

Your Home Public Library
107 Main Street
Johnson City, NY 13790



TOWN OF UNION LIBRARIES

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2022



Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 8 pm

Friday & Saturday 9 am - 5 pm

Closed Saturdays June 25 - September 3

**1001 Park Street
Endicott, NY 13760**

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Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 7 pm

Friday 9 am - 5 pm

Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

**107 Main Street
Johnson City, NY 13790**

(607) 797-4816
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Director: Ben Lainhart

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Summer Reading @ GFJ Library in Endicott



Summer reading registration begins on Wednesday, June 22!
Visit gfjlibraryny09.readsquared.com for online reading clubs & activities.
Stop in or visit gfjlibrary.org for program registration.
All of our programs are free!

Reading Club

Children birth through grade six can register in person to receive a paper reading log or participate virtually by going to the READsquared address above. Those who complete the program will receive a free book and be entered in raffles for gift certificates. The more you read, the greater your chances of winning!



Reading Club

Teens entering grades 7 through 12 can pick up a packet or participate on READsquared. Teens with completed entries will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Amazon Gift Card. Participants will have other ways to win fun prizes too!

Programs (for those entering grades 7 through 12 unless otherwise specified)

- **Teen Afternoons** - Thursdays, July 7 to August 11 at 2pm
Thursday afternoons are full of fun! Stop by for crafts, games, a movie, and much more! Check the teen page of our website for specific schedule information. *No registration required.*
- **Digital Escape Room** - available in July
This is open to anyone and can be accessed via the teen page of our website or on READsquared.
- **Mythology-Themed Escape Room** - Friday, July 29 register for a time slot
See if you can make through our escape room! *Registration is required.*
- **Teen Mystery Night** - Friday, August 5 from 6 to 8pm
There's another crime in the library, and we need the help of our library detectives! *Registration is required.*
- **Graphic Novel Book Club** - Tuesdays, July 12 to August 2 from 3:30 to 4:30pm
Meet with us to discuss a different graphic novel each week; books will be provided. *Registration is required* and attendance at all four meetings is encouraged.
- **I'd Rather Be Reading YA Book Club** - Wednesday, July 27 at 6pm via Zoom
Join our multi-age book club as we read *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. Visit the teen page to register for reminders of meetings, to get the Zoom link, and to find out what book we'll discuss next on August 31!
- **Teen Street Art** - Wednesday, August 3 at 6:30pm
Artist Eric Maruscak will offer his chalk art program for teens! *Registration is required.*



Adults

Programs

- **Summer Reading at GFJ** - Read 5 books and write them on your reading log; drop it off at the library to enter our raffle. You can also participate online and earn points using READsquared. The more logs you fill out or points you earn, the better your chances of winning one of the 3 gift bags full of prizes!
- **Broome County Reads** - Read five books to be entered in a raffle for a \$100 gift certificate to the Lost Dog Cafe! Raffle cards can be picked up or turned in at the participating libraries in Binghamton, Endicott, Vestal, and Johnson City. One entry per person please!
- **DIY Non-toxic Cleaners** - Tuesday, July 19 from 6 to 7pm - Learn to make cleaning products from everyday items that do less harm to our planet and ourselves. *Registration is required.*
- **Dinner and a Book** - Tuesday, August 2 from 5:30 to 7pm - Join us for a pizza dinner and a leisurely discussion of favorite books you would like to recommend. *Registration is required.*
- **Summer Movie Musicals** - Tuesdays, July 12, July 26 & August 9 at 6pm - Join us to watch three fan-favorite musicals! *No registration required.*



Summer reading programs are made possible by the Friends of the George F. Johnson Memorial Library.

Summer Reading @ YHPL in Johnson City

Visit yhplny11.readsquared.com for the summer reading club & activities. Register to use the free site to track reading and earn badges and prizes. Contact the library at 797-4816 for more information or to register. All of our programs are free!



Reading Club

Sign-ups for the Summer Reading Program are June 15 through July 15. The program runs from July 1 through August 19 and is open to anyone ages 3 to 10. Sign up on our READsquared site or in person at the library. Earn or win prizes for reading this summer! Turn in your reading logs on or before August 19.

Programs

- **Preschool Storytime** - Tuesdays, July 12 to August 16 at 10am
Children ages 3.5 to 5 and their caregivers can join us at CFJ Park for books, rhymes, crafts, and more. Six pre-recorded programs will be available at our READsquared site. This will be held at the library in case of inclement weather. *No registration required.*
- **Children's Programs** - Ages 6 to 10 - *Registration is required.*
 - **Pirate School** - Thursdays, July 14 to August 4 at 1pm
Create your own pirate costume, learn parts of a pirate ship, run the Swab-the-Deck relay race, play Musical Islands, and more.
 - **Sharks!** - Thursday, August 11 at 1pm
Celebrate all things shark! Shark crafts, games, and refreshments.
 - **Mermaid Program** - Thursday, August 18 at 1pm
Mermaid crafts and games.

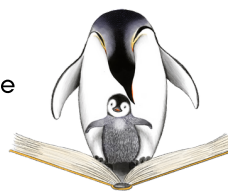


- **Nan Hoffman** - Wednesday, July 13 at 1pm
Singer Nan Hoffman will perform at CFJ Park with a program about our oceans! *Open to all ages with no registration.*
- **Sand Bottles** - Tuesday, July 26 from 1 to 2pm
Fill a small bottle with colored sand. Four 15-minute sessions will be available. *Open to all ages and registration is required.*
- **Family Paint Party** - Wednesday, August 3 at 5pm - See description in Teen section. *Open to all ages and registration is required.*
- **Shell Painting** - Wednesday, August 16 at 5:45pm
Paint designs on the inside of sea shells. *Open to all ages and registration is required.*

Programs

- **Family Paint Party** - Wednesday, August 3 at 5pm
Stacey from *The Party Brush* will provide step-by-step instructions to create your own ocean themed painting. All materials are included. The class is open to 12-16 year olds (and kids under 12 accompanied by an adult.) *Registration is required and space is limited.*
- **Teen Game Night** - Wednesday July 20 from 4-5:30pm
Come to the library and play like you did when you were little. We will have board games, puzzles, Legos, playdough, and coloring! For ages 11-16. *No registration required.*
- **I'd Rather Read YA Book Discussion Group** - July 27 & August 31 at 6pm
Join us on Zoom to talk about YA books! We'll discuss *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan in July. Contact the library for the August book title. *No registration required.*

Teens



Reading Club

Sign-ups for the Summer Reading Program are June 15 through July 15. Teens can win Barnes & Noble gift cards or a pre-paid Visa card twice during the summer. The first deadline is Friday, July 30 and the second is Friday, August 19, when all reading logs are due.

Reading Clubs

(Participate in both!)



Programs

- **Summer Reading at YHPL** - Sign up at the circulation desk or online at READsquared using the address above. For each five books you read, you'll be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card, which will be held on August 12.
- **Broome County Reads** - Read five books to be entered in a raffle for a \$100 gift certificate to the Lost Dog Cafe! Raffle cards can be picked up or turned in at the participating libraries in Binghamton, Endicott, Vestal, and Johnson City. One entry per person please!
- **Escape Room** - June 27 through July 2 - Kick off summer with an escape room: solve a series of puzzles to open locks and track down buried pirate treasure!
- **Spice of the Month**: June-Dill, July-Turmeric, August-Paprika
Pick up a sample of a spice along with a flyer with history and recipes at the circulation desk.
- **July Take & Make** Make your own lavender bath bombs! Pick up a kit at the circulation desk while supplies last.
- **August Movie Series** Relax in our air-conditioned meeting room and enjoy one of these films about adventures on the high seas. All movies start at 12pm and are rated PG-13.
 - August 1 - Cast Away, August 2 - All is Lost, August 3 - In the Heart of the Sea, August 4 - The Finest Hours, August 5 - The Perfect Storm, August 6 - Adrift
- **Book Discussion Series** Join a friendly group of readers for discussion in the basement meeting room.
 - June 14 at 6:30pm - *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro
 - July 12 at 6:30pm - *The Upstairs House* by Julia Fine
 - August 9 at 6:30pm - *How High We Go in the Dark* by Sequoia Nagamatsu



GFJ Library Update

- ▶ Looking for help with your computer or other devices? The GFJ Tech Center is now offering in-person, virtual and hybrid classes, open hours, and one-on-one tech help by appointment, with more classes and info on their website. Visit gfjlibrary.org/tc to learn more!
- ▶ Hoping to explore our area this summer? You can borrow museum passes from the library! We currently have passes to the Corning Museum of Glass and the Sciencenter in Ithaca. We'll soon be adding Kopernik Observatory, Roberson Museum, Phelps Mansion, Bundy Museum, and the Museum of the Earth to the list. We'll also have Empire Passes to borrow for free parking at New York State Parks! Check with us for availability.
- ▶ Hoopla is coming to GFJ this summer! Borrow ebooks, audiobooks, music, movies, TV shows, and more with your GFJ Library card! Get started at gfjlibrary.org/databases.



News from YHPL

- ▶ Check out YHPL's Discovery Collection! We offer a variety of materials for all ages. Children (and their families) can learn about wind, solar, and electrical power with some of our STEM educational kits. Borrow a few of our outdoor games for a party. Try one of our sewing machines or knitting/crochet needles. We also have a variety of museum and park passes, WiFi hotspots, and kits for people dealing with memory loss.
- ▶ The library's front porch is once again open to the public! Patrons are encouraged to grab a book and relax on the porch. Seating is provided during normal business hours. Thanks to all who helped with the project and to the Community Foundation SCNY for helping to provide funding for the repairs.
- ▶ YHPL offers downloads of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies and more through Libby and Hoopla. Get started at yhpl.org/online-resources.

GFJ & YHPL are fine free!

Both George F. Johnson Memorial Library and Your Home Public Library have eliminated the majority of overdue fines on library materials. This is a step toward eliminating barriers to library access for all Town of Union residents. We hope that this policy shift will help us to welcome more borrowers into our libraries.

Library items will have the same checkout times as before. Reminders will continue to be sent via mail, email, or text to help you remember when your materials are due. There will still be charges for lost or damaged items.

GFJ Library and YHPL aren't alone in our move toward being fine free. More than half of the other member libraries in the Four County Library System have also eliminated fines. The American Library Association issued a statement in 2018 that the "imposition of monetary fines creates a barrier to the provision of library and information services." This has led to the elimination of fines in other libraries across the country.



As stated in the libraries' mission statements, our primary purpose is to ensure that all residents have equal access to library books, materials, and services for their recreational, educational, professional, civic, and cultural needs. Fines can stand in the way of this goal.

Eliminating overdue fines has allowed us to better align with our core values of providing equal access to the materials and resources that we have available to our residents. Please feel free to contact the library with any questions. We hope this new policy encourages you to visit your Town of Union libraries often!