



FEBRUARY 2023



A colorful graphic for February Vacation. The word "February" is in a large, stylized, multi-colored font. The word "Vacation" is in a similar font, with a small sun icon above the 'i'. Below the words, it says "School Vacation Week Fun!" in a blue, sans-serif font. A large red arrow curves from the bottom left towards the text.

ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Info Surge! Groundhog Day

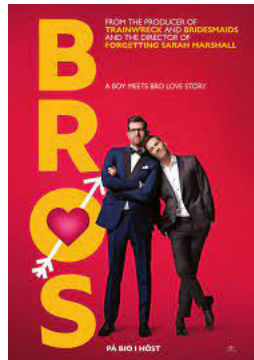
**Thursday,
February 2
@ 6:30 pm**
Grab a bag of popcorn and watch the perennial comedy favorite **Groundhog Day** with us! Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell star, along with Punxsutawney Phil, of course! Along with

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**

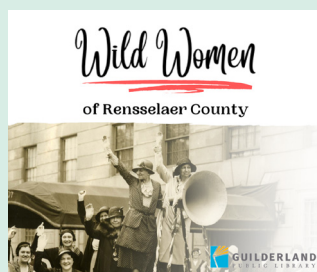
Want to uncover more about your family tree? Here's your chance to get expert advice! Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty offers 1:1 family history consultations on a drop-in monthly basis; no appointment needed. For general information,

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

The Wild Women of Rensselaer County

**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

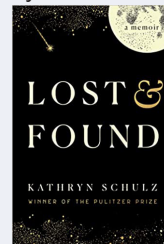
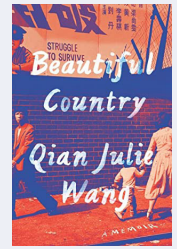
Mondays @ 7:30 pm

Hybrid: in-person or virtual

Led by Librarian Maura Powers-Smith. Reading the most talked-about 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 Schulz

Look for the **Memoirs in the Morning** group on [goodreads.com](https://www.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]**

YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

**Storytime Options**

February 1-9;
resumes February 28

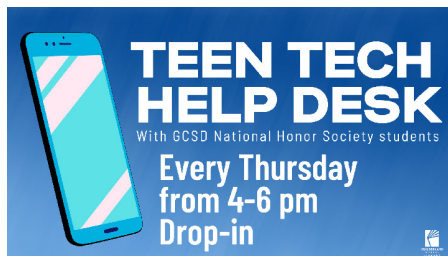
Let's read books, sing songs and get moving together! Caregivers must stay with their child(ren) the entire time. Please choose only ONE storytime per week:

- ▶ **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**

Grades 9-12: Thursday, 2/2 @ 6:30 pm
Grades 6-8: Thursday, 2/16 @ 6:30 pm

**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

February Vacation**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]

**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 beautifully-designed 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 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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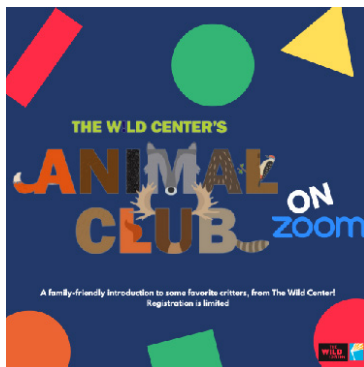
Family Literacy Program: The Snowy Day
Saturday, February 25 @ 10:30 am
Grades K-2 with caregiver
 Join Barbara Lukas, a family literacy educator from WMHT, for a morning of fun learning

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**

• **Guiderland Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**
Thursday, February 16 @ 6 pm

In-person and streamed on YouTube. Submit public commentary to: pc@guiderlandlibrary.org



• **NEW How Did You Find It? Podcast**

Friday, February 17 on all major platforms

• **Guiderland Library Foundation**

Meeting—Thursday, February 23

@ 6:15 pm. Seeking new members! Contact Steve

Wacksman: wacksmans@guiderlandlibrary.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.....9:30 am–5 pm
Sunday.....1-5 pm

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://guiderlandlibrary.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 mhellerlvorc@aol.com.

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