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Building Plans



Construction Update

Our building project is on time and on budget! Here's a quick visual of our children's addition; Collection area; and bathroom renovations. See <http://bit.ly/GPLBuildingProject> for reports and more photos.



Tax Information

Usually at this time of year, we're actively promoting the AARP TaxAide preparation that takes place at the Library. However, none of the AARP TaxAide sites (GPL among them) will be operating this tax season, unfortunately.



To fill this void, we've compiled a list of resources to help you get your taxes done. Please visit our webpage at: <https://bit.ly/GPLTaxes>. You'll find links to:

- local resources
- tax prep books you can borrow
- Federal and state forms and online information
- free e-filing resources

We now have Federal tax forms, and are awaiting the state forms, check our website for updates. All forms will be available in our Normanskill curbside pickup room—follow signs and enter through the side door during curbside hours.

Printing On Demand



No printer? No problem! We can print a document for you and deliver it curbside with our PrinterOn service!

Simply visit our website at <https://bit.ly/GPLPrint> and follow the instructions. We can print up to 20 black-and-white pages or 10 color pages maximum at no cost.

After sending your document to us, call us at **518.285.0050** to let us know; we'll get it ready for you to pick up curbside. You can also **download the PrinterOn app** to send us your print jobs from a mobile device.

CURBSIDE SERVICE HOURS

Checkouts - Normanskill Room Side Door:

Mon./Wed./Fri.....10 am - 4 pm

Tues./Thurs.....1 - 7 pm

Saturday.....10 am - 2 pm

Sunday.....2 - 4 pm

Returns - Parking Lot Sheds:

24/7, except holidays

The library is currently closed to public browsing.

PODCASTS

HOW DID YOU FIND IT?



New GPL Podcast!

We're excited to announce the launch of our very own GPL Podcast, called "How Did You Find It?" This monthly podcast, moderated by Librarian Kathleen

Tyrrell, will explore books, libraries, information, entertainment and everything in between. As of this writing, you can find the podcast on Spotify, Google Podcasts, Pocket Casts, Breaker, and RadioPublic. We're hoping it will soon be available on Apple Podcasts as well. Look for new episodes each month. We welcome your ideas and suggestions! Reach out to us at: podcast@guilderlandlibrary.org

Looking for more? Check out our podcast recommendations for adults, a 12-page compilation with an incredible variety of interest areas to choose from, at: <https://bit.ly/GPLPodcastList>.

Earbuds and Bookmarks: A Podcast Discussion Group Saturday, February 27 @ 3 pm



Podcast enthusiasts are invited to join this casual new virtual gathering of folks who enjoy listening to and talking about podcasts. Each month we'll listen to a different podcast or episode, and then connect to share our experience.

February's podcast discussion: A Hot Dog is a Sandwich

with Josh Scherer and Nicole Hendizadeh
First Aired: June 3, 2020

Please register so we can share up-to-date information with you. We'll also use your email to send you the link to the meeting one day before the event, which will be held using the virtual meeting platform GoToMeeting. [R]

BOOK DISCUSSION



Night Owls Online Monday, February 8 @ 7:30 pm



A summer wedding on

Nantucket with a murder-mystery twist forms the basis of our monthly Night Owls Online book discussion group, as we discuss **The Perfect Couple** by **Elin Hilderbrand**. Please place a hold on a copy for curbside pickup. Call us at **518.285.0050** or email us at ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org for assistance placing a hold, then register on the Events tab of our website, where you'll find further instructions. [R]

Selection for March 8 Night Owls Online:
The Answer Is...Reflections on My Life, by Alex Trebek

ADULT PROGRAMS



1:1 Apple Tech & Résumé Help Tuesday evenings or Thursday mornings

Perhaps you could use a little help maximizing your Apple gadget, or crafting your résumé using the Learning Express tool found on our website...all from the comfort of home. Our volunteer computer coach, Robin, can gladly provide customized assistance for:

- Apple Watch
- iPhone
- MacBook
- iPad
- Apple TV



or help you mine the riches of Learning Express. See "job tools" here: <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/learning-tools>.

Schedule your hour-long appointment **Tuesday evenings starting at 6:30 pm** or **Thursday mornings starting at 10 am** on the Events tab of our website, indicating the topic of interest in the Notes field. An email address and the ability to meet online is required. [R]



Programs will be held online, using one of our videoconferencing platforms. You'll need a computer with a microphone and webcam, tablet or a smartphone, to participate. **Registration is required, indicated by [R]**. Click on the Events calendar on www.guilderlandlibrary.org to register. We'll email you the link in advance of the program.

ADULT PROGRAMS

**Fortune Cookies
Take it / Make it Kits
Wednesday, February 10**

Pick up a fun kit with ingredients and instructions to make fortune cookies to celebrate Chinese New Year, or to give as a special Valentine's Day gift! Kits will be ready for curbside pickup starting February 10 at 10 am. [R]



**Take-Home
Job Fair Bag
Tuesday, February 16**

With unemployment at record highs and in-person job fairs on hold, we wanted to provide assistance through a Take-Home Job Fair bag filled with information about job-related library



programs we're holding; learning tools on our website; Civil Service; helpful resources from the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce; a pen and notebook to help keep you organized; and much more. Available curbside on a first-come, first-served basis starting February 16 at 1 pm.

**Virtual Craft & Chat
Tuesday, February 23
@ 6 pm**

Grab a beverage, your latest craft project, and your digital device to join fellow crafters online as we gather for casual conversation about current projects and anything else that strikes our fancy. Register to reserve your spot; you'll receive an email with login details in advance. [R]



**NYS Talking Book
and Braille Library
Wednesday, February 24
@ 6:30 pm
(rescheduled)**



The New York State Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL) is a free

library service for residents who have difficulty reading standard print due to blindness, low vision, a diagnosed reading disability, or a physical disability. New York State Senior Librarian Jane Bentley will provide a virtual overview of TBBL services, eligibility, and access via Zoom. [R]

YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Take Your Child to the
Library Day Goodie Bags
Saturday, February 6
@ 1-3 pm
Grades PreK-5**

Greufus misses you! We do too. Traditionally, the first Saturday in February is **Take Your Child to the Library Day**, an international initiative that encourages families everywhere to visit their local library. This year marks the 10th anniversary of this annual event. Since we can't be together in the building, we're bringing the Library to you! Grab a library-themed goodie bag at our curbside pick up area. One per child in **grades PreK-5**, while supplies last.



**Grab & Go Storytime
Kits for Preschoolers
February 8: Winter
February 22: Drive & Ride
Ages 2-5**



Every other Monday, we'll have a storytime kit available for you and your little one(s). Each thematic kit will contain suggestions for books, rhymes, and songs to share together—and one or more fun surprise activities. Storytime kits are recommended for **ages 2-5** and are available on a **first come, first served** basis.

**STREAM Kits
Friday, February 26
Grades K-5**

STREAM learning encompasses **S**cience, **T**echonology, **R**eadng, **E**ngineering, **A**rt and **M**ath in dynamic ways. Register in advance, then pick up a curbside detective-themed kit incorporating four fun STREAM-based activities starting February 26 at 10 am. [R]



**Snowed-In
Winter Art
Kit for Teens
February 8 -17**

Beat the winter doldrums! This kit will contain art activities, treats, and fun surprises for teens to enjoy. Please register in advance. Kits will be available for curbside pick-up Monday, February 8 through Wednesday, February 17. Please provide a valid email and enter any dietary restrictions in the notes field. [R]

FAMILY / ALL AGES



GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

**Great Backyard Bird Count
February 12-15**

Each February, the Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology invites us to watch and count as many birds as we can find and report the

numbers. These observations help scientists better understand global bird populations and migration patterns.

Visit birdcount.org and sign up for a free eBird account with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Then, venture out on the designated dates and start counting! Participants who submit one or more lists earn the title of "community scientist" with the Audubon Society. You can also upload photos to become a part of the Macaulay Library, the world's premier scientific archive of natural history.

Email us at ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org, with a photo of yourself/your family birdwatching—or better still, a photo of a bird you observed—along with a list of the birds you saw. We'll choose a random winner for a prize of a 10-pound bag of quality birdseed!

**Lunch with Noel the Snowy Owl and Virgil the Vulture
Wednesday, February 17
@ 12 pm**

Whether or not you "eat like a bird"—join us for a lunchtime treat with Noel the Snowy Owl and Virgil the Vulture! Joyce Perry, of Whispering Willow Wildcare, will tell us (and show us) what these two birds of prey prefer to dine on, and how they survive the winter. Please register to receive the Zoom invitation in advance. **[R]**



**Basics of Birdwatching
Saturday, February 20
@ 11 am**

Birdwatching can be a very rewarding year-round family activity and lifelong habit. Want to learn more about our feathered friends? Register for this hour-long virtual chat with Dave and Eileen Williams, two veteran birders from Guilderland. They'll talk about equipment needed, local

hotspots, backyard feeders, and starting a "Life List" tracking all of the birds you've ever seen! **[R]**

**Valentine Card Project
Through February 5**



We're teaming up with our friends at Community

Caregivers once again. This time, we're spreading some love to our neighbors for Valentine's Day! The whole family can get involved. **Thank you for brightening someone's day!**

Instructions:

- Create one or more new or repurposed cards with a maximum size of 5" x 7". Feel free to write an uplifting message inside and/or or sign the card if desired. No envelope needed.
- Drop off your card(s) in the Valentine Card Project Box at a pick-up table in the Normanskill room (enter through side door) during our curbside hours **through Friday, February 5th.**
- Community Caregivers will provide envelopes and address and mail your cards to their clients.



**Family Bingo
Saturday, February 20
@ 2 pm**

Join us for a fun afternoon session of family BINGO! This activity is designed for children of all ages with a parent/guardian. Please provide an email when

registering so we can send you the link for game day. Curbside pickup begins **Tuesday, February 16. [R]**

**Times Union Best of 2021
Nominations through February 5**

Last year, we had the honor of being voted one of the best libraries in the Capital Region through the *Times Union's* annual "Best of" poll, thanks to your support! We hope you'll consider nominating us again this year! To do so, please go to <https://www.timesunion.com> and click on this red logo; click on "Best of the Rest" and scroll down to the library category. **Thank you!**



**THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED:
PRESIDENT'S DAY
Monday, February 15
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VIRTUAL MEETING:
Thursday, February 11
@ 6 pm on Facebook**

Public commentary to read at the board meeting may be submitted at any time to: pc@guilderlandlibrary.org. Board Meeting archives may be accessed at: <http://bit.ly/GPLBoardMeetings>