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Library Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9 am-8 pm

Friday & Saturday
9 am-5 pm

Library Board Meeting:
November 18 @ 6 pm

Happy Thanksgiving!

- Closing @ 5pm on Wednesday, 11/25
- Closed on Thursday, 11/26



Friends of the Library Book Sales

- Fri, 11/6 from 10 am-4 pm
- Sat, 11/14 from 10 am-2 pm
- Fri, 11/20 from 10 am-4 pm

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Meet Holli, Our 2026-2027 Social Work Intern: Hi! My name is Holli, and I'm the Social Work Intern here at GFJ! I'm a first-year Master of Social Work student at Binghamton University.

Patrons can schedule one-on-one appointments with me for help with a variety of needs, including finding local food and clothing banks, completing applications, searching for jobs, and connecting with community resources.

I also host Coffee & Chat, where patrons can stop by for free refreshments and conversation with library staff and one another. It's been a great way for me to meet members of the community, learn what they're looking for from the library, and hear what they've been enjoying!

I'm also planning an upcoming information session about B.C. Transit. We'll talk about how the local bus system works, how to navigate its routes, and where it can take you.

I've loved my time at GFJ so far, and I can't wait to see what's next!

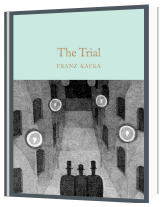
Coffee & Chat: Stop by on **Mondays, 11/2, 11/16 & 11/30 @ 10:30am** for free coffee, tea, or water and enjoy a casual conversation with library staff and other patrons! Share your thoughts, get to know your neighbors, and tell us how the library can better serve you.

Local Bus Route Information Session: Confused by B.C. Transit's bus routes? Join Holli on Monday, 11/9 @ 10:30am, for an information session about how the local bus system works, how to navigate its routes, and where it can take you.

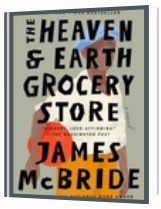
One-on-One Social Work Appointments: Need help finding community resources, searching for a job, or completing applications? Schedule a free one-on-one appointment with Holli! Contact the library to make an appointment or visit our online appointment scheduler.

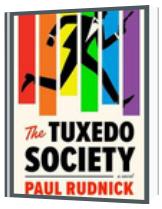
Vote at GFJ: We've been thrilled to see such a fantastic turnout for early voting at GFJ! The last day of early voting for Broome County voters is Sunday, 11/1, from 9am–5pm. We'll also be a polling place for Union Districts 3 & 4 on Tuesday, 11/3, from 6am–9pm.

ADULT HIGHLIGHTS

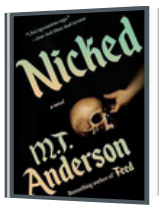












Adult Book Clubs: Join our meetings in person at 1pm or virtually at 7pm.

- GFJ Classics Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month. On **11/5**, we'll discuss *The Trial* by Franz Kafka, followed by *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut on **12/3**.
- GFJ Book Club will have its Annual Potluck Luncheon on **12/5 at 1pm.**

Check out the Adult Book Club line up for 2027!

- **1/27** - *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride
- **2/24** - *The Mothers* by Brit Bennett
- **3/24** - *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- **4/28** - *Raising Hare* by Chloe Dalton
- **5/26** - *Lady Tremaine* by Rachel Hochhauser
- **6/23** - *The Tuxedo Society* by Paul Rudnick
- **7/14** - *Five Little Pigs* by Agatha Christie
- **7/28** - *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict
- **8/11** - *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
- **8/25** - *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson
- **9/22** - *Three Days in June* by Anne Tyler
- **10/13** - *A Death in Door County* by Annelise Ryan
- **10/28** - *Suffer a Witch* by Joy McCullough
- **12/1** - *Nicked & Stealing Saint Nick* by M. T. Anderson

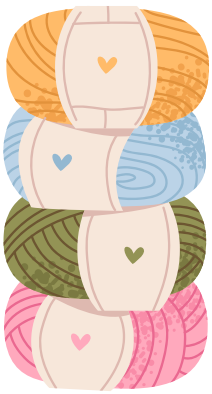


Classic Movie Club: Enjoy classic films on **Thursdays at 2pm!**

- **11/5:** The Whistler / The Power of the Whistler
- **11/12:** Between Two Worlds
- **11/19:** The Maltese Falcon



Blood Drive at GFJ Library: Join the American Red Cross at the George F. Johnson Memorial Library for a blood drive on **Friday, 11/27 from 1 to 5pm.** New donors are welcome! Schedule your appointment at RedCrossBlood.org using sponsor code EndicottCommunity or call 1-800-RED CROSS.



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

- **Crochet at GFJ:** Bring your crochet project and join us on **11/10 at 6:30pm**!
- **Crochet 102:** Take the next step with an intermediate design on **11/17 at 6pm**. This month, we'll be crocheting a cute amigurumi bear!
- **Learn to Crochet:** Are you interested in crochet but don't know where to start? Attend our class for absolute beginners on **11/24 at 6pm.**

Mixed Media Hearts for Hospice: **On Wednesday, 11/11 at 5:30pm** you can create a Heart for Hospice with the B. C. Stitchers! Participants will stitch a mixed-media heart using paper/fabric, thread, and various embellishments, then donate it to Mercy House of the Southern Tier. Every participant will receive a free embroidery kit! *Registration is required at gfjlibrary.org/calendar.*



Strength & Stability for Everyday Life: Join Serenity Fitness for a gentle movement class designed to help seniors improve balance, mobility, and confidence on **Tuesdays, 11/10 & 11/24 at 1pm**. *Registration is required.*



Mobile Crisis Outreach Van: Stop by on **11/2, & 11/30 from 11am-2pm** and **11/16 from 5pm-7pm** for free, walk-in mental health services.

YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS



GFJ's Gratitude Quilt: Watch our gratitude "quilt" grow outside the children's room this month! Grab a piece of construction paper and use our art supplies to draw or write something you're thankful for. Your square will be added to our community quilt of thankfulness on our windows!
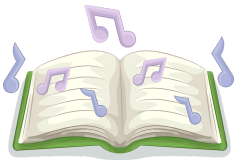


Move & Groove with Johnny Only! Get ready to sing, dance, and have a blast with Johnny Only on **Friday, 11/6 @ 10:30am**. This interactive musical show is packed with silly songs, dancing, bubbles, and plenty of fun for little ones. Plus, kids will even get to meet a live bunny! *No registration is required.*



Crafty Kids Club: A Slice of Fall! Fall fun is in full swing at Crafty Kids Club! Join us on **11/10 @ 4pm** to celebrate autumn and Thanksgiving with a sweet slice of pie-inspired creativity and an acorn and clay village! We'll be crafting until 5:30pm and *no registration is required.*



Fall Into Science: Family Event! Join us on **11/14 from 10am-12pm** for an exciting hands-on STEM event with our friends at Binghamton University where curiosity comes to life. Families will explore the science of invisible ink, create birdhouses to help feed local birds, and discover the surprising power hidden inside everyday vegetables. *No registration is required.*



Saturday Story Time: Music! Let's make music on **11/21 @ 10:30am**! Join us for a musical morning filled with stories, songs, and lots of hands-on fun! We'll sing, dance, play instruments, and even make our own musical creations to take home. Perfect for children ages 3–6 and their grown-ups. No registration required.



Teen Dungeons and Dragons: Join our three amazing Dungeon Masters for a 5e one shot on **Saturday, 11/28 from 12:30-4:30pm**! Whether you're brand new or you've been playing for years, you're sure to feel welcome at our table! *Register at gfjlibrary.org/teens.*



Teen Anime Club: Stop by after school **every Thursday at 3:30pm** to watch anime and enjoy delicious snacks in the Teen Room! *No registration is required*. For teens in grades 6–12.



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 3-5pm. Stop by and say hello!



Therapy Dogs: Stop by on **Saturday, 11/14 from 10am-12pm** 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.*

Looking for Story Times, Book Clubs, or Teen Book Boxes?
Visit gfjlibrary.org/kids or gfjlibrary.org/teens for info!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

*Registration Required

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:30-Coffee & Chat 11-MHAST Mobile Outreach 2-Excel Basics* 3:30-GED Prep 5-Jr. Readers Book Club* 5:30-ESOL Class	**3** 2-Tech Help 3-Borrow a Grandparent 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-ESOL Class 6-Steeped in Suspicion* **General Election 6am-9pm**	**4** 3-Borrow a Grandparent 3:30-GED Prep 4-Managing Your Financial Affairs 5:30-ESOL Class 6-Strings & Keys	**5** 1-Classics Book Club 2-Tech Help 2-Classic Movie Club 3-Borrow a Grandparent 3:30-Teen Anime Club 5:30-ESOL Class 7-Classics Virtual Book Club	**6** 10 to 4-Friends of the Library Book Sale 10:30-Move & Groove with Johnny Only!	**7** 2-Author Talk with Local Author Mike D. Burke
9 12-Fun with Friends 2-Canva Basics* 3:30-GED Prep 5-Middle Readers Book Club* 5:30-ESOL Class	**10** 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	**11** 10-Mother Goose Story Time* 3-Borrow a Grandparent 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-ESOL Class 5:30-Mixed Media Hearts for Hospice* 	**12** 10-Preschool Story Time* 2-Tech Help 2-Classic Movie Club 3-Borrow a Grandparent 3:30-Teen Anime Club 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-ESOL Class	**13**	**14** 10-Family STEM Event 10 to 12-Read with the Therapy Dogs 10 to 2-Friends of the Library Book Sale
16 10:30-Coffee & Chat 12-Fun with Friends 3:30-GED Prep 5-MHAST Mobile Outreach 5:30-ESOL Class	**17** 10 & 11-Toddler Story Time* 2-Tech Help 3-Borrow a Grandparent 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-ESOL Class 6:30-Crochet 102*	**18** 10-Mother Goose Story Time* 3-Borrow a Grandparent 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-ESOL Class 6-Library Board Meeting	**19** 10-Preschool Story Time* 2-Tech Help 2-Classic Movie Club 3-Borrow a Grandparent 3:30-Teen Anime Club 3:30-GED Prep 5-Teen Graphic Novel Club* 5:30-ESOL Class	**20** 10 to 4-Friends of the Library Book Sale	**21** 10:30-Saturday Story Time: Music!
23 12-Fun with Friends 2-Appetite for Apps* 3:30-GED Prep 5-GFJ Readers Book Club* 5:30-ESOL Class	**24** 1-Senior Fitness* 2-Tech Help 3-Borrow a Grandparent 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-ESOL Class 6-Learn to Crochet*	**25** 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-ESOL Class **Library closing @ 5**	**26** **Library Closed**	**27** 1:30 to 5:30-Red Cross Blood Drive	**28** 12:30-Teen D&D*
30 10:30-Coffee & Chat 12-MHAST Mobile Outreach 2-Travel Apps* 3:30-GED Prep 5:30-ESOL Class 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 Consultations

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2-4pm 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.



Excel Basics

Monday, 11/2 at 2pm

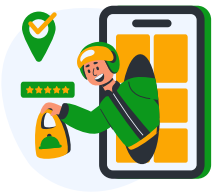
This beginner-friendly class introduces the basics of Microsoft Excel, including navigating a spreadsheet, entering and organizing information, formatting cells, creating simple formulas, and working with rows and columns. *Registration required.*



Canva Basics

Monday, 11/9 at 2pm

In this beginner-friendly class, learn how to navigate Canva, choose and customize templates, add text and images, and create simple flyers, social media graphics, invitations, and more. *Registration required.*



Food Apps

Monday, 11/23 at 2pm

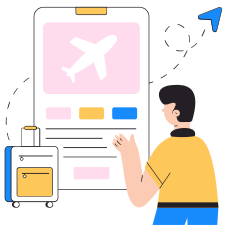
Hungry for an easier way to plan, order, and prepare meals? Learn how food and meal delivery apps can make mealtime more convenient. *Registration required.*



Clean Up and Declutter Your Computer and Smartphone

Wednesday, 11/11 at 1pm | Virtual: tinyurl.com/GFJTC-class

A cluttered computer or phone is not only difficult to navigate, but it can cause stress, especially when it fills up storage and slows your device down! Learn some easy ways to clean out and reorganize your devices to make them run more smoothly and efficiently. *No registration required.*



Travel Apps

Monday, 11/30 at 2pm

Learn about helpful apps for planning trips, booking accommodations, navigating unfamiliar places, and making travel easier. *Registration required.*

CURIOUSITY CORNER



Did you know?

In 1939, Americans celebrated Thanksgiving on two different days? President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week to boost holiday shopping, but the decision caused such an uproar that some states refused to change their calendars, leading to the nickname "**Franksgiving!**" In 1941, Congress settled the controversy by officially establishing Thanksgiving as the fourth Thursday in November.





President Franklin Delano Roosevelt & George F. Johnson.
This picture was taken around 1935.