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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

with GPL



Get to Know the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy

**Tuesday, August 1
@ 6:30 pm
Teens & Adults**

Did you know: there are 22 family-friendly nature preserves offering outdoor activities—all

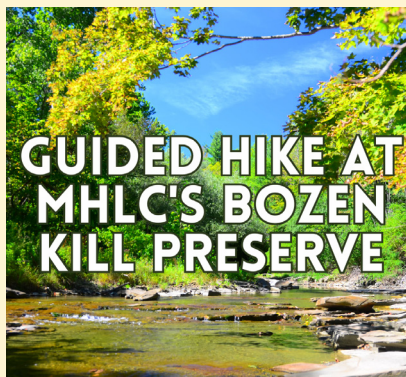
within easy driving distance of Guilderland? Staff from the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy will talk about their history, local trails and preserves, various volunteer opportunities, and ways to have a positive and safe experience outdoors, including the 20 Preserve Challenge—a great reason to experience nature nearby!

Guided Hike at MHLC's Bozen Kill Preserve

**Saturday, August 5
@ 10 am**

We're joining our friends at MHLC on a scenic local hike. They'll lead a moderate 2.6-mile trek through the beautiful Bozen Kill Preserve in Altamont, pointing

out plants and wildlife spotted along the way. Please register on our Events Calendar; spots are limited. **[R]**

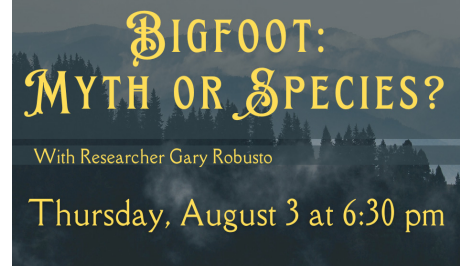


Bigfoot: Myth or Species?

**Thursday, August 3
@ 6:30 pm
Teens & Adults**

Does Bigfoot exist?
Researcher Gary Robusto attempts to answer that question using

state-of-the-art equipment, natural techniques, and scientific processes. Come with an open mind, as well as your questions, as Gary shares his intriguing first-hand experiences, findings, and theories about this fascinating cryptid who predates recorded global history. **[R]**



GPL BioBlitz! Monday, August 7 @ 9:30 am

Family/All Ages
What lives on the grounds of GPL? Come find out! Albany Pine Bush Preserve educators and scientists will join us on a "BioBlitz" as we search the Library grounds for plants,

insects, birds, and more. Learn how to use apps and field guides to identify species here and afar. Bring your curiosity and come prepared for outdoor exploration. We suggest wearing long pants, closed-toe shoes and bug spray. We'll meet indoors for a brief talk before we go outside. **[R]**

Summer Reading continues through August 16 for kids & teens, and September 5 for adults!

ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Preserving Paper & Photograph Collections with Marietta Carr

Saturday, August 12 @ 2 pm

Photographs, letters, diaries, and other important documents are cherished pieces of family history, but they can be a challenge to preserve and maintain for

future generations. Marietta Carr, Librarian/Archivist at the Schenectady County Historical Society, will share effective preservation techniques with us, including storage, handling, digitization, and organization. **[R]**

Getting Started with Libby Wednesday, August 16 @ 11 am Virtual

Want to know how to borrow ebooks and audiobooks? Get to know Libby! This online session, offered monthly and taught by the experts at Overdrive, is the perfect introduction to accessing these digital resources. All sessions are recorded for later viewing, so if you can't attend virtually during this time, no worries—sign up and watch it when you can! **[R]**



Limitless Chair Exercise: Dance Edition!

6-session series starts Saturday, August 19 @ 10-11:15 am

Adults of all ages and abilities can benefit from this dance program! Instructor Ashley Evola incorporates chair exercises with choreography set to

infectious, upbeat music for a fun session of movement.

Limitless encourages participants to get moving and feel their best without judgment. The mission is to make dance accessible for every body while boosting energy and confidence. You'll learn a low-impact workout that can help improve balance and flexibility, while strengthening muscles and memory. Just about anyone can benefit from Limitless, whether you're an athlete recovering from injury; have limited range of motion; or are an active member of the senior community. **NOTE:** Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle. Registration encompasses all six sessions through October; attend as many as you can! **[R]**

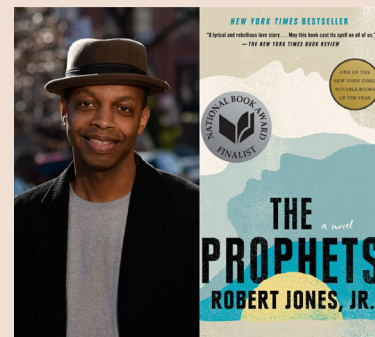
Live Virtual Author Talks [R]

We're pleased to offer an ongoing series of outstanding live author talks with Q & A sessions each month!

Robert Jones, Jr.: The Prophets

Tuesday, August 15 @ 4 pm

New York Times bestselling author Robert Jones, Jr. meets with us online to discuss his debut award-winning novel, **The Prophets**. This story fearlessly reveals the pain and suffering of inheritance, but is also infused with triumphant beauty and truth, portraying the heroic power of love.



Cassandra Clare: The Last Hours Series: Chain of Thorns

Wednesday, August 23 @ 8 pm

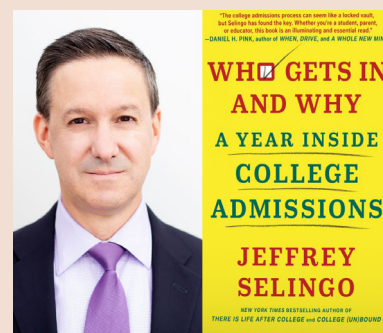
You're invited to an enchanting hour online as we chat exclusively with mega-bestselling author Cassandra Clare about her newest and final book in *The Last Hours* series, **Chain of Thorns**. Clare is the bestselling author of the *Mortal Instruments* Series, a six-volume saga which spent 102 weeks on the New York Times Best Sellers List.



Jeffrey Selingo: A Year Inside College Admissions

Wednesday, August 30 @ 2 pm

Spend an hour with bestselling author Jeff Selingo, who immersed himself in the world of admissions for a



year to answer the question on the minds of teenagers and their parents: how do colleges select their freshman class? The result is his most recent book, **Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions**, named one of the 100 Notable Books of 2020 by the New York Times.

Register now for these informative virtual talks! Missed a presentation that interests you? You can also view past recordings. Our thanks to the Guilderland Library Foundation for partially funding this initiative. **[R]**

ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP [R]

Night Owls Book Club

Mondays @ 6:30 pm (time change)

Hybrid: choice of in-person or virtual

Led by various librarians. Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles.



August: On Hiatus

September 11: *Mad Honey*,
by Jodi PicoultOctober 9: *And There Was Light*,
by Jon MeachamNovember 13: *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*, by Marie Benedict

August Movie: *Jerry & Marge Go Large* Monday, August 21

Two Showings: 1 and 6 pm

Based on a true story, this 2022 movie follows long-married couple Jerry (Bryan Cranston) and Marge Selbee (Annette Bening), who win the lottery and use the money to revive their small town. Also starring Rainn Wilson and Michael McKean. Rated PG-13; 1 hour 36 minutes.



Your Path to Student Loan Freedom

Wednesday,
August 23 @ 6 pm

This discussion, led by Jordan Daniels, a student debt counselor from Empire Justice Center, covers how to navigate student loan repayment after three years in the COVID-19 forbearance. **Interest on federal student**

loans will begin accruing again in September 2023 and first payments to servicers will be due in October 2023. Topics we'll cover:

- ▶ President Biden's 12-month plan to ease into payment resumption
- ▶ New income-driven repayment plan SAVE (Saving on A Valuable Education)
- ▶ Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) Account Adjustment
- ▶ Changes to various forgiveness and discharge programs
- ▶ Next steps in the fight for loan cancellation

Attendees will also be given the opportunity to sign up for a free, unbiased, one-on-one counseling session with Jordan to address their specific student loan situation. This program was well attended in June, and with new changes in just the last few weeks, this up-to-date information is more timely than ever! [R]

Books Under the Stars

Thursday,
August 24
@ 6:30 pm

Adults & Teens

It's a celebration of books under the stars! Stop by for a sweet snack and an evening of chatting about books you've read this summer. Have you **Scored One for Summer** yet? Check out our

Adult Summer Reading list for 2023. Have fun completing the score card for a chance to win a wonderful prize! Please join us even if you haven't read these books yet—one might just be your next great read!



TEEN TECH HELP DESK

With GCSD National Honor Society students



Drop-In Teen Tech Help Desk

Thursdays @ 2-4 pm
Through August 24

GCSD National Honor Society students offer tech help! The teens can gladly assist you with things like:

- ▶ smartphone apps
- ▶ downloading books
- ▶ email set-up
- ▶ internet searches

Call for Volunteers: Computer Coaches

Are you a tech-savvy adult, looking for a way to help your community? We're looking for volunteers who can work one-on-one with patrons in need of computer-related assistance.

Various skill levels are welcome. If you're comfortable helping someone set up an email account, apply to jobs online, or use a smartphone, then you can make a positive impact. Patience, a desire to help others, and flexibility/willingness to expand your own knowledge are the only requirements. Let us know your availability and areas of expertise, and we'll take care of scheduling. Please email us at ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday.....9:30 am–8 pm

programs & meetings may continue until 9 pm

Friday.....9:30 am–6 pm

Saturday.....9:30 am–5 pm

Sunday.....CLOSED-Summer Hours

Farmer's Market continues Sundays from 10-2

All programs are in-person, unless otherwise noted.

[R] = Register on the Events tab of our website.

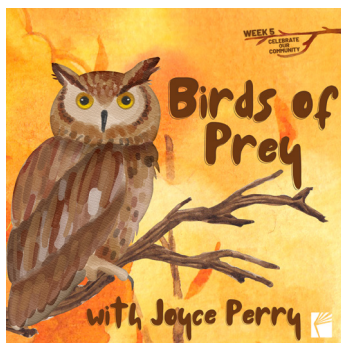
YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

**Friendship Bracelets****Wednesday, August 2****@ 5:30-7:30 pm****Ages 10-18**

Throwback! Come hang out with us for a relaxing evening of friendship and crafting, just like the good old days! All materials will be provided. **[R]**

Family Storytime**Thursdays, August 3 & 10****@ 10:30 am****Ages 0-5**

Bring your little ones to this fun, in-person storytime! We'll read books, sing songs, and dance around! **NOTE:** After August 10, we're taking a short break—look for us to start up again in the fall!

**Birds of Prey with Joyce Perry****Tuesday, August 8 @ 2 pm****Family / All Ages**

One of our favorite presenters, Joyce Perry of Whispering Willow Wild Care, returns for a fascinating up-close look at a variety of live rescued birds. We'll learn what makes each bird species unique, and what's

involved with coordinating a successful wild animal rescue.

STEAMwhiz Labs**Grades 3-5**

Please register for each program separately.

► **Wednesday, August 9 @ 2 pm: Launch It!**

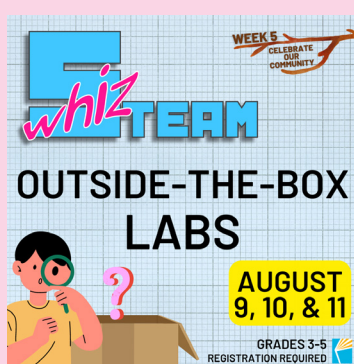
How far can you launch a balloon? How do these principles of energy and force relate to rockets? Guest presenters STEAMwhiz will help us explore these questions and more during this "uplifting" hands-on rocketry lab. **[R]**

► **Thursday, August 10 @ 2 pm: Shock It!**

How can your hair defy gravity? Guest presenters from STEAMwhiz will help us explore static electricity and find out the "shocking" details in this gravity-defying lab. **[R]**

► **Friday, August 11 @ 2 pm: Slime It!**

Can a Non-Newtonian liquid protect you? How are balloons like slime? Guest presenters from STEAMwhiz will help us investigate states of matter and what happens when substances change. **[R]**

**Camp GPL: SRP Finale at Tawasentha Park****Wednesday, August 16****@ 4-7 pm****Small Pavilion****Family/All Ages**

Mark your calendar!

We're wrapping up our

All Together Now

Summer Reading

Program for kids and

teens in grand style, and you're invited! We'll meet at the Small Pavilion at Tawasentha Park for a classic field day featuring an obstacle course, egg races, and more!

NOTE: In the event of extreme weather, this event will be cancelled, and you can pick up your collectable Finale button at the Children's Desk.

Stuffie Storytime & Sleepover**Friday, August 11****@ 5:30-6:30 pm****Ages 4-7**

Ever wonder what happens at the Library after we close for the night? Drop off your favorite stuffed animal for an overnight with their furry friends! Instructions:

- Bring your stuffed animal to the Library on **Friday, August 11 at 5:30 pm**
- Make a name tag for your stuffed animal
- Enjoy a quick storytime at 6 pm
- Tuck your stuffed animal into bed for the night
- Pick up your stuffed animal on **Saturday, August 12**. We'll send you home with a goody bag of surprises, as our way of saying thanks for letting your stuffed animal spend the night with us! **NOTE:** One stuffed animal per child, please. **[R]**

**Jonathan Catch with Don Kirk****Saturday, August 26****@ 3-4 pm****Family / All Ages**

Don Kirk started "Jonathan Catch" in 2022. Every day, in any kind of weather, Don enjoys a game of catch with someone

as a way of remembering his son, Jonathan, who died of heart disease in 2017 at age 35. Don will share stories from his first year, then we'll all go outside and play catch. **Bring your glove and a baseball!** **NOTE:** Don will be at the ValleyCats game on August 11th—the 365th consecutive day of Jonathan Catch. After the game, fans will be invited onto the field for a special post-game catch, followed by fireworks.

ADDITIONAL NEWS



Gulderland Library Foundation Golf Tournament

Monday, August 28 @ 8:15 am-3 pm
Orchard Creek
LAST CALL—SIGN UP NOW!

The Foundation's annual golf tournament is always a good time, for a good cause! Non-golfers are

welcome to attend the 19th Hole Celebration at 2 pm for lunch, awards and a silent auction. Please see: <https://bit.ly/GLFGolf2023> for details, and to register.

Questions? Contact Foundation President Steve Wacksman at: wacksmans@gulderlandlibrary.org

Gulderland Farmer's Market

Sundays @ 10 am-2 pm

Through September 24 Upper Parking Lot

Though GPL is closed on Sundays during the summer, the Gulderland Farmer's Market operates every Sunday in GPL's upper parking lot through the end of September. As

many as 50 vendors rotate each week, offering a variety of locally-produced goods. Youth entrepreneurs are encouraged to participate as well. An ATM is onsite, and food trucks and/or live music may be featured on a given week. Please see **Gulderland Farmer's Market** on Facebook and Instagram for updates on vendors, entertainment, and other announcements.



USED BOOK SALES

GPL Board Members plan to staff a Used Book Sale table at the Gulderland Farmer's Market every Sunday this month: **August 6, 13, 20 and 27!** The Trustees will sell used books for one dollar each during the Farmer's Market. They will also gladly accept your donations of

good quality used books at that time. Please limit your donations to no more than five books at a time.

Otherwise, please continue to donate a few items at a time to our Little Free Library, and use the book donation bins in our side parking lot for bulk donations. **Thank you!**



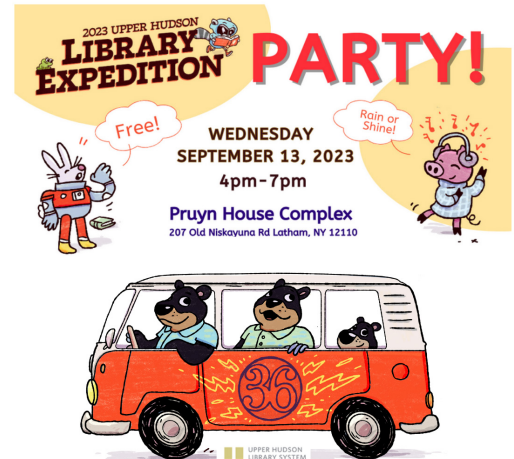
UHLS Library Expedition Party!

Wednesday, September 13 @ 4-7 pm
Pruyn House Complex Latham

It's been a blast, taking road trips to various UHLS libraries over the past four months! Each

library has a distinct personality and unique offerings. Whether you were able to get to a few, a dozen or more, or you managed to collect stamps from all 36 UHLS libraries and claim a gold library card (platinum if it's your second completion)—we salute you! We also want to give major kudos to the fine folks at UHLS for adeptly orchestrating this wide-reaching, worthy endeavor. To all involved, we say: well done! We'll provide the final staggering total of check-ins in subsequent communications (prepare to be astounded!)

So now, all that's left to do is celebrate and share our memorable experiences (and continue visiting libraries at your own pace, or revisit favorites!) **Whether you participated in the Expedition or not—everyone is invited to the UHLS Library Expedition Wrap-Up Party!** Come one, come all, for bear sightings, games, music, cider, donuts and more! Please go to: bit.ly/2023ExpeditionParty to register (not required, but appreciated). This event will happen, rain or shine. **Hope to see you there!**



ON THE CALENDAR

AUGUST

LIBRARY CLOSED:
Sundays during summer
Drop-In Knit & Stitch
Tuesdays. 10-11:30 am

Capital District Knitting Guild
Monday, August 14 @ 6-8 pm
Colonie Art League: August Exhibit Reception:

Tuesday, August 15 @ 5-7 pm

Public Hearing: Gulderland Central School District Firefighter property tax exemption—Thursday, August 17 @ 5:45 pm
GPL Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting

Thursday, August 17 @ 6 pm

In-person and streamed on YouTube. Public commentary to:

pc@gulderlandlibrary.org, or at the beginning / end of the meeting.

NEW How Did You Find It? Podcast
Friday, August 18 on all major platforms

