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Summer Reading Wrap-Up

As always, summer is flying by! Our Summer Reading Program (SRP) for all ages, *Tails & Tales*, will conclude on **August 20**. Here's what's on the Events Calendar this month for kids and teens. Sign up for registered programs (indicated by [R]) on our website or at 518.456.2400 ext. 3.



Jungle Week
August 2–6

Grades 3-5 Activity Kit

Curbside Pick Up—August 3-7

Find out who would win the Ultimate Jungle Rumble! Each kit contains a free copy of a *Who Would Win?* book and a fun activity. Please register, then pick up your curbside kit by August 7. [R] *

Storytime @ Tawasentha

Wednesday, August 4 @ 6:30 pm

Sign up for a fun, socially-distanced family story time at Tawasentha Park! We'll share stories about animals that live in the jungle. Please bring a lawn chair and/or blanket to accommodate your family members. [R]

Teen Virtual Escape Room

Thursday, August 5

Grades 6-8 @ 2 pm / Grades 9-12 @ 3:30 pm

Think you have what it takes to navigate through the clues, work together as a group and crack the code to make your great escape? Let's find out! This online conundrum will involve creative out-of-the-box thinking and teamwork in order to unravel the mystery. Rest assured, we think you're up to the challenge, and that you'll enjoy the process! [R]

Pet Week
August 9–13



Preschool Activity Kit

Curbside Pick Up—August 10-14

Little ones: make a pet-themed hand puppet! Please register, then pick up your curbside kit by August 14. [R] *

Teen Activity Kit

Curbside Pick Up—August 10-14

We'll supply everything needed to make a pet...rock! After registering, pick up your curbside kit by August 14. [R] *

Virtual PJ Storytime

Wednesday, August 11 @ 6:30 pm

You and your favorite stuffed pal are invited to a calm and cozy storytime—the perfect wind-down to a long summer day, featuring books, songs and rhymes. [R]

* Kits not picked up will be available to anyone on a first-come, first-served basis the following Monday.

Dog Toys in the Park

Friday, August 13 @ 2:30 pm

Tawasentha Park—Large Pavilion

Let's construct squeaking dog toys! We recommend leaving your furry friend at home and surprising them with the finished creation. Spots are limited for this family/all ages program. [R]



Fantasy Week
August 16–20

Grades K-2 Activity Kit

Curbside Pick Up—August 17-21

Create your own unique unicorn and coordinating mask! After registering, pick up your curbside kit by August 21. *

Fantasy Animal Virtual Storytime

Wednesday, August 18

Join Ms. Elisabeth on our YouTube channel or our GPL Kids & Families Facebook page for a fantasy animal-themed virtual storytime full of books, rhymes, and other fun surprises!

SRP Finale:

Animal Tales with Master Storyteller Diane Edgecomb

Friday, August 20

Online via social media platforms

Who has the best tales in the world? Animals do! From folktales about



adventurous monkeys to a true tale of a neighborhood squirrel that drives everyone nuts—we'll have tons of participatory fun with these engaging online stories about four-legged capers! As one of America's most beloved storytellers, Diane Edgecomb is known for bringing endearing stories to vibrant life. Diane is the winner of the ORACLE award for Storytelling Excellence in the Northeast, as well as five Storytelling World awards.

CURBSIDE SERVICE HOURS

Checkouts - Follow Signs:

Mon./Wed./Fri.....9:30 am - 6 pm
Tues./Thurs..... 9:30 am - 9 pm
Saturday.....10 am - 2 pm
Sunday—Summer Hours.....CLOSED

Returns - Parking Lot Sheds:

24/7, except holidays

The library is currently closed to public browsing.

ADULT PROGRAMS



Tomatoes 101
Wednesday, August 4 @ 6 pm
Tawasentha Park—Small Pavilion

One of the most-prized garden rewards is a juicy, ripe tomato. There's so much you can do with this versatile pantry staple! We'll learn how to safely hot pack crushed tomatoes and make salsa with one

of our favorite presenters, Karen Roberts Mort, from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County. We'll also cover the basics of using a boiling water canner, including equipment needed. Space is limited; masks required. [R]

Becoming a Foster Parent

Thursday, August 5 @ 6 pm

Ever thought about adopting or fostering a child? Join us for a virtual information session, presented by Albany-based Northern Rivers Family of Services, to learn how you can make a lasting difference in a child's life. Nationally-accredited Northern Rivers provides comprehensive training and support throughout every phase of the foster care experience. We'll email you the link to participate in advance of the program. [R]



1:1 Apple Tech & Résumé Help
Mondays August 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 6:30 pm

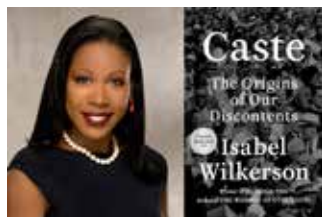
Get the most out of your Apple devices...or craft a winning résumé with Learning Express! Get 1:1 virtual assistance from coach Robin with:

- ▶ Apple Watch, iPhone, MacBook, iPad, Apple TV
- ▶ résumé preparation with Learning Express at: <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/learning-tools>. Schedule your customized online appointment today! [R]



Night Owls Online
Monday, August 9 @ 7:30 pm
Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson

To place a hold, call **518.456.2400 ext. 3** or email ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org, then register on the Events tab of our website for the link to participate. [R]



[R] = registration required. Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be held online. See the Events calendar at www.guilderlandlibrary.org to register. We'll email you the link in advance of the program.



Decoding the Mystery of Cats

Tuesday, August 17 @ 7:30 pm

Learn all about feline behavior from the perspective of the evolutionary and adaptive forces that help shape cats' lives. What does a cat's "drive-by" ankle biting or early morning wakeup time have to do with something called the Cycle of Predation? Why are certain cats more confident than others? How do their own mother/kitten relationships shape their relationships with humans? Presenter Stephen Quandt, Feline Behaviorist, will help unlock some of these mysteries, answer questions, and offer behavior advice during this online program. [R]



Preserve the Bounty
Tuesday, August 24 @ 6:30 pm

A bountiful summer garden harvest often results in wondering what to do with the surplus of fresh veggies. Here's a manageable solution! We'll convene via Zoom to learn safe food preservation techniques such as dehydration, freezing, canning, and

fermenting, using the proper tools and packaging. You'll also get tips on preparing, cooking and serving vegetables in quick, delicious and healthy ways from Karen Roberts Mort, a food & nutrition educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension—Albany County. [R]

Virtual Craft & Chat
Wednesday, August 25 @ 6 pm

Crafters and aspiring crafters: what are you working on? We'd love to chat, share tips, maybe even inspire one another. Whether you knit, stitch, sketch, paint—whatever craft you dabble in—we want to hear about it! After registering, you'll receive the Zoom link in advance. [R]



PROGRAMS & SERVICES



How Did You Find It?
GPL's monthly podcast
New episode:
Friday, August 20
Have you heard? Librarian Kathleen Tyrell drops a new episode of our monthly podcast, **How Did You Find It?**, the third Friday of each month. It's another way to keep current

on what's happening here at GPL, and make sure you're taking full advantage of all we offer. Listen on Anchor, Spotify, Apple, Google, Breaker, Radio Public—wherever you access podcasts.

Dial A Story

for children and adults

Relax your eyes and engage your mind with a short audible story, updated regularly!

Call 518.456.2400 and press 5, then choose 1 for adults; 2 for children; or 3 for an international story in various languages. Enjoy a quick break!



Curbside Notes

► We would like to thank you, our fabulous patrons, for being flexible, cooperative and understanding when construction necessitates our moving curbside services. Our best piece of advice is to **follow signs**, and please **wear a mask** when entering the building. As always, we appreciate your pivoting along

with us as we strive to serve you with excellence throughout these ever-changing logistics. We may be biased, but we believe our patrons are the absolute BEST! **Thank you!**

► Perhaps our most frequent question lately has been: why do we use plastic bags for curbside pickup items? There are several reasons:

- it's acceptable for not-for-profits like us to use plastic bags (it's only illegal for businesses)
- plastic is waterproof, far cheaper than paper, holds multiple items together, and ensures patron privacy

Because we are listening to you, we have purchased a green plastic bag recycling bin. If you don't want your plastic bag, simply remove it and place it inside the bin. We will either reuse it or recycle it.



Thanks for your questions and concerns! Please feel free to reach out anytime on social media or at: pc@guilderlandlibrary.org.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Almost Done!

We expect our major construction project to be completed around Labor Day, on budget and 11 months ahead of schedule! We're planning on welcoming patrons back in to our enhanced facility in September...stay tuned for details!



Our new Circulation area is taking shape. RFID technology will be incorporated this fall.

The Helderberg Room has remained virtually untouched throughout construction, mainly serving as a staging area.



The main reading area includes additional meeting spaces. Mobile shelving will accommodate larger gatherings.

ON THE CALENDAR



Curbside Closed on Sundays
Summer Hours
GPL Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, August 19
@ 6 pm

In-Person at the Library and streamed live on YouTube. Public commentary may be submitted at any time to: pc@guilderlandlibrary.org