

# THE MOOS

GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY



## Library Hours

- **Monday - Thursday:**  
9:30am - 8pm
- **Friday:** 9:30am - 6pm
- **Saturday:** 9:30am - 5pm
- **Sunday:** 1 - 5pm



The library will be **closed:**

- **December 24<sup>th</sup>** for Christmas Eve
- **December 25<sup>th</sup>** for Christmas Day
- The library will close at **2pm** on **December 31st**

## TEEN

**Making a Comic Cookbook**

Monday December 1st  
6-7 pm

Grades 6-12

Bring a Recipe From Home!

Registration Required!

**'Tis the Season for a Ukulele Sing-along**

December 13th  
11AM - 12PM

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## DAYTIME IN DECEMBER

**DISCOVER THE ALBANY PINE BUSH**

DECEMBER 16TH  
10AM

Registration Required

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**DRUM IN JOY!**  
**West African Drum Workshop**

Sunday  
Dec. 28  
at 2 pm

Registration Required  
Ages 12+

Suburban Sounds Community Chorus

**HOLIDAY CONCERT**

Join us in this wintry celebration of Holiday Cheer.

December 21, 2025  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Guilderland Public Library

## Mooo-lo library besties!

It's officially December, or super close depending on when my bff Caroline puts out "The Moos"...and that means it's the season of lights! The days are growing shorter and it's time to cozy up with a cuppa and a good read. Personally, I prefer a cozy mystery this time of year sprinkled with some holiday romance!

And speaking of lights, you may have noticed some new decorations if you have been in the library lately, especially at night. Our literary garden will be all a glow after the sun sets and the night wraps around the library like a cozy blanket. Grab a magazine or grab a newspaper and have a seat by the fireplace to enjoy the seasonal vibes.

Cheers to all things warm and cozy and snuggling in this season...with a good boo, of course!

—Greufus (Official Library Mascot and Chief Grazing Consultant)



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DECEMBER 2025

### FAMILY STORYTIME

Dec. 2nd, 9th, & 16th | 10:30 - 11:15AM  
Birth - 5 years, with caregiver



### SKY FRIENDS STORYTIME

Dec. 3rd, 10th, & 17th | 10:30 - 11:30AM  
Birth - 5 years, with caregiver



### LITTLES LOUNGE & STORYTIME

Dec. 4th, 11th, & 18th | 10:30 - 11:30AM  
Birth - 2 years, with caregiver



### MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Dec. 5th, 12th, & 23rd | 10:30 - 11AM  
Best for 2-5 year olds, siblings welcome



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

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| 12/1  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:30 - 11AM Yoga for Littles</li> <li>11:15 - 11:45AM Yoga for Littles</li> </ul>  |
| 12/6  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - 2PM Origami Club</li> </ul>   |
| 12/19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:30 - 11:30AM GPL Goes to Town: BOTS Sensory Gym [R]</li> <li>4:30 - 5:30PM Third Grade Backpack Charm Party [R]</li> </ul> |
| 12/30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 - 7PM Juice &amp; Jammies Storytime</li> </ul>   |
| 12/31 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:30AM - 12:15PM Noon Year's Eve Party!</li> </ul>   |



Third Grade

## Backpack Charms

December 19th | 4:30 - 5:30PM  
Registration Required  
Third Graders Only

## PAWS 2 READ

DEC. 11TH, 13TH, 18TH, 20TH,  
27TH, & 30TH



GRADES K-5

CHECK-IN @ CHILDREN'S DESK

## ORIGAMI CLUB

with GHS Student Thomas Z

December 6  
1-2pm



## Noon Year's Eve Party!

December 31st  
11:30AM - 12:15PM  
Ages 0-5

## Recurring Drop-In Programs

### LEGO FREE PLAY

December 17th  
3 - 6PM

### YOUTH CHESS

December 20th  
11AM - 12PM

### LET'S BUILD

December 29th  
1 - 4PM



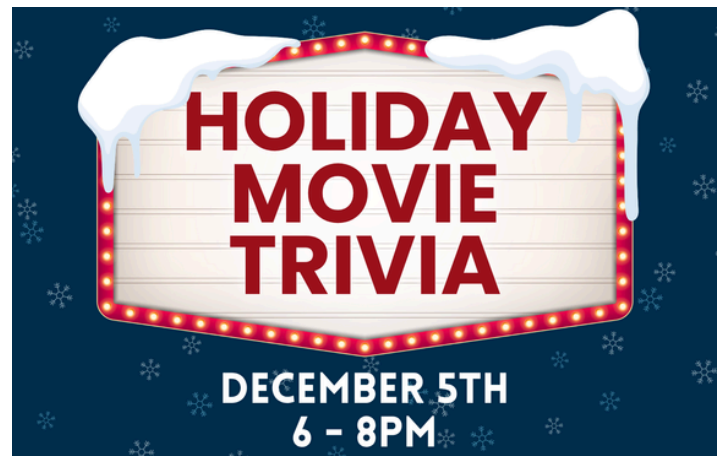
To learn more or register for an event, scan QR code or visit [guilderlandlibrary.org](http://guilderlandlibrary.org)





## ADULT PROGRAMS

12/2	• 1 - 1:30PM <b>30-Minute Mindfulness [R]</b>
12/3	• 10 - 10:45AM <b>Learn the Library App</b> • 3 - 4PM <b>Afternoon Garden Club</b>
12/4	• 10 - 11AM <b>Game Time [R]</b>
12/5	• 6 - 8PM <b>Holiday Movie Trivia [R]</b>
12/6	• 1 - 2PM <b>Creating the Empire State [R]</b>
12/9	• 10 - 11AM <b>Henry Knox's Noble Wagon Train &amp; Layover at Albany [R]</b> • 12:30 - 2:30PM & 5:30 - 7:30PM <b>Wrap It Up! [R]</b>
12/14	• 2 - 4PM <b>Ken Burn's American Revolution Series Episode 1</b>
12/16	• 10 - 11AM <b>Discover the Pine Bush [R]</b> • 6 - 6:30PM <b>30-Minute Mindfulness [R]</b>
12/21	• 2 - 4PM <b>Ken Burn's American Revolution Series Episode 2</b>
12/24 & 12/25	<b>Library Closed in Observance of Christmas Eve &amp; Christmas Day</b>
12/28	• 2 - 3:15PM <b>Drum in Joy! West African Drum Workshop [R]</b> • 2 - 4PM <b>Ken Burn's American Revolution Series Episode 3</b>
12/31	<b>New Year's Eve: Library Closing at 2pm</b>



## RECURRING ADULT PROGRAMS

## Drop-In Knit &amp; Stitch

December 2, 9, 16, 23, &amp; 30 | 10 - 11:30AM

## Seniors Connect!

December 3, 10, &amp; 17 | 11AM - 1PM

## Guilderland Guitar Group

December 3 &amp; 17 | 6:30 - 8PM

## Normanskill Strummers Ukulele Group

December 11 | 6-8 PM



## Apple Help [R]

December 19

**Session 1:** 11 - 11:30AM, **Session 2:** 11:30AM - 12PM,  
**Session 3:** 12 - 12:30PM, **Session 4:** 12:30 - 1PM

## WRAP IT UP!

## December 9th

12:30 - 2:30PM &amp; 5:30 - 7:30PM

We're setting up some gift-wrapping stations in the Helderberg Room, complete with holiday music, snacks, hot chocolate, and punch for you to enjoy while wrapping presents. Bring your gifts and enjoy a relaxing, productive evening with us! Ages 16+



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## THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## FILM SCREENING

EPISODE 1 Dec. 14th 2 - 4PM	EPISODE 2 Dec. 21st 2 - 4PM	EPISODE 3 Dec. 28th 2 - 4PM
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**TEEN. ADVISORY. COMMUNITY. OUTREACH.**

GRADES 6-12

GROUP MEETING



## TACOS VOLUNTEER MEETING

December 16 | 6 - 7PM

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



- 12/1: 6 - 7PM **Making a Comic Cookbook** [R]
- 12/9: 5:30 - 7:30PM **Wrap It Up!**
- 12/15: 1:30 - 2:30PM **Homeschool Hang**
- 12/17: 3- 6PM **LEGO Free Play**
- 12/20: 11AM - 12PM **Youth Chess**
- 12/28: 2 - 3:15PM **West African Drum Workshop**
- 12/29: 1 - 4PM **Let's Build**

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## GPL TEENS!

GRADES 6-12

TEEN

## MAKE A COMIC COOKBOOK

December 1st  
6-7 pm



NEW

## Origami Club

with GHS Student Thomas Z  
December 6th | 1 - 2PM



## CHECK IT OUT!

### TEAM MEMBER RECOMMENDATION



**ALLISON**  
Adult  
Services  
Librarian



Recommendation:  
**Piranesi**  
By Susanna Clarke

"This is a book where it is best to go into it knowing as little as possible! This is a dreamlike book set in a house full of the sea and statues, and with endless rooms. You and the narrator slowly start to realize that things may not be as they seem. You will start out not knowing what is going on, and you and the narrator get to take a journey together to discover what is happening in the house! The writing is beautiful, and this was such a fun book to get lost in!"

### LIBRARY OF THINGS SPOTLIGHT Board Games!



Visiting with family or friends this holiday season? You'll never be "board" if you borrow one of our board games! There are over 100 to choose from and they range in skill and ability from child and family games to adult strategy games. Here are a few highlights:

- **Apples to Apples Junior:** This hit party game now comes in an easy to play family-friendly edition
- **Wingspan:** This cosy strategy game features beautiful art of different birds
- **Codenames:** Form a team, and see if you can get your teammate to guess the secret words
- **Escape the Dark Castle:** One of our newest games. Great for people who want to dip their toe into RPGs, and can even be played by one person!



# Guilderland Reads: GPL Book Clubs



Our next **Read It and Eat! Cookbook Club** will be on December 4th at 6:15pm! The featured cookbook is **The Ultimate Minnesota Cookie Book** by Lee Svatak Dean & Tom Wallace. **Stop by the information desk to select your recipe!**

**COMING SOON**



## Rainbow Reads Book Club

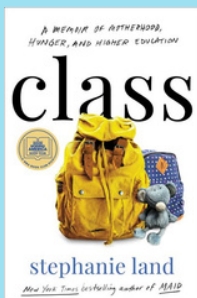


**Tuesday, December 16 @6:30PM**  
**Ages 16+**

Rainbow Reads meets monthly to discuss LGBTQIA+ authors and queer-focused literature.

This month we're reading **Loveless** by Alice Oseman

## Night Owls Book Club

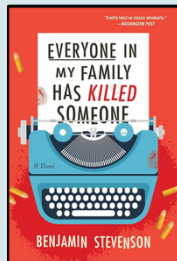


**Monday, December 8 @6:30PM**  
**Ages 18+**

Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles. Currently reading **Class** by Stephanie Land.

**Not a Night Owl? Join the Day Larks on December 11 at 2pm**

## Whodunit Mystery Book Club



**Thursday, December 11 @6:30PM**  
**Ages 18+**

Do you have what it takes to crack the case? Find out at the Whodunit Mystery Book Club! This month, we are reading **Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone** by Benjamin Stevenson.

## Hopeless Romantics Book Club



**Wednesday, December 17 @6:30PM**  
**Ages 18+**

HRBC is a romance book club that meets to discuss swoon-worthy romance titles. This book club will cover a wide variety of subgenres from historical romance to contemporary to historical to paranormal romance!

This month we're discussing **The Bodyguard** by Katherine Center.

## Realm Explorers Book Club



**Saturday, December 13 @11:00AM**  
**Ages 16+**

Discussing science fiction and fantasy novels. Titles include Adult/Young Adult science fiction and fantasy books as well as graphic novels.

This month we're reading **The Bear and the Nightingale** by Katherine Arden.

## Silent Book Club

**Saturday, December 20 @1:30PM**  
**Ages 18+**

*Give yourself permission to read. Meet by the fireplace!*



## Fright Club Book Discussion Group



**Tuesday, December 30 @6:30PM**  
**Ages 18+**

Join us each month for the best of Horror and Thrillers.

This month we're reading **Victorian Psycho** by Virginia Feito.

## HOW TO GET YOUR BOOK CLUB BOOKS

**For adult book clubs**, copies of books are available for checkout at the Information Desk while supplies last or digital copies can be borrowed from Libby.

Learn more about GPL's book clubs at [guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion](http://guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion)

# DECEMBER IS... LEARN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE MONTH

When you read something in the language you're learning and understand every single word



## December is Learn a Foreign

**Language Month!** Did you know that with your library card, you can access our digital language service, Transparent Language?

With Transparent Language, you can learn over 140 languages, including English. It's accessible on any device

(phones, tablets, or computers). You can practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing! And, Transparent Language has options to help you get ready for the American Citizenship test.



Learn more by scanning the code or visiting [www.guilderlandlibrary.org/learning-tools](http://www.guilderlandlibrary.org/learning-tools)

 **Transparent Language® Online**

### LIBRARY BUSINESS

**GPL Board of Trustees  
Long Range Plan Committee Meeting**  
December 2nd | 5:30 - 6:30PM

**GPL Board of Trustees  
Governance Committee Meeting**  
December 4th | 5:30 - 6:30PM

**GPL Board of Trustees  
Personnel Committee Meeting**  
December 4th | 6:30 - 7:30PM

**GPL Board of Trustees  
Facilities Committee Meeting**  
See Library Calendar

**GPL Board of Trustees  
Monthly Business Meeting**  
December 11th | 6:00PM

**GPL Board of Trustees  
Finance Committee Meeting**  
See Library Calendar



### COMMUNITY INTEREST

**Guilderland Guitar Group**  
December 3rd & 17th | 6:30 - 8PM

**Normanskill Strummers**  
Ukulele Group  
December 11th | 6 - 8PM

**Art Exhibition**  
Schenectady Photographic Society  
**Reception:** December 12<sup>th</sup> | 4 - 6PM

**Display Cases**  
Roundtable Artists Group

**Capital District Knitting Guild**  
December 8th | 6 - 8PM

**America Red Cross Blood Drive**  
December 11th | 12 - 5PM

