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GPL Gift Guide

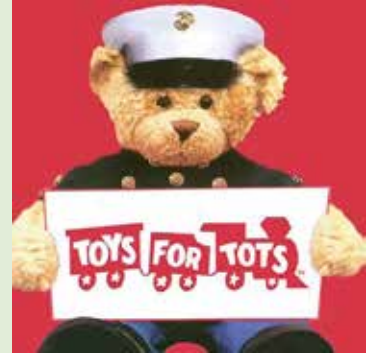
Did you know we can help you successfully conquer your holiday to-do list? From *Consumer Reports* product reviews and try-before-you-buy Library of Things gadgets, to hand-crafted unique gifts, decorations and culinary creations with

Creativebug—allow us to assist in making the season merry and bright! <https://bit.ly/GPLGiftGuide>

Toys for Tots

Collecting through Friday, December 17

We're collecting new, unwrapped toys to help make the holidays a little brighter for those in need. Last year, 363,133 toys were distributed to 206,128 children in the Capital District! Together, let's see if we can top that this year! Look for the Toys for Tots boxes in the lobby—thank you for your contributions!



VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Get a head start on these upcoming titles! Details at: <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion/>



Night Owls Online Mondays @ 7:30 pm

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

December 13: *Educated: A Memoir*, by Tara Westover [R]

January 10: *The Hellfire Club*, by Jake Tapper [R]



Memoirs in the Morning Wednesdays @ 10:30am

Led by Librarian Josalyn Wilder
Reading the best biographies of the moment.

January 19: *Between Two Kingdoms: A Memoir of a Life Interrupted*, by Suleika Jaouad [R]

March 16: *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive*, by Stephanie Land [R]

Look for the *Memoirs in the Morning* community group on [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com) to join the discussion anytime!



Green Reads

Thursdays @ 6 pm

Led by Librarian Maria Buhl in collaboration with Albany Guardian Society. A book and film discussion group on nature, health, and the environment.

February 10: *The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness*, by Sy Montgomery [R]

ON THE CALENDAR

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, December 16 @ 6 pm

Streamed live on **YouTube** and archived for later viewing.

Public commentary may be submitted at any time to:

pc@guilderlandlibrary.org



Closed Christmas Eve

Friday,
December 24

Closed Christmas Day

Saturday,
December 25

Closing @ 2 pm New Year's Eve

Friday,
December 31

Closed New Year's Day

Saturday, January 1

Best wishes for a safe and healthy holiday season!

CURRENT HOURS

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

Masks are required for all patrons ages 2+.

Available: Browsing, reference, photocopying, print-on-demand, scheduled curbside, virtual programs, car charging stations, display cases.

To come: meeting/study rooms, public computers, exhibits, hearing assistance technology, café.

ADULT PROGRAMS



Computer Coach
Mondays @ 6:30 pm
Are you getting the most out of your gadgets?
 Maximize your use of Apple products through an individualized hour-long online session with Coach Robin!
 Devices covered include:
 ▶ Macbook
 ▶ Macbook Air

- ▶ Apple TV
- ▶ Apple Watch
- ▶ iPad
- ▶ iPhone

Coach Robin can also assist with 1:1 résumé preparation using our **Learning Express** tool. sign up today! **[R]**

Genealogy with Lisa Dougherty
Wednesday, December 8 @ 6-8 pm

Ready to explore your family tree, or delve deeper into your research of generations past? Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty provides customized virtual family history consultations to help you make progress. Visit her website at: <http://www.upstatenygenealogy.com>. **[R]**



Library Museum Passes!

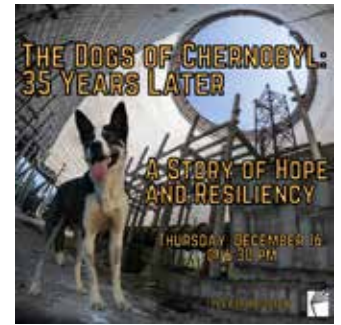
Looking for a warm, inside activity that’s mind-expanding? Check out one of our **25 museum passes***: art museums, historical sites, nature venues, and children’s museums! A few highlights of December exhibits/events:
The Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, MA: 20th Century Japanese prints and an outdoor installation on the museum campus called “Trail Signs.”
The Hyde Collection, Glens Falls: “Summer Bomb Pop,” a collaborative exhibit of colorful abstract art from the museum’s collection and the Tang Museum.
The Wild Center, Tupper Lake: Thousands of twinkling lights adorn the Wild Walk. Stroll through Forest Music to surround yourself with immersive music and lights—curated specifically for the looped trail. Or, visit the otters inside on the Living River Trail.
 * three-day checkout; refer to museum website prior to visit.

[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.



The Dogs of Chernobyl: A Story of Hope and Resiliency, 35 years Later
Thursday, December 16 @ 6:30 pm

Thirty-five years after the nuclear power plant disaster at Chernobyl, Ukraine, animal expert Stephen Quandt traveled there to participate in a spay/neuter and research campaign for feral dogs descended from the pets left behind. Using his own photos and videos from the trip, Stephen will share the remarkable stories of hope, life, resilience and heroism (both human and canine) that emerged from this experience. This virtual program is equally uplifting and informative—you won't want to miss it! **[R]**



Virtual Crafty Chat
Wednesday, December 22 @ 10:30 am

What are you working on? Join our session and tell us about it! We'd love to chat, share tips, discuss crafty books we're reading, and maybe even inspire one another. Whether you knit, stitch, sketch, paint, whatever craft you dabble in, grab some coffee, pull up a chair and join our Zoom meetup! This month, we'll be also be chatting about our favorite Creativebug Daily Practices.

JOB POSTINGS

Assistant Library Director

Administrative position under the general direction of the Library Director, with flexibility for independent judgment and initiative. Acts for the Library Director as delegated. Supervision is exercised over the work and personnel of library functional units. Master's Degree in Library or Information Science from a graduate program accredited by the American Library Association or recognized by the New York State Education Department, plus four years of satisfactory professional library experience, with at least two years in an administrative capacity, required.

Fiscal Officer 1

Responsible for automated payroll processing; accounts payable /receivable; Sage/Peachtree budget software; banking and investment management; reporting and payment of disability insurance, retirement payments and deferred compensation plans; journal entries and monthly financial statements; budget preparation and maintenance; annual external audit, employment contract data as necessary.

Please see <https://bit.ly/GPLCareers> for more information. Questions: contact GPL Library Director Tim Wiles at **518.456.2400 ext. 113** or email wilest@guilderlandlibrary.org.

YOUTH PROGRAMS



Activity Kits
Infants through Teens
 Our curbside kits for kids are quite popular! In fact, some of the December kits are already "sold out." Check our online Events calendar often, and register up to two weeks in advance before a kit is ready for pick up. [R]

Currently available, as of this writing:

- **Code Breaker—grades 3-5**
 Pick up Tuesday, December 21 through Sunday, January 2
- **Winter Break Cozy Family Bag—all ages**
 Registration starts Monday, December 13
- **Movin' & Groovin'—ages 6-24 months**
 Registration starts Tuesday, December 14
- **Hot Chocolate Candles—grades 6-12**

Live Virtual Storytimes

Thursdays @ 10:30 am
No storytime December 30

Let's meet up online with Ms. Elisabeth for a live (and lively) Zoom session featuring books, songs and lots of fun! Prepare in advance with some easy homemade props for a more interactive experience! You'll find suggestions while registering on the Events tab of our website. [R]



Picture Book Read Alouds
Fridays
 Our **GPL Kids & Families Facebook page** features a fresh picture book read-aloud every Friday highlighting holidays, fun days,

culture & heritage, while enjoying excellent children's literature. We'll also post new content on our YouTube page.

Y2K Virtual Escape Room

Ages 16+
Wednesday, December 29 @ 7 pm

Throwback! Travel back with us to New Years Eve 1999, when we wondered if our world would come to a screeching halt, due to a computer glitch. Our mission is crucial: we must work together to stop the Y2K computer bug and save the future! Have fun reliving the late 90s in the process. We'll convene via Zoom. [R]



Discovery Pages

guilderlandlibrary.org/gplkids

Find new Discovery Pages for early childhood and middle school children featuring eBooks, audio books, crafts, music and more! Look for fresh content the second Wednesday of every month.



The Foundry Teen Page
<https://guilderlandlibrary.org/teens/>

"The Foundry" is the name of our new teen space. It's also a place online where teens can discover new books, activities, events, learning tools, volunteer opportunities and more. Check it out!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

How Did You Find It?

GPL's monthly podcast

NEW: Friday, December 17

Have you heard? Librarian Kathleen Tyrrell drops a new episode of our monthly podcast, **How Did You Find It?**, the third Friday of each month. Listen on major platforms for GPL news and offerings, book reviews and broader topics of interest. We welcome your feedback and suggestions! Reach out anytime to: podcast@guilderlandlibrary.org.



Dial A Story for children and adults

Relax with a brief story using our Dial A Story line! Simply call **518.456.2400** and **press 5**, then choose 1 for an adult story; 2 for a children's story; and 3 for an international story.

Check back often—unplug and enjoy a break!

Beanstack Reading Challenge

Let's explore our universe with the James Webb Space Telescope Challenge on Beanstack this month! Scheduled to launch this December, JWST is the most advanced infrared space telescope ever launched. It will allow us to look deeper into time and space than ever before. Sign up and log your reading and activities at: guilderlandlibrary.beanstack.org.

