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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 am-8 pm

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

Library Board Meeting:

September 16 @ 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, 9/4 from 10 am-4 pm
- Sat, 9/12 from 10 am-2 pm
- Fri, 9/18 from 10 am-4 pm

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UNEARTHING AN INCREDIBLE SUMMER!

Summer 2026 is wrapping up, and while we're still tallying the final numbers, we already know it was an incredible summer at GFJ Library! More than 600 kids and teens participated in our Summer Reading Challenge, reading, completing activities, earning prizes, and joining us for a summer full of fun.

We also welcomed around 2,000 attendees to programs for kids, teens, and families throughout the summer! Our adult readers were busy, too! More than 60 adults participated in the Summer Reading Challenge, reading over 200 books and completing more than 600 activities.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a record-breaking summer! Whether you participated in the Summer Reading Challenge, attended a program, stopped in for an activity, or simply visited and enjoyed the library, we're so glad you spent part of your summer with us.

Summer may be coming to an end, but there's plenty more happening at GFJ Library. We hope to see you throughout the school year; there are many great things to come!

HONORING R. L. STINE'S GOOSEBUMPS

R. L. Stine's Goosebumps series is creeping up on its 35th anniversary! To celebrate, we're featuring fun facts, librarian memories, and more about the series that has brought thrills and chills to generations of readers. When did you first discover Goosebumps? Have you read any of the hundreds of titles, old or new? Do you have a favorite Goosebumps creature or story? Stop by and check out the display... but beware—you're in for a scare!



WHY DO WE CALL IT THAT?

Did you ever wonder why it's called Broome County? The Town of Union? Stella Ireland Road? We'll look at the various place names in and around our county. Everyone is invited to Bill Tomic's presentation on Tuesday, 10/6 at 2 pm sponsored by Your Friends of the Library.

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; **Thursday, 9/3**. We will be discussing *Sense and Sensibility*, by Jane Austen. In October, **Thursday, 10/7**, we will discuss *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson.
- The GFJ Book Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month; on **Wednesday, 9/23**, we'll discuss *Intermezzo* by Sally Rooney.

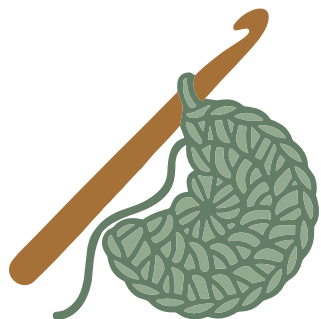


Classic Movie Club - Laughter Is the Best Medicine: Classic films on **Thursdays at 2 pm!**

9/4: Modern Times - **9/11:** Road to Morocco - **9/18:** A Night at the Opera - **9/25:** The Palm Beach Story



American Red Cross Blood Drive: Donate blood at the library on **9/8 from 1:30 to 5:30 pm**. Registration is recommended at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org). Enter **EndicottCommunity** or call **1-800-RED CROSS** to schedule your donation.



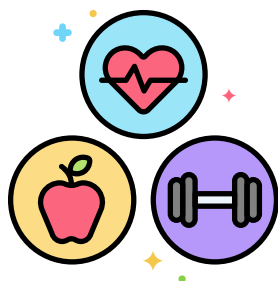
Crochet @ GFJ: Registration is required at gfjlibrary.org/calendar.

- **9/4 at 1 pm - Crochet at GFJ:** Come crochet at GFJ Library!
- **9/15 at 6 pm - Crochet 102:** Join us as we guide you through the start of an intermediate design! This month, we will make amigurumi jellyfish!
- **9/22 at 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!
- **9/23 at 6 pm - Embroidery 101:** Learn how to thread a needle, pick out floss and fabric, master popular stitches, and more. All attendees will be provided with a free embroidery kit.



Birding Series: Registration is required at gfjlibrary.org/calendar.

- **9/12 at 9:15 am - Birding in the Southern Tier:** Learn about resources for birding in the Southern Tier!
- **9/19 at 1 pm - Binocular Tips & Bald Eagles:** Pick up tips for using binoculars, then join a presentation on the Bald Eagle
- **10/1 at 6 pm - Seasons of Birding:** Explore the changing bird species of Broome County throughout the year!



Strength & Stability for Everyday Life: On **Tuesdays, 9/15 and 9/29 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.

GFJ Library Health Fair: Tuesday, 9/22 from 1 to 3 pm - Dozens of local health organizations will be tabling at the library to help patrons make connections and better understand and treat their health needs. Visit gfjlibrary.org/adult to learn who is tabling and for more information about the event.



GFJ Writing Group: Last Monday of the Month (9/28) at 6 pm

GFJ is hosting a monthly writing group to help patrons build confidence and skills!

YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS



Last Call for Summer Reading: There's still a little time left to earn and collect your summer reading prizes! Kids and teens can turn in completed Missions or Dino Dig Summer Reading Logs and earn Read Beads through the end of the day on **Friday, 9/4**. Be sure to stop by and collect your prizes before summer reading officially wraps up!

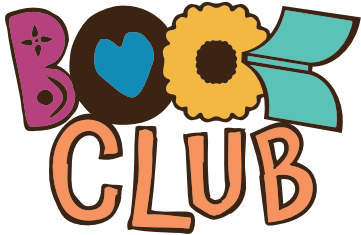


Fall Story Times: This session runs selected weeks from **9/22 through 12/10**. The full schedule is available at gfjlibrary.org/kids. *Registration is required beginning on Tuesday, 9/8. Register by calling or visiting the library or online at the site above.*

- **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!**



Saturday Story Times: Join Miss Erin on the third Saturday of each month, beginning September 19, for a morning of stories, songs, crafts, and fun activities perfect for children ages 3-6 and their grown-ups! Story Time begins at 10:30 AM, and *no registration is required*.



Book Clubs: Each monthly meeting includes 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.

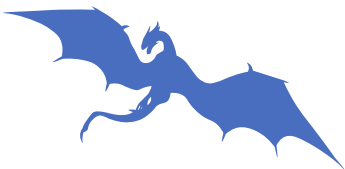
- **GFJ Jr. Readers** (Grades 1-2): First Monday of the month, beginning **10/5**
- **GFJ Middle Readers** (Grades 3-4): Second Monday of the month, beginning **10/19** (due to the holiday on 10/12)
- **GFJ Readers** (Grades 5-6): Fourth Monday of the month, beginning **9/28**
- **Teen Graphic Novel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



Kids Corner at the Little Italy Endicott Farmers Market: We'll be at two more Little Italy Endicott Farmers Markets for Kids Corner this year! Stop by and see us on **9/3 and 9/17 from 4-7 pm** for crafts, games, building activities, and more. We hope to see you there!



Teen Book Box: Our book box subscription will be back! Keep an eye out in September for registration at gfjlibrary.org/teens.



Teen Dungeons & Dragons Mini-Campaign: Join us for another one of our popular D&D 5e one shots on **Saturday, 9/12 @ 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. For ages 12-18; Registration is required at gfjlibrary.org/teens.

Stay tuned for Crafty Kids Club & Teen Anime Club starting in October!

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

*Registration Required

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12 to 4-Broome Tioga Workforce 2-Tech Help 3:30-GED Prep 6-Layers of a Story*	2 3:30-GED Prep	3 1-Classics Book Club 2-Tech Help 2-Classic Movie Club 4 to 7-Little Italy Endicott Farmers Market 7-Classics Virtual Book Club	4 10 to 4-Friends of the Library Book Sale 1-Crochet at GFJ	5 Library Closed
7 Library Closed 	8 1:30 to 5:30-Red Cross Blood Drive 2-Tech Help 3:30-GED Prep	9 11-YouTube Basics offsite class 3:30-GED Prep	10 2-Tech Help 2-Classic Movie Club	11	12 9:15-Birding in the Southern Tier* 10 to 2-Friends of the Library Book Sale 12:30 to 4:30-Teen D&D*
14 12-Fun with Friends 2-Write with Confidence* 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-Beginner English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) 5:30-Adult D&D Miniature Painting*	15 1-Senior Fitness* 2-Tech Help 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-Beginner ESOL 6-Crochet 102*	16 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-Beginner ESOL 6-Library Board Meeting	17 2-Classic Movie Club 3:30-GED Prep 4 to 7-Little Italy Endicott Farmers Market 5:30-Beginner ESOL	18 10 to 4-Friends of the Library Book Sale	19 10:30-Saturday Story Time 1-Binocular Tips & Bald Eagles
21 12-Fun with Friends 2-Organize Your Digital World* 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-Beginner ESOL	22 10 & 11-Toddler Story Time* 1-Health Fair 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-Beginner ESOL 6-Learn to Crochet*	23 10-Mother Goose Story Time* 1-GFJ Book Club 1-Grow Your Family Tree 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-Beginner ESOL 6-Embroidery 101* 7-Virtual Book Club	24 10-Preschool Story Time* 2-Tech Help 2-Classic Movie Club 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-Beginner ESOL	25	26
28 12-Fun with Friends 2-Email Basics* 3:30-GED Prep 5-GFJ Readers* 5:30-Beginner ESOL 6-Writing Group*	29 10 & 11-Toddler Story Time* 1-Senior Fitness* 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-Beginner ESOL 6-Learn to Crochet*	30 10-Mother Goose Story Time* 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-Beginner ESOL			

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 Consultations

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2 to 4 pm and by 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.

YouTube Basics at the Broome West Senior Center

Wednesday, 9/9 at 11 am

Not only can you stream TV shows, movies, sporting events, music and more on YouTube, but you can find video tutorials on millions of topics that can help you learn new skills. This introductory class helps seniors learn how to use YouTube to watch videos, search for topics of interest, and subscribe to their favorite channels. Participants will also explore basic features like adjusting playback settings, leaving comments, and staying safe while browsing online.



Microsoft Word Basics

Monday, 9/14 at 2 pm

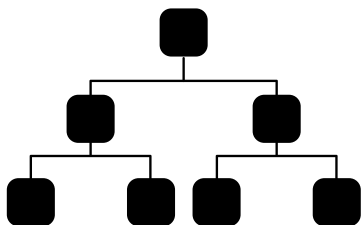
Whether you're creating a resume, writing a letter, or formatting a document, word processing is an essential computer skill. In this beginner-friendly class, you'll learn the basics of Microsoft Word, including creating, saving, editing, and formatting documents. Registration Required.



Files and Folders Basics

Monday, 9/21 at 2 pm

Finding documents shouldn't be a scavenger hunt! In this beginner-friendly class, you'll learn how files and folders work and how to keep your computer organized. Discover how to create folders, save and locate files, rename and move documents, and delete items you no longer need. Registration required.



Grow Your Family Tree with FREE Resources

Wednesday, 9/23 at 1 pm - Virtual: <http://tinyurl.com/GFJTC-class>

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.



Email Basics

Monday, 9/28 at 2 pm

In this beginner-friendly class, you'll learn the basics of using email, including how to create and manage an email account, send and receive messages, attach files and photos, organize your inbox, and recognize common spam and phishing scams.

CURIOSITY CORNER

RL Stine's Goosebumps Books

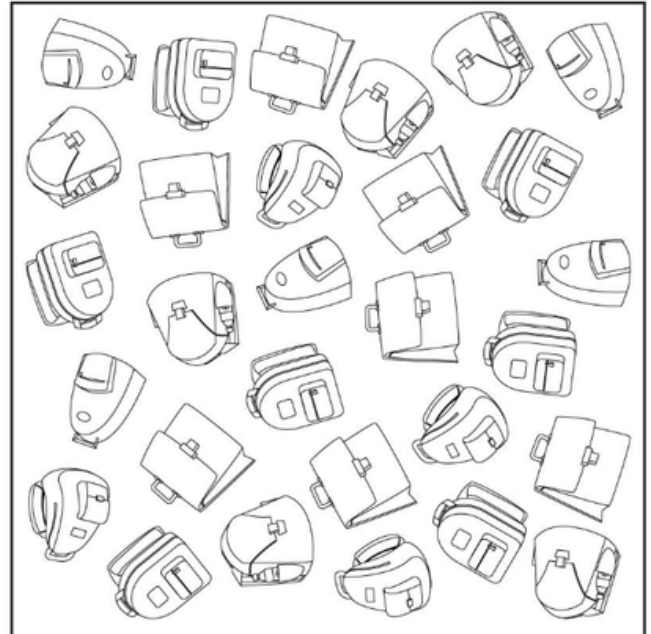
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Camp Jellyjam
Werewolf Skin
Monsterblood
Mummy's Tomb
Horrorland

Haunted Lighthouse
Camp Nightmare
Piano Lessons
Deep Trouble
Shock Street
Dead House
Say Cheese

Chicken Chicken
Vampire Breath
Shrunken Head
Living Dummy
Fever Swamp
Goosebumps

Back to school Easy I-Spy!



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WHO IS R.L. STINE?

Goosebumps cast a spell upon children by transforming even the most reluctant students into avid readers. Despite the fact that almost every book has a different collection of characters, the series has one common element that kids can't get enough of: **THE AUTHOR!**

However believable his plots seem to his readers, Stine insists he has never lived one of his stories. "I've never turned into a bee - I've never been chased by a mummy or met a ghost. But many of the ideas in my books are suggested by real life. For example, one Halloween my son, Matt, put a mask on and then had trouble pulling it off. That gave me the idea for **The Haunted Mask.**"

From: <https://kids.scholastic.com/content/kids64/en/books/goosebumps.html#authors>

WORD JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE CHARACTERS FROM
GOOSEBUMPS 2: HAUNTED HALLOWEEN!

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