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G U I L D E R L A N D P U B L I C L I B R A R Y



LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

LUNAR NEW YEAR
AT GPL
FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 13TH
3:00-5:00PM
CRAFTS, SNACKS, AND CELEBRATION!

GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

LATE-NIGHT LOUNGE
TEEN AFTER HOURS
FEBRUARY 20TH 6:30-9:30 PM
PIZZA - MOVIE - CRAFTS - GAMES - FUN
OPEN TO GRADES 6-12
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Ink of Healing:
Chinese Calligraphy Workshop
February 23rd
6:00 - 7:30PM

Asian Arts
GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

CARING CLOSET
GUILDERLAND'S 4TH ANNUAL
"Shower Them with Love"
HYGIENE DONATION
DRIVE-THRU EVENT
February 8th | 10AM - 12PM

"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.

Library Hours

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

The library will be closed:

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

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)**



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 & STORYTIME

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



MUSIC & 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

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AT GPL**
FEBRUARY 13TH
3 - 5PM
CRAFTS, SNACKS, AND CELEBRATION!



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 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.

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

POWERFUL READS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH



RECURRING ADULT PROGRAMS

Drop-In Knit & Stitch

February 3, 10, 17, & 24 | 10 - 11:30AM

Seniors Connect!

February 4, 11, 18, & 25 | 11AM - 1PM

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

Origami Club | February 7 | 1 - 2PM

Drop-In Genealogy with Lisa Dougherty

February 11 | 5:30 - 7:30PM

Normanskill Strummers | February 19 | 6 - 8PM

Adult Chess | February 22 | 2 - 3PM

ART TALK:
FLORINE
STETTMEIER
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 (click Make an Appointment) or call United Way at (518) 507-5353.

Do not call the Library.

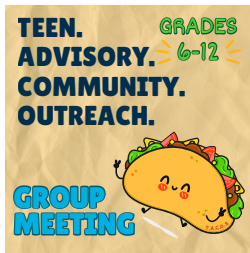
The Library has common tax forms and can print additional forms for free; instruction booklets cost \$0.10 per page.



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



To learn more or register for an event, scan QR code or visit guilderlandlibrary.org

**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 & Board Games****GPL TEENS!****GRADES 6-12**

PIZZA - MOVIE - CRAFTS - GAMES - FUN

LATE-NIGHT LOUNGE

TEEN AFTER HOURS

FEBRUARY 20TH 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 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.



Read It & Eat! Cookbook Club



Julius Fiedler

Naturally Vegan

Delicious recipes from around the world that just happen to be plant-based

**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.

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.

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.



Silent Book Club



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

Give yourself permission to read. Meet by the fireplace!



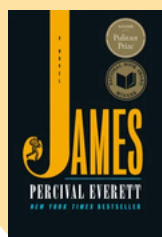
Rainbow Reads Book Club



**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.

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.

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.

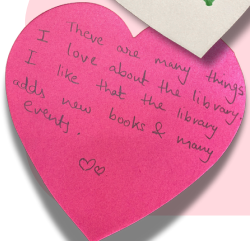


HOW TO GET YOUR BOOK CLUB BOOKS

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!

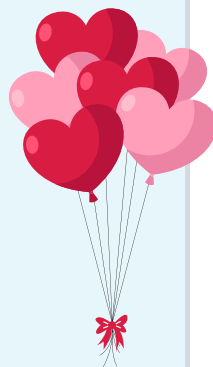


February is also **Love Your Library Month**! One of our favorite parts of the year is reading all the reasons you love your library. When you stop by this month, be sure to fill out a heart and share what you love most about GPL.



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

