare for the unexpected.



Strength & Stability for Everyday Life: On **Tuesdays, April 7 and April 21 at 1 pm**, we're hosting a gentle movement class with Serenity Fitness. The classes are designed especially for seniors, focused on improving balance, mobility, and confidence in everyday activities. *Register by calling the library or by visiting gfjlibrary.org/calendar.*



PBS Documentary Screening "Caregiving": Join us on **Monday, April 27 at 5:30 pm** for a special screening of *Caregiving*, a poignant documentary executive-produced by Bradley Cooper. *No registration is required.*



Creating a Butterfly Garden: Learn step-by-step how to create a butterfly-friendly garden with easy tips and beautiful photos on **Monday, April 20 at 6 pm**. All experience levels are welcome—whether you're a beginner or a seasoned gardener. Space is limited; *pre-registration is required.*

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS



April is Blooming in the Children's Room! Get ready for a month of discovery as we celebrate Earth Day and National Poetry Month. Join our cloud-themed scavenger hunt to learn about the sky above, and stop by to craft your own verses at our magnetic poetry station.



Crafty Kids Club: April Showers! Don't let the rain keep you away—come inside on **Friday, April 10 from 3:30 - 5 pm** and get creative! We'll be building a beautiful hanging mobile and a few other secret spring-themed crafts. It's the perfect way to turn a rainy day into a masterpiece. *No registration is required.*



Saturday Story Time: Hats! Join us on **Saturday, April 18 @ 2 pm** for our monthly Saturday Story Time! Be ready for CAP-tivating stories, activities, and crafts designed for children ages 3-6 and their grown-ups. *No registration needed. Come wearing a silly hat for a prize!!*



Spring Story Times: This session will run from **April 21 through May 21**. *Registration is required* at gfjlibrary.org/kids.

- **Mother Goose Story Time:** Children from birth to age 2 and their caregivers can join Miss Brooke for story time on **Wednesdays @ 10 am!**
- **Toddler Story Time:** Children ages 2 to 3 and their caregivers can join Miss Heidi for stories and songs followed by activity stations and a sensory bin on **Tuesdays at 10 & 11 am!**
- **Preschool Story Time:** Miss Brooke will lead children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers with books, music, crafts, and activities on **Thursdays @ 10 am!**



Therapy Dogs: Stop by on **Saturdays, April 11 and 25 from 10 am-12 pm** to read to a therapy dog! Reading to the specially trained dogs will help boost kids' reading skills and confidence in addition to helping with social and emotional skills. *No registration is required.*



Book Clubs: Our book clubs are getting ready to wrap up for the school year!

- **GFJ Jr. Readers Book Club** (grades 1-2): next meeting on **April 13**
- **GFJ Middle Readers Book Club** (grades 3-4): next meeting on **May 4**
- **GFJ Readers Book Club** (grades 5-6): next meeting on **April 27**
- **Teen Graphic Novel Book Club** (grades 7-12): next meeting on **April 16**



Dollars and Sense: Budgeting for YOUR Real Life: Teens can join Visions Federal Credit Union on **Wednesday, April 15 @ 3:30 pm** to celebrate Financial Literacy Month! Come to an engaging, hands-on workshop that teaches the essentials of smart money management. This fun and educational program will empower you with the practical skills you can use now and in the future! Register at gfjlibrary.org/teens.



Teen Book Box: Get ready for a special May edition of our Teen Book Boxes! Visit gfjlibrary.org/teens during the month of April to reserve yours. Each box comes packed with books to borrow and plenty of cool swag for you to keep.

APRIL CALENDAR

*Registration Required

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4
		9 to 1-Tech Help 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-Classic Book Club Movie 6-Adult English as a New Language*	9 to 1-Tech Help 10 to 2-AARP Tax Aide* 1-GFJ Classics Book Club 2-Classic Movie Club 2 to 4-Tech Help 6-Adult English as a New Language* 7-GFJ Classics Virtual Book Club	9 to 1-Tech Help 10 to 4-Friends Book Sale 1-Crochet at GFJ	
6	7	8	9	10	11
1-Google Docs 101*	10 to 2-AARP Tax Aide* 1-Senior Fitness* 2 to 4-Tech Help 4-Guide to Financial Wellness	11-TED Talks @ Broome West Senior Center	9 to 1-Tech Help 10 to 2-AARP Tax Aide* 2-Classic Movie Club	3:30-Crafty Kids Club: April Showers!	10 to 12-Read with the Therapy Dogs 10 to 2-Book Sale
13	14	15	16	17	18
2-Mindful Moments 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-Jr. Readers Book Club*	2 to 4-Tech Help 2-Computer Basics Virtual 3:30-GED Prep 6-Mocktail & Paint*	3:30-Dollars & Sense Teen Budgeting* 3:30-GED Prep 6-Library Board Meeting	2-Classic Movie Club 2 to 4-Tech Help 4:30-Teen Graphic Novel Book Club*	10 to 4-Friends Book Sale	2-Saturday Story Time: Hats!
20	21	22	23	24	25
12-Fun with Friends 1-Computer Basics* 3:30-GED Prep 6-Creating a Butterfly Garden*	10 & 11-Toddler Story Time* 1-Senior Fitness* 2-Computer Basics Virtual 2 to 4-Tech Help 3:30-GED Prep	10-Mother Goose Story Time* 1-GFJ Book Club 3:30-GED Prep 6-Beginner Crochet* 7-GFJ Virtual Book Club	10-Preschool Story Time* 2-Classic Movie Club 2 to 4-Tech Help		10 to 12-Read with the Therapy Dogs
27	28	29	30		
12-Fun with Friends 1-Computer Basics* 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-GFJ Readers Book Club* 5:30-PBS Caregiving Screening	10 & 11-Toddler Story Time* 2-Computer Basics Virtual 2 to 4-Tech Help 3:30-GED Prep 6-Learn to Crochet* 6-Alzheimer's Conversations	10-Mother Goose Story Time* 3:30-GED Prep 6-Embroidery 102*	10-Preschool Story Time* 2-Classic Movie Club 2 to 4-Tech Help		

TECH CENTER

To register:

1. Visit gfjlibrary.org/calendar/
2. Email us at gfjtechcenter@gmail.com
3. Call 607-757-5350 ext 2



Tech Help Open Hours

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2 to 4 pm and via appointment

Need a hand with your phone, tablet, or laptop? Stop by during Tech Help Open Hours for friendly, one-on-one assistance with your devices and digital questions. Whether you're setting up email, learning to use new apps, navigating social media, or troubleshooting everyday tech issues, our team is here to help. Schedule may change; please register to guarantee assistance.



Google Docs 101

Monday, April 6 at 1 pm

Come and learn the basics of using Google Docs, a free alternative to Microsoft's Word or Apple's Pages. Learn how to set up a page, basic keyboard shortcuts, and how to move documents onto a different device using Google Drive or Gmail. Patrons attending should be able to log into their own Gmail account in order to follow along. Taught by our adult librarian, Jason.



Take Charge of Your Finances!

Tuesday, April 7 at 4 pm

Celebrate Financial Literacy Month with us by attending Guide to Financial Wellness, an informative and empowering workshop designed to help you build confidence with your money.



TED Talks- Let's Talk!

Wednesday, April 8 at 11 am at Broome West Senior Center

TED Talks are interesting videos from expert speakers on education, health, science, tech and creativity. Some talks are short, useful and often funny! Join us to view some short, fascinating talks on a wide variety of topics, then join in the discussion! You are sure to learn something



Computer Basics Course

Mondays, April 20, 27 & May 4 from 11 am - 1 pm in person

Tuesday, April 14, 21, & 28 from 2 pm - 4 pm Virtual

Ready to build your computer skills and boost your confidence with technology? Join us this April for our Computer Basics: 3-Week Course, designed especially for beginners! Over the three weeks, patrons will learn:

- Computer fundamentals & file management
- Internet basics & online safety
- Email and digital communication
- Intro to Word & Excel



GED Prep Classes

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Join our GED Prep Classes, provided by Broome-Tioga BOCES! Our supportive instructors will help you prepare for the exam, build your skills, and reach your goals. New students are welcome—take the next step toward your future today!

CURIOSITY CORNER

Did you know?



In an effort to serve the north side the library started one of the northeast's first bookmobiles in 1916. The truck was a standard flat-bed Ford donated by a local resident who used it during daytime hours for light hauling.

It's National Poetry Month!

Write a haiku!

Line 1 (5 syllables)

Line 2 (7 syllables)

Line 3 (5 syllables)



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