



Summer Reading Club Registration & Ice Cream Sundaes!

Thursday, June 28 @ 6 pm

Libraries Rock! at the 2018 Summer Reading Club! We're planning a wonderful summer here at GPL packed with activities, crafts, programs and, of course, books!



Starting at 6 pm on Thursday, June 28, we'll be ready to sign you up for the special events taking place during the summer. Be sure to join us for a build-your-own ice cream sundae party to kick-off the festivities!

Check our soon-to-be-published Kids and Teens brochures highlighting all the program details for the summer. We'll be sending them home from school and we'll also have copies available at the Library.

CALLING ALL TEEN VOLUNTEERS!

If you're looking for a summer volunteer opportunity, please see page 7 for information on being a Summer Reading VolunTeen! Mandatory information sessions (there's a voluntary one for a parent/guardian as well; see page 5) will be held Monday, June 25 or Tuesday, June 26, at 7 pm.

The Great American Read

Premiering Tuesday, May 22

Books and PBS television – what's not to love? Starting May 22, you can be part of a national conversation about reading and books called "The Great American Read," an eight-part television and online series featuring 100 books that have inspired Americans over the years. The series premieres Tuesday, May 22 at 8 pm on WMHT. Over the summer, read the books and vote for your favorites at www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/. Throughout the fall, we'll be hosting programs that highlight some of the titles that made the list of 100 most-beloved books!



About the Library's Proposed 2018/2019 Budget

The Library's Board of Trustees has approved a 2018/2019 operating budget of \$3,882,276. This is based upon a tax-levy of \$3,806,276. Details of the budget are provided on page 2.

There are a number of significant differences in this year's budget from last. Notably, there is an increase in programming funds to support the many extraordinarily popular events and classes created by our Librarians.

We have added funds to purchase additional eBooks due to the growing demand, but not at the expense of traditional print media. Our "Library of Things," which enables you to borrow non-traditional items you really need at home but don't necessarily want to buy, is included in the Special Collections line.

We are about to install a new heating and ventilating system which is, in effect, already paid for through savings; this is why there is a substantial drop in the Building and

Budget Vote and Trustee Elections:

Tuesday, May 15, 2018, from 7^{AM} to 9^{PM}

At your Local Elementary School

Equipment Maintenance line. As you know, the library building is 26 years old, and the HVAC system is inefficient, prone to fatigue failure, and costly to run. Our Utilities budget has dropped 10% because of savings anticipated from this new system and other improvements – notably LED lighting – made recently.

Professional Services increased 200% in anticipation of

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Family Concert, with Heard Live World Jazz

Friday, June 29 @ 6 pm

Heard's sound aims to awaken your ears, enliven your heart, and get you up and dancing! Heard will present their original and traditional world music repertoire, with influences from West Africa, Brazil, the Middle East, and places in between. Their multimedia concert is interactive, so be prepared to move, groove, and learn something new about our world's diverse soundscape.



Proposed 2018/2019 Budget

EXPENSES:	2017/2018	2018/2019	
Library Materials			
books/audiobooks/ebooks	\$276,945	\$286,945	Increased for more eBooks
periodicals	\$14,500	\$14,500	
online services	\$13,970	\$13,970	
movies and music	\$41,000	\$41,000	
special collections	\$18,585	\$18,585	
total materials	\$365,000	\$375,000	
Salaries and Benefits:	\$2,552,271	\$2,659,150	
Operations:			
utilities	\$50,000	\$45,000	Reduced by efficiencies
photocopiers	\$7,500	\$6,000	
office and custodial supplies	\$38,500	\$37,500	
postage	\$7,500	\$5,000	
insurance	\$15,608	\$17,500	
taxes (water and sewer)	\$9,500	\$13,000	
conference and travel	\$17,100	\$18,100	
memberships	\$2,500	\$2,500	
special programs	\$33,000	\$40,500	Increased for more programming
building and equip. maint.	\$530,000	\$73,274	HVAC system paid last year
financial services and auditing	\$15,000	\$15,000	
printing - business operations	\$42,500	\$40,000	
professional services	\$103,000	\$307,752	Increased for consulting services
miscellaneous	\$14,000	\$20,000	
online catalog/circulation system	\$40,000	\$40,000	
IT/ hardware and software	\$58,000	\$63,000	
refund of real property taxes	\$4,000	\$4,000	
capital improvements	\$133,604	\$100,000	
total operations	\$1,121,312	\$848,126	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,038,583	\$3,882,276	
INCOME:			
finest and fees	\$35,000	\$36,000	
interest	\$8,500	\$9,000	
book sale	\$14,000	\$18,000	
gifts, grants, and donations	\$282,366	\$1,500	No grants anticipated
photocopiers	\$7,000	\$9,000	
Non-Resident Fees	\$2,500	\$2,500	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$349,366	\$76,000	
BUDGET:	\$4,038,583	\$3,882,276	
minus income	-\$349,366	-\$76,000	
LEVY:	\$3,689,217	\$3,806,276	

Estimated Tax Rates per \$1,000 Value within the Library District

Town of Guilderland	Town of Bethlehem	Town of New Scotland	Town of Knox
2017/2018 actual: \$1.1803	2017/2018 actual: \$0.8291	2017/2018 actual: \$0.9103	2017/2018 actual: \$1.4868
2018/2019 estimated:	2018/2019 estimated:	2018/2019 estimated:	2018/2019 estimated:
\$1.2147	\$0.9181	\$0.9368	\$1.5301

Candidates for the Library Board of Trustees



Barry Nelson

Mr. Nelson is a 43-year resident of Guilderland, and has three adult children and six grandchildren. He holds a BS in Clinical and Social Psychology from SUNY Albany, and is retired from his career as a Budget Analyst, Personnel Administrator, and Health and Safety Officer for New York State. He is a Past President of the Friends of the Guilderland Free Library, and continues his 30 years of service as a Volunteer Fire Fighter with the Westmere Fire Department.

Mr. Nelson's statement: As Health and Safety Officer for New York State, and as a Volunteer Fire Fighter, I am especially attentive to safety. As a Trustee, areas in the Library I'd work to improve safety are:

- Parking Lot: Driving lanes are one way, but the only markings are pavement arrows which cannot be seen at night or in rain. "One Way" signs would increase safety,
- Overflow Parking Lot: It's very dangerous walking to and from this lot with vehicles speeding on Mercy Care Lane.

Most critically, while the Library has smoke detectors, it has no sprinkler system. In the event of a fire, the absence of such a system could result in a major fire which a sprinkler system could contain. Without a sprinkler system, books be will lost, and employees and patrons would be at significant risk.

My budget, fiscal, and systems-analyst experience will also help improve the Library.



Michael Marcantonio

Mr. Marcantonio is married, has two adult children (both educated through the Guilderland Central School District), and has been a Guilderland resident for 33 years. He holds a BS in Accounting Management from the College of St. Rose. He retired from Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in 2014, after 36 years of service.

Mr. Marcantonio's statement: I would like to thank the community for this chance to serve them on the Board. Identifying community needs is the biggest challenge I would face in this role, along with providing programs and working with other organization to meet those needs.

For many years, I was on Guilderland's Zoning Board of Appeals. I am a member of the Advisory Council for the Guilderland YMCA, and have participated in several organizations in the town and school district with my children. As a Trustee, I would use my experience in building bridges within the community to help our Library succeed in the 21st century.

I believe a public library is ultimately a place for our children to learn and grow. With excellent leadership, superior communication skills, and plentiful resources, we can continue to make the Guilderland Public Library a place for our community to develop. I welcome this opportunity to be a part of it. Thank you.



Nareen Rivas

Ms. Rivas is married and has two boys; one attends Guilderland Elementary School while the younger is in preschool. She and her family have lived in Guilderland for six years. She holds a BA in English Literature from SUNY Oswego and a Master's in Special Education from CUNY, The City College of New York. She is a stay-at-home mom, but before that she had a eight-year career as a teacher in New York City, working in special education. Her last position was an Evaluation

Coordinator for the Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

Ms. Rivas' statement: I can't believe almost a whole year has flown by since becoming a Trustee. As a novice, there was a lot to learn, such as budgeting and how the library functions, but along the way I have had nothing but support from my fellow Trustees, and encouragement from the community. Serving as a Board member has solidified all the reasons I wanted to run in the first place; not only do I continue to admire all the wonderful programs the librarians put together for the patrons, and continue to be in awe of how much information is readily available to us just by owning a library card, but there is no better way for me to serve my community than to help make the Guilderland Library into an integral place for future generations.

Annual Report 2017

Our 25th Anniversary Year was a busy one. Through innovative programs and partnerships, we expanded service to the community, brought record crowds into the Library, and began exploring plans for a renewal of the Library building.

Quality programs and classes are hallmarks of our library, no more so than in 2017 when a total of 22,674 adults, teens and children – an increase of 5,700 over the year before – at 797 programs. The types of programs attracting all this attention:

- **Concerts:** At least one a month. January's Sonny & Perley concert was also a recording session (in the Helderberg Room!) for that popular duo.
- **Consumer Health Programs:** With topics ranging from RAD Self-Defense for Women to Getting a Good Night's Sleep, most are done in collaboration with a variety of community providers.
- **Writing Programs:** GPL Poets Workshop (May); Songwriters Workshop (September-October); Writing for Caregivers (October); Story Writing for Teens and Tweens (November).
- **Drug Take-Back Days:** In April and October each collected enormous amounts of expired, unused, and unnecessary prescription and over-the-counter medications; these events are held in cooperation with the Guilderland Police and the DEA.
- **Trivia Challenges:** Game of Thrones, 80's Decade, and 90's Decade.
- **Pinterest Wins:** These monthly events tapped into the community's desire for creative programming. Every program was filled to capacity.
- **Youth & Family Programs:** Our most popular youth program is the Three Little Birds Music and Movement class, held each Monday by Librarian Josalyn Wilder. Turnout is so large – often between 150 - 200 children, parents, and caregivers – that we have to hold it in the Helderberg

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Room. The emphasis is on the importance of music in developing literacy skills. Josalyn is Kindermusik certified, but the real success of the program is in the very engaging and charismatic manner she runs the program; a lot of dancing, music, singing that consistently results in very happy and organized chaos.



The Three Little Birds Storytimes are very popular.

- **“Jazzy GPL”** The Guilderland Library Foundation’s Quarter-Century Celebration and Cocktail Reception in October was a huge success, bringing community leaders and library users and supporters into the Library, which had been transformed into an event space. It was an opportunity for everyone to see all the many new things the library does, collections and services never envisioned when the library was designed and built.

- **Outreach:** Our Pop-Up Library program provides a new dimension to Library Outreach. Librarian Ann Wemple-Person has brought the library to the community. With her leadership, and the support of her colleagues in Programs and Services, as well as staffers in Circulation, Administration, and Information Technology, we did a wealth of outreach programs in 2017, reaching HUNDREDS of patrons. Here’s a short list of where our library has Popped Up!: Hannaford KidzExpo at the Plaza, Tulip Fest in Washington Park, Lupine Fest at the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center, and others. These have proven to be an excellent means of promoting the Library outside of our brick-and-mortar building.



GPL staffers and friends marching at the 2017 Pride Parade.

Plaza, Tulip Fest in Washington Park, Lupine Fest at the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center, and others. These have proven to be an excellent means of promoting the Library outside of our brick-and-mortar building.

- **Library of Things:** Supplementing our traditional collections is one that became extraordinarily popular in 2017: Our “Library of Things,” an assortment of non-traditional (in the library sense) items – everything from Amazon’s Echo Dot and portable WiFi Hotspots to Metal Detectors and Cake Pans – that customers try out at home before possibly investing in their own.

A great story: A library patron, recently retired, knew only the basics of her family’s ancestry. After taking an adult education class on genealogy, and learning about the online databases Ancestry.com and Family search, she made some

family connections and started ordering microfilm of birth, marriage, and death records from the Family History Center in Utah (GPL is an affiliate library). During the last year, her very small family tree has grown to more than 7,000 people, going back further than six generations in Italy. A DNA kit led her to even more unknown relatives! Her advice, wisdom shared by many genealogists, is: “Start with what you know, and work backwards from yourself!”



At 2017’s Summer Reading Club opening, Librarian Amy McCarthy (l.) gets sundae assistance from Town Supervisor Peter Barber and Assemblyperson Patricia Fahy.

As to the future: Last spring we began a series of community conversations to learn your thoughts on how the library can serve you over the next 25 years. Your responses started a planning process that may result in a “renewal” of the library. To see what’s possibly in store for the library, please visit www.guilderlandlibrary.org/renewal.

Proposed Budget

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project management and consulting fees related to a possible renewal of the library’s building. The Board continues to work with the architectural firm of Butler, Rowland & Mays to draw up renovation plans to assure that the Library can meet the community’s needs for decades to come.

Finally, last year we anticipated receiving grants in the amount of \$280,000; these grants never came through. In creating the proposed budget, we did not incorporate any such monies, thus reducing our income. We will, of course, continue to pursue grant revenue.

As is always our practice, we negotiate reduced prices for services as often as practicable. We are always cognizant that the success of our library is due to the support of our community. Our goal with this budget is to ensure your library gives you the service you expect, now and in the future.

We, your elected representatives, propose this budget and urge you to vote on May 15.

Respectfully submitted,

The Trustees of the Guilderland Public Library

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ADULTS

All Souls Are Created Equal

Friday, May 11 @ 2 pm

Join Starlyn D'Angelo, Executive Director of the Shaker Heritage Society, for a lecture on the Shaker's unique approach to gender roles in their communities. This program is rescheduled from March 2, 2018.

Cut the Cord: How to free yourself from cable!

Tuesday, May 15 @ 7 pm

What is the difference between cable TV and streaming? How can you watch your favorite shows without cable TV? It can be daunting to keep 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.

Painting Your T-Shirt

Tuesday, June 19 @ 6 pm

Painting your own T-shirt is a great way to have some fun and make a bold, personal statement. Fabric painting opens up endless opportunities for transforming your wardrobe and your home. It allows you to create one-of-a-kind pieces of wearable art. All materials provided.

Adults are welcome to this fun program. Teens will be there, too. ③

Baking With Off-Grid Grains

Saturday, June 2 @ 11 am

Curious about flour? Come study grains. In this session, we'll look at the structure of grain kernels, different types of grains, milling styles and leavening processes. We'll discuss what is known and not known about nutrition of bread and grains, and help you interpret the myths and facts swirling about our daily bread. We'll bake hoe cakes from freshly ground grains, and you'll leave with a full belly and a good understanding of how to approach grains as a baker.

Your presenter is Troy-based author Amy Halloran; she'll also sign and sell copies of her book, *The new bread basket: how the new crop of grain growers, plant breeders, millers, maltsters, bakers, brewers, and local food activists are redefining our daily loaf.* ③

3D Geometric Origami

Friday, June 8 @ 7 pm

Learn the beautiful Japanese art of folding paper into 3-D geometric shapes. Get a great feeling of accomplishment from making geometric paper objects with your hands! All supplies will be provided. Beginners are welcome, and experienced paper folders are invited to come and share their skills. ③

PARENTING PROGRAMS

Cybersecurity for T(w)eens (and Parents, Too!)

Monday, May 7 @ 6:30 pm

Is your middle-schooler being safe and smart online? Come learn about the questions you should be asking and the conversations you need to be having with your kids! There will be time for Q&A. Program provided by the Guilderland Police Department. For students in grades 6 - 8, with a parent/guardian. ④

Car Seat Installation/Safety Check

Saturday, June 9 @ 11 am - 3 pm

Is your little one's car seat properly installed? Do you need a car seat installed? The Guilderland Police Department will be on hand to make sure your child is riding safely.



Parent Information Session for VolunTeens

Monday, June 25 @ 7 pm, or

Tuesday, June 26 @ 7 pm

Get all your questions answered about GPL's Summer VolunTeen Program and GPL's expectations for you and your child. Please see page 1 for more information.

Be Safe Online

Internet Safety and Security

Wednesday, May 16 @ 6:30 pm

Learn good practices for internet safety and security with Sarah McFadden from Cornell Cooperative Extension. She'll cover good password strategies, ad blockers, email scams and phishing, viruses, and much more. ③

Senior Safety – at Home, Online, In Your Community

Tuesday, May 22 @ 1 pm

In this class, officers from the Guilderland Police Department will give you tips to help keep you safe at home and out in the community. They will also discuss internet safety and security, and how to avoid online scams that target senior citizens. ③

Parents: Be sure to check out [Cybersecurity for T\(w\)eens \(and Parents, Too!\)](#) above.

ADULTS

Hiking 101: A CDPHP Program

Tuesday, May 8 @ 6 pm

Join us for an informative and fun class designed to help you connect with the outdoors. This class will cover the benefits of recreational hiking, essential hiking gear and safety, hiking etiquette, map reading and choosing hikes that are right for you. Following the class, participants are invited to take part in two optional guided hikes in the greater Capital District. ③



Get a Great Night's Sleep: A CDPHP Program

Thursday, May 10 @ 6 pm

Did you know sleep deprivation can harm your health and affect relationships? Learn about recent findings and the benefits of getting a good night's sleep. Explore ways to get peaceful, revitalizing, uninterrupted sleep. ③

Introduction to the Village Movement

Tuesday, May 15 @ 10:30 am

Learn about how "Villages," modeled after Beacon Hill Village in Boston, are being formed for seniors throughout the Capital Region. Villages are membership-driven, grassroots organizations that, through both volunteers and paid staff, coordinate access to affordable services to assist aging in place. These services can include recreational, health and wellness programs, home repairs, social programs, and educational activities. Learn how you can be involved in the Village movement through the Capital Region Villages Collaborative.

This class is presented by Ken Harris, Executive Director of the Albany Guardian Society. ③



Botanical Canvas Edition

Wednesday, June 20 @ 7 pm

Interest Wins!

Bring the beauty of botanicals inside your home by creating a 3D flower design on canvas using faux flowers. We will provide the canvas and flowers. ③

GPL Photo Forum

Thursdays @ 7 pm

All are welcome to meet with interested photographers for tips and improvement.

May 17: General Sharing Session – Your best spring festivities

June 21: Underwater Photography



Book Discussions

Night Owls

Led by Librarian Margaret Lanoue

Mondays @ 7:30 pm

May 14: *Thank You for Being Late*, by Thomas Friedman

June 18: *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a daring escape and the making of Winston Churchill*, by Candace Millard

Great Books

Led by Facilitator Sue Klug

Thursdays @ 7 pm

May 3: *The Old Man and the Sea*, by Ernest Hemingway

June 7: *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

GPL Pop-Up Library!

@ Guilderland Little League's Opening Day

Keenholts Park

Friday, May 11 @ 5:30 pm

The 2018 Little League season kicks off at Keenholts Park and GPL will be there! Stop by our tent – we'll have books to check out and crafts to take with you. Play ball!



@ Tulip Festival

Washington Park, Albany

Saturday, May 12 @ 11 am – 6 pm

Come celebrate Albany's Dutch history with us. GPL and our friends from Albany Public Library will be at the Tulip Festival, by the Kids Zone. We'll have fun activities for kids. You can even get a library card!



@ Lupine Fest

Pine Bush Preserve

Saturday, June 2 @ 10 am – 4 pm

We had so much fun last year, we're doing it again! GPL will be at the 14th annual Lupine Fest at the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center. We'll have books, crafts, and lots of fun!



@ Pride Parade

Washington Park, Albany

Sunday, June 10 @ 12 pm

Staff, friends, and family from the 29 libraries in the Upper Hudson Library System – including GPL – will walk in the Pride Parade.



All Ages

All Ages Drop-in Lego Build!

Wednesday, May 2 @ 6:30 pm

Drop in to build with our library LEGOs!

STAR WARS TRIVIA AND COSPLAY

Friday, May 4 @ 7 pm

Gather your squadron and come in your best Star Wars costumes for a night of trivia and cosplay! Trivia will cover all things Star Wars, up through Episode VIII, so come prepared. The two highest ranked teams will score awesome loot.

There will also be a cosplay contest where we will award prizes for best group costume and best individual costume. Decide, you must, to strike out on your own or stand with your team! ③

May the Force be with you!

Only 1 person per team should register.

No more than 5 people per team

Every team must have at least 1 member 16 or older.

T-Shirt Art!

Tuesday, June 19 @ 6 pm

Painting your own T-shirt is a great way to have some fun and make a bold, personal statement. Fabric painting opens up endless opportunities for transforming your wardrobe and your home. It allows you to create a one-of-a-kind piece of wearable art. All materials provided. Teens and adults are invited to register. ③

Friday Family Films

All shows begin at 6:30 pm

Coco

May 18 • Rated PG • 105 min • 2017 • MLUSA

Paddington 2

June 1 • Rated PG • 103 min • 2017 • MLUSA

HOLIDAYS

GPL will be closed on:

Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, May 26 through Monday, May 28

Staff Development Day

Wednesday, June 6

Independence Day

Wednesday, July 4

Tweens & Teens

Study Space

Tuesday, May 1 • Wednesday, May 2

Monday, June 4 • Tuesday, June 5 • Tuesday, June 12 •

Wednesday, June 13 • Monday, June 18

4 pm - 8 pm on all listed dates

Meeting at the Library to cram for AP Exams, Regents Exams, and Finals? Extra study space will be available in the Normanskill Room in May and June.

Summer VolunTeen Information and Sign-up

Monday, June 25 @ 7 pm or Tuesday, June 26 @ 7 pm

Be a VolunTeen at the Guilderland Public Library this summer! VolunTeens must be going into Grades 8-12 in the fall and attend one of the two information sessions.

CHILDREN

Move It!

Thursdays @ 3:30 pm: May 3, 10, 17 & 24

Join Certified Personal Trainer and Group Fitness Instructor, Barbara Kam in this interactive exercise program for kids and their caregivers. Enjoy dance, songs, and gentle stretching as kids strengthen their minds and muscles. Space is limited. For children in grades K - 5, with their caregivers.

Please let us know if you or your child have any physical limitations or disabilities. ④

GPL Sprouts:

Building Bridges with the 3 Billy Goats Gruff

Thursday, May 24 @ 3:30 pm

Join us for a fun-filled STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) program for kids grades PreK - 2, with an adult caregiver. Lots of hands-on learning! ④



Pinkalicious & Peterrific Playdate

Friday, June 15 @ 3:30 pm

Join us for a Pinkalicious and Peterrific Playdate! Wear your favorite dress up or costume outfit and enjoy fun activities and snacks inspired by the Pinkalicious and Peterrific series. For Pre-K – Grade 2. ④

WMHT Family Literacy

Planting Smiles & Flowers for Mother's Day

Saturday, May 12 @ 10:30 am

Kids in Pre-K - 1 are invited for a morning of family literacy with local public television station WMHT's Barbara Lukas. It's our annual Mother's Day Program where you can plant a flower to give to Mom on her special day... and then together watch it grow all summer! Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. ④

Storytimes Educate

3 Little Birds Music & Movement Class

Mondays @ 10:30 am. Last session: May 21



This fun and integrated early-literacy program is devoted to all things musical – rhythm, sounds, rhymes, and DANCE! We'll move and groove together! Ages 5 and under with caregiver.

3 Little Birds Baby Bounce

Fridays @ 11 am. Last session: May 25



This 30-minute Storytime is a fun, bouncy integrated learning experience. There will be time for children to play with toys and parents to socialize at the end of the program. Birth - 18 months, with a caregiver.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am. Last session: May 29

Children listen, learn, laugh, and play at this interactive storytime for active toddlers. Ages 19 - 36 months, with a caregiver.

Read & Play

Wednesdays @ 11 am. Last session: May 30

Stories, rhymes, music & movement, puppets and more! Younger siblings welcome. Ages 2 ½ - 5 years, with a caregiver. *Play time for children and social time for parents will be offered at the end of each program.*

Preschool Drop-In Storytime

Thursdays @ 10:30 am: May 3, 24 & 31

Early literacy skills promote success in school! Join us for stories, songs, and movement! Ages 3 - 5 with a caregiver. Younger siblings welcome.

Yoga-Inspired Storytime for Preschoolers

Thursday, May 17 @ 10:30 am

Join us for stories, songs, and yoga-inspired movement! Dress for movement and bring a yoga mat or a towel. Ages 3 - 5 with a caregiver.

Saturday Stories for All Ages

Saturdays @ 2 pm

Stories, songs, and crafts for the whole family!

May 12: Baby Animals

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT STORYTIMES:

If the Guiderland Central School District is closed, or delays classes, Storytimes are not held on that day.

Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver at all Storytimes.

WE NEED YOU!

For a World Languages Storytime!

Are you a native speaker of a language other than English? Do you have experience working with young children (ages 0-5)? If the answer is "yes," we want to hear from you!

Beginning in the Fall of 2018, we would like to offer monthly bilingual family storytimes in the languages that our patrons speak at home. We need parents/teachers to partner with us in planning and implementing these programs.

If you are interested, please contact Beth Rienti, Head of Youth Programs & Services, at 518-456-2400 x 4.

