

AARP Tax-Aide
Services
February 6-April 15
Mondays & Saturdays
By Appointment Only

AARP Tax-Aide preparation by trained and IRS-certified volunteers begins Monday, February 6, at the Library. **Call the United Way's 2-1-1 call center** to inquire about available tax appointments at the Library. **Please do not call the Library.** Phone lines may be busy; please be patient.

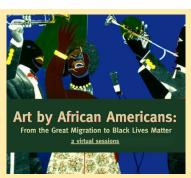
**Tax preparation appointments** are Mondays and Saturdays only, February 6- April 15. **You must have an appointment; no walk-ins.** 

Bring to your appointment:

- Photo ID; Social Security card for all people listed in the tax return
- Copy of your 2021 return
- All 2022 W-2s and 1099 forms
- End-of-year brokerage statements
- · All supporting documents for itemized deductions

Tax-Aide cannot complete returns with rental income of Schedule C (Business Profit and Loss) if you've had a loss or expenses over \$25K. Filing jointly? Both taxpayers need to be present except in cases of illness or infirmity.

Art by African
Americans: From
the Great
Migration to Black
Lives Matter
Two Virtual Sessions:
Friday, February 10 &
Monday, February 27
@ 6:30 pm
In honor of Black
History Month, Art



educator Janet Cohen Mandel leads a special, two-part virtual program during February. Between the two world wars, millions of African Americans set out on an odyssey known as the Great Migration. Throughout the course of this journey, they created a new identity that would alter the landscape of modern art. **Part One** (Feb. 10) will explore the Harlem Renaissance through the Civil Rights Movement. **Part Two** (Feb. 27) will continue the saga from the age of Black Power protests of the '60s through the present day. Join us via Zoom as we celebrate the rich contributions these pioneers made to American culture, and which continue to astonish art lovers today. [R]

# Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 4 @ 2 pm

The first Saturday of February is officially **Take Your Child to the Library Day!** We're marking the occasion by showing the 1994 family film "The Pagemaster," featuring Macaulay Culkin and



Christopher Lloyd. Both live action and animation is incorporated in this fantasy story about a young boy who is transported into the world's most notable novels as he tries to navigate the enchanted library. Rated G



### Valentine Card Drive

Through Saturday, February 11 All Ages

Get your crafty on and help a good cause! We're

partnering with **Community Caregivers** once again to provide Valentine's Day cards for their clients, many of whom live alone and are especially grateful for this kind gesture.

Here's how you can help:

- ▼ Make a card or use a store-bought one, preferably no larger than 5x7. Feel free to do more than one!
- ▼ Add an uplifting message; you can leave the card unsigned, or add your name
- Drop your card(s) in the marked bin in our Lobby through Saturday, February 11
- ▼ Community Caregivers will mail your cards to their clients. They appreciate envelopes and/or postage, if you can provide them

Look for our special "Creation Station" near the Library's circulation desk. We'll have some supplies ready for you to make a card for this effort. Thank you for helping brighten someone's day!

Looking for something to do with the kids?
See page 3 for a full slate of fun-filled February school vacation week programs & activities!



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#### **ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES**



#### Info Surge! Groundhog Day Thursday,

Thursday, February 2 @ 6:30 pm

Grab a bag of popcorn and watch the perennial comedy favorite **Groundhog Day** with us! Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell star, along with Punxsutawney Phil, of course! Along with

the scenes and dialogue, we've surged this movie with fun factoids and trivia from IMDB. Join us for a fun night! Rated PG: adult themes.

#### Movie Night: Bros Monday, February 6 @ 6 pm

We're showing the 2022 romantic comedy **Bros** on the big screen in our Helderberg Room. The plot involves two men in Manhattan — Bobby, a podcast host, and Aaron, a lawyer — who both avoid commitment, but are increasingly drawn to each other. Rated R.





# Genealogy Assistance with Lisa Dougherty

Wednesday, February 8 @ 6-8 pm

Want to uncover more about your family tree? Here's your chance to get expert advice! Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty offers 1:1 family history consultations on a drop-in monthly basis; no appointment needed. For general infomation,

visit Lisa's website: http://www.upstatenygenealogy.com.

# The Wild Women of Rensselaer County Thursday, February 16

Thursday, February 16 @ 6:30 pm

A slew of colorful characters across the river enticed headlines, pushed boundaries and kept yesteryear hopping! Join Kathy Sheehan of the



Rensselaer Historical Society as she brings to life both famous and infamous women of local history. Learn about suffragettes, educators, clairvoyants, the veiled murderess, the unsolved murder of Hazel Drew, and the famous brothel owner Mame Fay. [R]

#### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS [R]**

https://guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion

#### **Night Owls Book Club**

Mondays @ 7:30 pm Hybrid: in-person or virtual

Led by Librarian Maura

Powers-Smith. Reading the most talkedabout fiction and nonfiction titles.

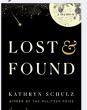
February 13: Beautiful Country,

by Qian Julie Wang

March 13: Under the Tulip Tree,

by Michelle Shocklee





#### Memoirs in the Morning Wednesdays @ 10:30 am Virtual

Led by Librarian Josalyn Wilder. Reading the best current biographies and memoirs.

March 29: Lost & Found: A Memoir,

by Kathryn Schultz

Look for the *Memoirs in the Morning* group on **goodreads.com** to join the discussion anytime!

#### Cruise Ship "Tringo" (Trivia Bingo)

Thursday, February 23 @ 6:30 pm

Gather a team and join us online to play Bingo mashed up with cruise and vacation trivia! We'll ask questions about cruises, drinks, oceans, creatures, pop culture, and more! Register online, and we'll



email you a team Bingo card to share. Guidelines:

- ▶ 4 players maximum per team
- ► Make sure all players have the Zoom link and Bingo card
- ► Please register only one person per team [R]



#### Virtual Intro to Value Line for Library Patrons

Tuesday, February 28 @ 12 pm OR Tuesday, March 28 @ 6 pm

Announcing a brand-new digital, financial learning tool, available to cardholders in the Guilderland Library service area! Value Line helps investors make informed decisions that fit their goals and levels of risk. In a nutshell, it is: (1) a proven forecaster of stock price performance over the next six to 12 months; (2) a source of interpretative analysis of approximately 1,700 individual stocks and approximately 100 industries; and (3) a source of historical information that helps investors spot trends. Learn more about this unique tool at one of two upcoming Zoom sessions. [R]

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#### **YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES**



#### **Storytime Options**

February 1-9;

resumes February 28

Let's read books, sing songs and get moving together! Caregivers must stay with their child(ren) the entire time. Please choose only ONE storytime per week:

- ► Toddlers—18-36 months—Tuesdays @ 10:30 am
- ► Families—birth-5 years old—Wednesdays @ 10:30 am
- ► Preschoolers—3-5 years old—Thursdays @ 10:30 am

#### Teen Tech Help Desk

Thursdays, February 2, 9 & 16 @ 4-6 pm

Drop in for customized assistance with smartphone



applications, downloading books to devices, email set-up, and more! National Honor Society students from Guilderland High School offer tech help, except during school breaks.



#### Teen Advisory Groups @ 6:30 pm

Grades 9-12: Thursday, February 2 Grades 6-8: Thursday, February 16

Teens: what would you like to see at GPL? We're listening! Earn volunteer credit with our new Advisory Groups, while you give

us your input on

programs, books, the Foundry Teen Space and more. Come solo, or bring a friend. We'll have after-dinner treats, too! [R]

#### **Family STEAM Night**

Thursday, February 9 @ 6:30 pm Grades 3-5

Our Family STEAM Nights (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) for grades 3-5 are really gaining steam!



Come explore fun topics with our local schools and colleges. This month, we welcome Union College's Geology Club for a hands-on program that totally **rocks!** [R]



Look for **NEW Discovery Pages for kids and teens** twice each month at:

https://guilderlandlibrary.org/gplkids

**February 15:** Early Childhood **February 28:** Middle School



#### **Viral Crafts**

Tuesday, February 21 @ 6 pm

#### **Teens & Adults**

Come hang out with us and attempt the newest crafts sweeping the internet! This time, we're experimenting with marbled clay that's both fun and functional. All supplies will be provided by the library. [R]



# GPL Trivia! WEDNESDAY 2/22 @ 2PM GRADES 3-5

## The Bad Guys in...GPL Trivia!

Wednesday, February 22 @ 2 pm Grades 3-5

Are you good enough to join the Bad Guys? Put your knowledge of the books and the movie to the test

by joining us for several rounds of The Bad Guys trivia! Please register individually to join the fun! [R]

# The Puppet People Present the Three Little Pigs

## Thursday, February 23 @ 10:30 am

Using beautifullydesigned puppets, colorful sets, humor, and audience participation, The Puppet People's retelling of this classic story is sure to entertain. Join us as the Big Bad The Puppet People Present:
The Three
Little Pigs

Wolf attempts to huff, puff and blow the houses down! [R]



## **Drop-In Video Games** Friday, February 24

@ 2-4 pm Grades 3+

Stop by anytime to play video games on our Nintendo Switch and WiiU consoles. We'll have Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, and others! Help us unlock characters

and levels for our next tournament! All games are rated either **E** (Everybody) or **E10+** (Everybody 10 years old+)

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#### YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



#### **Family Literacy Program:** The Snowy Day

Saturday, February 25 @ 10:30 am **Grades K-2** with caregiver Join Barbara Lukas, a family literacy educator from WMHT, for a morning of fun learning

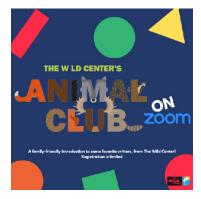
activities. You'll watch a short movie, do crafts and/or science experiments, and even get a free copy of The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats for your home library! [R]

#### The Wild Center's **Animal Club on Zoom**

Tuesday, February 28 @ 6 pm

#### Family/All Ages

Join The Wild Center's Animal Club, where you'll get to meet a new Animal Ambassador! We'll hang out with otters, woodchucks, turtles and more during these 45-minute virtual



programs. School-age children (and everybody else in your family) can tap their creative side with animal inspired challenges that merge art and science. [R]

Please note: if your family has its own membership in the Wild Center, you can register your family for free through the Wild Center's website: https://www.wildcenter.org/ The Library registration is for non-members only.

#### ON THE CALENDAR



#### THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED:

Monday, February 20

Presidents Day

- Drop-In Playtime—Ages 0 to 5 Monday, February 6 @ 10:30 am
- Capital District Knitting Guild all skill

levels welcome-Monday, February 16 @ 6-8 pm

Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, February 16 @ 6 pm

In-person and streamed on YouTube. Submit public



commentary to: pc@guilderlandlibrary.org

 NEW How Did You Find It? Podcast Friday, February 17 on all major platforms

 Guilderland Library Foundation Meeting—Thursday, February 23

@ 6:15 pm. Seeking new members! Contact Steve Wacksman: wacksmans@guilderlandlibrary.org

• Drop-In Knit & Stitch-Tuesday mornings, 10-11:30 am All are welcome to bring crafts!

#### **LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday—Thursday	9:30 am-9 pm
Friday	9:30 am-6 pm
Saturday	
Sunday	
All programs are in-person, unless otherwise noted.	

[R] = Register on the Events tab of our website.

#### **New Magazines** to Enjoy on Flipster!

With the New Year, we decided to add some brand-new magazine titles to our Flipster offerings! You can download and enjoy reading the most up-to-date issues on your computer or mobile device-all for free on Flipster.



- ► For adults, we've added Birds & Blooms, Cottages & Bungalows, Interweave Knits, Kiplinger's Personal Finance, and McCall's Quilting
- ► For kids, we've added the very popular Cricket magazine Visit https://guilderlandlibrary.org/e-library-landing-page/#magazines to see the full list of Flipster titles. and start reading, just by entering your library barcode!



#### Make a Difference in Someone's Life: Become a Literacy **Volunteer!**

Training: Tuesday, February 7 **12-1** pm Virtual

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County (LVORC) provides free literacy tutoring to adults in both Rensselaer and Albany counties.

Over the years, we've partnered with Literacy Volunteers to provide English-language instruction to patrons, and the benefit to the Library's surrounding community has been enormous.

If you're looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity, consider becoming a tutor! LVORC prepares new volunteers to tutor adults using an interactive, learner-centered, whole language approach. LVORC will then work to pair you with a student in need of tutoring.

To find out more, join LVORC on **Zoom** for a Volunteer Opportunities Information Session, Tuesday February 7, from Noon-1 pm. Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills, make friends, and have fun! For more information. please contact mhellerlyorc@aol.com.

**EXCITING NEWS!** We have a new self-checkout machine in our Children's Library, thanks to the Guilderland **Library Foundation! Look for our new Events Calendar** software and more exciting developments SOON!