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# CURIOUS GEORGE F. News

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### Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
9 am-8 pm

Friday & Saturday  
9 am-5 pm

### Closed:

- Friday, 6/19 for Juneteenth

### Library Board Meeting:

Wednesday, 6/17 @ 6 pm

### Friends of the Library Book Sales

- Fri, 6/5 from 10 am-4 pm
- Sat, 6/13 from 10 am-2 pm
- Fri, 6/26 from 10 am-4 pm

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## TEEN ROOM GRAND OPENING!

The George F. Johnson Memorial Library is excited to announce the grand opening of our new Teen Room on **Wednesday, June 17 at 11 am**. This unique new space was created especially for teens to learn, create, connect, and relax in an environment designed just for them. We invite the community to join us in celebrating this exciting addition to the library.

The Teen Room will feature gaming computers, a Nintendo Switch, Anime Club, crafts, and a variety of other programs and activities tailored to teen interests. Whether teens are looking for a place to socialize, explore new hobbies, study, or simply unwind after school, the new Teen Room will provide a welcoming and engaging space for them to call their own.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo and Senator Lea Webb for their generous support and funding for this project. Their commitment to providing opportunities and resources for local youth helped make this vision a reality, and we are grateful for their partnership in creating this special space for our community's teens.

**Early Voting:** We are a polling place for the June Primary Election. Any registered voter in Broome County may vote at these times:

- Saturday, 6/13 from 9 am - 5 pm
- Sunday, 6/14 from 9 am - 5 pm
- Monday, 6/15 from 12 pm - 8 pm
- Tuesday, 6/16 from 12 pm - 8 pm
- Wednesday, 6/17 from 9 am - 5 pm
- Thursday, 6/18 from 9 am - 5 pm
- Friday, 6/19 from 9 am - 5 pm
- Saturday, 6/20 from 9 am - 5 pm
- Sunday, 6/21 from 9 am - 5 pm



**Election Day:** The library will be a regular polling place for local districts on Tuesday, 6/23 from 6 am - 9 pm.

# ADULT HIGHLIGHTS



**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, June 4**. We will be discussing *The Price of Salt or Carol*, by Patricia Highsmith. In July, the meeting will be on **Thursday, July 2**, when we will discuss *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad.
- The GFJ Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month; this month on **Wednesday, June 24**, we'll discuss *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Mona Susan Power.



## Classic Movie Club - The Movie Was Better Than the Book:

Classic films on **Thursdays at 2 pm!**

- **June 4:** Captains Courageous
- **June 11:** The Prince and the Pauper
- **June 8:** The Secret Life of Walter Mitty
- **June 25:** The Magnificent Ambersons



**Crochet @ GFJ:** *Registration is required at [gfjlibrary.org/calendar](http://gfjlibrary.org/calendar).*

- **June 5 at 1 pm - Crochet at GFJ:** Come crochet at GFJ every first Friday!
- **June 16 at 6 pm - Crochet 102:** This month's class will be an introduction to amigurumi (a style of crocheting stuffed animals), and we'll make crochet cats!
- **June 6 at 6 pm - Learn to Cross Stitch:** Celebrate 250 years of Independence with cross stitch! A free kit with all materials will be provided. The B.C. Stitchers will then show you how to create your own liberty bell ornament.



**Mindful Moments: Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group:** On **Monday, June 8 at 2 pm** the Alzheimer's Association will present the fourth of five workshops. This month is *Exploring Care and Services*. *No registration is required.*



**Strength & Stability for Everyday Life:** On **Tuesdays, June 9 and June 30 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](http://gfjlibrary.org/calendar).*



**Zoom Into Composting:** On **Monday, June 15 at 6 pm** learn more about the microbiology that drives compost. Get a microscopic view of the decomposers that live in the compost ecosystem with Broome County Solid Waste and Compost Educator Abigail Pepples. *Pre-registration is required.*

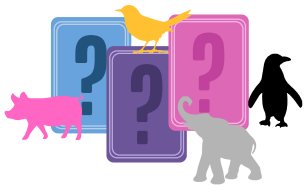


**GFJ Writing Group:** Interested in creative writing, but don't know where to start? We will be hosting a new monthly writing group intended to help patrons grow their confidence and skill as writers. The first meeting will be held on **June 29 at 6 pm**. *Registration is required.*

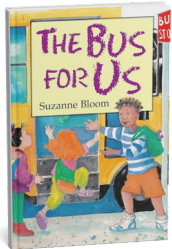


**Lower Your Energy Bills at the PowerHouse:** On Tuesday, **June 30 from 5 to 7 pm**, tour the PowerHouse during an open house and learn about heat pumps, solar energy, and New York State programs that can help lower your energy bills. Attend a practical workshop **at 7 pm** led by your local Community Energy Advisor, who will share strategies for reducing your energy costs.

# YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS



**Animal Trivia:** Have you tried our Animal Trivia yet? You can still join in the fun through **June 20**. Grab the questions from the Children's Desk, and visit the display case in the front lobby to find the answers. Then bring your completed sheet to the desk to win a prize!



**Stories in the Streets:** We're excited to partner with the Literacy Legacy Project and other community organizations to bring you a fun, interactive literacy experience for the whole family! Enjoy a walk at George W. Johnson Park while reading *The Bus for Us* by Suzanne Bloom, displayed page-by-page along the street. Children, families, and neighbors are invited to walk, read, and explore together as they experience this vibrant community story stroll.



**Farmers Market:** We're thrilled to once again host the Kids Corner at the Little Italy Endicott Farmers Market! Stop by to see us on **June 11 and June 25 from 4–7 pm**, and throughout the summer, for crafts, games, building activities, bubbles, and more. It's a fun-filled way for families to enjoy the market, check out local vendors, listen to local music, and spend time together!

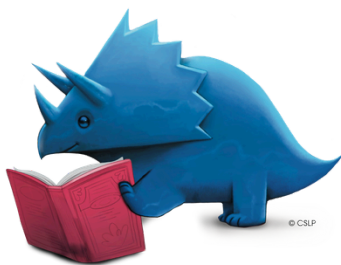
## UNEARTH A STORY™



**Unearth a Story Reading Challenge:** Beginning **June 22**, kids, teens, and adults can stop by the library to pick up a Dino Bones Reading Log! Complete activities to earn prizes as you dig your way through a summer full of reading adventures. Kids and teens who finish all of their dig sites will receive a free book, and kids can also complete special weekly missions for chances to win additional prizes throughout the summer. **June 22** also marks the start of all our summer fun at the library, with programs, activities, and events for all ages. Join us for a summer full of reading, discovery, and fun!



**Read Beads:** Read Beads are back! Beginning **June 22**, kids can earn beads all summer long by participating in fun dinosaur-themed activities at the library. Check out our "I Spy the Earth" display case, vote for your favorite dinosaur, or find Digby, our summer reading mascot, to collect a bead. We'll have even more prehistoric fun all summer as we "unearth a story" together!



**Dig Into Summer Reading!** Join us on **Wednesday, July 1 from 5–7 pm** for our "Unearth a Story" Summer Reading Kickoff celebration! Families are invited to dig into a summer full of reading and fun with crafts, games, community partners, Italian ice, ice cream, and more. It's the perfect opportunity to explore everything the library has to offer this summer. You can also register for summer library programs and learn more about all of the exciting activities planned for children, teens, and families. Don't miss this fun-filled evening as we kick off a prehistoric summer adventure together!

# JUNE CALENDAR

\*Registration Required

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>3:30-GED Prep</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>2 to 4-Tech Help 3:30-GED Prep</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>3:30-GED Prep 6-Learn Local History*</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>1-Classics Book Club 2-Classic Movie Club 2 to 4-Tech Help 7-Classics Virtual Book Club</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>10 to 4-Friends of the Library Book Sale 1-Crochet at GFJ</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>1-Learn Local History (offsite)</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>2-Mindful Moments 3:30-GED Prep 6-Learn to Cross Stitch*</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>1-iPhone/iPad Basics* 1-Senior Fitness* 2 to 4-Tech Help 3:30-GED Prep 6-Watercolor Class*</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>11-Write Your Own Story (offsite) 3:30-GED Prep 6-Lead Safe Rentals</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>2-Classic Movie Club 2 to 4-Tech Help 4 to 7-Little Italy Farmers Market Kids Corner</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>10 to 2-Friends of the Library Book Sale  9 to 5-Early Voting</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>3:30-GED Prep 6-Zoom Into Composting*</p> <p>12 to 8-Early Voting</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>2 to 4-Tech Help 3:30-GED Prep 6-Crochet 102*</p> <p>12 to 8-Early Voting</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>3:30-GED Prep 6-Library Board Meeting</p> <p>9 to 5-Early Voting</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>2-Classic Movie Club 2 to 4-Tech Help</p> <p>9 to 5-Early Voting</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Library Closed</p> <p><b>JUNE TEENTH</b></p> <p>9 to 5-Early Voting</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9 to 5-Early Voting</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>3:30-GED Prep</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>2 to 4-Tech Help 3:30-GED Prep</p> <p>6 to 9-Election Day</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>1-Don't Get Scammed 1-GFJ Book Club 3:30-GED Prep 7-Virtual Book Club</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>2-Classic Movie Club 2 to 4-Tech Help 4 to 7-Little Italy Farmers Market Kids Corner</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10 to 4-Friends of the Library Book Sale</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>1-Memory Lab* 6-Writing Group*</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>1-Senior Fitness* 1:30-By the People 2 to 4-Tech Help 5-Lower Your Energy Bills</p>	<p><b>July 1</b></p> <p>Dig Into Summer Reading from 5 to 7!</p>			

# TECH CENTER

To register:

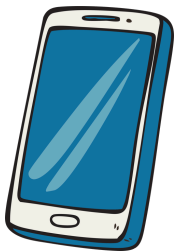
1. Visit [gfjlibrary.org/calendar/](http://gfjlibrary.org/calendar/)
2. Email us at [gfjtechcenter@gmail.com](mailto:gfjtechcenter@gmail.com)
3. Call 607-757-5350 ext 2



## Tech Help Open Hours

**Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2 to 4 pm and via appointment**

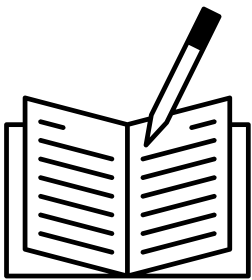
Need a hand with your phone, tablet, or laptop? Stop by during Tech Help Open Hours for friendly, one-on-one assistance with your devices and digital questions. Whether you're setting up email, learning to use new apps, navigating social media, or troubleshooting everyday tech issues, our team is here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



## iPhone/iPad Basics

**Tuesday, June 9 at 1 pm**

Need help learning your iPhone or iPad? Join us for this beginner-friendly class designed to help you feel more comfortable using your Apple device. We'll cover the basics, including navigating your device, adjusting settings, connecting to Wi-Fi, downloading apps, sending texts and emails, taking photos, and more.



## Write Your Own Story at the Broome West Senior Center

**Wednesday, June 10 at 11 am**

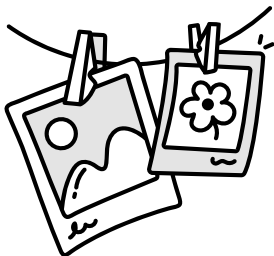
Documenting life stories allows us to reflect on our lives and achievements. It provides a way to connect with their past, reminding us of the milestones we've reached, the challenges we've overcome, and the moments we've cherished. Documenting our journeys not only preserves family history but also creates a lasting legacy for future generations. We will discuss 5 ways to record your story, and research you can do to bring your story to life!



## Don't Get Scammed!

**Wednesday, June 24 at 1 pm Virtual**

Learn how to recognize the warning signs of identity theft and scams that frequently target people online and what to do if you think you've been targeted. See how scammers are using AI and QR codes to fool you and take advantage of you, and how you can avoid being trapped. Log in to learn about common scams, and walk away with practical tips to keep your identity safe. No registration necessary.



## Memory Lab: Photo Digitization Day

**Monday, June 29 at 1 pm in Casey Room 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.



## By the People: Volunteer Transcription Workshop Virtual Session

**Monday, June 30 at 1:30 pm Virtual**

Discover how you can help make history more accessible through the Library of Congress's "By the People" crowdsourcing project! This hands-on workshop to explore how volunteers across the country are helping to transcribe historical documents, letters, diaries, and more from the Library of Congress's collections.

# CURIOSITY CORNER

## WORD JUMBLE

Can you unscramble these words?

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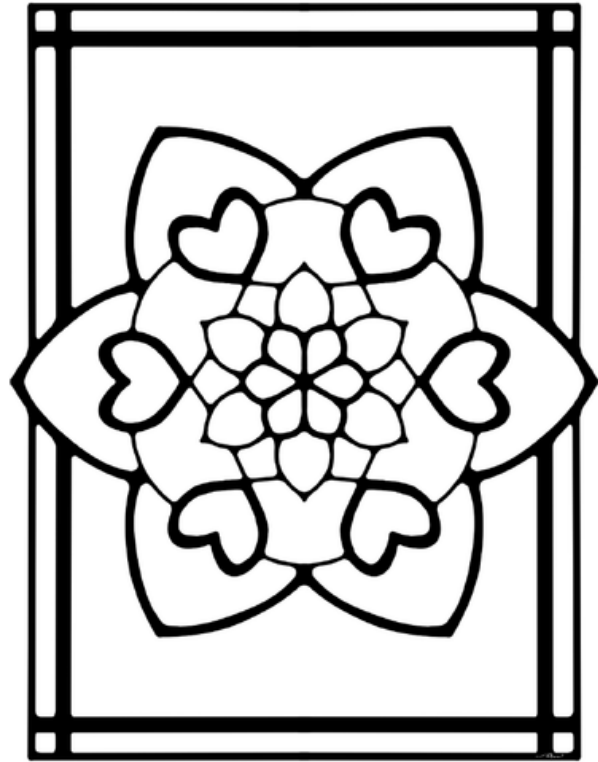
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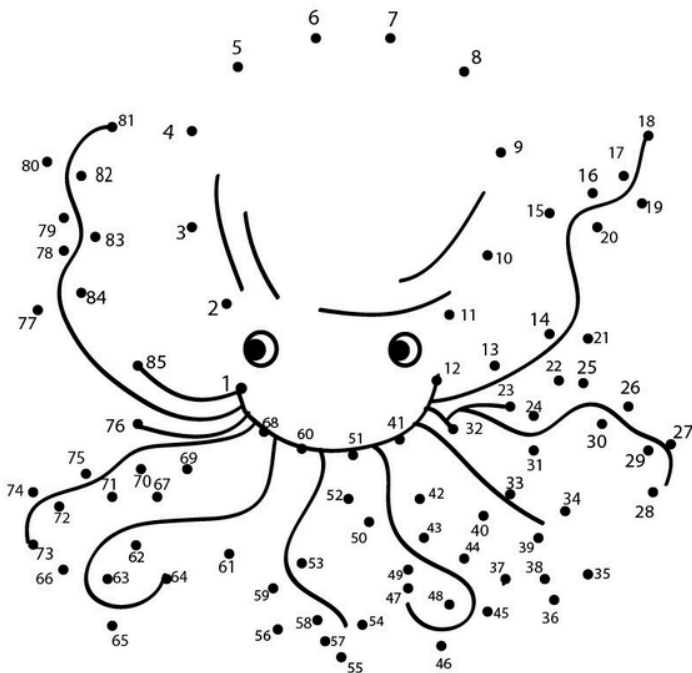
RIBDS \_\_\_\_\_

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Answer key: market, concert, crochets, birds, park



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## A MAZE GAME.

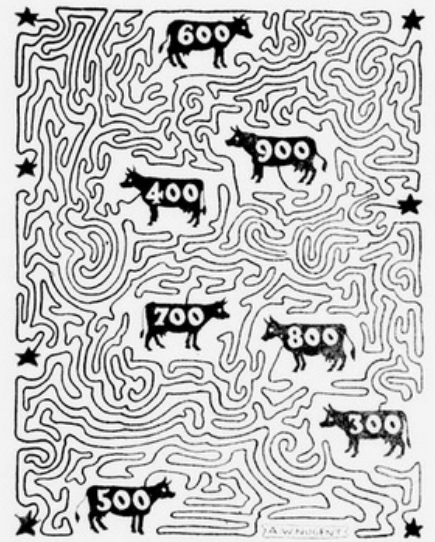
**B**ILLY HILLY WANTS TO SELL ONLY FOUR OF HIS SEVEN COWS THAT WILL PRODUCE 2,400 OR MORE POUNDS OF MEAT.

**L**ET'S SEE IF YOU CAN WIN THIS MAZE GAME BY ROUNDING UP FOUR COWS THAT WILL NET AT LEAST THE ABOVE NUMBER OF LBS.

**S**TART ONCE FROM ANY FOUR OF THE SEVEN STARS AND TRACE ALONG THE CROOKED PATHS TO THE ANIMALS.

**A**DD THE NUMBERS ON EACH OF THE FOUR COWS YOU CATCH TO SEE IF YOU WILL BE A WINNER.

FOLLOW THE LINES WITH A POINTED OBJECT.



"A Maze Game." Evening Star (Washington, DC), May 9, 1937.

## CLASSIC PUZZLE

Try this historic maze game from a 1937 newspaper in Washington, DC!