



# GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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**CRAFT FAIR**  
Guilderland Public Library

**SAT | NOV.09 | 9:30-4**

\*raffle fundraiser to benefit the sunshine staff committee\*

**Craft Fair**  
Saturday, Nov. 9  
9:30am-4pm

Fall into Festive Fun!  
Discover unique handcrafted treasures at our Fall Craft Fair! Find the perfect gifts for the holiday season while supporting local artisans. From cozy home decor to one-of-a-kind keepsakes, our fair has something for everyone.



NOVEMBER 12  
6:30 PM



VIRTUAL  
REGISTER

### Virtual ART TALK/ THE GREAT WAR: Recruitment Posters & Field Illustrators

Tuesday, Nov. 12@6:30pm

In honor of those who served, and those who were lost—we remember this Veteran's Day.

Recruitment posters by artists from the Society of Illustrators will be contrasted with their German counterparts in the struggle for the hearts of their respective nations. We will also examine the less well known work of the American field artists embedded with the army at or near the Front [R].

Presented by Dr. Dennis Raverty, Art Historian

### Early Voting

Saturday, October 26-  
Sunday, November 3

- Saturday & Sunday: 9:00AM - 5:00PM
- Monday & Wednesday: Noon - 8:00PM
- Tuesday, Thursday
- & Friday: 9:00AM - 5:00PM



**Election Day**  
Tuesday, November 5  
6am-9pm

*Please note ALL polls are  
closed Monday, November  
4th*

## November

### Library Hours

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

[R]=please register/ por favor registrate

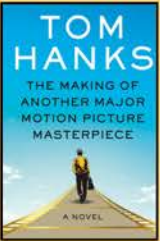
BOOK CLUBS




**Silent Book Club**  
**Sunday, Nov. 10 @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!




**Realm Explorers Book Club**  
**Saturday, Nov. 16 @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 **A Snake Falls to Earth** by Darcie Little Badger. 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.



**Night Owls Book Club**  
**Monday, Nov. 18 @6:30pm**  
 Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles. Hybrid: choice of in-person or virtual.  
 This month we're reading: **The Making of a Major Motion Picture Masterpiece** by Tom Hanks. [R]



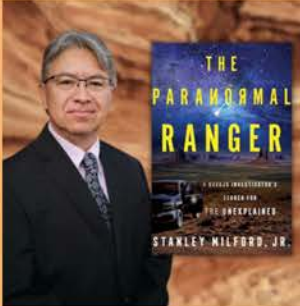
**Hopeless Romantics Book Club**  
**Wednesday, Nov. 20 @6:30pm**  
 Hopeless Romantics Book Club is a brand new romance book club that meets every month on the third Wednesday to discuss swoon-worthy romance titles. This book club will cover a wide variety of subgenres from historical romance to contemporary romance to the newly popular: romantasy! [R]  
 In November, we will be discussing **You, Again** by Kate Goldbeck. Copies of the book can be picked up from the Information Desk starting at end of October, or patrons may borrow a digital copy from Hoopla.



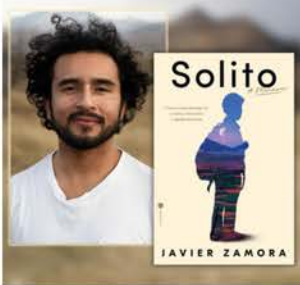
**Read It & Eat!**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 4**  
**6:15-7:30pm**  
 The featured cookbook for December is **Holiday Cookies** by Brian Hart Hoffman. Come to the Information Desk to peruse the featured cookbook and register. **On December 4th, bring your cookies to share with the rest of the club.** Enjoy an evening discussing cooking adventures and tasting each other's creations!  
 Containers will be provided for take home or you may bring your own. [R]

Registration begins November 4

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS




**A Navajo Investigator's Search for the Unexplained: In Conversation with Stanley Milford, Jr.**  
**Thursday, Nov. 7 @7pm**  
 You are welcome to join us in conversation with Navajo Ranger, Stanley Milford, Jr. as he chats about the chilling and clear-eyed memoir of his investigations into bizarre cases of the paranormal and the unexplained in Navajoland. In **The Paranormal Ranger**, Milford recounts the stories of these cases from the clinical and deductive perspective of a law enforcement officer. Milford's Native American worldview and investigative training collide to provide an eerie account of what logic dictates should not be possible. [R]



**On Childhood Migration from Central America-In Conversation with Javier Zamora**  
**Thursday, Nov.14 @4pm**  
 Tune in for a special conversation with New York Times bestselling author Javier Zamora as he chats with us about his riveting tale of survival and perseverance as told in his award-winning memoir **Solito**. **Solito** provides an immediate and intimate account not only of a treacherous and near-impossible journey, but also of the miraculous kindness and love delivered at the most unexpected moments. Solito is Javier Zamora's story, but it's also the story of millions of others who had no choice but to leave home. [R]

**Sobre la migración infantil desde Centroamérica--En conversación con Javier Zamora**  
**Sábado 9 de Noviembre**  
**En Español! @ 2pm**  
 Sintoniza una conversación especial con el autor más vendido del New York Times Javier Zamora mientras conversa con nosotros sobre su fascinante historia de supervivencia y perseverancia, tal como se cuenta en sus memorias premiadas **Solito**. [R] =por favor registrate



**Native Rights and Culture in Fiction--A Conversation with Mona Susan Power**  
**Wednesday, Nov.20 @7pm**  
 Join us for a captivating conversation with author Mona Susan Power as she discusses her latest novel, **A Council of Dolls**. This powerful story follows three generations of Native American women, exploring themes of identity, resilience, and the enduring power of family and community. Through the lens of their beloved dolls, Power brings to life the struggles and triumphs of these women, offering a poignant and thought-provoking narrative. [R]

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**EVENT FULL**

**Speed Friending**  
Thursday, Nov. 21 @ 6pm

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!  
This event will consist of a round of "speed meeting", where you'll have just a couple minutes to chat one-on-one with each potential friend. Then, during the final hour of the program, you'll be able to choose a fun activity to participate in, and spend more time getting to know your new friends! [R]

**SPEED FRIENDING**



**Technology Help Sessions**

Wednesday, Nov. 6  
10-11am & 11-12pm

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

**TECH Help**  
ONE ON ONE  
COMPUTER COACHING  
PC & ANDROID ONLY



**CREATIVE WRITING MONDAYS**

**Creative Writing Mondays**  
Monday, Nov. 4&18  
from 1-3pm



Do you have a story you would like to tell, memoirs you would like to write? Maybe you want to try your hand at writing a short fiction piece. Whatever you fancy, join us for Creative Writing Mondays!

This program is self led. No registration is necessary, feel free to drop-in to the McKownville room anytime between 1 and 3 PM!

**Computer Coach**

**Apple Tech Help**

Drop-In  
10 am-12 pm



iPhones, iPads, Macbook, and more

**Friday, Nov. 22, 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: Celebrate with Mocktails**

**Cozy Beverage: Celebrate with Mocktails**  
Tuesday, Nov. 19  
@6:30pm



Join us for a fun and festive evening of crafting delicious mocktails. Learn how to mix and match flavors, and create your own signature non-alcoholic beverages. Perfect for any occasion!

This event is for adults and teenagers only. [R]

**Fright Club: November**

**Registration closes October 31**



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 Legend of Sleepy Hollow** by Washington Irving.

**Fright Club Movie Matinee:**

**Monday, November 18**  
**The Legend of Sleepy Hollow**  
@ 12:00 pm

No registration required



MINDFULNESS IN DAILY LIFE  
**Choosing Gratitude**  
MON | NOV 4th | 6 PM

**Choosing Gratitude**  
Monday, Nov.4 @6pm

Gratitude can change your life. Join mindfulness expert Susan Meyer in this **virtual program** to learn practical techniques to cultivate gratitude in your daily life. This session will help you overcome common obstacles and experience the transformative power of appreciation. [R]



[R]=please register

**EVENT FULL**

**DIY WINE CORK PUMPKIN**  
*Adult Take & Make Kit*



PICK-UP:  
NOV 4-8TH

**DIY Wine Cork Pumpkin Adult Take & Make Kit Available for pick-up November 4-8**

It's pumpkin season. Create an adorable centerpiece for your table! This kit is designed for adult crafters. This kit will be available for pickup at the Information Desk from 11/4 to 11/8. Limit one per registrant. Happy crafting! [R]  
**\*Please note, this craft requires the use of a hot glue gun, which is not provided.**

**American Red Cross: Blood Drive**

Tuesday, Nov. 19  
1-6pm




**American Red Cross**

GIVE SOMETHING THAT  
*Means Something*

**GIVE BLOOD**

**Game Time**  
Thursday, Nov. 7  
10-11:30am

Wooden Chinese Checkers...Coin Go!...Memory Match...Dis-Card...Doubles or Match Dice Game. Diane Guendel of Inclusive Games will be here to teach how to play these fun takes on favorites.



Inclusive means suitable for inclusion. Our goal is to build inclusive communities, using play, where individuals of all ages, experiences, cultures, orientations and abilities can connect with others, gain experiences and just plain have fun. We use local spaces and partnerships to host or support inclusive game-playing events. Building community through play is the perfect way to combat the problem of isolation and loneliness that is affecting so many.



**SCAN TO REGISTER**



**ARTventure: Print Making with Found Objects**

Thursday, Nov. 14 @6pm

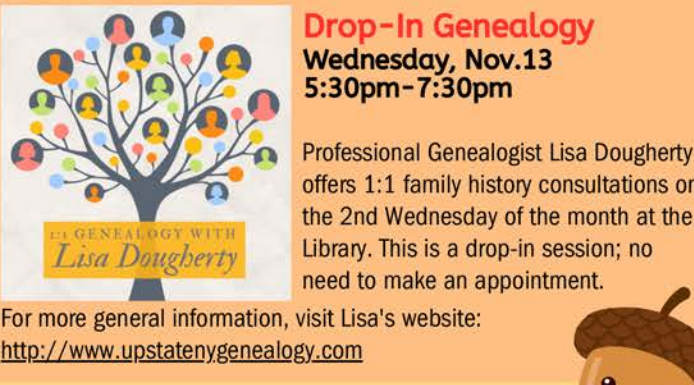
This month we'll be using found objects from nature and around the house to make beautiful prints. Each session of Art Adventure will focus on a different craft material and will present several small, quick projects you can do at your own pace and take home. [R]



**Drop-In Genealogy**  
Wednesday, Nov.13  
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>



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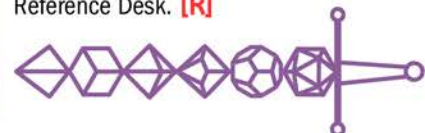
**DUNGEON MASTER'S D&D KIT**

REGISTER FOR A FREE TAKE-AND-MAKE KIT



**Dungeon Master's D&D Kit Available for pick-up November 1-8**

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



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**GET STUF'D:  
AN OREO TASTING**  
Ages 10-

**Nov. 25th  
@ 6 PM**



registration required

**Get Stuf'd: An Oreo tasting**

**Monday, Nov. 25  
@6pm**

Join us for a sweet evening of taste testing at the library! Sample a variety of fun Oreo flavors and share your thoughts with other cookie connoisseurs. Don't miss out on this delicious event! *Open to ages 10 and up including adults, registration is required.* [R]

#ThrowbackSeries

**Family**

**B I N G O**

**Night**



**November 13  
6-7:30 PM**

**All ages!**

**Throwback Series:  
Family Bingo Night**

**Wednesday, Nov. 13  
@6pm**

Get ready for an evening of fun, laughter, and friendly competition at our Family Bingo Night! This engaging event brings together families and friends of all ages for a night of classic bingo. With exciting prizes, and provided snacks, this is the perfect opportunity to create lasting memories while enjoying quality time with loved ones.

An adult/caregiver must be in attendance for those under the age of 11. Please indicate when registering if you or your child has any food allergies. [R]




**TEEN  
PAINT-ALONG**

TUESDAY, 11/19  
@ 6 PM

GRADES 6-12  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**Teen Paint-Along:  
Under the Mushroom**

**Tuesday, Nov. 19@6pm**


Join CREATE Community Studios at the library for a fun and creative evening of painting! Follow along with the instructor to create your own unique version of the autumnal "Under the Mushroom" painting.

All materials will be provided. Open to teens in grades 6-12, registration is required. [R]



**Smokey Bear Reading Challenge**

**CELEBRATE  
SMOKEY  
BEAR'S  
80<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY**



USDA

**NOVEMBER 1-30, 2024**

**Smokey Bear Reading Challenge  
November 1-30**


Join Smokey in learning about wildfires and the environment. Read books, take action, and have fun!

Pick up your reading log at the Children's Desk or complete the challenge online on [Beanstack](#). Bring your completed reading log to the Children's Desk (or show us your completed Beanstack challenge) by Saturday, December 14 to get your special certificate!



**TEEN.  
ADVISORY.  
COMMUNITY.  
OUTREACH.**

GRADES  
6-12



**GROUP  
MEETING**

**TACOs Volunteer Meeting**

**Tuesday, Nov.12 @6pm**

Earn volunteer credit by participating in our

Teen  
Advisory  
Community  
Outreach group!

Give input on books, programs, and more. [R]



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**EVENT FULL**

Grades 3-5

**Kids Graphic Novel Club**

Tuesday, Nov. 19  
4:00-4:30pm

**GHOSTS**

**Kids Graphic Novel Club**

**Tuesday, Nov. 19  
4-4:30pm**

The Kids Graphic Novel Club will meet every other month to ask and answer questions about the book selection, do some fun activities, and meet other graphic novel lovers!

This month's book: **Ghosts** by Raina Telgemeier

Library copies will be held at the Children's Library reference desk. Once you have registered, please stop by the desk and ask for a copy. You will need a valid library card to check the book out. [R]

**CHESS CLUB**

Beginners welcome!

November 9th, 11:00am - 12:00pm

**Drop-In Youth Chess**  
**Saturday, Nov. 9  
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.*

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**Saturday, Nov. 9  
11-12pm**

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**DROP-IN VIDEO GAMES**

**NOV 20TH, 3:30 - 5:30PM**  
**STOP BY ANYTIME**

**Drop-In Video Games**

**Wednesday, Nov. 20  
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).

**DROP-IN STEM EXPLORATION**

Tuesday, November 26  
3:30-5:30pm  
Grades K-5

**Drop-In STEM Exploration**

**Tuesday, Nov.26  
3:30-5:30pm**

Stop in and play with some fun STEM equipment--coding robots, Snap Circuits, dominoes, Keva planks, and more! Equipment will change up each month.

Best suited for kids in grades K-5. Caregivers welcome to stay.



[R] = please register



**Glow In the Dark Play Zone!**

**Thursday, Nov. 7 @4:30pm**

Too dark to play outside? Let's bring playtime inside! Kids in grades K-5 can drop in anytime in the hour for some glow-in-the-dark fun! Each month through February, there will be a variety of glow-in-the-dark activities such as arts & crafts, STEM activities, and gross motor activities. No registration required. Caregivers welcome to stay.

Note: The lights will be dimmed, but there will be no flashing or strobing light



**LEGO Free Play**

**Thursday, Nov. 21 3-6pm**

It's time to build with LEGOs! Stop by the Children's Program Room anytime between 3:00pm - 6:00pm to build the most awesome LEGO creations you can imagine.

Pictures of everybody's creations will be posted on Guilderland Public Library's Facebook and Instagram.

**November Storytimes**



**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:

**November 5, 12**



**Kids Create! Line Edition Monday, Nov. 18 @5:30pm**

Let's get creative and learn all about lines together at the Library! Join us for an artsy evening where young minds can explore their imaginations and bring their ideas to life through a variety of creative projects. Discover new skills and make new friends!

This program will involve a variety of art supplies, so come prepared to get a little bit messy! [R]

\*Please note that Kids Create is specifically designed for children in grades K-2 (ages 4-8) with their caregiver.

**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:

**November 6, 13**



**Little's Lounge & Storytimes 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.

**November 7, 14**



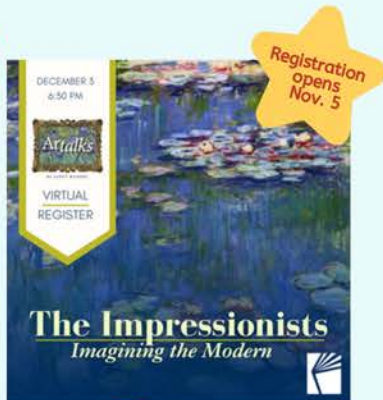
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Please keep in mind that library programs are popular and often fill up quickly. To ensure you don't miss out, please check our website for the most up-to-date information.

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**Virtual ART TALK / The Impressionists: Imagining the Modern**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 3 @6:30pm**

If you can't get to Paris to see the Musée D'Orsay's blockbuster exhibition Paris 1874: Inventing Impressionism, come to Janet Mandel's talk, The Impressionists: Imagining the Modern. You will hear the compelling story of how this beloved art movement was born and why it flourished. We will see some of your favorite paintings and some that will be new to you! [R]



**Rising from the Payment Pause**  
 How to Handle Your Student Loans Post COVID-19

Registration opens Nov. 4th

**DEBT**

In-Person: December 2nd 6:15pm - 7:45pm  
 Virtual: December 10th 6:15pm - 7:45pm

edcap Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program

**Rising from the Payment Pause: How to Handle your Student Loans Post COVID-19**  
**Monday, Dec. 2 @6:15pm**

Please join us for a discussion led by Jordan Daniels, a Student Debt Counselor from Empire Justice Center, about the many options to manage or eliminate your federal student debt. We will discuss a wide variety of topics including choosing the right repayment plan, how to pursue loan forgiveness, how to navigate [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov), what to do if you are in default and much more! Attendees will also be given the opportunity to participate in a live Q&A with a student loan expert and sign up for a free, unbiased, one-on-one counseling session to address their specific situation. [R]

Registration now open

**Rainbow Reads Book Club**

Tuesday, December 10 @6:30pm

Registration Required

THE HOLIDAY TRAP

**Rainbow Reads Book Club**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 10 @6:30pm**

Rainbow Reads is a new book club that will meet monthly on Tuesday evenings to discuss LGBTQIA+ authors and queer-focused literature. We will read a variety of genres including: fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels and Young Adult titles. Anyone from the age of 16 and older are more than welcome to participate! To kick off, in December we will be reading a fun holiday romance - *The Holiday Trap* by Roan Parrish. Copies of the book can be picked up from the library's Information Desk, or patrons may borrow a digital copy from either Libby or Hoopla. [R]



**Holiday Bus Trip to New York City**  
**Saturday, Dec. 7**

GPL's annual Holiday bus trip is back for 2024!

Two buses will depart Guilderland Public Library at 8:00 am and arrive at Bryant Park at 11:30 am. Spend the day seeing museums, grabbing a show, shopping or taking in the holiday splendor. The buses will depart NYC at 6pm and return to GPL by 9:30pm. Tickets are \$65 per person. You will not receive confirmation of your registration until payment is received. [R]





GPL's Museum Passes give you **FREE** or Discounted Admission to the area's most popular museums:



- Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany, NY
- "The Clark" – Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, MA
- Empire Pass (State Parks)
- The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, Amherst, MA
- The Fenimore Art Museum, Cooperstown NY
- MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA
- The Mount: Edith Wharton's Home
- Museum of Innovation and Science (miSci), Schenectady, NY
- Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, MA
- The Old Stone Fort Museum, Schoharie, NY
- Storm King Art Center
- Underground Railroad Education Center, Albany, NY
- USS Slater (DE-766), Albany, NY
- The Tang Art Gallery at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
- The Wild Center, Tupper Lake NY
- World Awareness Children's Museum, Glens Falls NY

**PLUS Many More!**

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ON THE CALENDAR

# NOVEMBER

**LIBRARY CLOSED**

**Veterans Day:**  
Monday, Nov. 11



**Thanksgiving Eve:**  
Wednesday, Nov. 27 @ 2pm

**Thanksgiving Day:**  
Thursday, Nov. 28

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

**The Jane Austen Society**....Sunday, Nov.3 @2pm of NA

**Guilderland Guitar** ....Wednesday, Nov.6 @7pm Group

**GPL Board of Trustees** .....Thursday, Nov. 21  
**Monthly Business Meeting** @6pm

**Guilderland Historical Society** .....Thursday, Nov. 21  
1-4pm

**Knickerbocker Knitters** .....Sunday, Nov. 24  
1-4pm

November Display .....Roundtable Artists Cases

November Exhibit .....Albany Artists

Albany Artists Reception .....Sunday, Nov. 10  
2-3pm

COMING IN DECEMBER:

**Suburban Sounds Holiday Concert** .....Sunday, Dec.22  
2-4pm

