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2024 Total Solar Eclipse Monday, April 8

Excitement is building for the epic 2024 total solar eclipse that will cross North America this month!

A **total solar eclipse** occurs when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk. The total solar eclipse will be visible along a narrow path stretching from Texas

to Maine, while a partial eclipse will be visible throughout all 48 contiguous U.S. states.

The last time New York State experienced a total solar eclipse was 99 years ago! The last time a total solar eclipse happened in the U.S. was August 21, 2017, with the totality path stretching from South Carolina to Oregon. Taking both the 2017 and 2024 eclipse paths into consideration, they form an 'X' across the country, intersecting near St. Louis. The next time an eclipse will be visible from the contiguous U.S. will be August 23, 2044.

What to expect in Guilderland:

- ▶ 96.9%—partial eclipse
- ▶ 3:26 pm—peak view



NASA Live Stream



Total Solar Eclipse

April 8 @ 1-4 pm

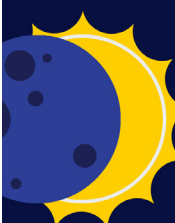
Viewing Options at GPL

You'll have two opportunities to view the solar eclipse at GPL:

▶ **Indoors @ 1-4 pm**

Watch the live stream from NASA with us. It will show live footage from multiple locations, so there isn't any one time to see a total eclipse on the feed. Weather permitting, the first place in continental North

America that will experience totality is Mexico's Pacific coast, at around 2:07 p.m. **No certified eclipse glasses needed!**



SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING

Monday, April 8, 2024
3 - 4 pm
Library Upper Parking Lot

▶ **Outdoors @ 3-4 pm**

Join us in the upper parking lot to view the eclipse! **A solar eclipse MUST be viewed through ISO-certified eclipse glasses.** We've already distributed hundreds of eclipse glasses to those

who registered for them, so **please bring your own glasses!**

Spring into Reading Beanstack Reading Challenge April 1-30 All Ages

Here's a fresh new reading challenge! Log your minutes and earn new badges on Beanstack. Track your progress as an individual or family here: <https://guilderlandlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>

See page 6 for the **Comic Book Challenge** starting **4/15!**



Board of Trustees

Board Candidates Sought

Application Deadline: Monday, April 22

Election:

Tuesday, May 21

For the 2024 annual election, there is one vacancy on the Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees. Incumbents and eligible candidates must meet the following criteria:

- ▶ resident of the Guilderland Public Library District for at least 30 days prior to the election
- ▶ United States citizen; *and*
- ▶ at least 18 years old.

Eligible candidates interested in running for a **three-year term** may pick up an information packet at the Library's Circulation desk. Each packet includes:

- 1) a memo and a biographical information sheet, which must be returned to Interim Library Director Nate Heyer by Monday, April 22; and
- 2) candidate information and signature sheets from the Guilderland School District, which must be returned to Guilderland Central School District Clerk Linda Livingston by Monday, April 22.

Questions? Contact **Interim Library Director Nate Heyer:** 518.456.2400 x 151 or heyern@guilderlandlibrary.org.

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Trustee.

LIBRARY HOURS

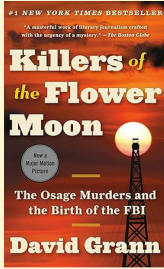
Monday—Thursday	9:30 am—8 pm
<i>Programs & meetings may continue post-closing</i>	
Friday	9:30 am—6 pm
Saturday	9:30 am—5 pm
Sunday	1—5 pm
<i>All programs are in-person, unless otherwise noted.</i>	

ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

BOOK GROUPS [R = register for all book groups]
[https:// guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion](https://guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion)



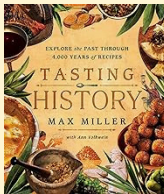
Fright Club
Independent Interest Group
 Led by Assistant Director Natalie
 Curated kits containing horror titles, discussion questions (plus a surprise or two), to be completed at your own pace.
April: Carrie by Stephen King
 Pick up kit by **April 5**



Night Owls Book Club
Mondays @ 6:30 pm
Hybrid: choice of in-person or virtual
 Led by Librarian Maura
 Meeting monthly to discuss popular fiction and nonfiction titles.
April 8: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann
May 13: The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride



Read It and Eat Cookbook Club
Thursdays @ 6:30 pm
 Led by Librarian Maura
 Visit the Information Desk to select the recipe you're interested in sharing from one of the following:



Baking Yesteryear by B. Dylan Hollis
OR
Tasting History by Max Miller
April 11: Bring your dish to share, and enjoy discussing culinary adventures and tasting each other's creations!



Realm Explorers
Saturdays @ 11 am
Ages 16+ and Adults
 Led by Librarian Emily
 Meeting monthly to discuss science fiction, fantasy and graphic novels.
April 13: The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune
May 18: Kindred by Octavia Butler

TEENS TOO!



Hopeless Romantics Book Club
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm
 Led by Librarian Sam
 Meeting monthly to discuss historical, contemporary and newly-popular romantasy titles.
April 17: Bride by Ali Hazelwood
May 15: Raiders of the Lost Heart by Jo Segura

Looking to carve out reading time in a quiet, comfortable place in community with others? Try **Silent Book Club—Sunday, April 14 @ 1:30-3 pm**
 Arrive and chat, then read the book of your choice. Bring a book, plus a snack and drink if desired. [R]

GPL ACADEMY

This adult programming series emphasizes lifelong learning on a wide variety of subjects, all designed to educate, inspire and spark community. Enjoy!



GPL Sunday Concert: Michael Benedict Jazz Vibes with Guest Kaitlyn Fay
Sunday, April 7 @ 2 pm
 It's Jazz Appreciation Month, and we're celebrating in a big way with one of the best groups around! Jazz Vibes has been the leading vibraphone group in the Capital Region of New York State for over a decade. Enjoy a spirited performance of original compositions, jazz standards, and Brazilian-influenced Bossa Nova, augmented by the vocal talents of Kaitlyn Fay.

GPL Cabaret: The Teresa Broadwell Jazz Quintet

Friday, April 19 @ 6:30-8 pm
 We're continuing our celebration of Jazz Appreciation month with The Teresa Broadwell Quintet, performing an energetic repertoire of jazz, swing, bop, and "vocalese." You'll hear novelty songs from the inimitable song stylings of Blossom Dearie, Nat King Cole and Eddie Jefferson, as well as selections from the Great American Songbook. Enjoy a lovely, music-filled spring evening of hot swing and cool jazz! Coffee, tea, and dessert will be served. Space is limited. [R]

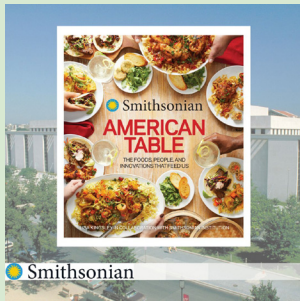


Art Talk on Zoom Ruth Orkin: Power of the Image
Thursday, April 25 @ 6:30 pm
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 Art lecturer Janet Cohen Mandel returns to explore the life and creative work of Ruth Orkin, credited for breaking into a field dominated by men. Born in Hollywood in 1921,

Orkin was an award-winning photojournalist and filmmaker. She moved to New York in 1943 and launched an impressive career capturing iconic images of people and places, her work appearing in the *New York Times*, *Look*, *Life*, and *Ladies Home Journal* magazines. The subject of innumerable exhibitions and honors in her lifetime, Ruth Orkin's legacy continues to this day. [R]

ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

LIVE VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS [R]



The Foods, Cultures and Innovations that Feed Us: Paula J. Johnson

Tuesday, April 2 @ 2 pm
 Smithsonian Curator Paula Johnson discusses **Smithsonian American Table: The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed**

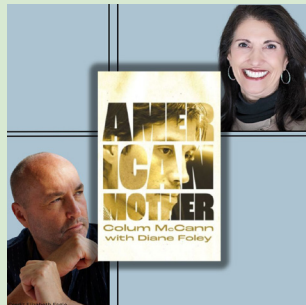
Us, a sweeping history that serves up a fresh look at influences that have shaped how and what we eat. The connections between food and American history include:

- ▶ How immigration and migration continue to shape American palates
- ▶ How food companies have influenced home cooks
- ▶ How individuals have inspired generations of cooks and consumers
- ▶ How growers and chefs are reclaiming and reinventing regional and cultural traditions

From Murder to Atonement—Confronting My Son's Killer: Diane Foley & Colum McCann

Tuesday, April 9 @ 2 pm

National Book Award-winner and *New York Times* bestselling author Colum McCann joins Diane Foley, the inspiration behind the heartrending book **American Mother**. Diane's son Jim, a freelance journalist, was captured and beheaded by ISIS in 2014. Seven years later, Diane faced her son's killer in a Virginia courthouse. This story begins with a violent act and the painful aftermath, and transforms into an inspiring tale of radical empathy and forgiveness.



A Literary Examination of Power, Love and Art: Xochitl Gonzalez

Wednesday, April 17 @ 8 pm

Join our chat with award-winning and bestselling author Xochitl Gonzalez about her newest novel, **Anita de Monte Laughs Last**. In 1985, a rising star in the art world,



is found dead in New York City. Fast-forward to present-day Raquel, an art history student of color who becomes involved with a well-connected older art student and quickly ascends the social ranks. As she attempts to straddle both worlds, she stumbles upon Anita's story, which eerily mirrors her own.

Some programs are already full! Please refer to our online Events Calendar, and make sure you're subscribed to our weekly eNews.



Maximize Your Libby Usage

Wednesday, April 3

@ 5:30-7 pm

Perhaps you use Libby to check out audiobooks and place holds on items, but you maybe underutilizing it. **Learn how to get the most out of Libby** to enhance your audiobook and e-book borrowing! Topics covered include:

- ▶ accessing cooperative library systems
- ▶ using filters for more efficient searches
- ▶ tapping into enhanced personalization and controls [R]

Maximize Your Libby Usage



Libby.

Wednesday, April 3 @ 5:30 pm

Technology Help

Wednesdays @

10 am, 11 am or 12 pm

Coach Donna can provide customized assistance with PC and android functions:

- ▶ Internet Searches
- ▶ Microsoft Word & Excel
- ▶ Emails
- ▶ Facebook Basics
- ▶ Printing, Scanning, Faxing...and much more! [R]



Teen Tech Help Desk

Thursdays @ 4-6 pm

GCSD National Honor Society students offer tech help to Guilderland Public Library patrons during drop-in hours. The teens can help with things like:

- ▶ smartphone applications
- ▶ downloading books
- ▶ email set-up
- ▶ internet searches, and other tech questions.



Computer Coach

Meet with an Apple expert online!
 iPhones, iPads, Macbook, and more



Computer Coach

Friday, April 26 @ 10 or 11 am

Coach Robin can help you maximize Apple tech, including:

- ▶ Apple Watch
- ▶ iPad
- ▶ Apple TV
- ▶ iPhone
- ▶ Macbooks.

Reserve your 1:1 Apple tech session with Robin. [R]

ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Come Write In: Creative Writing Workshop

Thursday, April 11 @ 5:30-7 pm

Author Gabrielle Esposito will help unleash your creativity and overcome writer's block through a series of engaging

prompts and writing exercises. Whether you're a beginner looking to jump-start your writing journey, or an experienced writer seeking inspiration, you'll generate new material. **[R]**

Dungeons & Dragons

D&D Drop-In Create-A-Character:

Thursday, April 4 @ 5-7 pm

TEENS TOO! Need help creating a new Level 1 character,

or leveling up a character to Level 2? Check out this D&D event! You can also create a character for free through D&D Beyond and bring an electronic version of the character sheet (phone or laptop).

D&D Game Play:

Saturday, April 13 @ 1:30-3:30 pm

Bring a level 2 character to the Tawasentha Room to play a D&D one-shot. Beginners are welcome! **[R]**



Citizen Preparedness Corps: Be Prepared if Disaster Strikes

Wednesday, April 10 @ 6:30 pm

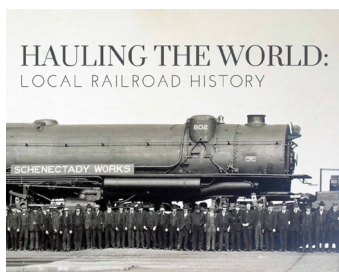
In this one-night course, you'll learn how prepare for natural and man-made disasters, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible. Discover how to develop a

family emergency plan and stock up on emergency supplies. Each registered family will receive one Preparedness kit. **[R]**

Hauling the World: Local Railroad History

Tuesday, April 23 @ 6 pm

Schenectady has a vibrant industrial history much of which was driven by railroads. From humble steam-powered beginnings to dynamic diesel-powered titans, locomotives were once the pride of the Capital Region. We'll explore rowdy railroad boomtowns and ALCO factories, and learn how Schenectady became "the City that Hauls the World." **[R]**



Plant-Based Eating for Heart Health

Monday, April 15 @ 6:30 pm

Plant-based meals benefit heart health because they contain no dietary cholesterol, very little saturated fat, and abundant fiber. Find out how you can manage

your heart health and blood pressure with a plant-based style of eating. You'll participate in a hands-on cooking demonstration and learn how to make three low-fat, plant-based recipes, along with plenty of useful resources. **[R]**



Mighty-Mite Shrubs that Outshine Perennials

ZOOM PROGRAM WITH GARDEN EXPERT KERRY MENDEZ

Mighty-Mite Shrubs that Outshine Perennials

Saturday, April 20 @ 10 am

Virtual

Ever-popular author and garden expert, Kerry Ann Mendez, shares how her outlook on flower gardening has evolved. In addition to incorporating

earth-friendly practices and more natives, Kerry has shifted her focus from perennials to shrubs that provide months of radiant color but require far less maintenance. This lecture highlights shrubs for front to mid-border gardens (ideal for over-wintering in containers), plus pruning techniques. **[R]**

Creating a Backyard Vegetable Garden

Monday, April 22 @ 6 pm

CCE Albany County Master Gardener, John Martin, presents a checklist for the beginner and tips for the experienced vegetable gardener on the creation and maintenance of backyard vegetable gardens. Learn

how to select what to grow, and types of gardens based on space and accessibility. Soil guidance, watering techniques, sunlight, crop rotation, seasonal plantings, and vegetable families will also be discussed. **[R]**

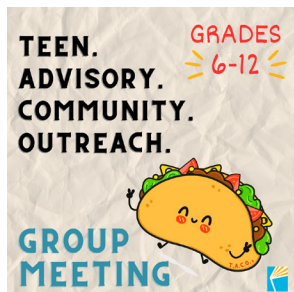


Native Plant Seed Collection with Wild Ones

Sunday, April 28 @ 2 pm

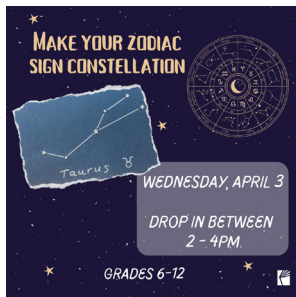
This presentation covers how to ethically harvest native plant seeds to increase biodiversity. NY Flora Association will help us identify plants to find out if they are native to NY. This is also a great opportunity to meet Wild Ones, a group of gardeners dedicated to thriving native plants in the Capital Region. **[R]**

YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Special TACOs Meeting
Tuesday, April 2 @ 5-7 pm
Grades 6-12
 Earn volunteer credit and have fun by participating in our Teen Advisory Community Outreach group! For this special two-hour TACOs meeting, we'll be prepping decorations and games for the 4/12 Galactic Arcade event. [R]

Make Your Zodiac Sign Constellation
Wednesday, April 3 @ 2-4 pm
Grades 6-12
 Make GPL your school vacation week destination! Tweens & teens are encouraged to drop by to make a paper constellation of their astrological sign from the Western zodiac, as part of our space-themed activities leading up to the eclipse.



Decide Your Destiny: Mission to Mars Launch Party
Wednesday, April 3 @ 6 pm
Grades 3-5
 We're launching a brand new Decide Your Destiny! Be among the first to play the game and see if you can find all of the different endings. We'll also make some Martian slime! [R]

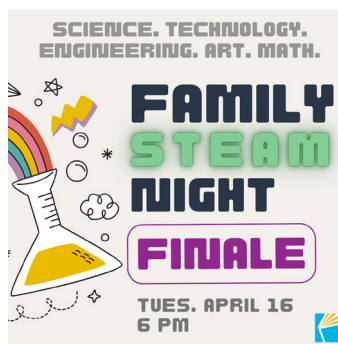
Play the entire Decide your Destiny series—four so far—on our Digital Fun page, created by your GPL children's librarians: <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/digital-fun/>

Decorate a Tray for Mother's Day
Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:30 pm
Grades 6-12
 We'll provide all the materials you need to decorate a wooden tray. Feel free to bring in your own photos for a personalized touch. The tray will make a nice gift for Mother's Day on its own, or you can use it to serve breakfast in bed, to make the day extra special. [R]



Galactic Arcade
Friday, April 12 @ 5:30-7 pm
Grades 4-12
 Celebrate the last day of GPL's Imagination Space Invasion with an out-of-this-world Galactic Arcade! This event was planned by the GPL TACOs. [R]

Parent Playdate
Monday, April 15 @ 11 am
Infant-Age 3 with a Parent or Caregiver
 Looking to meet other parents / caregivers? Enjoy getting to know other adults and their little ones, while you check out all that the Library has to offer. Light refreshments will be available, while your child plays and you both enjoy making new connections. [R]



Family STEAM Night Finale
Tuesday, April 16 @ 6 pm
Grades 3-6
 It's the last Family STEAM Night of school year—the finale! We'll feature activity tables from returning college and high school groups, and new groups as well, including:

- ▶ Union College's Geology Club
 - ▶ RPI's Engineering Ambassadors
 - ▶ UAlbany's Atmospheric & Environmental Science
 - ▶ Guilderland High School's InsightMed
- plus other fun activities from Guilderland Public Library! [R]

Teen Study Hall & Virtual Tutoring
Wednesday, April 17 @ 3-6 pm
Grades 6-12
 Got homework, studying for a test, or just need a quiet space? Drop in for a productive evening, and try our virtual live tutoring service, **Brainfuse**:
 ▶ live tutors in math, science, reading/writing, social studies, PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP and state tests
 ▶ 24/7 writing lab for feedback on essays/papers
 ▶ foreign language lab, and more!



LEGO Free Play
Thursday, April 18 @ 3-6 pm
Ages 3+
 Let's build with LEGOs! Stop by the Children's Program Room to construct the most awesome creations you can imagine with our extensive collection.

YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Storytime @ GPL

Storytimes
 Infant through age 5,
 with caregiver
Returning April 16
 Storytimes incorporate
 literacy, music, socialization
 and hands-on learning fun!
 No registration is needed.
 ► **Tuesdays at 10:30 am:**
 Family Storytime
 ► **Tuesdays at 2 pm**—Baby

Storytime (birth-18 months)

- **Wednesdays at 10:30 am**—Sky Friends
- **Thursdays at 10:30 am**— Family Storytime

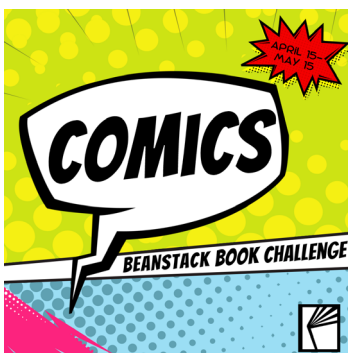
Comic Book Challenge

April 15-May 15

All Ages

Use this Beanstack
 Reading Challenge to delve
 into comics and graphic
 novels across a variety of
 genres, including illustrated
 novels and manga:

- Read a new mini-series
 - Explore title characters
 from different eras
 - Discover a new artist
 - Enjoy a graphic novelization of a classic piece of literature
- Saturday, May 4 is FREE Comic Book Day—12-3 pm!**



Family Board Games!



Family Board Games

Saturday, April 27

@ 11 am-1 pm

Ages 3-Adult

New games! There will be
 a variety of classic and
 new board games and
 card games suitable for
 young children, older kids,
 and whole families to play.
 Unplug and enjoy!

ON THE CALENDAR

April Exhibit—Guilderland Elementary Schools

Reception: Tuesday, April 9 @ 3-5 pm

Drop-In Knit & Stitch—Tuesdays @ 10-11:30 am

Let's Talk: Coffee & Conversation for Seniors

Wednesdays @ 11 am-12:30 pm

Genealogy Assistance with Lisa Dougherty

Wednesday, April 3 @ 5:30-7:30 pm

Capital District Knitting Guild

Monday, April 8 @ 6-8 pm

Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, April 18 @ 6 pm In-person and streamed on

YouTube. Public commentary may be submitted to:

pc@guilderlandlibrary.org

Guilderland Library Foundation Meeting

Thursday, April 25 @ 6:15 pm *All are welcome!*



ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 27

@ 10 am-2 pm

GPL and the Guilderland
 Police Department team up
 every spring and fall for the
 nationwide Drug Take-Back
 Day, a semi-annual
 collaborative effort
 facilitating safe, anonymous
 disposal of prescribed and
 non-prescribed substances.

This drive-through event is held in the library's side parking
 lot (take Mercy Care lane and then an immediate right).



Please follow these guidelines:

- Put your medications in a bag, if possible, and remove labels containing personal information
- Put bagged medications in a place that you can easily access while remaining in your vehicle, or place the bag in your trunk so an officer may retrieve it
- Drive through to the drop-off point and stay in your vehicle
- Follow the officers' instructions

What CAN be disposed:

- Controlled, non-controlled, and over-the-counter substances.
- Medication in its original container or removed from its container and discarded into the disposal boxes.
- Pet medication

What CANNOT be disposed:

- No sharps or syringes
- No questions asked; no identification required.

► **CHECK THIS OUT** ► **Also on Saturday, April 27: Guilderland Litter Clean-Up Day!** Contact Kathy Burbank: kburbank01@gmail.com.

Fright Club: Sphere by Michael Crichton
Kit Pick-Up April 29-May 3 [R]
Mini Felt Succulent
Adult Take & Make Kit
Pick Up: May 1-10 [R]

Genius, Power and Deception on the Eve of World War I: Live Virtual Author Talk with Douglas Brunt
Wednesday, May 1 @ 3 pm [R]

Super Hero Trivia
Wednesday, May 1 @ 6:30 pm [R]

D&D Drop-In: Create a Character
Thursday, May 2 @ 5-7 pm

Color Happy! Kids' Coloring Club
Friday, May 3 @ 4 pm [R]

Free Comic Book Day!
Saturday, May 4 @ 12-3 pm

GPL Sunday Concert Series: Jeanine Ouder Kirk
Sunday, May 5 @ 2 pm

Plant-Based Eating for Maintaining a Healthy Weight
Monday, May 6 @ 6:30 pm *See the Events Calendar!*



REGISTER

