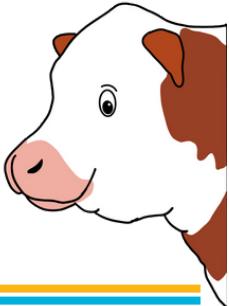
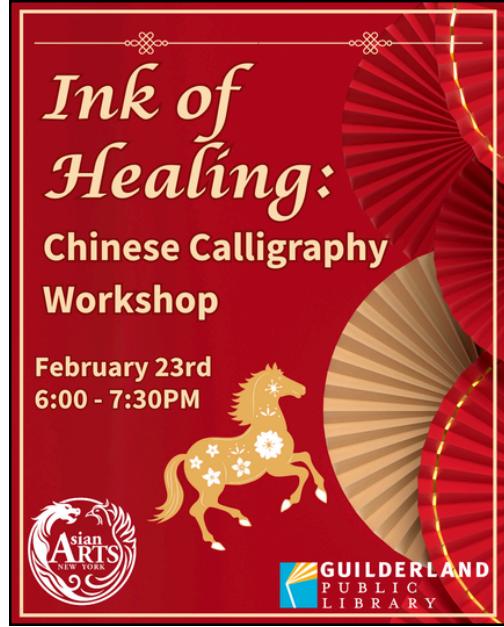


# THE MOOS

GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY



## LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH



### “Shower Them with Love”

Sunday, Feb. 8  
10am-12pm, before the library opens  
**Hygiene donation drive-thru event!**

Come spread some love for GCSD students and their families by dropping off hygiene items from the comfort of your vehicle. This event will take place before the library opens in our main parking lot from 10am-12pm.

February is **Black History Month**, a time to honor the past and look toward the future. It also happens to be **Love Your Library Month!** This is a special time to celebrate the unique bond between our library and the community it serves. Nothing shows that love more than our neighbors coming together to explore these essential stories and voices.

I've been peeking over shoulders at our latest book club selections, and there are incredible choices for highlighting Black authors and perspectives.

- I see many of you are reading **"James"** by **Percival Everett**—a brilliant, reimagined perspective that really makes you think about history in a new light.
- And for those looking for something vibrant and contemporary, **"Honey and Spice"** by **Bolu Babalola** is an absolute delight! It's wonderful to see our community engaging with such powerful storytelling.

Tell us what **YOU** love all month long! To celebrate "Love Your Library Month," we have heart-shaped notes waiting for you at our service desks. Please stop by, grab a heart, and tell us what you love most about GPL. We'll be displaying your "love letters" all over the library!

So, come in out of the cold and spend some time exploring the rich history and culture on display this month. We love seeing our patrons engage with everything from a reimagined past to a modern-day romance and everything in-between.

Above all, I hope you find something that inspires you to see the world from a different perspective.

**—Greufus (Official Library Mascot and Resident  
Library Lover)**



The library will be **closed**:

- **February 16th in observance of Presidents Day**

### Library Hours

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



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

## FAMILY STORYTIME

Feb 3 & 24 | 10:30 - 11:15AM  
Birth - 5 years, with caregiver

## AFTERNOON FAMILY

STORYTIME!  
Feb. 24 | 2 - 2:45PM



## SKY FRIENDS STORYTIME

Feb 4 & 25 | 10:30 - 11:30AM  
Birth - 5 years, with caregiver

## LITTLES LOUNGE &amp; STORYTIME

Feb 5 & 26 | 10:30 - 11:30AM  
Birth - 2 years, with caregiver



## MUSIC &amp; MOVEMENT

Feb 6, 13, & 27 | 10:30 - 11AM  
Best for 2-5 year olds, siblings welcome



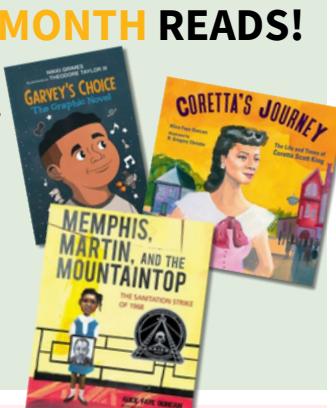
- **2/5: 6 - 6:45PM** Goodnight Luna
- **2/12: 10:30 - 11:30AM** Bilingual Spanish Storytime
- **2/13: 3 - 5PM** Lunar New Year Celebration
- **2/18: 10:30 - 11:30AM** Bilingual Spanish Storytime
- **2/19: 1 - 2:15PM** Families Love Cupcakes Session 1 **[R]**  
3 - 4:15PM Families Love Cupcakes Session 2 **[R]**
- **2/25: 4 - 5PM** Celebrate 5th Grade - Magnetic Dioramas
- **2/28: 11AM - 12PM** Saturday Sky Friends Storytime



role libraries play in supporting children's learning and curiosity. Visiting the library helps children discover books, develop early literacy skills, and explore a welcoming space dedicated to education and community. Guilderland Public Library invites families to visit and experience all the resources available for young readers.

## Fifth Grade Magnetic Dioramas

February 25th | 4 - 5PM  
Registration Required  
Fifth Graders Only



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH READS!

Honor Black History Month with Astra Publishing House's picture books celebrating the achievements of little-known Black heroes in justice, science, art, and culture.



Scan the code  
for more!

## February 4th

## World Read Aloud Day

This is a global celebration of literacy and the power of reading aloud to build connection, understanding, and lifelong learning. At your library, we recognize reading aloud as a vital practice that supports language development, strengthens communities, and fosters a love of stories at every age.

## February 7th

## Take Your Child to the Library Day!

Take Your Child to the Library Day highlights the important



PAWS 2 READ  
FEB. 5TH, 12TH, 14TH, 19TH,  
26TH, & 28TH

GRADES K-5

CHECK-IN @ CHILDREN'S DESK

## Recurring Drop-In Programs

## LET'S BUILD

February 17th  
1 - 4PM

## LEGO FREE PLAY

February 18th  
3 - 6PM

## YOUTH CHESS

January 24th  
11AM - 12PM



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

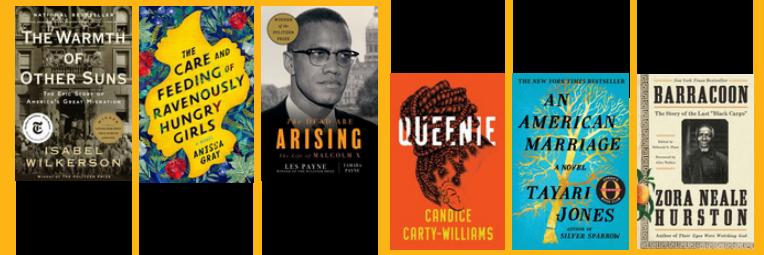
## ADULT PROGRAMS

2/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 - 4PM <b>Afternoon Garden Club</b></li> <li>6:30 - 7:30PM <b>Yoga at the Library [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 - 11AM <b>Game Time [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:15 - 7:30PM <b>Winter Macrame Wall Hanging [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11AM - 12PM <b>Gentle Strength: Tai Chi for Mind &amp; Body [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 - 7PM <b>Keys to Car Buying [R]</b></li> <li>6:30 - 7:30PM <b>Yoga at the Library [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30- 7:30PM <b>The Underground Railroad Revisited: A New Interpretation of an Old Story [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 - 5PM <b>American Red Cross Blood Drive [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11AM - 12PM <b>Gentle Strength: Tai Chi for Mind &amp; Body [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 - 7:45PM <b>Virtual Art Talk: Florine Stettheimer: Icon of Jazz Age New York [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11:15AM - 12:45PM <b>Journaling Club [R]</b></li> <li>1 - 4PM <b>Guilderland Historical Society Meeting</b></li> <li>6:15 - 7:30PM <b>1775-76 The Political War in Albany &amp; Tryon Counties [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11AM - 1PM <b>Apple Help [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 - 3PM <b>Sunday Concert: Yeah Winds Clarinet &amp; Flute Duet</b></li> </ul>
2/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 - 7:30PM <b>Ink of Healing: Chinese Calligraphy Workshop [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11AM - 12PM <b>Gentle Strength: Tai Chi for Mind &amp; Body [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 - 7PM <b>Cybersecurity 101 [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 - 7PM <b>Getting Started with Your Family History [R]</b></li> <li>6:15 - 7:45PM <b>Journaling Club [R]</b></li> </ul>
2/28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 - 2PM <b>DIY Jar Soup Drop-In</b></li> </ul>



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## POWERFUL READS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH



## RECURRING ADULT PROGRAMS

<b>Drop-In Knit &amp; Stitch</b>
February 3, 10, 17, & 24   10 - 11:30AM
<b>Seniors Connect!</b>
February 4, 11, 18, & 25   11AM - 1PM
<b>Guilderland Guitar Group</b>   February 4   6:30 - 8PM
<b>Origami Club</b>   February 7   1 - 2PM
<b>Drop-In Genealogy with Lisa Dougherty</b>
February 11   5:30 - 7:30PM
<b>Normanskill Strummers</b>   February 19   6 - 8PM
<b>Adult Chess</b>   February 22   2 - 3PM

**ART TALK:  
FLORINE  
STETTHEIMER**  
Feb. 18th at 6:30pm  
Virtual Event

**GPL  
GARDEN  
CLUB**  
February 4th  
3pm



**UNITED WAY**  
Greater Capital Region

**CAPITAL REGION  
VITA**

### VITA Tax-Aide Preparation Mondays\* 9AM - 4PM

Get free tax help from a VITA volunteer if your income is under \$69,000 and you meet eligibility requirements.

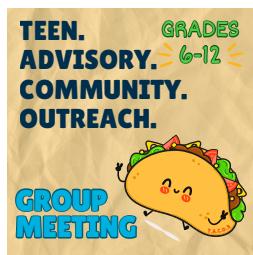
**Schedule at [getfreetaxprep.org](http://getfreetaxprep.org) (click Make an Appointment) or call United Way at (518) 507-5353.**

**Do not call the Library.**

The Library has common tax forms and can print additional forms for free; instruction booklets cost \$0.10 per page.



\*Tax Aid Preparation will not be offered on Monday, February 16th as the library will be closed.



## TACOS VOLUNTEER MEETING

February 10 | 6 - 7PM

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

2/11: 6 - 7PM Keys to Car Buying **[R]**

2/13: 3 - 5PM Lunar New Year Celebration

2/18: 3 - 6PM LEGO Free Play

2/20: 6:30 - 9:30PM Late Night Lounge: Teen After Hours **[R]**2/23: 5 - 7PM Teen Anime Club **[R]**

2/24: 6 - 7:15PM Teen Training: Action to Draw All People Together **[R]**

2/26: 4:30 - 7PM Drop-In Video Games &amp; Board Games



## GPL TEENS!

GRADES 6-12

PIZZA - MOVIE - CRAFTS - GAMES - FUN

## LATE-NIGHT LOUNGE

TEEN AFTER HOURS

FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> 6:30-9:30 PM

GRADES 6-12



## Origami Club

with GHS Student Thomas Z

February 7th | 1 - 2PM



## CHECK IT OUT!

## TEAM MEMBER RECOMMENDATION



**ANNE**  
Circulation &  
Collection  
Services



Recommendation:  
**Rose in Chains** by Julie Soto

"A lush, emotionally charged tale of beauty bound by adversity, where pain and perseverance intertwine. Like a rose pressing through iron links, it celebrates the courage to bloom despite hardship, weaving together the powerful themes of rebirth and transformation. This is a story of new beginnings forged not in ease, but in the unbreakable will to grow."

## LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

## GetSetUp

Maybe your New Year's resolutions include a trip to Spain, starting pilates classes, learning how to use that new Apple Watch you got for your birthday, or starting a new craft or hobby. Who has the time?!

Luckily, we're here to help! Our new service, GetSetUp, offers both live and on-demand videos on all of these topics, and many more! With classes in technology, fitness, money, jobs, food, arts, and travel, you'll never run out of things to learn.

Most classes are designed for people aged 55+, but anybody can watch these free videos. Take classes by yourself, or with friends!

To use this new and exciting service, visit [guilderlandlibrary.org/learning-tools](http://guilderlandlibrary.org/learning-tools) or scan the code below and choose GetSetUp under "All" databases. Then, make a free account with your Library card to start your learning journey today!

# Guilderland Reads: GPL Book Clubs



Pack up your curiosity and get ready to read outside your comfort zone. In 2026, GPL invites you to join Expedition Book Club, a year-long journey designed to help you explore the many book clubs we offer and discover new reading communities along the way. Try something new, meet fellow readers, and broaden your literary horizons. Learn more by scanning the code or visiting [guilderlandlibrary.org/expedition-book-club](http://guilderlandlibrary.org/expedition-book-club).



## Read It & Eat! Cookbook Club



**Thursday, February 5 @6:15PM**  
**Ages 18+**

The featured cookbook for February is **Naturally vegan : delicious recipes from around the world that just happen to be plant-based** by Julius Fiedler.



## Night Owls Book Club

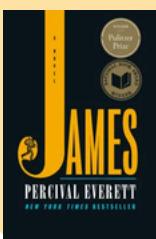


**Monday, February @6:30PM**  
**Ages 18+**

Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles.  
Currently reading **Ina Garten** a memoir.



## Day Larks Book Club



**Thursday, February 12 @2:00PM**  
**Ages 18+**

Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles.  
Currently reading **James** by Percival Everett.



## Whodunit Mystery Book Club



**Thursday, February 12 @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 **A Most Agreeable Murder** by Julia Seales.



## Realm Explorers Book Club



**Saturday, February 14 @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 **A Darker Shade of Magic** by V.E. Schwab.

## Silent Book Club

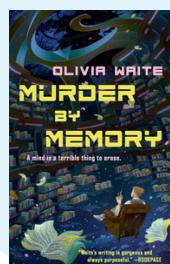
**Sunday, February 15 @1:30PM**  
**Ages 18+**



Give yourself permission to read. Meet by the fireplace!



## Rainbow Reads Book Club



**Tuesday, February 17 @6:30PM**  
**Ages 18+**

Rainbow Reads is a book club that meets bi-monthly on Tuesday evenings to discuss LGBTQIA+ focused literature in a variety of genres. This month we're discussing **Murder by Memory** by Olivia Waite.



## Hopeless Romantics Book Club

**Wednesday, February 18 @6:30PM**  
**Ages 18+**

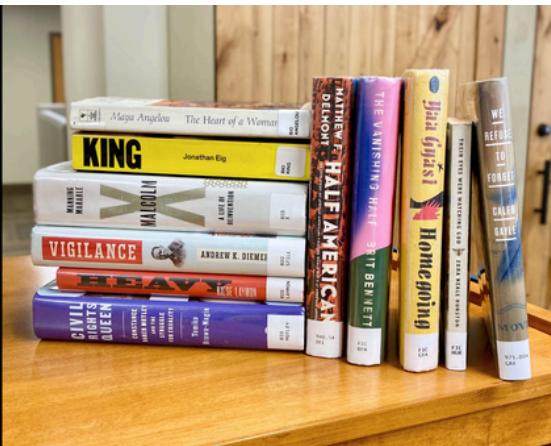
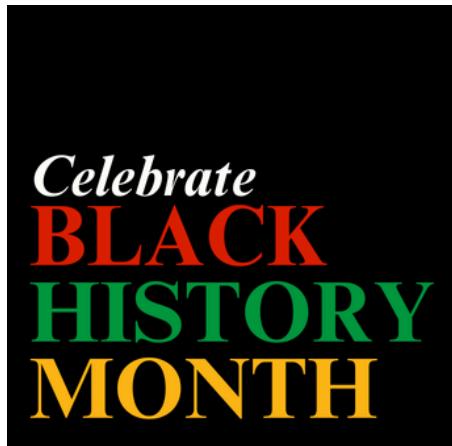


HRBC is a romance book club that meets to discuss swoon-worthy romance titles. This month we're discussing **Honey & Spice** by Bolu Babalola.

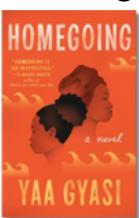
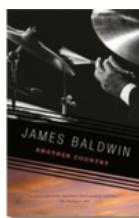


## HOW TO GET YOUR BOOK CLUB BOOKS

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.



In honor of **Black History Month**, we invite you to explore powerful stories, influential figures, and important perspectives for readers of all ages. Discover curated books, films, and digital resources celebrating Black history, culture, and voices - available all year at GPL and online through our digital resources like Libby!



February is also **Love Your Library Month**! One of our favorite parts of the year is reading all the reasons you love your library. When you stop by this month, be sure to fill out a heart and share what you love most about GPL.



**LIBRARY BUSINESS**

**GPL Board of Trustees**  
**Long Range Plan Committee Meeting**  
February 3rd | 5:30 - 6:30PM

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

**GPL Board of Trustees**  
**Personnel Committee Meeting**  
February 5th | 6:30 - 7:30PM

**GPL Board of Trustees**  
**Facilities Committee Meeting**  
February 12th | 6 - 7PM

**GPL Board of Trustees**  
**Finance Committee Meeting**  
February 24th | 6 - 7PM

**GPL Board of Trustees**  
**Monthly Business Meeting**  
February 26th | 6:00PM

Please check the online library calendar for the most up-to-date information



**COMMUNITY INTEREST**

**Guilderland Guitar Group**  
February 4th | 6:30 - 8PM

**Capital District Knitting Guild**  
February 9th | 6 - 8PM

**America Red Cross Blood Drive**  
February 13th | 1 - 6PM

**Normanskill Strummers**  
Ukulele Group  
February 19th | 6 - 8PM

**Art Exhibition**  
Arlene's Artist Studio  
**Reception:** February 15 | 2 - 3:30PM

