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Reads & Roasts Beanstack Book Challenge

April 1-30

Teens & Adults

Calling all book and/or coffee lovers! Join the **Reads & Roasts** book challenge! Complete bingo badges by reading books, attending library programs, and stopping by local

coffee shops all over the area. Your completed bingo cards become raffle tickets for a chance to win coffee-themed prizes! Register at: [guilderlandlibrary.beanstack.org](https://www.guilderlandlibrary.beanstack.org) [R]

Reads & Roasts Beanstack Book Challenge Event: The Coffee Table Experience

April 1-2

Tawasentha Room

Peruse our oversized books around the coffee table! Join us for some cozy weekend vibes

and learn about the **Reads & Roasts Beanstack Book Challenge**, which runs through the month of April. We're planning a series of coffee-themed events throughout the month where you can earn badges to win prizes. More

details about the challenge will be available at this relaxed drop-in event.



Look for this symbol for more **Reads & Roasts** programs throughout the month of April! ►



Borrow ebooks, audiobooks & magazines

Libby.



Libby! This online session is the perfect introduction to all things Libby. We are always happy to assist anytime, too! [R]

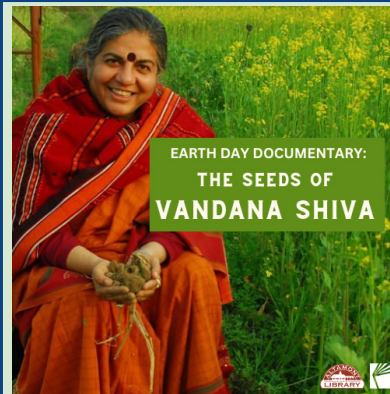
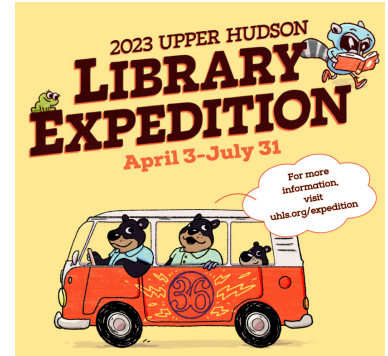
Getting Started with Libby Wednesday, April 12 @ 11 am Virtual

Still using the Overdrive app? Overdrive will be discontinued at the end of April—switch to **Libby** now! Want to know how to borrow ebooks, audiobooks and magazines? *Get to know*

UHLS Library Expedition

April 3-July 31

It's time to hit the road once again and explore all the Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS) has to offer! If you visit them all, you'll earn bragging rights as a "36-er!" For more information, please see: <https://www.uhls.org>.



Earth Day Documentary: The Seeds of Vandana Shiva

Saturday, April 22
@ 10 am

Teens & Adults

Start Earth Day off with an inspiring screening of the award-winning 2022 documentary film, **The Seeds of Vandana Shiva**,

presented jointly by Guilderland Public Library and Altamont Free Library. This film tells the remarkable life story of Gandhian eco-activist Dr. Vandana Shiva—how she stood up to the corporate Goliaths of industrial agriculture, rose to prominence in the ecological food movement, and is inspiring an international crusade for change.

Dr. Shiva's life has embodied the notion that *one person can truly make a difference*. Through her evolution as an activist, the film also aims to shine a light on where we are today. Industrial food accounts for up to 40% of carbon emissions, while pesticides destroy soils, water systems and biodiversity, and harm human health. Contrary to the spin that industrial food is essential to feeding the world, more than two billion people face food insecurity across the globe—every single day.

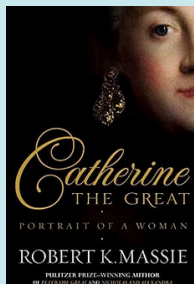
While all ages are welcome, we especially encourage teens and young adults to attend! **BONUS:** We're giving away a copy of Dr. Shiva's brand-new memoir, **Terra Viva: My Life in a Biodiversity of Movements**, to the first ten attendees!



ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS [R]

[https:// guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion](https://guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion)

**Night Owls Book Club**

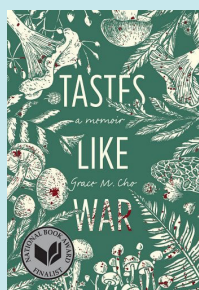
Mondays @ 7:30 pm

Hybrid: in-person or virtual

Led by Librarian Maura Powers-Smith. Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles.

April 10: Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman, by Robert K. Massie

May 8: The Personal Librarian, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

**Memoirs in the Morning**

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am
Virtual

Led by Librarian Josalyn Wilder.

Reading the best current biographies and memoirs.

May 31: Tastes Like War: A Memoir, by Grace Cho
Look for **Memoirs in the Morning** on [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com)!

NYS Boater Safety Course

Wednesday, April 12 & Thursday, April 13
@ 5:30-9:30 pm
Ages 10-adult

Only a few spots left!

This two-day in-person course at the Library provides a broad overview on the basic principles of safe and responsible boating. Students successfully completing this eight-hour course will earn a safe-boating certificate.

In accordance with Brianna's Law, all motor boat operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1983 need a boating safety certificate in 2023. ALL motor boat operators, regardless of age, will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2025. Beat the rush—get certified NOW!

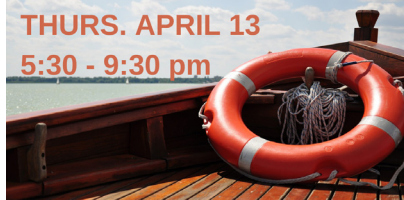
Important Notes:

- NYS Parks and Recreation Fee of \$10 is required for the completed certification
- Attendance both days is required

Stop by the Library's Adult Information desk at any time to pick up a copy of the **New York Safe Boating** manual that will be used throughout this course. Refer to our Events Calendar for full details, and to register. [R]

NYS BOATER SAFETY COURSE

WED. APRIL 12 & THURS. APRIL 13
5:30 - 9:30 pm



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday—Thursday.....9:30 am–9 pm
Friday.....9:30 am–6 pm
Saturday.....9:30 am–5 pm
Sunday.....1-5 pm

All programs are in-person, unless otherwise noted.

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

Great Guilderland and Altamont Spell-Off!

Tuesday, April 11

@ 6-8 pm

Ages 10-Adult

Do you have to S-P-E-L-L it out for us?! Y-E-S! We're holding a Spell-Off for Guilderland and Altamont Free Library patrons to test your spelling prowess in teams of two. Going solo? We'll pair you with another contestant, if possible. **Participants can be ages 10+, but at least one person on your team must be ages 18+.**

This event is part of a larger Upper Hudson Library System program, "The Great Spell-Off." The ultimate goal is to qualify for the final Spell-Off on Sunday, April 30 at 2:30 p.m. at William K. Sanford Library in Colonie. Good luck! [R]

**SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES****Old Time Dance Band**

Sunday, April 16 @ 2 pm

Family / All Ages

We're marking

Jazz Appreciation Month with a special performance from the Old Time Dance Band! Relive the nostalgic Big Band era, or discover this mood-inducing music afresh as this eclectic ensemble performs Dixieland, Hot Jazz, and Early Swing-style classics. Bring the family to this captivating concert, capturing a simpler time of complex musicianship that all ages will appreciate.

**Quintocracy Performs "Spring Seasonings"**

Sunday, April 30 @ 2 pm

Family / All Ages

Quintocracy is a dynamic woodwind quintet who firmly believe that music should be accessible and diverse. They'll perform a

repertoire they call "Spring Seasonings," featuring music of the "four seasons" with works by Antonio Vivaldi, Samuel Barber, Jennifer Higdon, and Astor Piazzolla. Come hear Quintocracy break the classical ensemble mold with superb artistry!

ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Remarkable Natives for Planet-Friendly Gardens: A Zoom Program with Kerry Mendez

Saturday, April 15 @ 10 am
Virtual

There seems to be a misconception that native plants are not as showy as non-native plants in the flower garden. Not true! This Zoom lecture filled with beautiful slides will open your eyes to dazzling specimens that attract accolades as well as pollinators. The result: beautiful gardens that are beneficial for the planet! This presentation—by award-winning garden educator, author, design consultant and proprietor of Perennially Yours, Kerry Mendez—includes mail-order sources for natives (in addition to local garden centers!) [R]



Movie Night: Tár

Monday, April 17 @ 6 pm

As the principal conductor for the Berlin Philharmonic, Lydia Tár has composed music for stage and screen, achieving rare EGOT status by winning Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony awards. What happens when a world-famous artist becomes overwhelmed by responsibilities, emotion, noise, society and even her own personal expectations? This riveting 2022 Oscar-nominated film stars Cate Blanchett. *Rated R.*



Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 22 @ 10 am-2 pm

Side Parking Lot
GPL and the Guilderland Police Department team up every spring and fall for the nationwide Drug Take-Back Day campaign, a one-day collaborative effort facilitating safe,

anonymous disposal of prescribed and non-prescribed substances. Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances and pet medications can be disposed; sharps and syringes cannot.

Instructions for this drive-through event:

- ▶ 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

No questions asked; no identification required.

READS & ROASTS BOOK CHALLENGE EVENTS

Earn badges (and maybe even a prize) by participating!

Cereal & Cartoons & Coffee

Saturday, April 8 @ 10 am-12 pm

Family / All Ages

Remember when...we had to wait a whole week to get our cartoon fix on Saturday mornings? When that time finally came, we tended to binge! In this spirit, GPL presents a tribute to the morning cartoons of yore, complete with various sugary cereals, and of course—coffee! [R]



Coffee & Color

Friday, April 21 @ 10:30 am

Adults

Happy Friday! Come join us in the Westbrook Room for some morning joe, coffee-themed coloring, and relaxed, friendly vibes! [R]



Open Mic Cafe'

Friday, April 28 @ 5:30-7:00 pm

Teens & Adults

In celebration of *National Poetry Month*, we're offering an Open Mic Café! Everyone is welcome to read their own work (5-10 mins.) or something they enjoy from the library's collection. This is the final event for *Reads & Roasts*—get that final bingo card badge!



Johannes Vermeer: The Sphinx of Delft

Monday, April 24 @ 6:30 pm

Virtual

The 17th century in Holland witnessed extraordinary innovation in science, commerce and artistic expression, and Johannes Vermeer was at the forefront, arguably one

of the most significant painters of this Dutch Golden Age. Vermeer's paintings are currently the subject of a sold-out exhibition at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Holland. This timely talk, led by art educator Janet Cohen Mandel, will illustrate the life of Vermeer through examination of some of his most important and iconic works. The artist's paintings show a purity of light and form, peace and tranquility—think of "Girl with a Pearl," which inspired author Tracy Chevalier's blockbuster novel, "Girl With a Pearl Earring." Learn more about one of the world's most prolific painters, without having to travel to Europe! [R]

YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

**Storytime Options**

Let's read books, sing songs and get moving together! Caregivers are required to stay with their child(ren) the entire time. Please choose only ONE of the three storytime options per week:

- ▶ **Toddlers**—18-36 months—**Tuesdays @ 10:30 am**
 - ▶ **Families**—Birth-5 years old—**Wednesdays @ 10:30 am**
 - ▶ **Preschoolers**—3-5 years old—**Thursdays @ 10:30 am**
- Please note:** Storytime is on a break **April 10-21**.

Drop-In STEAM Play

Monday, April 10

@ 2-3 pm

Grades K-5

Elementary-aged kids (and their families) can drop-in anytime for some STEAM fun! Play with Code-a-Pillars, marble runs, and other cool building toys!

**ON THE CALENDAR**

CLOSED FOR EASTER—Sunday, April 9

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

Guilderland CSD Elementary Art Exhibition April 5-24 Reception: Tuesday, April 18 @ 3-5 pm

Drop-In Teen Tech Help Desk—Thursdays, April 6, 20 & 27

Capital District Knitting Guild all skill levels

Monday, April 10 @ 6-8 pm

Drop-In Genealogy with Lisa Dougherty

Wednesday, April 12 @ 6-8 pm

Drop-In STEAM Play—Grades K-5

Monday, April 10 @ 2-3 pm

Drop-In Playtime—ages Birth-5 w/caregiver

Monday, April 17 @ 10:30-11:30 am

GPL Board Candidate Applications Due Monday, April 17

NEW Kid/Teen Discovery Pages

Saturday, April 15: Early Childhood

Sunday, April 30: Middle School

guilderlandlibrary.org/gplkids/

GPL Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, April 20 @ 6 pm

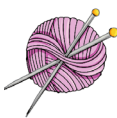
In-person and streamed on YouTube. Public commentary to: pc@guilderlandlibrary.org

NEW How Did You Find It? Podcast

Friday, April 21 on all major platforms

Guilderland Library Foundation Meeting

Thursday, April 27 @ 6:15 pm

**APRIL VACATION WEEK @ GPL****Paint & Dip for Teens**

Wednesday, April 12

@ 2 pm

Grades 7-12

Co-hosted by the TACOs

Get creative! Follow along to recreate our instructor's painting, or just let your own inspiration guide you!

All skill levels are welcome, and all supplies will be provided, including "dips!" **[R]**

PAINT & DIP FOR TEENS**Stop Motion Video**

Thursday, April 13 & Friday, April 14

@ 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Grades 3-12

Learn the basics of stop motion (the process of animating objects through still photographs) during this two-day course.

From brainstorming to editing, you'll go through the entire process of animating your very own movie. Participants will work in groups to make a video approximately one minute long. **[R]**

Project Picture Book: Save Jars

Thursday, April 13

@ 3:30 pm

Grades K-2

Early elementary-age children are invited to listen to a story and complete a related activity. This month,

SEFCU bank will teach us about money management, and we'll create our own "save jars" to take home! **[R]**



The Puppet People Present:

The Three Little Pigs**The Puppet People Present: The Three Little Pigs**

Friday, April 14 @ 2 pm

Family / All Ages

Using beautifully-designed puppets, colorful sets, humor, and lots of audience participation, this retelling of the classic story is sure to entertain! Rescheduled

from a February snow day; please register again. **[R]**

YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Learn to Sew: Stamped Cross Stitch Project

Tuesday, April 18

@ 3:30 pm

Grades 3-5

Sew much enjoyment!

Learn a new stitch or two while completing your very own framed mini cross stitch project. **[R]**

Family STEAM Night Finale

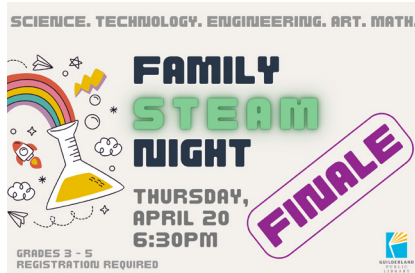
Thursday, April 20

@ 6:30 pm

Grades 3-5

This year's Family STEAM Night series is coming to an end—join us for the *grand finale*! To celebrate

another awesome STEAM-filled year at GPL, we're welcoming back many of the schools who visited us during the series, including RPI, Siena College, and Union College. **[R]**



Spring Exploration Stations

Friday, April 21 @ 11 am

Ages 2-5

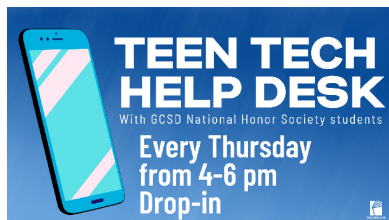
Hands-on fun! Join us for an hour of sensory play and process art, featuring a cheerful spring theme. **[R]**

Viral Crafts

Tuesday, April 25 @ 6 pm

Teens & Adults

Come hang out with us and try your hand at the latest crafts sweeping the internet! This time, we're making Mini Plant Hangers. All supplies will be provided. **[R]**



Teen Tech Help Desk

Thursdays

April 6, 20 & 27

@ 4-6 pm

Drop in for tech help on a variety of questions regarding smartphone

apps; downloading books to devices; email set-up; internet searches, and more! Guilderland CSD National Honor Society students are ready to assist! **Please note:** No Help Desk on April 13, when school is not in session.



~ OPENING THIS SPRING at GPL! ~



Café con Mel Moving to GPL

Opening expected later this spring

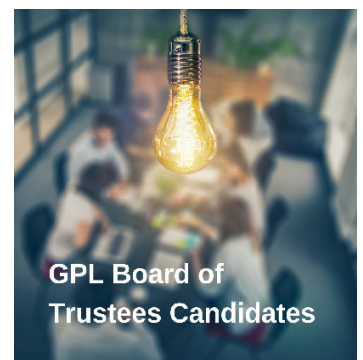
After almost two years of searching for a suitable vendor and completing renovations, we are preparing to unveil this final, long-awaited piece of our construction project!

Café con Mel began in Cohoes in 2021 as a coffee shop and caterer (including such high-profile catering clients as HBO's "The Gilded Age.") Now, Joy (left in photo) and Mel are embracing their next chapter as they move their coffee shop to the former Normanskill Room at GPL. They'll continue serving their renowned Puerto Rican and Filipino specialties, plus several other breakfast, lunch and beverage favorites. Used booksales at the Library will resume in the café, and outdoor seating in the warmer months will be available. Hours of operation are slated for 8:30 am-4 pm on weekdays, and 9 am-2 pm on weekends.

As they say, "We can't wait to see familiar faces who are excited to have us closer to them, and to meet new people that will become familia! We appreciate your support during this big change! Stay tuned for final dates. *Con mucho amor!*"

2023 GPL Board of Trustee Candidates

For our annual election on **Tuesday, May 16**, we have two open positions on our eleven-member Board of Trustees, with an application deadline of **Monday, April 17**. Board members serve a five-year term, investing significant time by meeting monthly and serving on various committees to support Library operations. Please request an information packet at the Circulation desk, or email Library Director Tim Wiles at wilest@guilderlandlibrary.org for further details.



GPL Board of Trustees Candidates