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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 am-8 pm

Friday & Saturday
9 am-5 pm

Closed:

- Friday, 5/8 for Staff Development
- Monday, 5/25 for Memorial Day

Library Board Meeting:

Wednesday, 5/20 @ 6 pm

Friends of the Library Book Sales

- Fri, 5/1 from 10 am-4 pm
- Sat, 5/9 from 10 am-2 pm
- Fri, 5/15 from 10 am-4 pm



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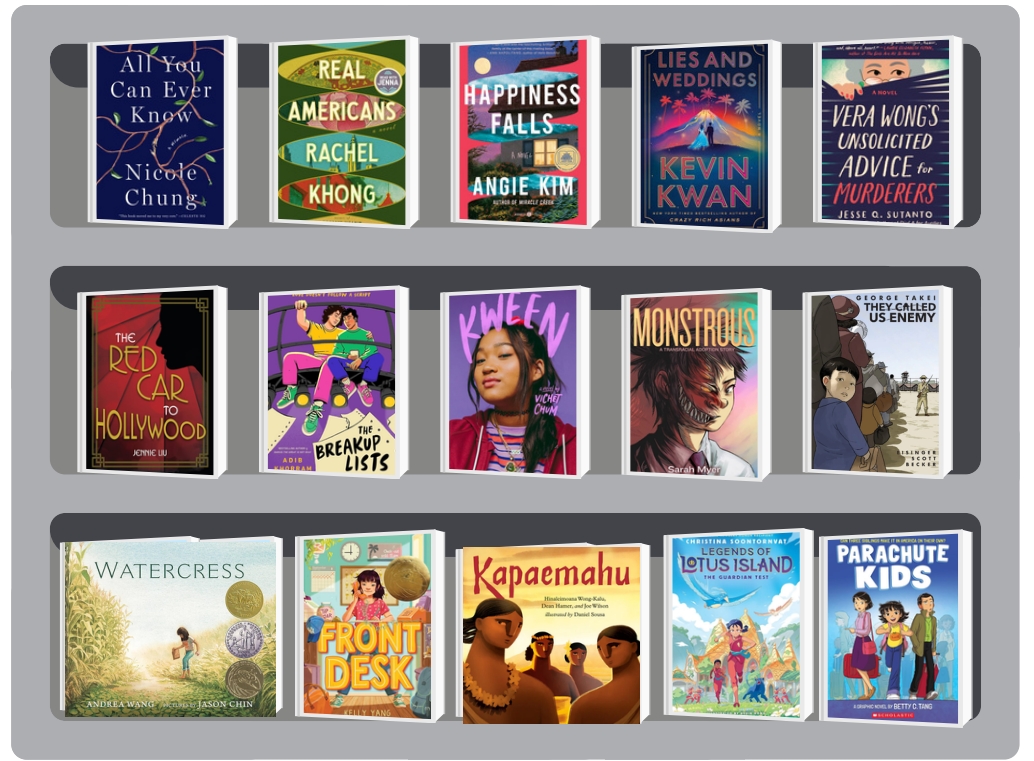
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In May, we get the chance to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, which is a time to recognize the incredible cultures, histories, and voices that make our community brighter. The

AAPI umbrella covers a huge, beautiful range of backgrounds, from the islands of the Pacific to East, South, and Southeast Asia.

To help you join the celebration, we've put together a special selection of AAPI authors that we love. Whether you're in the mood for a gripping novel, a moving memoir, or a colorful picture book to share with the kids, there is something on our virtual shelf for everyone. The best part? You can stop by the library any time this month to see these titles in person and check them out! Come grab a new favorite and help us honor the vibrant AAPI voices in our collection.



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, May 7**. We will be discussing *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. In June, the meeting will be on **Thursday, June 4**, when we will discuss *The Price of Salt or Carol* by Patricia Highsmith.
- The GFJ Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month; this month on **Wednesday, May 27**, we'll discuss *A Council of Dolls* by Mona Susan Power.



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

- **May 7:** Inherit the Wind
- **May 14:** Witness for the Prosecution
- **May 21:** 12 Angry Men
- **May 28:** Marked Woman



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

- **May 1 @ 1 pm - Crochet at GFJ:** Whether you're looking for help on your current project or a space to socialize with other crocheters, come crochet at GFJ every first Friday!
- **May 19 @ 6 pm - Crochet 102:** Learn a new pattern or skill every third Tuesday. This month we'll make water bottle holders. Weight 4 yarn and 4mm hook recommended.
- **May 26 @ 6 pm - Learn to Crochet:** Calling all crafty people! Are you interested in crochet but don't know where to start? Attend our class for absolute beginners!



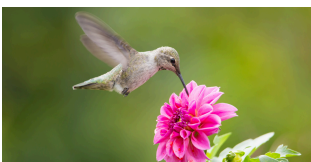
Mindful Moments: Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group: On **Monday, May 11 at 2 pm**, the Alzheimer's Association will present the fourth of five workshops; this month is *Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors*. *No registration is required.*



Strength & Stability for Everyday Life: On **Tuesdays, May 5 and May 19 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.*

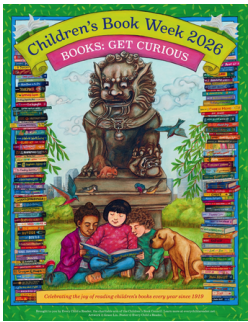


Strings & Keys: A Library Concert: Join us for an enchanting evening of classical music at the George F. Johnson Memorial Library on **Wednesday, May 27 at 6 PM** as violinist Brendan Bordick-Lesavage and pianist Thomas Skoronski present a captivating live concert of violin and piano repertoire.



Gardening is for the Birds: Explore the importance of using native plants and providing the basic needs for birds. This program provides information on how to garden for birds along with examples of specific flowers, shrubs, and trees that work well in our area and are helpful for our indigenous bird species. *Pre-registration is required.*

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS



Children's Book Week: Children's Book Week is celebrated from **May 4 -10**, and is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Join us in fostering a love of stories and curiosity with this year's theme, "Books: Get Curious." We love to get curious with children's books every day!

May @ GFJ! Dive into the wild this month by visiting our animal-themed display and testing your critter knowledge! Stop by the children's desk each week to pick up a two-question challenge for a chance to win a special prize.



Crafty Kids Club: Flowers & Friends: This May, we're celebrating the season by making beautiful paper flowers and DIY friendship bracelets. Come by on **May 1 @ 3:30pm** to create something special for yourself or a friend! *No registration is required.*



Saturday Story Time: Bugs! Join us on **Saturday, May 16 @ 11 am** to wiggle, jive, and celebrate spring! Join us for a "bee-utiful" morning as we celebrate bugs and everything that blooms. We'll have a blast with stories, songs, crafts, and activities perfect for children ages 3-6 and their grown-ups. *No registration is required.*



Spring Story Times: This session runs 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 **Saturday, May 9 from 10 am-12 pm** to read to a therapy dog for the last time this school year! 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 wrapping up for the school year, but there are a few meetings left!

- **GFJ Jr. Readers Book Club** (grades 1-2): next meeting on **May 11**
- **GFJ Middle Readers Book Club** (grades 3-4): next meeting on **May 4**
- **Teen Graphic Novel Book Club** (grades 7-12): next meeting on **May 21**



Teen D&D: Join us for another one of our popular D&D 5e one shots on **Saturday, May 23 at 12:30 pm**, brought to you by three stupendous Dungeon Masters. Whether you're a beginner or a long-time player, our experienced DMs will make you feel welcome at our tables. Registration is required for ages 12-18. Register at gfjlibrary.org/teens.

MAY CALENDAR

*Registration Required

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10 to 4-Friends of the Library Book Sale 1-Crochet at GFJ 3:30-Crafty Kids Club	2
4 11-Computer Basics* 12-Fun with Friends 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-Middle Readers Book Club*	5 10 & 11-Toddler Story Time* 1-Senior Fitness* 2 to 4-Tech Help 3:30-GED Prep	6 10-Mother Goose Story Time* 3:30-GED Prep 6-English as a New Language*	7 10-Preschool Story Time* 1-Classics Book Club 2-Classic Movie Club 6-English as a New Language* 7-Classics Virtual Book Club	8 Staff Development Library Closed 	9 10 to 12-Read with the Therapy Dogs 10-Animal Adoption Event 10 to 2-Friends of the Library Book Sale
11 2-Mindful Moments 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-Jr. Readers Book Club*	12 10 & 11-Toddler Story Time* 2 to 4-Tech Help 3:30-GED Prep 6-Mocktail & Paint*	13 10-Mother Goose Story Time* 3:30-GED Prep 6-English as a New Language*	14 10-Preschool Story Time* 2-Classic Movie Club 2 to 4-Tech Help 6-English as a New Language*	15 10 to 4-Friends Book Sale	16 11-Saturday Story Time: Bugs!
18 12-Fun with Friends 3:30-GED Prep 6-Gardening is for the Birds*	19 10 & 11-Toddler Story Time* 1-Senior Fitness* 2 to 4-Tech Help 3:30-GED Prep 6-Four Pillars of New Retirement* 6-Crochet 102*	20 10-Mother Goose Story Time* 1-Google Docs 101* 3:30-GED Prep 6-Library Board Meeting	21 10-Preschool Story Time* 2-Classic Movie Club 2 to 4-Tech Help 4:30-Teen Graphic Novel Book Club* 6-English as a New Language*	22	23 12:30-Teen Dungeons & Dragons*
25 Memorial Day Library Closed 	26 3:30-GED Prep 1-Memory Lab* 6-Learn to Crochet*	27 1-Camera Phone Virtual Class 1-GFJ Book Club 3:30-GED Prep 6-English as a New Language* 7-Virtual Book Club	28 2-Classic Movie Club 2 to 4-Tech Help 6-English as a New Language*	29 	30

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 102

Monday, May 11 at 1 pm

Take your Google Docs skills to the next level in this 102 class! Build on the basics as you learn advanced formatting techniques, how to collaborate in real time with others, and use features like comments, suggestions, and version history. We'll also explore organizing files in Google Drive and using add-ons to boost your productivity. Attendees should already be comfortable logging into their Gmail and creating basic documents. Taught by our adult librarian, Jason.



Google Docs 101

Wednesday, May 20 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."



Cool Things your Phone's Camera can do!

Wednesday, May 13 at 11 am at Broome West Senior Center &

Wednesday, May 27 at 1 pm Virtual

Your phone's camera might be the most underrated tool you own. It's always with you and capable of so much more than just taking photos and scanning QR codes. Join us for this virtual tour of some very useful camera tips and tricks that will help you every day!



Memory Lab: Photo Digitization Day

Tuesday, May 26 at 1 pm in Casey 1

Bring your treasured photos into the digital age! Stop by the library with your printed pictures and we will scan them onto a flash drive for you to take home. It's a simple way to preserve family memories, vintage snapshots, and special keepsakes for years to come. Photos must be no larger than 9 x 12 inches. Registration is required.

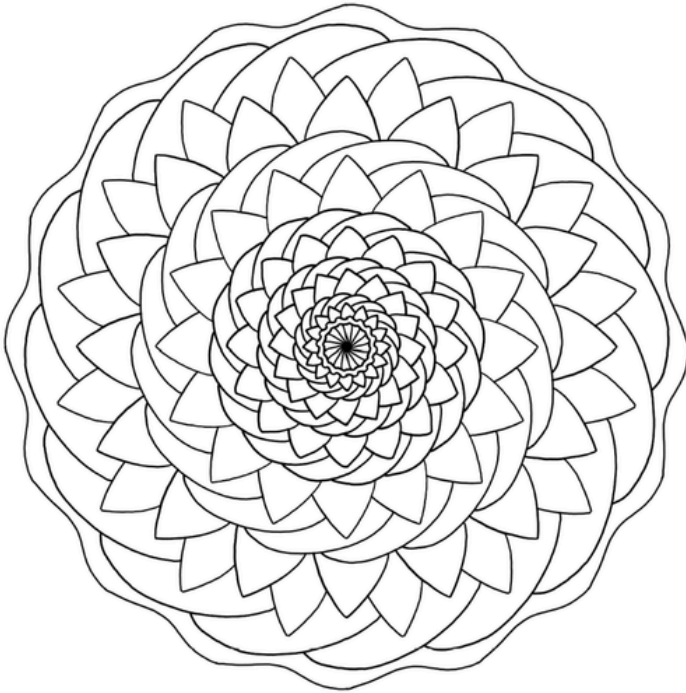


GED Prep Classes

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!

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From Monday Mandala

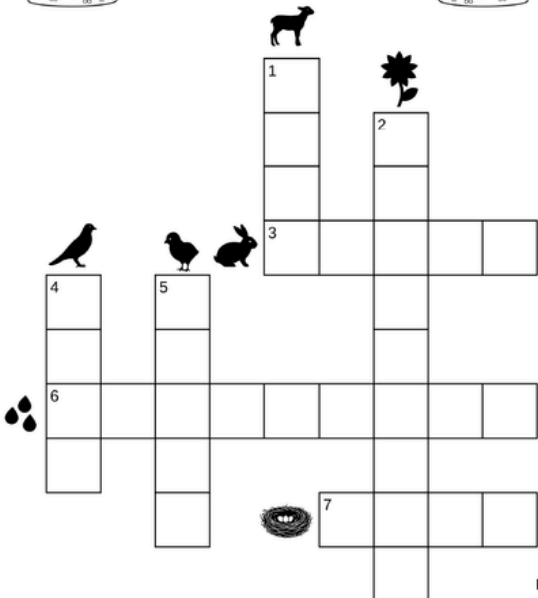


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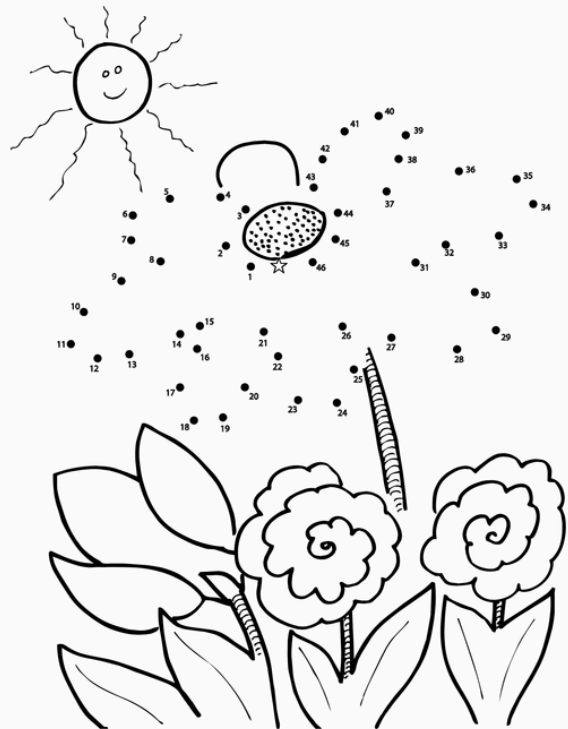


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