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Summer Newsletter 2024

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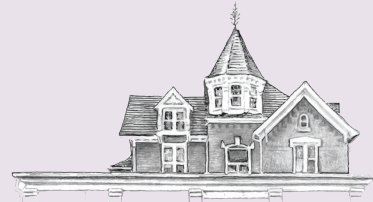
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Do you know what we offer?

Materials for Checkout*

- Books
- Graphic novels & comics
- Audiobooks - books on CD, Playaways
- Read Aloud Books - Book & CD kits, Wonderbooks
- Launchpad tablets
- Music
- Magazines
- DVDs
- Games
- Paintings
- Memory kits
- STEM kits
- Sewing/knitting/crochet materials
- Bike pump & lock
- Museum passes

Other Services*

- Meeting rooms
- Printing, copying, faxing, scanning
- Tech help & classes
- Notary services
- Puzzle & coloring tables
- Online databases



*Check with each library for availability.

Summer Independent Activities

GFJ Library in Endicott

Take & Make Crafts: Make Olympic rings, a fuzzy monster, or a compass paracord bracelet! We'll have craft kits all summer long for kids, teens, and adults. Stop by to pick one up.

Animal of the Month: Kids, teens, and adults can learn about a new animal each month. Write a fact about the animal and enter to win that month's stuffed animal!

Read Beads: Kids and teens can create their own bracelet, necklace, or keychain by earning read beads all summer long! Get beads for attending programs, participating in independent activities, and completing missions.

Children's Room

If You Take a Mouse on an Adventure: Mouse is having a different adventure in the Children's Room each week. Find him to earn a read bead!

Adventures in Voting & Guessing: Where would you want to go on an adventure? Can you guess how many items are in the jar? Stop by the Children's Room each week, and cast your vote or count 'em up to earn a read bead!

Teen Area

Choose Your Own D&D Adventure: Vote each week to create a community D&D character and complete an adventure with them! Will the choices you make lead you to fame and success or a more unfortunate fate?

Caption That Picture: We'll have a rotating display of pictures in the teen area throughout the summer. Caption one of the pictures each week!

I Spy an Adventure: Kids and teens can search through the biomes in our I Spy display case to find a different item each week. Tell us where you found it and earn a read bead!

Puzzles & Crafts in the Adult Area: Complete a puzzle, unleash your creativity with coloring pages, or craft your own journal using recycled magazine pages.

Name that Musical: Guess the musicals using the clues provided. Get it right to be entered into a raffle for two free tickets to a Broadway in Binghamton 2024–25 show at the Broome County Forum Theater!



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YHPL in Johnson City

Spice of the Month: Pick up a small sample of a spice along with a flyer that includes history and recipes.

June: Sesame Seeds
July: Cilantro
August: Anise

Adult Take & Make: Pick up a craft kit that includes instructions and all the supplies you need.

June: DIY duct tape bag
July: Citrus sugar scrub
August: Paper Weaving Hot Air Balloons

Teen Take and Make: Pick up supplies and instructions for a fun craft to complete at home.

July: Decorate Your Own Scrapbook
August: Wooden Disc Painting

Summer STEM Kits: Stop by YHPL for a STEM Kit for children ages 7–12. A new kit will be available in July and August.

JC Parks Scavenger Hunt: Explore the Village of Johnson City Parks and complete our Scavenger Hunt. Available at the circulation desk starting July 8th.

Summer Programs @ GFJ Library in Endicott

The adventure begins on Monday, 6/17! Everyone can join in our summer reading challenge by picking up a Reading Road Map at the library or online at gfjlibraryny09.readsquared.com. Registration for our programs also starts on 6/17. To register and for more information, call or visit the library or gfjlibrary.org/summerreading.

Kids

Story Times: Children and their caregivers can join us every week from 7/8-8/9!

Mother Goose: Wednesdays @ 10 or 11am for children ages birth-2. *Registration recommended.*

GWJ Park: Tuesdays @ 10am for children ages 2-5 under the pavilion on Oak Hill Ave. *No registration required.*

Highland Park: Thursdays @ 10am for children ages 2-5 under the pavilion on Hooper Rd. *No registration required.*

Family Fun Fridays: Fridays @ 11am are intended for children ages 6 and under with their caregivers. *No registration required.*

7/12: Nature Cat with WSKG

7/19: Fiddling Around with Books

7/26: Baby Animals with Farmer Jen from Edwards Petting Farm

8/2: Musical Playdate with Johnny Only

8/9: Adventure Story Time

Adventures for 1st-3rd Graders: Kids entering grades 1-3 can join in the fun on Thursdays from 2-3pm with books, games & activities! *Registration is required for each week.*

7/11: Adventures in Jurassic Times

7/18: Adventures with Flashlights

7/25: Adventures with Pirates

8/1: Adventures in a Fairy Tale Castle

8/8: Adventures with Wind

Tween Workshops: These Tuesday workshops for kids entering grades 4-6 will last from 2-3pm and will include a variety of activities. *Registration is required for each week.*

7/9: Design a Dragon

7/16: Air Rockets with Kopernik Observatory

7/23: Painting Workshop

7/30: Lego Stories

8/6: Game Quest

Kids' Street Art: Wednesday, 7/10 from 6-7:30pm for kids entering grades 1-6 - Artist Eric Maruscak will help us draw our own adventures in front of the library. *Registration is required and space is limited!*

Families

Animal Fun with Edwards Petting Farm: Wednesday, 7/17 @ 6pm - Farmer Jen is coming to the library with some of her adorable animals! *No registration required.*

Kopernik Portable Planetarium: Saturday, 7/20 - Learn about the summer night sky in Kopernik Observatory's Portable Planetarium! Shows at 5 & 5:30pm for Preschool-1st grade. Shows at 6, 6:30, 7 & 7:30 for grades 2-6. *Adults must attend with children and registration is required.*

Adventures in Juggling with Will Stafford: Wednesday, 7/31 @ 6pm - Watch a performance by juggler, Will Stafford, and be amazed by what he can juggle! *No registration required.*

Chalk Art Extravaganza: Wednesday, 8/7 from 6-7:30pm - Artist Eric Maruscak will help your whole family create fantastic street art on the concourse in front of the library. *No registration required.*

Family Adventure Nights: Thursday evenings are for fun! Families can read, create, and play together from 6-7:30pm. *No registration is required.*

7/11: Read to the Therapy Dogs - Choose a story and read to one of the therapy dogs in the Children's Room!

7/18: Family Fun Night - Bring the whole family for a night of trivia, games, challenges, and fun!

7/25: Read to the Therapy Dogs

8/1: Lego Adventure Night - Work together using our Legos and your imaginations to build a fantastic creation!

8/8: Read to the Therapy Dogs

8/15: Family Game Night - Have a blast playing our board games!

Teens (Entering Grades 7-12)

Teen Book Club: We'll meet and discuss four young adult books in a variety of genres. The books will be provided for participants to read and keep. Meetings are on Wednesdays, 7/10, 7/17, 7/31 & 8/7 @ 3:30pm. *Registration is required and attendance at all four meetings is encouraged.*

Teen Book Boxes: Register for a two-month book box subscription to pick up during the beginning of July and August! Fill out a reading interest form, and our YA librarian will hand-pick two library books for you to borrow. Your box will also be filled with themed swag to keep! Register at gfjlibrary.org/teenpage starting on 6/3.

Teen Street Art: Wednesday, 7/24 @ 6pm - Learn how to create and scale your own drawings using chalk on the library's concourse with artist Eric Maruscak. *Registration is required.*

Mario Kart Tournament: Friday, 7/19 @ 2pm - Battle your friends to be crowned champion in our Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Tournament! *Registration is required.*

Boba Paint and Sip: Friday, 8/2 @ 2pm - Emily Kniffen from Artistry by Emily will lead you in painting one of two fun designs while you enjoy your boba tea. *Registration is required, which will include your boba order!*

Adults

Audiobook Walkathon at Vestal's Rail Trail: 6/29 from 12-4pm - Join us under the gazebo near the east end of the Vestal Rail Trail (by HomeGoods). Walk at a comfortable pace while enjoying an audiobook of your choosing. We'll provide audiobooks for borrowing, along with details on how to borrow audiobooks through digital platforms. *Please register at our booth on the day of the event!*

Dinner and a Book: 7/1 @ 6pm - Share the books you have recently read or will read this summer with others. Food will be provided. *Registration is required.*

CCE Foraging Workshop: 7/8 @ 6pm - Discover the fundamentals of forest foraging and learn about seasonal mushrooms with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

CCE Composting Critters: 7/15 @ 6pm - Explore the wonders of turning food scraps into rich, nutrient rich soil while reducing waste!

CCE Vermicomposting: 7/22 @ 6pm - Discover the incredible role worms play in recycling waste and learn how to establish and maintain a vermiculture system.

Summer Crafting: 7/24 @ 2:30 & 5:30pm - Engage in our exciting craft activities featuring sand! Remember to dress accordingly for the occasion. *Registration is required.*

Mystery Night After Hours: 7/26 @ 6pm - Mystery and murder looms at a Masquerade ball. Will you find yourself cast as the culprit? Character roles will be assigned upon arrival. *Registration is required.*

Trivia Night: 7/29 @ 6pm - Questions will span various categories and topics. Each participant on the winning team will win a gift card!

Mocktail and Paint: 8/5 @ 6pm - Emily Kniffen from Artistry by Emily will guide you through the creation of a stunning landscape painting on canvas, all while enjoying themed mocktails. *Registration is required.*

Phantom Visions Paranormal Presentation: 8/13 @ 6pm - Phantom Visions Paranormal returns to the library as they share insights into their methods for conducting paranormal investigations followed by a Q&A and ghost hunting equipment demo.

GFJ Adult Book Club: Join us on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 1pm for in-person discussions or at 7pm via Zoom for virtual discussion. *Register to get notifications and access to the meeting's Zoom link.*

6/26: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

7/24: Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

8/28: Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

I'd Rather Read YA Book Club: Our virtual book club is a welcoming space for adults and teens to connect over their love of YA books on the last Wednesday of each month @ 6pm. *Register to get notifications and access to the meeting's Zoom link.*

6/26: The Long Run by James Acker
7/31: The Chandler Legacies by Abdi Nazemian
8/28: Sitting in St. James by Rita Williams-Garcia

Tech Center: Check out our summer classes on travel, AI, and our financial classes in conjunction with Visions Federal Credit Union. Check the Tech Center Newsletter at gfjlibrary.org/tc for dates and times of courses and individual tech help.

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Summer Programs @ YHPL in Johnson City

Register for our programs by calling, emailing, messaging, or visiting the library.

Kids

Starting 6/24, kids (ages 3-10) can register for our Summer Reading Program. Earn prizes for time spent reading. All reading logs are due by 8/16.

Preschool Story Times: Tuesdays, 7/9-8/13, CFJ Park @ 10am & at the library at 1:00pm. Children ages 3-5 and caregivers are invited to join us for books, rhymes, crafts, and more. *No registration needed.*

PBS Kids Program: Tuesday, 7/2 @ 10:30 am - Grab your friends and family and explore the world of learning through play! We will watch a clip from a PBS Kids show followed by some hands on activities for everyone! *No registration needed.*

Dungeons & Dragons Adventure: Mondays, 7/8-7/29 @ 5pm, ages 8-12. All supplies are provided. No previous experience required - our Dungeon Master was introduced to Dungeons and Dragons at age 9, and is excited to teach you the fun of role-playing! *Registration required.*

Rock Painting: Thursday, 7/18, on the library porch. Paint a rock for yourself and one for our library snake! We'll be putting the snake out in the garden for all to see. Choose one of three times: 1-1:20, 1:30-1:50, or 2-2:20 p.m. *Registration required; specify which session you prefer.*

Constellation in a Jar: Thursday, 8/15, on the library porch. Create a constellation in a jar using string lights, black construction paper, and a jar. Choose one of three times: 1-1:20, 1:30-1:50, or 2-2:20 p.m. *Registration required; specify which session you prefer.*

Adventure Theme Weeks: Stop by the library any time during the week for scavenger hunts, a craft, and other activities. *No registration needed.*

7/14: Jurassic Park
7/28: Treasure Hunt
8/11: Outer Space



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Teens

Starting 6/24, teens (ages 11-16) can register for our Summer Reading Program. Earn prizes for time spent reading. Teens can enter for prize drawings for Barnes & Noble Gift cards or pre-paid Visa cards. All reading logs are due by 8/16.

Make a Memory Board: Thursday, 8/1 @ 1:00 pm, on the library porch. Create a board to display pictures, notes, or other memorabilia. *Registration required.*

I'd Rather Read YA Book Club: Wednesdays, 7/31 & 8/28 @ 6pm - Join our virtual YA book discussion group. Open to ages 15+ (yes, adults too!). Email jc.jessica@4cls.org to get the Zoom link.

7/31: The Chandler Legacies by Abdi Nazemian
8/28: A Sitting in St. James by Rita Williams-Garcia

Families

The Reptile Den: Thursday, 7/11 @ 1:00 pm in our upstairs room. Get up close and personal with a variety of live reptiles and amphibians. *Registration required.*

The Party Brush Painting Program: Wednesdays, 7/10 and 8/7 @ 5pm - Create your own painting with instructor Stacey Burke. Adults and teens can complete this on their own; younger children will need adult assistance. *Registration required & space is limited.*

Puzzle Race: Saturday, 7/27, 10:00 am-12:00 pm-Teams of 3-5 people will race each other to see who can put together a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle the fastest. *Registration required & space is limited.*

Board Game Night: Every Thursday from 4-7pm. Come play your favorite games or learn new ones.

Chess Club: Practice, learn, and play chess with others from 11am-2pm on Saturdays 6/22, 7/13, 8/3 & 8/24!



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Adults

From 6/24-8/16, adults can sign up at the circulation desk or via the ReadSquared online platform at <http://yhplny11.readsquared.com>. For each five books they read, participants are entered into a drawing for a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card. The drawing will be held on 8/16.

Escape Room: 7/1-7/5 or 8/5-8/10 - Kick off summer with an escape room: solve a series of puzzles to open locks and track down hidden treasure! *Registration is required.*

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