

CURIOUS GEORGE F. NEWS

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday
9 am-8 pm

Friday & Saturday
9 am-5 pm

Library Board Meeting:

Wednesday, 12/20 @
6 pm in the library's Tech
Center

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Library will be closed on Monday, 12/25 and Monday, 1/1.



Friends of the Library December Book Sales:

- Friday, 12/1 from 10 am-4 pm
- Saturday, 12/9 from 10 am-2 pm
- Friday, 12/15 from 10 am-4 pm

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DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

GFJ Book of the Year: Tell us your favorite book that you read in 2023! Entries will be collected from **November 30 to December 28** through an online form (QR code to the right) or a paper form at the library!



A Year in the Books Virtual Meet Up: Join us via Zoom on **December 29 @ 6:30 pm** to share what you have read in 2023 and what you plan to read in 2024. We will also announce the GFJ Library 2023 Book of the Year and preview programs being offered in 2024! Contact the library to register and the get Zoom link.

Community Donation Drive: A huge thank you to everyone who donated supplies for our Great Give Back Community Donation Drive. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate 314 personal care items and 286 nonperishable food items to families in need from the U-E and M-E School Districts!



Technology Funding: We received New York State funding secured by Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, which was used to purchase nine new laptops for our Tech Center. These laptops will be used for all of our Tech Center classes and programming including our new



Tech 360 and Digital Navigator programs with the help of the Community Foundation for South Central NY and Mission Ignite. This will allow us to provide computer training classes and one-on-one digital navigator support. Assemblywoman Lupardo came to the library on November 28 to talk with us about the programs and express her support of GFJ's effort to help bridge the digital divide.



Kids

December Fun: There's a gingerbread man and a snowman loose in the Children's Room! Find one each day for a prize.



Snowflake Favorites: Stop in to make a snowflake with characters from one of your favorite books. Hang it up on our window to recommend the book to other kids!

Story Times: Join us for story time **through 12/14!** Visit the library or gfjlibrary.org/kids to register.

- Mother Goose for birth through age 2 on **Wednesdays @ 10 am or 11 am**
- Toddler for ages 2-3 on **Tuesdays @ 10 am or 11 am**
- Preschool for ages 3-5 on **Thursdays @ 10 am**

Read with the Therapy Dogs: Join us on **12/2 & 12/16 from 10 am-12 pm** to read to a therapy dog in the Children's Room! *No registration is required.*

Teens



I'd Rather Read YA Book Club: Join us via Zoom for a discussion of *My True Love Gave to Me*, a collection of short stories by popular YA authors on **12/27 @ 6 pm**. All ages are welcome to join us! Follow the link to register: <https://forms.gle/NsgnYfeZUf4wXi8Y7>

Adults

Tech Center Open Hours: We will be offering one-on-one tech help throughout December with Digital Navigator, Sarah Rapp through the Tech 360 program. Use the QR code on the right or contact the library to schedule an appointment.



Holiday Craft and Share: Come make a holiday craft on **December 11 @ 6 pm** or **December 13 @ 1 pm**. Share what you have been making for others this holiday season. Geared to adults, but families are welcome! Registration is required by visiting gfjlibrary.org/calendar or calling the library.

Holiday No Bake @ the Library: Join us on **December 18 @ 6 pm** or **December 20 at 1 pm** as we create some holiday no-bake treats! Share ideas on what tasty treats you make during the holiday season. Geared to adults, but families are welcome! Registration is required by visiting gfjlibrary.org/calendar or calling the library.

GFJ Adult Book Club: Check out the line up of 2024 Book Club books at gfjlibrary.org/adults. Book Clubs will be held in-person at 1:00pm and virtually at 7:00pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month. No registration is required to participate.

- 1** - Friends Book Sale, 10 am-4 pm
- 2** - Therapy Dogs, 10 am-12 pm
- 4** - Tech Center Open Hours, 12-4:30 pm
 - Fun with Friends @ 1 pm
 - Jr. Readers Book Club @ 5 & 6:30 pm*
- 5** - Toddler Story Time @ 10 & 11 am
- 6** - Mother Goose Story Time @ 10 & 11 am
 - Book Club Pot Luck @ 1 pm
- 7** - Preschool Story Time @ 10 am
 - GED Prep & Study Program, 12:30-2:30 pm
 - Pinterest virtual class @ 1 pm
- 9** - Friends Book Sale, 10 am-2 pm
- 11** - Tech Center Open Hours, 12-4:30 pm
 - Fun with Friends @ 1 pm
 - Holiday Craft & Share @ 6 pm*
- 12** - Toddler Story Time @ 10 & 11 am
- 13** - Mother Goose Story Time @ 10 & 11 am
 - Pinterest class, Broome West Senior Center @ 10 am
 - Holiday Craft & Share @ 1 pm*
- 14** - Preschool Story Time @ 10 am
 - GED Prep & Study Program, 12:30-2:30 pm
 - Amazon Fire Stick vs. Roku Streaming Stick class @ 1 pm*
 - Holiday Spending & Saving with Visions FCU @ 6 pm*
- 15** - Friends Book Sale, 10 am-4 pm
- 16** - Therapy Dogs, 10 am-12 pm
 - Dungeons & Dragons, 12-4 pm*
- 18** - Tech Center Open Hours, 12-4:30 pm
 - GFJ Readers Book Club @ 5 pm*
 - Holiday No Bake @ 6 pm*
- 19** - Amazon Fire class @ 1 pm
- 20** - Holiday No Bake @ 1 pm*
 - Library Board Meeting @ 6 pm
- 21** - GED Prep & Study Program, 12:30-2:30 pm
- 25** - Library closed
- 27** - Files & Folders class @ 1 pm*
 - Files & Folders virtual class @ 7 pm
- 28** - GED Prep & Study Program, 12:30-2:30 pm
 - * registration required