The Guilderland Library Foundation is hosting a fun-filled, Jazzy GPL event that celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the founding of our cherished library and the 25th year of our library building, and you’re invited to attend.

The party starts at 6:30 pm – at the library! It will be a very special, Gatsby-themed cocktail reception. You’re encouraged to sport Roaring ‘20s attire and enjoy the jazz atmosphere provided by the Skip Parsons Marmalade Quartet.

The Foundation supports many special library events and programs not funded by tax dollars. Recent events include author talks by Pulitzer Prize winner David Oshinsky as well as Mets star and broadcaster Ron Darling. By coming to this Jazzy GPL party, you’ll support those efforts.

This promises to be a grand celebration! To purchase tickets – $50 per person – please go to bit.ly/JazzyGPL.

**Back to Nature Series**

**Led by David Muska of Ondatra Adventures, Wilderness Instructor, Naturalist, and Licensed NYS Outdoor Guide**

**Edible & Medicinal Plants Walk**

Tawasentha Park – Route 146, Guilderland

Sunday, September 17 @ 1 - 4 pm

Learn about the many edible & medicinal plants that inhabit our cities and backyards. Nature’s bounty is truly everywhere! Registrants will meet at Tawasentha Park. Please come prepared with: water, bug spray, a snack, appropriate outdoor footwear and clothing. For adults only.

**Wilderness Survival Skills**

Nott Road Park – 6073 Nott Road, Guilderland

Sunday, October 15 @ 1 - 4 pm

Have you wondered what it takes to survive in the wild? In this workshop you’ll be introduced to the skills necessary to keep yourself and loved ones safe in the forest and off trail, such as shelter building, A great course for hikers, backpackers, hunters, and outdoors people alike. All skill levels and interests are welcome. Registrants will meet at Nott Road Park. Please come prepared with: water, bug spray, a snack, appropriate outdoor footwear and clothing. For adults and teens ages 16 and older, accompanied by a guardian.

**Wild-Crafted Stone Necklaces & Pendants**

Sunday, November 19 @ 1-4 pm

In our modern world, we often forget the abundance nature provides for both art and utility. In this workshop you will craft a stone necklace and cordage from natural fibers. You’ll not only unleash your creative self, but also build the scaffolding for more advanced critical survival skills and knowledge. This workshop will be held at the library. For adults and teens.

**DNA and Genealogy: Ready to get tested?**

Saturday, September 23 @ 10:30 am

Learn about what to expect if you or a family member get a DNA test. What kinds of tests are available and what questions will they answer? How can it help you unlock mysteries in your ancestry? Genealogist Lisa Dougherty will answer these questions and more. Lisa will do a follow-up program in 2018 about how to interpret your results if you use Ancestry DNA testing.

**AARP Tax-Aide Local Coordinator Wanted**

For several years, AARP’s Tax-Aide Service has helped people throughout the community with its free tax-return preparation service. Now AARP needs help from the community: They need a Local Coordinator to run the Tax-Aide program.

If you’re interested in helping provide a much-needed service to the community, please contact Jerry Seeley at 518-456-2400 x 112, or email info@guilderlandlibrary.org.
**RAD Self Defense for Women Ages 16+**
*September 26, 27, and October 5 • Each session lasts 5:30 - 9:30 pm*
Officers from the Guilderland Police Department will be at GPL for this Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program for women. The RAD course is a total of 12 hours long and is divided into 3 four-hour sessions.

The course begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. It is not your typical self defense course, where the student learns how to punch or kick through repetition - rather, it is designed for the student to survive attacks. 

This program is for women 16 years of age and older.
*You must register for all 3 classes. No experience is necessary. Seats are limited.

**Rite Aid Flu Vaccine Clinic**
Thursday, October 19 @ 4 - 7 pm
Protect yourself this flu season! Pharmacists from Rite-Aid will be here to administer flu vaccines to anyone age 18 or older. Most insurances accepted, including CDPHP, MVP, Medicare, Medicaid and others. If you do not have insurance, the cost will be $34.99. High-dose vaccines will be available for anyone age 65 or older. Questions? Contact Sherry Sorrentino at Rite-Aid Pharmacy: 518-458-8691.

**Drug Take-Back Day**
with the Guilderland Police Department
Saturday, October 28, from 10 am - 2 pm
The Guilderland Public Library and the Guilderland Police Department are teaming up again for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s nationwide Drug Take-Back Day, a one-day collaborative effort between the DEA and state and local law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation’s medicine cabinets.

A national take-back day provides a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. The program provides an opportunity for law enforcement, prevention, treatment, and the business community to collaborate and establish a safe collection site and brings a national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse.

Medications CANNOT be left at the library prior to October 28.
Medications may be turned in to the police officers in the library’s auxiliary parking lot from 10 am - 2 pm on October 28 only.

**What CAN be disposed:**
- Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances
- Medication in its original container or removed from its container and disposed of directly into the disposal boxes. (If an original container is submitted, be sure to remove any identifying information from the prescription label.)

**What CANNOT be disposed:**
- No sharps and syringes
  
  Drug Take Back Day officials will not ask questions of nor request identification from anyone.
ADULTS

Pinterest Wins! Fall Foliage Edition!
Wednesday, October 25 @ 7 pm
Once a month, we will explore different uses for Pinterest. In October, we will use decoupage to cover a mason jar in real leaves and other outdoorsy fall items! Once finished we’ll put a light inside to bring your jar to life.

Hygge Hangouts: Gettin’ Hygge With It
Second Thursday of the month @ 7 pm
Hygge is the Danish concept of happiness through all things comfy and cozy. GPL’s Hygge Hangouts are a time for us to gather, enjoy the company of others, relax, and definitely have some yummy snacks.
September 14: Craft. We’ll be making Felt Fox Coffee Sleeves
October 12: Read. Bring whatever book you’re currently reading (or have been meaning to start) and use this time to enjoy some quiet reading among others doing the same.
November 9: Watch. The holidays might be stressful, so this week, we settle in to relax and watch a movie.

“Burden of the Ballot”
An original one-act play by Dr. Krysta Dennis, Lecturer in Creative Arts at Siena College
Sunday, November 5 @ 2 pm
When Emily Rankin’s college friend Dorry Scribner comes for a visit, things do not proceed as usual at Cherry Hill in Albany. Dorry is a suffragist, and the Rankins are not so sure women’s suffrage is a good idea. This dramatic representation of the suffrage question brings out the hopes and fears of these women living through this important moment in American history. 2017 is the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote in New York State!

Drop-In Genealogy Help
Second Wednesday of each month @ 6 pm
Professional genealogist and Guilderland resident, Lisa Dougherty, is available for free family history consultations and advice on a drop-in basis. Bring your questions and “brick walls” for help finding solutions.

The SpiritFest Series
You must be 21+ on the date of the event to attend these programs; IDs will be checked

Fall Cocktails with The Albany Distilling Co.
Friday, October 20 @ 7 - 8:30 pm
John Curtin of the Albany Distilling Company and author Chris Wertz – the co-author of Brooklyn Spirits — will teach us how to make some delicious fall cocktails. You’ll sample great recipes, while also learning mixology tips and tricks!
This is a free, ticketed event; attendance limited to 30 participants. Get tickets at the Library’s Information Desk.

Paint & Sip with The Studio for Art and Craft
Friday, October 27 @ 6:30 pm
The super popular program is back! Make a beautiful piece of fall-themed art – and sip some wine while you paint! Jacqui Hauser of The Studio for Art and Craft brings all the supplies you’ll need for the art; we’ll provide some wine, cheese and crackers. Attendance limited to 20 participants.

Mead: the ultimate handcrafted beverage
Friday, November 10 @ 7 pm
What is mead? Peter Voelker of Helderberg Meadworks will tell about how mead is made from all natural ingredients. He’ll also tell about the history of mead and teach you mead-making basics so you can make mead at home! This versatile honey of a drink can be enjoyed plain or used in cocktails. There will be tastings!

GPL Pop-Up Library!
@ Capital Region Apple & Wine Festival
Altamont Fairgrounds
Saturday, September 16 @ 10 am - 6 pm
We’ll be at the Capital Region Apple & Wine Festival to help celebrate their 25th anniversary! Stop by, get a card, and say hello! Need help downloading free library e-books? We can help!

Ladies Night Out
Italian-American Community Center, Washington Avenue Extension
Tuesday, October 3 @ 5 - 7:30 pm
We’ll be at this health and wellness event, sponsored by the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce. We’ll have free books to give away, consumer health resources, and prizes!
**Teens & Tweens**

**Parent and T(w)een Maker Night: Tea!**  
**Thursday, September 28 @ 6:30 pm**  
The Short and Stout Tea Company will teach us about different tea flavors. You’ll make your own custom blend to take home. Parents and t(w)een grades 5 and up.

**Teen Make-It: Journals**  
**Tuesday, October 10 @ 6:30 pm**  
It’s Teen Read Week and we’ll be decorating journals so you can “Unleash Your Story!” Grades 6 - 12.

**Boost Your College Application!**  
**Tuesday, October 17 @ 7 pm**  
This interactive (and fun!) session will provide steps for students to take to immediately become stronger candidates for college acceptances and institutional scholarships. Presented by Kelly Linehan, MA, a College Admissions Counselor. Students in grades 10 - 12 are encouraged to attend with a parent/guardian.

**Making Fairies**  
**Monday, October 23 @ 6:30 pm**  
Turn plain clothespins into fashionable fairies. The variations are endless. You can make them in several different colors to create a magnificent world of fairies. Grades 6 and up.

**Spiderweb Eggs**  
**Monday, October 30 @ 6:30 pm**  
If you like to play tricks on your friends, this is a great Halloween Hoax! We’ll make hardboiled eggs that look like they’re covered in spiderwebs! Don’t worry; the webs are “spun” with the help of coloring from frozen cherries. We’ll have other food surprises for you to make, as well! Grades 6 and up.

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**Book Discussions**

**Books & Brews**  
*Led by Phil Berardi*  
**Fourth Monday of the Month @ 7:30 pm**

- **September 25:** *Night of Fire*, by Colin Thubron  
  Location: The Ginger Man, 234 Western Ave

- **October 23:** *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore*, by Matthew Sullivan  
  Location: TBD

**Night Owls**  
*Led by Margaret Lanoue*  
**Second Monday of the Month @ 7:30 pm**

- **September 11:** *Commonwealth*, by Ann Patchett
- **October 9:** *Sisters in Law: How Sandra D. O’Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsberg went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World*, by Linda R. Hirshman

**Great Books**  
*Moderated by Sue Klug Schilling*  
**Thursdays @ 7 pm**

- **September 7:** *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, by Robert Pirsig

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**Sunday Concert Series**

All concerts begin at 2 pm

- **Lycaeides Quartet**  
  **October 29**  
  Ancient music and songs played on period instruments

- **Maria Zemantauski**  
  **November 12**  
  Classical and flamenco guitar

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**Children**

**Henry and Mudge in the Family Trees Book Party**
Monday, September 25 @ 6:30 pm
Before the program, stop by the library to pick up your copy of the book to take home to read, then come back to GPL on September 25 for our book discussion celebration and make a special family tree project of your own. Grades 1 - 3.

**Biscuit the Dog Book Party**
Tuesday, September 26 @ 6:30 pm
You’re invited to a Biscuit the Dog book party! Before the program, stop by the library to pick up your copy of the book to take home to read, then come back to GPL on September 26 for our book discussion celebration. Grades K - 1.

**Happy Birthday, Laura Ingalls Wilder!**
Saturday, October 7 @ 2 pm
Laura Ingalls Wilder, the author of The Little House on the Prairie books, was born 150 years ago! Let’s celebrate with a birthday party in her honor. We’ll play games, do crafts, and eat food inspired by the books. All Ages

**Weird School Facts: Explorers, Presidents & Toilets**
Wednesday, October 18 @ 6:30 pm
Dan Gutman, author of the My Weird School Series, has added fun and informative non-fiction/fact books to his popular collection. Come to the library and get your copy of the book to take home and read. Then join us for a fact-filled and fun program on October 18 to discuss the book. Grades 2 - 4.

**Fall Little Lego**
Mondays @ 3:30 pm, September 18, October 2 and 16 @ 3:30 pm
Our Lego Club continues this school year. Bring your own bricks or create with ours. As usual, creations that you bring to show off will be kept separate from the library supplies. Grades 1 - 3.

**Fantastic Finger Gymnastics!**
Starting in October, a new finger gym will be available each week in the Children’s Department for kids to practice their fine motor skills in preparation for kindergarten.

**GPL Sprouts**
Fourth Thursday of the month @ 3:30 pm
A fun-filled STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) program! Lots of hands-on learning for everyone!

9/28: I’m a Scientist!
10/26: The Skeleton Inside Me
Grades Pre-K - 2 with caregiver.

**Family STEAM Nights**
First Monday of the month @ 6:30 pm, starting October 2
Our local college science and engineering departments will be here with fun science activities for kids! Grades 2-6, with their families.

**Read to Furry Friends**
Tuesdays: September 5 & October 3 @ 7 pm
Wednesdays: September 6 & October 4 @ 7 pm
Our real pet friends Groucho Barx and Goose the Hairless Cat love listening to readers practice their new skills! Drop in for a relaxing and supportive reading session.

**All Ages**

**Dot Day**
Friday, September 15 @ 3:30 pm
Make your mark! Creativity and inspiration can come from something as simple as a dot. We’ll be creating our best dot art in celebration of International Dot Day and the classic picture book The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds.

**All Ages Lego Build!**
First Wednesday of the month @ 6:30 pm, starting October 4
Join us for a fun night of all-ages Lego building!

**Family Game Time**
Monday, October 9, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
We break out our board games, card games, and even Mario Kart on the Wii! Drop in anytime with your friends or family and stay for as long or as short as you’d like.

**周五 Family Films**
All shows begin at 6:30 pm

**Smurfs: The Lost Village**
September 1 • Rated PG • 93 min 2017, MLUSA

**Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie**
October 13 • Rated PG • 89 min 2017, MPLC

**HOURS AND HOLIDAYS**
Starting September 1, and continuing through June 30, 2018, GPL’s hours are:
Monday - Friday: 10 am - 9 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday: 1 pm - 5 pm

**GPL will be closed on:**
Labor Day Weekend
Saturday, September 2 through Monday, September 4
Veterans Day
Saturday, November 11

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