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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 am-8 pm

Friday & Saturday
9 am-5 pm

Library Board Meeting:

Wednesday, 7/15 @ 6 pm

The Board of Trustees is seeking new members! To learn how you can serve your community, visit gfjlibrary.org/board-of-trustees.

Friends of the Library Book Sales

- Fri, 7/3 from 10 am-4 pm
- Fri, 7/17 from 10 am-4 pm

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JULY @ GFJ LIBRARY

Summer has arrived at George F. Johnson Memorial Library, and July is packed with opportunities to explore, create, learn, and connect!

Teen Room: Looking for a place to hang out this summer? Our new Teen Room is open and ready for you! Teens can challenge friends on our Nintendo Switch, play tabletop games, use our gaming computers, create crafts, try the button maker during select times, or simply relax in a space designed just for teens in grades 6-12. Whether you're meeting up with friends or looking for a quiet place to unwind, the Teen Room is your space at the library.

Kickoff Summer: Join us for our Dig Into Summer Reading Kickoff Party on Tuesday, July 1, from 5:00-7:00 PM inside the cool library! Enjoy lawn games, crafts, puzzles, face painting, music, Sammy's Italian Ice and ice cream, and summer reading registration. You'll also have the chance to meet representatives from local organizations and chat with our community partners.

Summer Reading Incentive Program: Readers of all ages are invited to participate in our Dino Dig Summer Reading Log! Read books, complete library activities, and earn prizes throughout the summer. Whether you're a lifelong reader or just getting started, there's something for everyone.

Summer Programs: From story times and Family Fun Fridays to tween workshops, teen activities, and engaging adult programs, there's something happening every day this July. Registration is open for many programs, and new adventures are waiting all summer long.

Learn More: Visit gfjlibrary.org/summer for the complete schedule, program information, and online registration!

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.



Digging Up the Basics: Computer Fundamentals

Monday, July 6 at 1:30 pm in-person and 3:00 pm Virtual

Participants will learn the fundamentals of using a computer, including understanding common computer terms, using a keyboard and mouse, navigating the desktop, managing files and folders, and exploring basic internet and email functions. We'll also discuss helpful tips for staying organized and safe while using technology..



Mapping Your Digital World: Files & Folders

Monday, July 13 at 3 pm Virtual and Monday, July 27 at 1:30 pm in-person

Participants will learn how to create folders, save and locate files, move and copy documents, rename items, and develop simple organization strategies that make finding information easier. We'll also discuss common file types and tips for managing photos, downloads, and other digital content.



Storage Options

Monday, July 13 at 1:30 pm

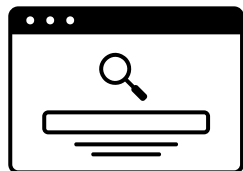
Concerned about running out of storage on your computer or phone? This program will introduce you to a variety of options for storing data outside of your main devices, such as flash drives, external hard drives, and cloud storage. This class is intended to be an information session; you do not need to bring a computer or phone in order to attend.



All About Pinterest

Monday, July 20 at 1:30 pm

Curious about Pinterest? Join us for an overview on the app/website, then learn how to make an account, save pins, compile boards, and more.



Unearthing the Internet: Web Browsing Basics

Monday, July 20 at 3:00 pm Virtual

This beginner-friendly class will introduce participants to the fundamentals of web browsing, including how to use a web browser, navigate websites, conduct effective searches, open and manage tabs, and recognize trustworthy online information. We'll also cover basic internet safety practices to help you browse securely and avoid common online scams.



Search Like an Archaeologist: Finding Information Online

Monday, July 27 at 3:00 pm Virtual

Just as archaeologists carefully sift through layers of history to find valuable artifacts, internet users must sort through countless websites to find accurate and trustworthy information.



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JOIN US!
Beginning on 6/22, register for a program and join our summer reading challenge by picking up a Summer Game Board and other goodies at the library.

**DIG INTO READING
SUMMER KICKOFF
PARTY!**
Wed. 7/1
from 5-7pm
Kickoff summer with games, activities, crafts & **free ice cream and Italian ice!**

For more info or to register for programs, scan the code or visit gfjlibrary.org/summer



CALENDAR KEY
* = Requires registration
Kids & Families
Teens **Adults**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
July 6 1:30-Computer Fundamentals* 6-Unearth Books: Dinner Party*	7 10-GWJ Park Story Time 2-Teen CCE Owl Pellets* 6-America's 250 th Trivia*	8 10-Mother Goose Story Time 2-Jurassic Era Terrariums* 6-Kids Street Art	9 10-Highland Park Story Time 2-Explorers: Rainstick Rhythms* 4-Little Italy Farmers Market	10 11-Dino Party 2-Tween: Eye-Catching Magnets*
13 12:30-Teen D&D Mini Campaign* 1:30-Storage Options* 3-Virtual Files & Folders 6-Sips & Strokes*	14 10-GWJ Park Story Time 1-Senior Fitness* 5-Dino Discoveries	15 10-Mother Goose Story Time 2-Boba Paint & Sip* 6-Checkers & Snoozer	16 10-Highland Park Story Time 2-Explorers: Compost Crew* 5-Classic Movie Club 5:30-Mario Kart Tournament* 6-Therapy Dogs	17 11-Bubblemania 2-Tween: Carve & Create*
20 12:30-Teen D&D Mini Campaign* 1:30-All About Pinterest* 6-Growing & Using Culinary Herbs*	21 10-GWJ Park Story Time 2-Teen Book Club* 6-Crochet 102* 6-Earth Pupators	22 10-Mother Goose Story Time 1-GFJ Book Club 6-Teen Street Art* 7-GFJ Virtual Book Club	23 10-Highland Park Story Time 2-Explorers: Mammals Up Close* 4-Little Italy Farmers Market 5-Classic Movie Club	24 11-Dive Into the Deep 2-Tween: Cretaceous Era Bath Bombs*
27 12:30-Teen D&D Mini Campaign* 1:30-Files & Folders* 6-Dig Into a New Book* 6-GFJ Writing Group*	28 10-GWJ Park Story Time 1-Senior Fitness* 6-BU Archaeology	29 10-Mother Goose Story Time 6-Collaborative Canvases*	30 10-Highland Park Story Time 2-Explorers: Wild Art* 5-Classic Movie Club 6-Kopernik Air Rockets*	31 11-Plant a Story 2-Tween: Mini Mini Golf* 6-Unearth the Truth: Mystery Night*
August 3 1:30-Digital Footprint* 3-Virtual Email Essentials 5:30-Legends Unearthed D&D*	4 10-GWJ Park Story Time 2-Teen Sprayed Edges* 6-Trivia Night*	5 10-Mother Goose Story Time 6-Chalk Art Extravaganza	6 10-Highland Park Story Time 1-Classics Book Club 2-Explorers: Triassic Ice Cream* 4-Little Italy Farmers Market 5-Classic Movie Club 7-Classics Virtual Book Club	7 11-CyberSquad with WSKG 1-Crochet at GFJ 2-Tween: Glow Lab*
10 1:30-All About Goodreads* 5:30-Miniature Masterpieces*	11 1-Senior Fitness* 2-Teen Book Club* 6-BU Archaeology	12 1-Book Club: Summer Edition 6-Jurassic Bingo Bash	13 5-Classic Movie Club 6-Therapy Dogs 6-Teen Crochet*	14 1-Make Clay Essential Oil Diffusers*

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KIDS & FAMILIES

Story Times: Join us each week from **7/6-8/7!**

- **GWJ Park: Tuesdays at 10am** on Oak Hill Ave. Ages 2–5. *No registration.*
- **Mother Goose: Wednesdays at 10am.** Birth–2. *Registration recommended.*
- **Highland Park: Thursdays at 10am** on Hooper Rd. Ages 2–5. *No registration.*

Family Fun Fridays: Fridays at 11am for ages 6 & under. *No registration.*

- **7/10: Dino Party** – Stories, crafts & dino fun!
- **7/17: Bubblemania** – Indoor story time & outdoor bubble play.
- **7/24: Dive Into the Deep** – Ocean stories, sea creatures & a craft.
- **7/31: Plant a Story** – Story time & plant your own flower.
- **8/7: CyberSquad with WSKG** – Solve puzzles with Cyberchase and explore math, teamwork & problem-solving.

Dino Explorers: Thursdays from 2–3pm for kids entering grades 1-3. *Registration required for each week.*

- **7/9: Rainstick Rhythms** – Build and decorate your own rainstick.
- **7/16: Compost Crew** – Read, learn, and play a compost sorting game with CCE.
- **7/23: Mammals Up Close** – Meet mammal specimens and explore the power of smell with our friends from CCE.
- **7/30: Wild Art** – Create dinosaur and animal collages with Artistry by Emily.
- **8/6: Triassic Era Ice Cream** – Make ice cream and cool off!

Tween Workshops: Fridays from 2–3pm for kids entering grades 4-6. *Registration required for each week.*

- **7/10: Glow Lab** – Explore glowing art, secret messages, and hands-on activities!
- **7/17: Carve & Create** – Design and carve your own custom stamp.
- **7/24: Cretaceous Era Bath Bombs** – Make your own dino-themed bath bomb.
- **7/31: Mini Mini Golf** – Build, code, and test a robotic mini golf challenge with Kopernik Observatory.
- **8/7: Eye-Catching Magnets** – Create realistic or fantasy eye magnets with Artistry by Emily.



Little Italy Farmers Market Kids Corner: Thursdays from 4–7pm on Witherill St (**6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 8/6, 8/20, 9/3, 9/17**). Stop by for crafts, games, building activities!

Kids' Street Art: 7/8 from 6–7:30pm for grades 1–6. Create colorful sidewalk chalk art with artist Eric Maruscak. *Registration required.*

Checkers & Snoozer's Dinosaur Discovery Show: 7/15 at 6pm. An interactive family show with comedy, magic, juggling, and dino-themed fun. *No registration required.*

Read with Therapy Dogs: 7/16 & 8/13 from 6–7:30pm. Visit with friendly therapy dogs and read aloud in a relaxed setting. *No registration required.*

Collaborative Canvases: 7/29 at 6pm for grades 1–6 with caregiver. Work together on a family canvas painting with Artistry by Emily. *Registration required.*

Kopernik Air Rockets: 7/30 at 6pm. Learn about space and engineering, then build and launch your own air-powered rocket. *Registration required.*

Chalk Art Extravaganza: 8/5 from 6–7:30pm. Bring the whole family to create vibrant sidewalk chalk art with artist Eric Maruscak. *No registration required.*

Jurassic Bingo Bash: 8/12 at 6pm. A family bingo night with dinosaur-themed games, snacks, prizes, and activities. *No registration required.*

TEENS

(ENTERING GRADES 7-12)

Teen Book Boxes: Register starting **6/1** for a two-month book box (July & August). Fill out a reading form and borrow two librarian-selected YA books plus themed swag to keep. Pick up at the beginning of each month at gfjlibrary.org/teens.

Teen CCE Owl Pellets: 7/7 at 2pm. Dissect owl pellets and learn about barn owl ecology with Cornell Cooperative Extension. *Registration required.*

Jurassic Era Terrariums: 7/8 at 2pm. Join us for a moss-some time as we create miniature ecosystems—perfect for tiny dinosaur worlds. *Registration required.*

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Mini-Campaign: 7/13, 7/20 & 7/27 from 12:30–4:30pm. Join a 3-session campaign for beginners and experienced players. Attendance at all sessions strongly encouraged. *Registration required.*

Boba Paint & Sip: 7/15 at 2pm. Paint while enjoying boba tea with Artistry by Emily. *Registration required.*

Mario Kart Tournament: 7/16 at 5:30pm. Compete in Mario Kart 8 Deluxe with brackets, prizes, and extra games and activities. *Registration required.*

Teen Book Club: Discuss *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera on **7/21 at 2pm** and *Internment* by Samira Ahmed on **8/11 at 2pm**. Books available at the Youth Services desk. *Registration required.*

Teen Street Art: 7/22 at 6pm. Learn chalk art techniques and create designs on the library concourse with artist Eric Maruscak. *Registration required.*

Teen Sprayed Edges: 8/4 at 2pm. Customize book edges with paint and design techniques with Artistry by Emily. *Registration required.*

Teen Crochet: 8/13 at 6pm. Beginner-friendly crochet class with all supplies provided. *Registration required.*

ADULTS

Join us this summer for Adult Summer Reading! From book discussions and technology classes to crafts, films, trivia, and local history programs, there's something new to explore each week.

- 6/22 - 6/27** Summer Reading kickoff, book discussion & classic film
- 6/29 - 7/3** America250 events, Hamilton screening & Summer Launch Party
- 7/6 - 7/11** Computer basics, book discussion & trivia night
- 7/13 - 7/18** Paint & sip, dinosaurs & digital organization
- 7/20 - 7/24** Nature programs, crochet & book club
- 7/27 - 7/31** Archaeology, readers' advisory & mystery night
- 8/3 - 8/7** Adult D&D, technology programs & book discussion
- 8/10 - 8/14** Miniature painting, archaeology & crafts
- 8/17 - 8/21** Cybersecurity, Jurassic Park & mixed media
- 8/24 - 8/28** Seed saving, mixed media & book discussion
- 8/31 - 9/5** TikTok, technology review, mixed media & Summer Reading finale



There's much more for adults @ GFJ this summer including book clubs, movies, more art classes, and programs from **Cornell Cooperative Extension** and **Binghamton University!** Visit gfjlibrary.org/summer for all of the information!

Stop by to check out our I Spy the Earth display, work on a puzzle, play a game, or do a weekly activity. Grab a craft for kids, teens or adults! Kids & teens can earn read beads!