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Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 am-8 pm

Friday & Saturday
9 am-5 pm

Library Board Meeting:

October 21 @ 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, 10/2 from 10 am-4 pm
- Sat, 10/10 from 10 am-2 pm
- Fri, 10/16 from 10 am-4 pm

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Carve Out Time for Reading! There are lots of treats in store at GFJ this October! Our Carve Out Time for Reading challenge runs **October 1-30** and is open to all ages. Pick up a game board at any library desk, complete the challenge, and enter our raffle for a chance to win some fun treats! Winners will be drawn on October 31.



All treats, no tricks! Stop by the library anytime on Halloween in your costume and trick-or-treat your way through the library! Visit our different department desks to collect some tasty treats along the way.

Great Give Back: From **October 1-17**, we'll be collecting infant essentials, such as diapers and wipes, for our Hygiene Pantry. Your donations will help us keep these important items available for local families in need. Thank you!

Early Voting & Election Day: All registered voters in Broome County may vote early at GFJ Library on the following dates and times:

- Saturday, 10/24 from 9 am-5 pm
- Sunday, 10/25 from 9 am-5 pm
- Monday, 10/26 from 12-8 pm
- Tuesday, 10/27 from 12-8 pm
- Wednesday, 10/28 from 9 am-5 pm
- Thursday, 10/29 from 9 am-5 pm
- Friday, 10/30 from 9 am-5 pm
- Saturday, 10/31 from 9 am-5 pm
- Sunday, 11/1 from 9 am-5 pm

GFJ Library will also serve as a polling place for Union Election Districts 3 & 4 on **Tuesday, 11/3 from 6 am-9 pm**.

Why do we call it that? Have you ever wondered why it's called Broome County? The Town of Union? Stella Ireland Road? Join us as we explore the stories behind 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.

- GFJ Classics Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month. On **10/1**, we'll discuss *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson, followed by *The Trial* by Franz Kafka on **11/5**.
- GFJ Book Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. On **10/28**, we'll discuss *The Ghostwriter* by Julie Clark.



Classic Movie Club: Enjoy classic films on **Thursdays at 2 pm!**

10/1: A Face in the Crowd | **10/8:** The Best Man | **10/15:** Conflict | **10/22:** Seven Days in May | **10/29:** Crossfire

Scary Movie Night - The Exorcist: Thursday, **10/22 at 6 pm** | Rated R



Steeped in Suspicion: A Crime and Tea Time: Join us on the first Tuesday of each month. On **10/6 at 6 pm** we will look at the Zodiac Killer. *Registration is recommended.*



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

- Seasons of Birding: Explore the changing bird species of Broome County throughout the year on **10/1 at 6 pm**.
- Feeder Birds/Feeding Birds: Learn to identify common feeder visitors and explore the joys and risks of feeding birds on **10/16 at 3 pm**.



Tarot Card Journaling: *Registration is required.*

- Lesson One: **10/8 at 6 pm** - Learn the cards and how to read them.
- Lesson Two: **10/15 at 6 pm** - Learn to use your readings to keep a journal.



Watercolor Creative Session: Learn coloring techniques and brushstrokes with Chris Foxx on 10/10 at 9:30 am as you paint a Halloween-themed picture!



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

- Crochet at GFJ: Bring your crochet project and join us on **10/13 at 6 pm!**
- Crochet 102: Take the next step with an intermediate design on **10/20 at 6 pm**. This month, we'll make jar openers!



Strength & Stability for Everyday Life: Join Serenity Fitness for a gentle movement class designed to help seniors improve balance, mobility, and confidence on **Tuesdays, 10/13 & 10/20 at 1 pm**. *Registration is required.*

Mobile Crisis Outreach Van: Stop by on **10/5 & 10/19 from 11 am-4 pm** for free, walk-in mental health services.



Legendary Creatures of New York with Cryptozoologist Ken Gerhard: Explore accounts of Bigfoot, the Lake Champlain Monster, the Cardiff Giant, the Angola Pigman, and more on **10/17 at 1 pm**. *Registration is recommended.*



Financial Literacy Classes: Registration is recommended.

- Protecting Your Legacy: Estate Planning Essentials for Seniors: **10/14 at 4 pm**
- Road to Retirement: **10/14 at 5:30 pm**



Coffee & Chat: Enjoy free coffee, tea, or water while chatting with library staff and fellow patrons about how the library can better serve you! **Monday, 10/19 at 10:30 am.**

YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS



October Read Beads: Stop by the Children's Room each week **beginning October 1** to find Benny the Bat, complete our Halloween Search & Find, and vote for your favorite Halloween candy. Earn a bead for each activity and use them to make your very own creepy creation!



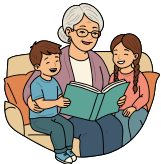
Crafty Kids Club: Spooky season has arrived at Crafty Kids Club! Join us on **October 13 at 4 pm** to celebrate Halloween and autumn with skeletons, spooky stained glass paintings, and more creepy, crafty fun! Stop by anytime; we'll be crafting until 5:30 pm. *No registration is required.*



Saturday Story Time: Pumpkin season is here! Join Miss Erin on **October 17 at 10:30 am** for a festive fall morning as we celebrate all things pumpkins. We'll have lots of fun with stories, songs, crafts, and activities perfect for children ages 3-6 and their grown-ups. *No registration is required.*



Therapy Dogs: Stop by on **Saturdays, October 3, 17 & 31 from 10 am-12 pm** to read to a therapy dog! Reading to our specially trained dogs can help boost kids' reading skills and confidence while also supporting social and emotional skills. *No registration is required.*



Borrow a Grandparent: Visit Grandma Geraldine in the Children's Room! Read a story together, practice writing or sight words, work on puzzles, play games, make crafts, and more on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 3-5 pm**. Stop by and say hello!



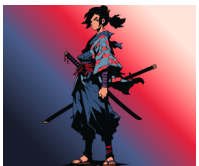
Fall Story Times: Fall Story Times have begun! Find the full schedule and registration information at gfjlibrary.org/kids.

- Mother Goose Story Time: birth-age 2 on **Wednesdays at 10 am**
- Toddler Story Time: ages 2-3 on **Tuesdays at 10 & 11 am**
- Preschool Story Time: ages 3-5 on **Thursdays at 10 am**



Book Clubs: Our book clubs are beginning for the school year!

- GFJ Jr. Readers Book Club (grades 1-2): next meeting **October 5**
- GFJ Middle Readers Book Club (grades 3-4): next meeting **October 19**
- GFJ Readers Book Club (grades 5-6): next meeting **October 26**
- Teen Graphic Novel Book Club (grades 7-12): next meeting **October 15**



Teen Anime Club: Do you love anime? Or have you always wanted to see what it's all about? Stop by after school **every Thursday starting in October at 3:30 pm** to watch anime and enjoy delicious themed snacks in the Teen Room! *No registration is required.* For teens in grades 6-12.

SUBSCRIBE

Teen Book Box: Subscribe to our monthly Teen Book Boxes from **October through May!** Beginning on the first of each month, pick up a book box personally tailored to you. Our YA librarian will handpick two library books she thinks you'll love based on your feedback and include a variety of themed swag for you to keep. Register at gfjlibrary.org/teens.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

*Registration Required

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10 -Preschool Story Time* 1 -Classics Book Club 2 -Tech Help 2 -Classic Movie Club 3 -Borrow a Grandparent 3:30 -Teen Anime Club 5:30 -ESOL Class 6 -Seasons of Birding* 7 -Classics Virtual Book Club	2 10 to 4 -Friends of the Library Book Sale	3 10 to 12 -Read with the Therapy Dogs 3:30 -Phantom Visions Paranormal
5 11 -Mobile Crisis Outreach Van 12 -Fun with Friends 2 -Selling on eBay* 3:30 -GED Prep 5 -Jr. Readers Book Club* 5:30 -ESOL Class	6 10 & 11 -Toddler Story Time* 12 -Broome Tioga Workforce 2 -Tech Help 3 -Borrow a Grandparent 3:30 -GED Prep 5:30 -ESOL Class 6 -Steeped in Suspicion*	7 10 -Mother Goose Story Time* 3 -Borrow a Grandparent 3:30 -GED Prep 5:30 -ESOL Class	8 10 -Preschool Story Time* 2 -Tech Help 2 -Classic Movie Club 3 -Borrow a Grandparent 3:30 -Teen Anime Club 5:30 -ESOL Class 6:30 -Tarot Card Journaling*	9	10 9:30 -Watercolor Creative Session* 10 to 2 -Friends of the Library Book Sale
12 2 -Buying a Computer* 3:30 -GED Prep 5:30 -ESOL Class	13 10 & 11 -Toddler Story Time* 1 -Senior Fitness* 2 -Tech Help 3 -Borrow a Grandparent 3:30 -GED Prep 4 -Crafty Kids Club 5:30 -ESOL Class 6:30 -Crochet @ GFJ*	14 10 -Mother Goose Story Time* 3 -Borrow a Grandparent 3:30 -GED Prep 5:30 -ESOL Class 5:30 -Roadmap to Retirement*	15 10 -Preschool Story Time* 2 -Tech Help 2 -Classic Movie Club 3 -Borrow a Grandparent 3:30 -Teen Anime Club 5 -Teen Graphic Novel Club* 5:30 -ESOL Class 6:30 -Tarot Card Journaling*	16 10 to 4 -Friends of the Library Book Sale 3 -Birding Series*	17 10 to 12 -Read with the Therapy Dogs 10:30 -Saturday Story Time: Pumpkins! 1 -Legendary Creatures of New York*
19 11 -Mobile Crisis Outreach Van 12 -Fun with Friends 2 -Cybersecurity* 3:30 -GED Prep 5 -Middle Readers Book Club* 5:30 -ESOL Class	20 10 & 11 -Toddler Story Time* 1 -Senior Fitness* 2 -Tech Help 3 -Borrow a Grandparent 3:30 -GED Prep 5:30 -ESOL Class 6 -Crochet 102* 6 -Herbal Preparations*	21 10 -Mother Goose Story Time* 3 -Borrow a Grandparent 3:30 -GED Prep 5:30 -ESOL Class 6 -Library Board Meeting	22 10 -Preschool Story Time* 2 -Tech Help 2 -Classic Movie Club 3 -Borrow a Grandparent 3:30 -Teen Anime Club 5:30 -ESOL Class 6:30 -Scary Movie Night	23	24 Early Voting 9am-5pm
26 2 -AI Basics* 3:30 -GED Prep 5 -GFJ Readers* 5:30 -ESOL Class 6:30 -Writing Group* Early Voting 12-8pm	27 2 -Tech Help 3 -Borrow a Grandparent 3:30 -GED Prep 5:30 -ESOL Class Early Voting 12-8pm	28 1 -GFJ Book Club 3 -Borrow a Grandparent 3:30 -GED Prep 5:30 -ESOL Class 7 -Virtual Book Club Early Voting 9am-5pm	29 2 -Tech Help 2 -Classic Movie Club 3 -Borrow a Grandparent 3:30 -Teen Anime Club 5:30 -ESOL Class Early Voting 9am-5pm	30 Early Voting 9am-5pm	31 9 to 5 -Trick-or-Treat! 10 to 12 -Read with the Therapy Dogs Early Voting 9am-5pm

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 2-4 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. Schedules may change; please register to guarantee assistance.



Selling on eBay

Monday, 10/5 at 2 pm

Ready to turn unwanted items into extra cash? This beginner-friendly class will introduce you to the basics of selling items on eBay and help you get started.



Explore Google Earth at Broome West Senior Center

Wednesday, 10/14 at 11 am

Explore the world without leaving your seat! Learn how to use Google Earth to visit locations around the globe, view satellite and aerial imagery, explore streets and landmarks, and even see how places have changed over time. Individual tech assistance will be available after the presentation.



Cybersecurity

Monday, 10/19 at 2 pm

Stay safer online with this beginner-friendly introduction to cybersecurity. Learn how to recognize common scams, phishing attempts, suspicious emails, and other online threats, along with simple steps you can take to better protect yourself online.



AI Basics

Monday, 10/26 at 2 pm

Curious about artificial intelligence and how it can be used in everyday life? This beginner-friendly class introduces the basics of AI, explores some common AI tools, and demonstrates ways they can help with everyday tasks.

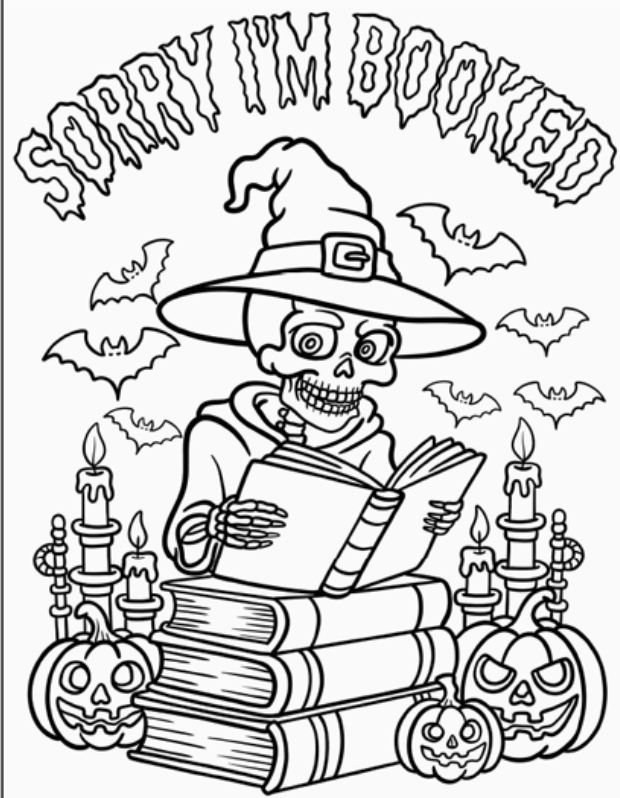
YouTube Basics - Virtual

Wednesday, 10/28 at 1 pm | Virtual: tinyurl.com/GFJTC-class

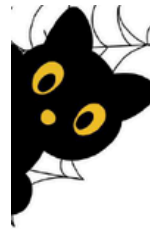
YouTube offers much more than entertainment! This introductory class will show you how to search for videos and topics that interest you, subscribe to your favorite channels, and use basic playback features. We'll also discuss how to browse and use YouTube safely.



CURIOSITY CORNER



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Halloween Word Search

Circle words in the puzzle below

C	O	S	T	U	M	E	S	J
Z	L	H	O	W	L	B	P	C
P	D	A	A	E	U	E	I	A
I	U	S	W	B	E	A	D	N
T	O	M	B	Y	D	S	E	D
R	O	V	P	U	M	T	R	Y
E	Z	O	H	K	H	O	W	L
A	U	B	O	O	I	T	R	D
T	R	I	C	K	S	N	Y	W

trick
treat
pumpkin

candy
costume
claw

boo
howl
tomb

spider
web
beast

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TRICKS & TREATS FROM THE PAST



Join us this year on 10/31 to trick-or-treat at the library!

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