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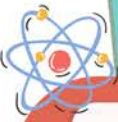
CRAFT FAIR

SAT | SEPT 07 | 9:30 - 2

*raffle fundraiser to benefit the
sunshine staff committee*

Craft Fair
Saturday, Sept. 7
9:30am-2pm

Cozy up with handcrafted goodness and fall in love with handmade finds. Support local artisans while finding the perfect piece to add a touch of autumn to your home.

Science

It Came from Schenectady

Tuesday, Sept. 24
@6pm



What if you had a superpower? What if you could travel through time? What if machines overtook Schenectady? "What if" questions inspire writers, artists, and filmmakers to create new worlds and imagine alternate realities. This talk explores the "what ifs" that inspired the creations of local science fiction innovators, including Kurt Vonnegut, P. Schuyler Miller, Ray Nelson, Glendora, and Pamela Sargent and the legacy of science fiction in Schenectady County.



GPL SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

The Linda Brown Jazz Project

Sunday, Sept. 8 @2pm

Linda Ellen Brown has assembled a jazz quartet of phenomenal local talent: Peg Delaney, pianist, educator, arranger and composer, has been a part of the Capital District music scene since the early '70s; Peg leads a small jazz ensemble as well as a 19-pc big band.

Colleen Pratt's musical career spans more than four decades. While she has covered a variety of genres, she is most often heard singing the Great American Songbook. Bob Halek is a much sought after drummer, percussionist, educator, and conductor. Performing jazz, pop, rock, soul, big band, orchestral, concert and opera music, he has shared the stage with many exceptional regional and national musicians. Linda, in addition to being the bassist-bandleader, has freelanced extensively on double bass and electric bass with numerous artists and is an arts director advocating for jazz and live music in the Capital Region and the Hudson Valley.

Join us for a free afternoon of outstanding music.

Regular Hours Start September 3rd

Mon-Thurs. 9:30 am-8:00 pm

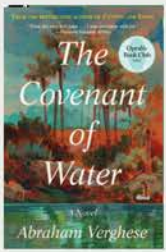
Friday 9:30 am-6:00 pm

Saturday 9:30 am-5:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm



BOOK CLUBS



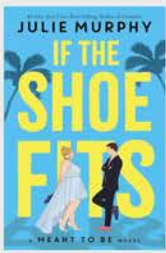
Night Owls Book Club
Monday, Sept. 9 @6:30pm

Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles. Hybrid: choice of in-person or virtual. [R]
 This month we're reading: **The Covenant of Water** by Abraham Verghese



Silent Book Club
Sunday, Sept. 15 @1:30pm

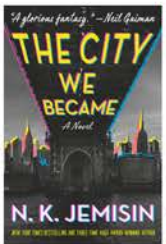
Tired of deadlines? Not interested in discussions? Want to read your current book in quiet? Try the Silent Book Club! Arrive and chat for the first half hour. Then read silently for the next hour. Bring a refreshment, snack, and your book in any format- paper, reader, or audio. Relax & enjoy quiet reading time. Comfy blankets (not supplied) encouraged!



Hopeless Romantics Book Club
Wednesday, Sept. 18 @6:30pm

Hopeless Romantics Book Club is a brand new romance book club that meets every month on the third Wednesday to discuss swoon-worthy romance titles. This book club will cover a wide variety of subgenres from historical romance to contemporary romance to the newly popular: romantasy! [R]

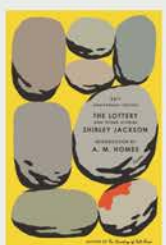
In September, we will be discussing **If the Shoe Fits** by Julie Murphy. Copies of the book can be picked up from the Information Desk starting at end of August, or patrons may borrow a digital copy from Hoopla.



Realm Explorers Book Club
Saturday, Sept. 21 @11am

Realm Explorers is a book club that meets on Saturday mornings to discuss various science fiction and fantasy novels. Titles include Adult/Young Adult science fiction and fantasy books as well as graphic novels. Ages 16 and older can participate. [R]

This month we're reading **The City We Became** by N.K. Jemisin. You can pick up a copy of the book at the library's Information Desk (while supplies last) or borrow a digital copy from Libby.



Fright Club: September
Registration closes August 30

Fright Club is our passive adult Horror Fiction book club. How does it work? Register each month for your book club kit and pick it up at the beginning of the month. Your kit will include a member letter, discussion questions, fun facts about the author/novel, a journal for writing about your thoughts, GPL swag and a

fun themed giveaway! This series, we'll be focusing on short stories that pack a big punch in a small package. Be sure to register for each month and join in on the frightful fun! [R]

This month's short story is: **The Shirley Jackson Collection**

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

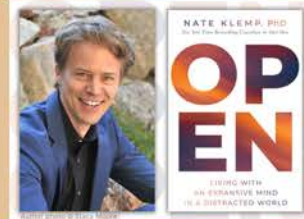
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Capturing the Human Drama Through History with Garrett Graff
Tuesday, Sept. 10 @2pm

Get ready for this incredibly moving virtual chat with New York Times bestselling author Garrett Graff! In **The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11**, Graff draws on never-before-published transcripts, recently declassified

documents, and original interviews and stories from nearly five hundred government officials, first responders, witnesses, survivors, friends, and family members to paint the most comprehensive, minute-by-minute account of the September 11 attacks yet, all told in the words of those who experienced that dramatic and tragic day. [R]



Nate Klemm, Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World
Wednesday, Sept. 18 @2pm

Join us as New York Times bestselling author and philosopher Nate Klemm helps us explore pathways back to openminded living when he talks to us about the core tenets in his new book

Open: Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World. In this climate of distraction and division, Nate Klemm's Open offers a path back to a way of living that is expansive, creative, and filled with wonder. [R]



Liane Moriarty, A Deep Dive in Character Development
Saturday, Sept. 21 @7pm

If you knew your future, would you try to fight fate? If you were told you only had a certain amount of time left to live, would you do things differently? Would you try to dodge your destiny? Join us as

we chat with mega-bestselling author Liane Moriarty about her newest novel **Here One Moment**. Moriarty's novel is a brilliantly constructed tale that looks at free will and destiny, grief and love, and the endless struggle to maintain certainty and control in an uncertain world. [R]



Fright Club Movie Matinee: Double Creature Feature
Monday, September 23

We Have Always Lived in the Castle (NR)
 @ 12:00 pm
The Haunting (PG-13)
 @ 2:00 pm
 No registration required



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**The Princess Bride Movie Party
Wednesday, Sept. 25 @ 6pm**

Join us for an inconceivable evening as we celebrate the cult classic, "The Princess Bride." Whether you're a fan of epic adventures, witty humor, or heartwarming romance, this movie has something for everyone. Bring your friends and family to enjoy a night filled with laughter, love, and a touch of fantasy. We will have themed treats, trivia with a prize, and a showing of the movie! [R]

An Inconceivable Princess Bride Party

Join us for a themed snacks, trivia, and an interactive viewing of The Princess Bride.
September 25th at 6:00
Open to *Teens & Adults Only*
Registration Required

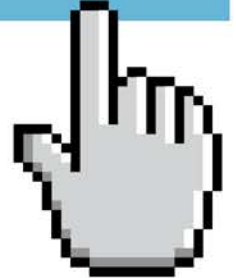


Technology Help Sessions

**Wednesday, Sept. 11
Wednesday, Sept. 25
10-11 & 11-12**

Computer Basics and Navigational Assistance Available! [R]
Coach Donna can assist with

- Internet Searches- How to navigate Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, Bing
- Microsoft Word & Excel
- Emails- attaching & downloading attachments, DocuSign, protecting against phishing & scams
- Facebook basics
- Printing, Scanning, & Faxing
- PC & Android only



Find Your Writing Voice



**Find Your Writing Voice
Saturday, Sept. 14 @2pm**

Unlock the power of your unique voice as a writer in this engaging and interactive workshop. Whether you're an aspiring novelist, poet, journalist, or simply someone who enjoys putting pen to paper, this course will help you discover and refine your writing voice. Through a blend of practical exercises and constructive feedback, you'll embark on a creative journey to find your distinctive voice and develop the confidence to share it with the world. Led by author Gabrielle Esposito. [R]

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**Computer Coach
Apple Tech Help**

**Drop-In
10 am-12 pm**



iPhones, iPads, Macbook, and more

Friday, Sept.27, 10am-12pm

Learn how to use anything from an Apple Watch to an iPhone to a Macbook!

Devices covered:

- Apple computers
- Apple TV
- Apple Watch
- iPad
- iPhone

Please Note: This is a drop-in event. If other patrons are waiting, session times will be limited. This session is not for social media assistance.

Cozy Beverages: Curl Up with Coffee

September 17th at 6:00pm
Learn about French Press Coffee with Virgo Rising

**Cozy Beverage: Curl Up with Coffee
Tuesday, Sept. 17 @6pm**

Do French presses seem daunting to you? Would you like to learn how to use one and discover its benefits? Join Jacqueline from Virgo Rising Coffee for a hands-on demonstration on using a French press and why it's an exceptional brewing method. A coffee sample will be provided. This event is for adults and teenagers only. [R]



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Classic Movie Mondays

Drop-in to relive the magic of cinema with our Monday movie series! From golden age classics to '80s blockbusters, we've got something for everyone. Enjoy free popcorn and a trip down memory lane.



Monday, Sept.9
Citizen Kane (PG) 12 pm
Casablanca (PG) 2:15 pm

Monday, Sept. 16
The Sound of Music (G)
12 pm

Monday, Sept. 30
Rocky (PG) 12 pm
Star Wars (PG) 2:15 pm

BOARD GAME CAFE

SEPT 25TH - 5PM - 7PM
DROP IN ANYTIME!



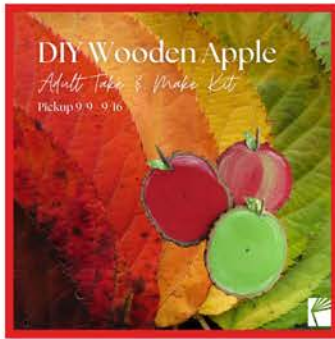
**Board Game Cafe
Thursday, Sept. 26
5-7pm**

Eat snacks, drink coffee, and play board games at the library! Bring your friends or meet new friends at the table; anyone can drop-in and there's no registration required. Browse our collection of board games and try them out here. If you like the board game you're playing, you can check it out and take it home!

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DIY Wooden Apple Take & Make Kit

Available for pick-up September 9-16

It's time for apple picking! Why not create your own that will last forever? This kit is designed for adult crafters. This kit will be available on a first come, first served basis at the Information Desk. Limit one per person. No reservations or holds. Happy crafting!



Intro to Value Line Research Center

Tuesday, Sept. 10 @6pm

Learn all about our digital, financial learning tool available to cardholders in the Guilderland Library service area! Value Line is a unique source of investment information designed to help investors make informed decisions that fit their individual

goals and levels of risk. If you'd like to learn more about this tool and how to navigate it, please join us for this Zoom session, presented for us by a Value Line Library Specialist. *This program is virtual.* [R]

Mid-Autumn Festival: Calligraphy Workshop
Wednesday, Sept. 11 @6pm

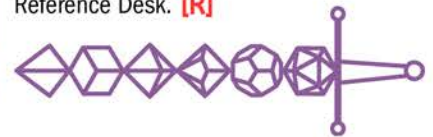
Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival at our Chinese Calligraphy Workshop! The Mid-Autumn Festival is a traditional event that brings families together to exchange presents and enjoy a sense of togetherness. Whether you're a beginner or have experience, you will learn how to hold the brush, master basic strokes, and create calligraphic artwork while embracing the festive spirit. This workshop welcomes participants of all skill levels, so immerse yourself in the essence of traditional Chinese calligraphy and bring elegance to your Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations. The library will provide all materials needed for the workshop; space will be limited. [R]



Dungeon Master's D&D Kit

Available for pick-up September 3-10

Want to start a D&D campaign? Register to grab a free DM kit from our Adult Reference Desk. [R]



ARTventure: Tissue Paper
Tuesday, Sept. 17 @6pm

If you've ever given or received a gift, you probably have some lying around. Discover some new uses for tissue paper, an underappreciated craft supply.

Each session of Art Adventure will focus on a different craft material and will present several small, quick projects you can do at your own pace and take home. [R]

Drop-In Genealogy
Wednesday, Sept. 11
5:30pm-7:30pm

Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty offers 1:1 family history consultations on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Library. This is a drop-in session; no need to make an appointment.

For more general information, visit Lisa's website:
<http://www.upstatenygenealogy.com>



Fall Vase

Thursday, Sept. 19 @6pm

Come to the library for a fun, Fall craft. In this workshop, local crafter Stacey Kennedy will walk you through the process of creating your own vase out of pages from a hardcover book! Then you will decorate your vase with autumn colored flowers.

All materials will be provided. Please register to reserve your spot as supplies are limited. [R]

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Supporting a Loved One with a Disability Through Challenging Behaviors

Wednesday, Sept. 11 @1pm

In this workshop we will look at: The basics of why harmful challenging behaviors (hitting, refusal, biting, etc) occur for a child with a developmental disability.

We will be learning about the 5 different motivators that cause challenging behaviors, which ones might be impacting your child, and the basic behavioral strategies you can implement to help them through a behavioral outburst. Registration encouraged. Walk-ins are Welcome. **Presented by Wildwood Programs Family Support Director, Brittany DeBell, LMHC [R]**

American Red Cross: Blood Drive

Saturday, Sept. 14 10am-2pm

SCAN TO REGISTER



The Makers present: Peace by Piece

Sunday, Sept.15 2-4 pm

Drop-in and check out The Makers! This collaborative arts and crafts group promotes creativity, community and conservation. Join them for an afternoon to try your hand at weaving, collage and other art activities as well as view their art exhibition.



The Plastics Crisis: Turning Off the Tap

Monday, Sept. 16 @7pm

This program will explain the extent of the plastic pollution crisis, what we can do about it, and what is possible through legislation. By focusing on reduction and reuse -- the first two "R's" -- we can make an immediate impact while calling out the many false "greenwashed"

solutions offered by producers. Billions of single use plastic carry-out bags have been stopped from becoming litter, being incinerated, or harming wildlife since 2020. We must build on this progress if we are to stem the tide of this ever-growing problem. Sponsored by The Guilderland Coalition for Responsible Growth. Registration is requested but walk-ins are welcome! [R]



Here is a sampling of the community groups that meet at the library. There groups below are always open to new members dropping in to try it out! *Please be advised you may not see these meetings on the library calendar, but there may be other information posted on the Community Bulletin Boards.*

Guilderland Guitar Group

First Wednesday of the Month 7pm Westbrook Room

The Guilderland Guitar Group will be meeting at the Guilderland Public Library on the first Wednesday of the month. No matter what your skill level, if you are interested in playing guitar, this is the group for you! Bring your guitar, bring some music, and be ready to have some fun. We'll share tips and tricks, strum some chords, and enjoy learning and playing together. Be there or be square ☺

"The more you play music, the better you'll get."- Glen Campbell

Let's Talk: Coffee & Conversation with Seniors

Wednesdays at 11am Tawasentha Room

Join our vibrant senior social group! Engage in lively conversations, be a part of a community and make new friends!

The Jane Austen Society of NA

September 22 2-4pm Westbrook Room

The Jane Austen Society of North America is dedicated to the appreciation of Jane Austen and her writing. Join us in celebrating her life and works. New members welcome!



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Silly Sidewalk Chalk
Thursday, Sept. 19 @10:30am

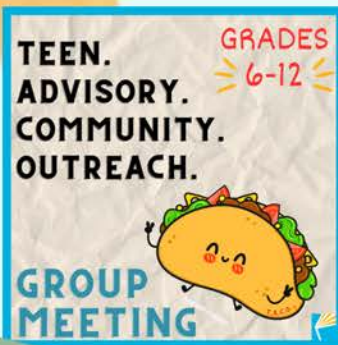
Come join us for a morning of sidewalk chalk fun! Let your creativity shine and draw silly art using sidewalk chalk in the Literary Garden and participate in fun chalk activities. Weather permitting. Program will be canceled in the event of rain. **For children ages 2-5 with a caregiver.**



Drop-In Youth Chess
Saturday, Sept. 14
11-12pm

Drop in for a game of chess at the library! Challenge friends to a game of chess, or teach yourself to play using the self-directed instructions included with our chess boards. A selection of chess resources will also be available if you want to learn a new move or strategy.

Kids under 10 will need their adults to stay near them while playing chess.



TACOs
Tuesday, Sept. 10 @6pm

Earn volunteer credit by participating in our Teen Advisory Community Outreach group! Give input on books, programs, and more. **[R]**



Drop-In Art Room
Tuesday, Sept. 17
4-6pm

Bring your creativity to the Library! Drop in anytime between 4-6pm and use our variety of arts and crafts supplies to create your own art.

Storytime will be back in October!



Family Storytimes
Tuesdays @10:30am

Come on over to the library for Family Storytime! We'll read books, dance to silly songs, and have lots of fun! For all kids ages Birth - 5 years old, with a caregiver. No registration needed:
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Drop-In Video Games
Wednesday, Sept. 25
3:30- 5:30pm

Challenge friends new and old to rounds of Super Smash Bros. Ultimate and Mario Kart 8 as you help us unlock new characters and items! We may also have some other games to play as well. Note: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate is rated E10+ (everyone ages 10 and up) and Mario Kart 8 is rated E (everyone).

Sky Friends Storytimes
Wednesdays @10:30am
Come along on a musical trip to sing, dance, and read with our Sky Friends! Sunny, Luna, Ray & Puff can't wait for you to join them for a fun-filled storytime your whole family will enjoy! For all kids ages Birth - 5 years old, with a caregiver. No registration needed:
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Little's Lounge & Storytimes **NEW**

Thursdays @10:30am
A very quiet and relaxed storytime for little ones up to two years. Getting out of the house with a baby is hard. To make it a little easier, we're doing away with the hard start time. Come in any time between 10:30 and 11:30. We'll have toys set out for little ones and coffee for the grownups. Connect with other new parents and caregivers while your children play and enjoy a baby friendly storytime. Ages Birth - 24 Months with a caregiver.
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

October Storytimes

Family Storytime	Tuesdays @ 10:30am	Ages Birth - 5 years
Sky Friends Storytime	Wednesdays @ 10:30am	Ages Birth - 5 years
Little's Lounge & Storytime NEW!	Thursdays @ 10:30am	Ages Birth - 24 months



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A LOOK AHEAD:

Becoming an Adult Literacy Tutor

Thursday, October 3 @11am

Are you looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity that can support your neighbors in the Guilderland community? Consider becoming a volunteer tutor to work with an adult who would like to learn or improve their English! Attend this informational meeting with the Literacy Volunteers of

Rennssealer County. For more information, please visit our Events page. [R]



Registration opens Sept. 16th

ON THE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER



LIBRARY CLOSED Labor Day Weekend: Saturday, August 31 Sunday, September 1 Monday, September 2

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

Let's Talk: Coffee &.....Wednesdays @11am Conversation for Seniors

Farmer's MarketSundays 10am-2pm until October 7

Guilderland Guitar....Wednesday, Sept. 4 @7pm Group

Capital District Knitting ..Monday, Sept. 9 @6pm Guild

GPL Board of TrusteesThursday, Sept. 19 Monthly Business Meeting @6pm

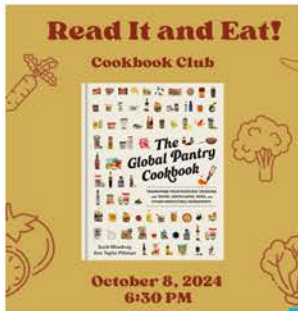
Guilderland LibraryWednesday, Sept. 26 Foundation Meeting @6:15pm

September DisplayThe Makers Cases

September ExhibitThe Makers

The Makers ReceptionSunday, Sept 15 2-4pm

COMING IN OCTOBER



Read It & Eat!

Tuesday, Oct. 8 @6:30pm

Join this month's Read It and Eat! Cookbook Club! The featured cookbook for October is The Global Pantry Cookbook by Scott Mowbray and Ann Taylor Pittman.

Come to the Information Desk to peruse the featured cookbook and register.

Select the recipe you are interested in sharing. Staff will photocopy the recipe and it will be listed with your registration to avoid duplications.

On October 8, bring your dish to share with the rest of the club. Enjoy an evening discussing cooking adventures and tasting each other's creations! [R]

Registration opens Sept. 8th

Registration now open

Trans Name-Change Clinic

Wednesday, Oct. 2 12-6pm

We will host two transgender name-change clinics with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York and Empire

Justice Center. These clinics are free to attend for anyone who qualifies and needs legal help changing their name and gender markers. Pre-registration is required to attend. Anyone interested can reach out to any of the following contacts to register:

- Lettie Dickerson at Empire Justice Center: ldickerson@empirejustice.org
• Mallory Gibson at Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York: pai@lasny.org
• LASNNY Legal Line: (833) 628-0087

Guilderland Public Library will be providing rooms to ensure privacy and confidentiality.