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Top Checkouts of 2021

Here are the most popular checkouts at GPL during 2021:

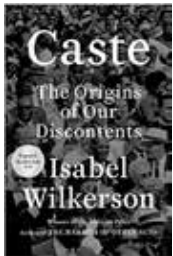


Adult Fiction

- 1) *The Four Winds*, by Kristin Hannah
- 2) *The Midnight Library*, by Matt Haig
- 3) *Win*, by Harlan Coben

Adult Nonfiction

- 1) *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, by Isabel Wilkerson
- 2) *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- 3) *Educated: A Memoir*, by Tara Westover



Children's Books

- 1) *Dog Man 6: Brawl of the Wild*, by Dav Pilkey
- 2) *Dog Man 4: Dog Man and Cat Kid*, by Dav Pilkey
- 3) *Dog Man 8: Fetch-22*, by Dav Pilkey



Young Adult Books

- 1) *Siege and Storm*, by Leigh Bardugo
- 2) *The Cruel Prince*, by Holly Black
- 3) *Thunderhead*, by Neal Shusterman



Adult Movies / TV Series

- 1) *Law & Order: The Complete Series*
- 2) *Promising Young Woman*
- 3) *Friends: The Complete Series*



Children's Movies

- 1) *Luca*
- 2) *The Croods: A New Age*
- 3) *Soul*



Library of Things

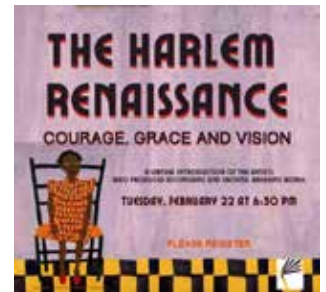
- 1) WiFi Hotspot
- 2) Apple TV
- 3) HDTV antenna



The Harlem Renaissance: Courage, Grace & Vision

Tuesday, February 22 @ 6:30 pm

The Harlem Renaissance was the beginning of an explosion in creativity that transformed African American identity and history, but it also transformed American culture in general. Never before had so many people of all backgrounds read the thoughts of African Americans and embraced the black community's productions, expressions, and style in art, literature, music, dance, and theater.



To celebrate Black History month, this virtual talk will introduce you to many of the inspired artists who produced astonishing and ground-breaking works. *Presenter: Retired English and art history teacher Janet C. Mandel, who presents illustrated talks on a variety of art history topics at adult schools, libraries, museums, senior centers, community centers, and similar venues. [R]*



Valentine Card Project Through Sunday, February 6 All Ages

Our popular card project continues! Make someone's day by making valentines that Community Caregivers will distribute to their clients. Your colorful greetings are greatly appreciated by local residents who may be homebound and

would love a heartwarming note. All ages are encouraged to get creative—make it a family project! Original or repurposed cards should be no larger than 5 x 7, and no envelope is needed. Drop them off in the designated box in our lobby until February 6, allowing ample time for Community Caregivers to distribute. **Thank you for participating!**

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

Masks are required for all patrons ages 2+.
 Curbside pick up available with 24 hours notice.
 Adult public computers and Chromebooks available.

ADULT PROGRAMS



Genealogy with Lisa Dougherty

Wednesday, February 9 @ 6-8 pm

Ready to explore your family tree, or need a little help continuing your research? Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty offers customized family history consultations on a virtual basis. Lisa's extensive

experience includes serving as genealogist-in-residence at the Irish-American Heritage Museum in Albany. Visit her website at: www.upstatenygenealogy.com. [R]

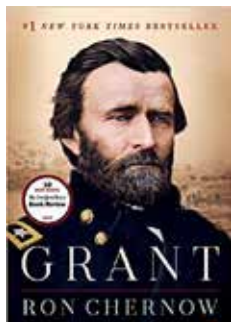
Attracting Birds to Your Backyard!

Monday, February 14 @ 9:30 am

We're planning a special treat for you on Valentine's Day! This virtual program covers backyard bird basics, including types of feeders and feed, plantings, and shelter options. Stunning photographs will show many common and rare



bird species found throughout the northeast. *This program is presented in conjunction with Albany Guardian Society by Scott Stoner and Denise Hackert-Stoner, directors for the Hudson Mohawk Bird Club, owners of Naturelogues, and professional photographers for numerous publications.* [R]



Ulysses S. Grant: The First 200 Years
Six-Part Scholar-led Series
Thursdays: February 24; March 10 & 24; April 14, 21 & 28 @ 6:30 pm

Ulysses S. Grant was born on April 27, 1822. In this 200th anniversary year of his birth, we will explore the legacy of the 18th President of the United

States from both Grant's own personal memoirs, and the bestselling book, *Grant*, by Pulitzer Prize winner Ron Chernow. We'll follow Grant's journey from a hardscrabble beginning, to West Point and the Mexican--American War, to General of the U.S. Army, Civil War commander, and two-term President of the United States. Grant is somewhat of an enigma: brilliant battlefield general, but ineffective commander in chief. What lasting impact did he have? Join us for a lively discussion, led by Giacomo Calabria, published author and frequent Humanities New York scholar. *This program is made possible through a grant from Humanities New York. Registration is limited to 15; please plan on attending all six sessions. Registrants will receive a copy of Ron Chernow's book, Grant.* [R]

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS [R]
www.guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion

Night Owls Online
Mondays @ 7:30 pm

Led by Librarian Maura Powers-Smith. Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles.

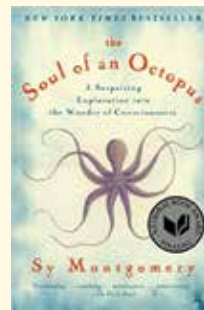
February 7: *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, by Lori Gottlieb
March 14: *The Silent Patient*, by Alex Michaelides



Green Reads
Thursdays @ 6 pm

Led by Librarian Maria Buhl in collaboration with Albany Guardian Society. A book and film discussion group on nature, health, and the environment.

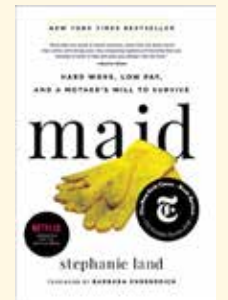
February 10: *The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness*, by Sy Montgomery



Memoirs in the Morning
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

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

March 16: *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive*, by Stephanie Land
Join us anytime on goodreads.com!



Computer Coach
Monday, February 14 & 28 @ 6:30 pm

Consult with computer coach Robin from the comfort of home to help you get the most out of your **Apple device**. She can also assist with the Learning Express tool on our website to help you craft a winning **résumé**.

Sign up your 1:1 virtual hour-long appointment today! [R]



Virtual Crafty Chat
Wednesday, February 16 @ 10:30 am

Crafters: join our Zoom session! We'd love to chat, share tips, discuss crafty books, and inspire one another. This month, we're taking an in-depth look at the vibrant creative style of

world-renowned artist and illustrator **Lisa Congdon**. [R]

YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Take Your Child to the Library Week
Saturday, February 5 through Friday, February 11

Our expanded week-long celebration features a weather theme, encouraging kids to explore fascinating facets of meteorology. Think your child is ready for their very first library

card? We'd love to sign them up as an official library patron (with a parent or legal guardian present)!

Live Virtual Storytimes

Thursday, February 3 & 17

@ 10:30 am

Tuesday, February 8 & 22

@ 4 pm

Infant through age 5

Based on your feedback, we'll meet via Zoom

alternating Thursday

mornings and Tuesday afternoons. When registering, you'll find ideas on props to make the experience more interactive as we read books, sing songs and have fun together! **[R]**



Web & Social Media Resources

► **Discovery Pages** for elementary-age children and teens feature eBooks, audiobooks, crafts, music, and more.

guilderlandlibrary.org/gplkids

guilderlandlibrary.org/teens

► **The Foundry** is the name of our new teen space. It's also a place online

where teens can discover new books, activities, events, learning tools, volunteer opportunities and more. Check it out! guilderlandlibrary.org/teens

► **GPL Kids & Families Facebook page** keeps parents and caregivers informed on our Youth Services offerings. Like and follow us for updates (as well as our main page and GPL Cafe Chat).

► **GPL's YouTube channel** features engaging children's content, including read alouds and storytimes.



Twosday
Two-Do List
& Raffle

Family/All Ages
February 1-22



Celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime date of 2/22/22 with GPL! Pick up a Two-Do List at the Adult Information Desk. For every two items you check off and bring back, you'll receive a raffle ticket to win a prize! The drawing will be at 2:22pm on Tuesday, February 22, 2022! Good luck! For more details: www.guilderlandlibrary.org/Twosday

ON THE CALENDAR

Closed for Presidents Day
Monday, February 21



GPL Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, February 17 @ 6 pm

Streamed live on **YouTube** and archived for later viewing. Public commentary may be submitted at any time to: pc@guilderlandlibrary.org



How Did You Find It?

GPL's monthly podcast

Have you heard? Our monthly podcast, **How Did You Find It?**, drops the third Friday of each month. Listen on all major platforms! We welcome your feedback at: podcast@guilderlandlibrary.org.

Dial A Story
for children and adults

Relax with a brief story using our Dial A Story line! Simply call **518.456.2400** and **press 5**, then choose 1 for an adult story; 2 for a children's story; and 3 for an international story.



Libby is the New Overdrive

This month, the Overdrive company is phasing out their old app in favor of a new, more streamlined eBook experience with the **Libby by Overdrive app**. Overdrive users will no longer be able to download the

Overdrive app, so **make the switch today!** All of your account information will carry over to Libby, including current checkouts and holds.

Best of all, Libby provides easy access to videos and TV shows from **Kanopy**, as well as on-demand music classes from **ArtistWorks**.

The Libby app can be downloaded onto your Apple or Android devices, and accessed via any internet-connected computer or tablet by visiting www.libbyapp.com. Kindle users can also use libbyapp.com to transfer eBooks.

If websites are more your thing, you can continue to use www.uhls.overdrive.com to access the Overdrive website and the same great collection as Libby users.