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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 am-8 pm

Friday
9 am-5 pm
(closed Saturdays through Labor Day)

Library Board Meeting:

No August meeting

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, 8/7 from 10 am-4 pm
- Fri, 8/21 from 10 am-4 pm

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SUMMER @ GFJ LIBRARY

As we head into August, our Unearth a Story summer reading program has already been a tremendous success! More than 250 people joined us for our Dig Into Summer Reading Kickoff Party, where families enjoyed games, crafts, activities, ice cream, and visits with community organizations. It was a wonderful way to launch a summer filled with reading, learning, and fun.

Our Dino Dig reading logs for all ages continue to be popular. Many children, teens, and adults have already turned in completed logs to earn toys, free books, Kitchen Counter ice cream coupons, raffle tickets, and gift cards. There's still time to participate! Reading logs are available at the library.

We've loved seeing our community enjoy story times at the library and in local parks, hands-on programs presented by Artistry by Emily, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Kopernik Science Center, and Eric Maruscak, engaging adult programs, our busy new Teen Room, hundreds of Take & Make crafts, and the ever-popular Read Beads.

Summer isn't over yet! Join us for our Chalk Art Extravaganza this **Wednesday, 8/5 at 6 pm**, and other exciting programs during the final weeks of Summer Reading. Be sure to check the following pages for a complete schedule or visit gfjlibrary.org/summer. We hope to see you at the library soon!



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, 8/6**. We will be discussing *The Lathe of Heaven*, by Ursula K Le Guin. In September, the meeting will be on **Thursday, 9/3**, when we will discuss *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen.
- The GFJ Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month; on **Wednesday, 8/26**, we'll discuss *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See.



Classic Movie Club - Great Men of Hollywood:

Classic films on **Thursdays at 5 pm!**

- **8/6:** Don Juan (8/6)
- **8/13:** High Noon
- **8/20:** Edison, the Man
- **8/27:** Advise and Consent



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

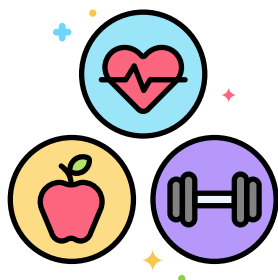
- **8/7 at 1 pm - Crochet at GFJ:** Come crochet at GFJ every first Friday!
- **8/18 at 6 pm - Crochet 102:** Join us as we guide you through the start of an intermediate design!



The Search for Fort Bull: On **Monday, 8/10, at 6 pm**, step into the world of archaeological discovery with this exciting program from Binghamton University's Archaeology Department. *Registration is required.*



Roadmap to Retirement: On Tuesday, **8/11, from 5:30-7 pm**, are you planning to retire within the next five years? Join financial advisors Maggie Cubic McMicken and Matthew Kistner from Edward Jones for an informative seminar designed to help you prepare for the next chapter of life.



Strength & Stability for Everyday Life: On **Tuesdays, 8/11 and 8/25 at 1 pm** we're hosting a gentle movement class with Serenity Fitness. The classes are designed especially for seniors and focus on improving balance, mobility, and confidence in everyday activities. *Register by calling the library or by visiting gfjlibrary.org/calendar.*

Exercises to Stay Active on **Friday, 8/11 at 3 pm** & **Knowing Your Fall Risk** on **Friday, 8/21 at 2 pm:** Two presentations being hosted by Binghamton University Physical Therapy Professor Dr. Woei-Nan Bair to build senior mobility awareness. *Registration is required.*



Saving Seeds: On **Monday, 8/24, at 6 pm**, learn to save seeds from your favorite plants. Methods for harvesting, drying, and storing will all be explained. *Registration is required.*



GFJ Writing Group: Interested in creative writing, but don't know where to start? Join our monthly writing group to help patrons build confidence and skills as writers. The next meeting is **8/31 at 6 pm**. *Registration is required.*

YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS



Read Beads: Have you earned your read beads yet? Collect beads by checking out our I Spy display, voting for your favorite dinosaur, finding Digby, or completing missions. Turn in missions to earn a bead and enter a prize pack drawing!



Teen Sprayed Edges: Register to join us on **8/4 @ 2 pm** where you can paint your own custom book sprayed edges! Bring a favorite book or use one we provide and create a beautiful addition to your shelf, or a thoughtful handmade gift for a friend.



Chalk Art Extravaganza: On **Wednesday, 8/5 @ 6 pm**, the whole family can create colorful sidewalk masterpieces! Artist Eric Maruscak will share tips and inspiration as we make art together outside the library. *No registration required.*



Little Italy Endicott Farmers Market: Have you visited the Farmers Market yet this summer? Join us at the Kids Corner on **8/6 and 8/20 from 4-7 pm** for crafts, games, and building activities. **Thursday, 8/6** is Kids Night, featuring great giveaways from community organizations!



Jurassic Bingo: Bring the whole family for a roaring good time at Dino Bingo Night! Play bingo together, enjoy light snacks, win fun prizes, and take part in dinosaur-themed activities throughout the evening.



Therapy Dogs: Stop by the Youth Services Room on **Thursday, 8/13 from 6-7:30 pm** to read with our friendly therapy dogs! Reading aloud helps build confidence, and *no registration is required.*



Teen D&D: Registration is now open at gfjlibrary.org/teen for another one of our popular D&D 5e one shots on **Saturday, 9/12 at 12:30 pm**. Whether you're a beginner or a long-time player, our experienced DMs will make you feel welcome at our tables. For ages 12-18.



Book Clubs: Each monthly meeting includes lively book discussions, activities or crafts, and snacks! Registration opens **Monday, 8/31 at 9 am**, and space is limited. You'll receive your first book when you register. All book clubs meet at **5 pm** throughout the school year.

- **GFJ Jr. Readers** (Grades 1-2): First Monday of the month, beginning 10/5
- **GFJ Middle Readers** (Grades 3-4): Second Monday of the month, beginning 10/19 (due to the holiday on 10/12)
- **GFJ Readers** (Grades 5-6): Fourth Monday of the month, beginning 9/28
- **Teen Graphic Novel Book Club** (Grades 7-12): Third Thursday of the month, beginning 10/15



Teen Room: Have you visited our new Teen Room yet? Students entering grades 6-12 are invited to hang out, play on our gaming computers or Nintendo Switch, watch Crunchyroll, and enjoy games and crafts in a space just for teens!

AUGUST CALENDAR

*Registration Required

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 1:30 Digital Footprint* 3 Discovering Communication Tools 3:30 GED Prep 5:30 Adult D&D*	4 10 GWJ Park Story Time 12 to 4 Broome Tioga Workforce 2 Teen Sprayed Edges* 3:30 GED Prep 6 Trivia Night*	5 10 Mother Goose Story Time 3:30 GED Prep 6 Chalk Art Extravaganza	6 10 Highland Park Story Time 1 Classics Book Club 2 Triassic Era Ice Cream* 4 to 7 Little Italy Endicott Farmers Market 5 Classic Movie Club 7 Classics Virtual Book Club	7 10 to 4 Friends of the Library Book Sale 11 CyberSquad with WSKG 1 Crochet at GFJ 2 Eye-Catching Magnets*
10 1:30 All About Goodreads* 3 Intro to Word Processing 3:30 GED Prep 5:30 Adult D&D Miniature Painting* 6 The Search for Fort Bull*	11 1 Senior Fitness* 3:30 GED Prep 5:30 Roadmap to Retirement*	12 11 Grow Your Family Tree offsite class 1 GFJ Book Club 3:30 GED Prep 6 Jurassic Bingo Bash 7 GFJ Virtual Book Club	13 5 Classic Movie Club 6 Therapy Dogs 6 Teen Crochet*	14 1 Learn to Make Air-Dry Clay Diffusers 3 Exercises to Stay Active*
17 1:30 Protecting Your Discoveries* 3 Exploring the Digital Landscape 3:30 GED Prep	18 3:30 GED Prep 6 Crochet 102*	19 3:30 GED Prep	20 4 to 7 Little Italy Endicott Farmers Market 5 Classic Movie Club	21 10 to 4 Friends of the Library Book Sale 2 Knowing your Fall Risk*
24 1:30 Clean Out Your Phone* 3 Protecting Your Discoveries 3:30 GED Prep 6 Seed Saving*	25 1 Senior Fitness* 3:30 GED Prep	26 1 GFJ Book Club 3:30 GED Prep 7 GFJ Virtual Book Club	27 5 Classic Movie Club	28 
31 1:30 All About TikTok* 3:30 GED Prep 6 Writing Group*				

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

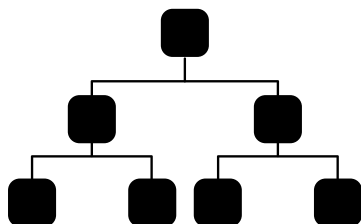
Need a hand with your phone, tablet, or laptop? Stop by during Tech Help Open Hours for friendly, one-on-one assistance with your devices and digital questions. Whether you're setting up email, learning to use new apps, navigating social media, or troubleshooting everyday tech issues, our team is here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



All about Goodreads

Monday, 8/10 at 1:30 pm

Curious about Goodreads? Join us for an overview on the app/website, then learn how to make an account, search for books, track your reading, and more.



Grow Your Family Tree with FREE Resources at the Broome West Senior Center

Wednesday, 8/12 at 11 am

If you have been curious about your family tree but didn't know where to start, this presentation will help you find valuable genealogical information for free! With FamilySearch and the ANCESTRY Library Edition database, users can search U.S. census records, Social Security records, birth and death records, immigration records, military and other vital records for genealogical research



Protecting Your Discoveries: Cybersecurity Basics!

Monday, 8/17 at 1:30 pm

Whether you're using the internet for email, shopping, banking, social media, or everyday research, this class will provide simple, effective strategies to help keep your digital life secure.



Clean Out Your Phone

Monday, 8/24 at 1:30 pm

Have you gone to take a picture or download an app only to find that your phone is full? This class will walk you through some of the steps for making space on your phone. 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 TikTok

Monday, 8/31 at 1:30 pm

Curious about TikTok? Join us for an overview, then learn how to download the app, search for videos, post your own videos, and more.

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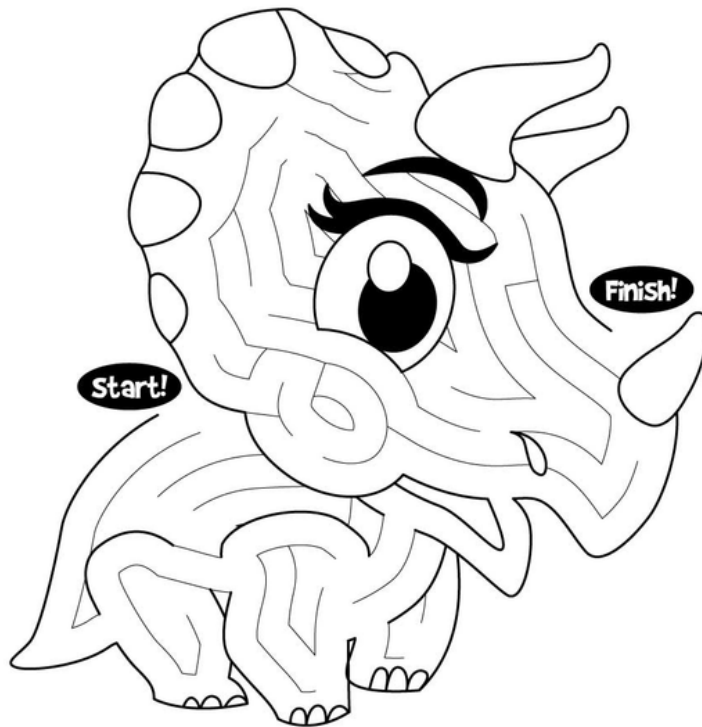
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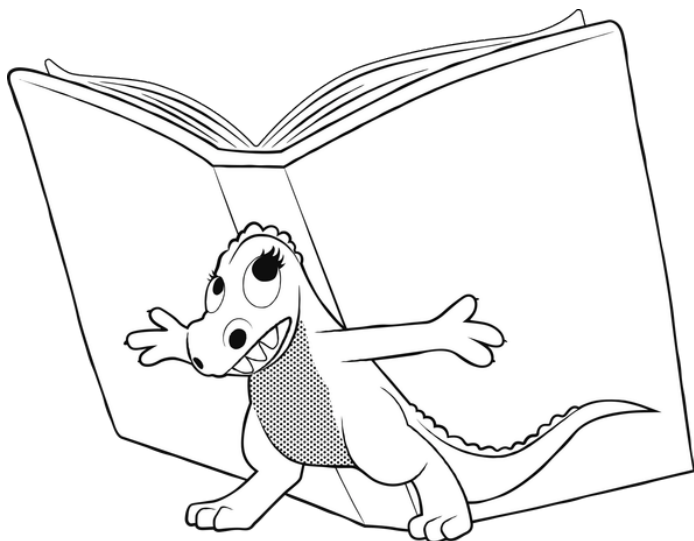
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What does a triceratops sit on?
Its tricera-bottom.

What followed the Mesozoic Age?
The Clean-up-ozoic Age.

What's a dinosaur's curse?
A tyrannosaurus hex.

What followed the dinosaur?
Its tail.

What do you call a sleeping dinosaur?
A stego-snorus.

What should you do to a blue dinosaur?
Cheer it up.

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