Mardi Gras Parade with Brass Abbey
Wednesday, July 11 @ 2 pm
Come join us for this fun family parade in true Mardi Gras style to celebrate a summer of awesome reading! We’ll supply the beads, masks, and music - all we need is You to hop in the line!
Meet us in the Literary Garden for a special New Orleans inspired event full of lively music by Brass Abbey, a local Brass Quintet based out of the Capital Region. This is a free family event.

Kazoo Fest with Lost Radio Rounders and the Ramblin Jug Stompers
Tuesday, July 17 @ 6 pm
Local musicians from the Lost Radio Rounders and the Ramblin Jug Stompers will "rock out" the Library with classic American children's songs, played on some wacky instruments – including washboard, jug, mouth bow, nose flute, typewriter, and slide whistle.
Bring along the kazoo that we handed out in your Summer Reading Program goody bag; you’re going to play along on some tunes!

Shake, Rattle & Roll at the Family Sock Hop!
Friday, August 3 from Noon - 2 pm
Music, Movement & Storytime begins @ Noon!
This is a free family event. Shake, Rattle and Roll at our family 1950s-themed sock hop! The event begins at noon with a toe-tapping read aloud filled with music and movement. Then, stick around for more 50s-themed fun! Eat in our diner, play games, and more!
Dress up for the occasion. Bring a pair of new socks to donate - any size!
Registration required. Call us at 518-456-2400 x 4, or stop in to register. Registration opens July 1.

The Pop Ups
Friday, August 10 @ 2 pm
Two-Time Grammy Nominees, The Pop Ups perform! A high-energy show transports audiences into a whimsical, educational world with Dancing Robots, A Fire-Stomping Rhino, Live-Drawing, Huge Balloons, Full Scale Puppets, even a Costume Party!
This highly interactive show is propelled by award-winning music, and dance beats that will catapult both young and old out of their seats.
Don’t miss it!
This is a free ticketed event. Tickets will be available at the library starting July 10.
ADULTS

Staying Safe at Home: Preventing Falls
Tuesday, August 14 @ 11 am
The statistics are sobering: one in three adults over age 65 fall each year; for those age 80 and over, the risk increases to one out of two adults, or fully 50%. These falls can result in serious injuries and/or hospitalizations.

Jennifer LaPorte of Brookdale Senior Living in Niskayuna will provide strategies for evaluating your risk, reducing the possibility of falling – through exercise and other means – and what to do if you experience a fall.

It’s an important program for everyone, caregivers and loved ones alike! Please also note: as a companion program, we are offering an introduction to Tai Chi/QiGong. See below! ❸

Tai Chi/QiGong with Rich Goodhart
Thursdays @ 11 am: August 9, September 6 & September 27
Tai Chi is a form of gentle exercise that emphasizes deliberate, careful, almost dance-like movements. Developed more than 1,000 years ago in China, the practice helps strengthen and relax muscles and joints. Even more important: studies have found it to be excellent for fall prevention. Rich Goodhart is a longtime practitioner of Tai Chi, and has taught at both the Omega Institute and the Kripalu Center, in Lenox, MA. ❸

Movies for Grown-Ups...
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm
We’re screening three great rock-themed movies for grown-ups! Stay cool, eat some popcorn, and enjoy! Please note: these movies are all meant for mature audiences.

The Blues Brothers
July 11 • Rated R • 133 min. • MLUSA

The Commitments
July 18 • Rated R • 117 min. • MLUSA

High Fidelity
August 8 • Rated R • 114 min. • MLUSA

…and a movie the whole family can enjoy:
Camp Rock: The Movie
Saturday, August 4 @ 2 pm
Take a break from the heat and join us as we flash back 10 years to the "classic" Disney Channel movie starring the Jonas Brothers and Demi Lovato: Camp Rock!

Bring all your friends and your whole family! We’ll provide the popcorn.
Rated TV-G • 90 min. • MLUSA

GPL Pop-Up Library!
@ National Night Out
Tawasentha Park
Tuesday, August 7 @ 6 pm
It’s the 35th anniversary of National Night Out! Please join us at this annual community event hosted by our friends from the Guilderland Police Department. We’ll have crafts, games, stuff to check out, and fun!

Cut the Cord: Cut ties with your cable company
Tuesday, August 14 @ 7 pm
What is the difference between Cable TV, OTA (over the air), and Streaming? How can you watch your favorite shows without cable TV? It can be daunting keeping track of all the devices and services available! Join us for a high-level overview of the try-before-you-buy devices in our Cut the Cord circulating collection, and find out if cutting ties with your cable company is right for you.

Come to “A Novel Affair, Chapter 3: The Masquerade Ball”
September 29, 2018, at the Albany Country Club
The masquerade-ball theme is an homage to our two honorees: Gregory Maguire, whose “Wicked” put a new spin on one of our favorite tales, and Paul Grondahl, whose articles and books chronicle our times.

We invite you to get in the spirit of our masquerade ball and come as your favorite character.

This event is the premier social event of the Guilderland Library’s year, and is the Foundation’s primary annual fund-raising event. We hope you will join us.

The cost is $75.00; tickets may be purchased at www.guilderlandlibrary.org/foundation
ADULTS

DIY Your Own Vacation “Package” with our Library of Things!

Whether you’re taking a vacation or opting for a “staycation,” GPL has everything you need for summer fun. Use our Library of Things to create your own vacation package.

**The Beach:** Use a hotspot to stream your favorite songs over WiFi, find buried treasure in the sand with a metal detector, and play KanJam on the beach with your friends!

**Camping:** Experience Mother Nature up-close with one of our fishing poles. If it’s raining, borrow a board game and stay inside the cabin! You can even capture wildlife images with one of our GoPro cameras, or enjoy birdwatching with a pair of binoculars.

**Staycation:** Check out a museum pass and take a day trip to a local museum! Borrow a Roku, Amazon Firestick, or Apple TV and binge-watch your favorite shows. Take home a cake pan and bake something for your family, or borrow a croquet set and have a backyard challenge.

Our “Library of Things” is Growing!

We’ve added some fun new items to our very popular Library of Things for your summer enjoyment:

- Two sets of croquet lawn games
- Three pairs of Celestron binoculars, complete with laminated bird identification guides
- An assortment of new board games
- Museum Pass to Olana State Historic site, the beautiful home of landscape artist Frederic Church, designed by architect Calvert Vaux and featuring stunning views of the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains
- Coming soon...TEN more WiFi hotspots, to meet the increasing demand for this item


Read 3 books and win a FREE book, plus an entry into our Grand Prize Drawing of a specialty gift basket. Keep reading to win more prizes!

To participate, you need to be 18 or older, have a library card, and enjoy books (of course)! The contest will close at 3 pm on Friday, August 31, when we will have a drawing for the three winners. We’ll also do a display in September featuring books that you read, and excerpts of your book reviews! Share your love of books!

Thanks to The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza for their support of this program.

**Basic Embroidery**

**Thursday, July 12 @ 7 pm**

In this craft session for adults, we’ll complete a small project using a few basic stitches. You’ll be able to choose one of several patterns. We will use the library’s small embroidery hoops. Floss, fabric and needles will be provided.

**Abstract Art Using Mixed Media**

**Tuesday, July 17 @ 6 pm**

This genre of painting combines different materials and methods to create one unique piece of artwork. Enjoy creating and discovering the endless possibilities that come with mixed media artwork. Grades 6 - Adults.

**Rock Painting at the Park**

**Tuesday, July 24 @ 3 pm**

Meet us at Tawasentha Park where we will take advantage of the park’s natural beauty and create “rocking masterpieces.” The Library will provide supplies to paint the stones and write inspirational words, which you can take home or scatter around the park to be discovered and enjoyed by future park-goers! Grades 6 - Adults.

eBook Office Hours

**New Hours for July and August**

**Wednesdays, 2 pm - 3:30 pm**

July 11, 18 & 25, and August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Want to get free library books or magazines on your iPhone or Kindle? Ask us how! Sign up today for a one-on-one session with a staff expert.

Please bring your library card and your device to the appointment. Devices we can help you with:

- Kindle and Kindle Fire
- iPhone or iPad
- Laptops
- Nook
- Android tablets

DIY Summer Vacation “Package” with our Library of Things!

Your chance to win one of three great prizes!

Kids aren’t the only ones to take part in summer reading! To encourage all of our adult patrons to be super readers over the summer, we’ve established a summer reading challenge from July 1 - August 31 that you’ll love!

To get started, register online at www.guilderlandlibrary.beanstack.org, or visit us at the library.


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So Many Ways to Read!  
Finding books for summer reading!

Need to stock up on books for the young summer readers in your family? You have several options.

- eBooks and audiobooks are available from the library via the Libby app. You can also get eBooks from the Overdrive site at https://uhls.overdrive.com.
- We are making many of the titles from the Guilderland Central School District's Summer Reading List available for download.

You can get the list at the district's site at www.guilderlandschools.org/academics/summer-reading/, or pick up a copy of the reading list at the library. We have extra print copies of GCSD summer Reading titles. You’ll find them on the big, color-coded display on the shelves in the Children’s Department.

Several Kindle Fires have been loaded with a lot of the GCSD Summer Reading titles; check one out for the beach, backyard, or car trip!

- MyON, a collaborative program with the New York State Education Department, offers more than 6,000 eBooks to children birth through 8th grade. MyON is available online at https://myon.com, or as an app for iOS and Android devices. Come visit us to get your complimentary login information for this easy-to-use service!

- TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books and adding animation, sound, music and narration to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you. Find TumbleBooks in the Research & Learn section of our website at www.guilderlandlibrary.org.

- DayByDayNY is a family literacy calendar that gives stories, songs, rhymes, activity ideas and more to share with your child. Selections change daily.

Do You Have Your Summer Reading Program Brochures?
Pick up your copies at the Library