



Frankenstein Turns 200!

January 2018 marks the 200th anniversary of the publication of *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley. All month long we're celebrating the tragic tale of Doctor Victor Frankenstein and his monster, and we're inviting everyone to join our special Frankenstein-themed programs. We have special events planned for Teens/Tweens (see page 5) and Children (see page 6)!

Frankenstein, for Free!

We're giving away 31 copies of Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley's *Frankenstein* – one for each day of the month of January. We want to encourage everyone to read, or re-read, the book – hailed by some as the greatest novel of the Romantic movement.

Look for the Frankenstein display at the Adult Reference desk, where you can write your name on a slip and add it to the jar. We'll pick a new name each day. Your job is to read, enjoy, and consider attending one of our other Frankenstein-themed programs!



The Shock of Experiment: Reading Frankenstein

Wednesday, January 31 @ 6-7 pm

Doctoral candidate and scholar Joseph Henderson leads a talk about the literary history, scientific theory, and political thinking that informed Mary Shelley's complex novel.

Frankenstein

Wednesday, January 10 @ 6:30 pm

The 1931 classic film, starring Boris Karloff as the monster. A hit with both audiences and critics, the film has become arguably the most iconic horror film in history. Not Rated • 1 hr, 10 min

Victor Frankenstein

Wednesday, January 17 @ 6:30 pm

This 2015 release provides a new view of Doctor Frankenstein's story, told from the perspective of his assistant, Igor. Starring James McAvoy and Daniel Radcliffe. PG-13 • 1 hr, 50 min

Young Frankenstein

Wednesday, January 24 @ 6:30 pm

A hilarious take on the legacy of Dr. Frankenstein from director Mel Brooks. Starring Gene Wilder, Madeline Kahn, Marty Feldman, and Peter Boyle as the monster. Released 1974 • PG • 1 hr, 46 min



Entire Month of January

From January 1 to January 31, we invite you to join patrons at nearly 100 libraries across the nation in the inaugural Winter Reading Challenge!

We challenge all of our patrons to collectively read 300 books during January and to keep track of your reading on our Beanstack site:

guilderlandlibrary.beanstack.org

If we reach the collective, nationwide goal of 55,000 books, "Shark Tank" investor Mark Cuban will donate \$25,000 to the organization "First Book," which provides new books, learning materials, and other essentials to children in need.

#WinterRead2018

Read more books – a great New Year's resolution!

Sonny and Perley Trio Play the Music of Duke Ellington

Sunday, January 28 @ 2 pm



The wonderful husband-and-wife musical team of Sonny and Perley provide a musical follow-up to the scholar-led talk about Duke Ellington, held on Saturday, January 13. (See p. 2) Concert snow date: February 4.

Libraries Rock!

Live with WEXT's Local 518

Sunday, February 11 @ 2 pm

Three local bands: The Magdalens, Ferriday, and Zan Strumfeld and her Band, join together in a live performance to be recorded by WEXT, with the Local 518's host Andy Gregory.

We are super excited about this local showcase event!

ADULTS

CALL 2-1-1 to make a Tax Appointment!

AARP TaxAide preparation at the Library begins Monday, February 5

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE LIBRARY!

- United Way's 2-1-1 call center opens **Thursday, January 11, at 10 am**, to make a tax appointment.
- Tax preparation appointments are Mondays and Saturdays only, February 5 – April 9. You must have an appointment; no walk-ins.
- We're adding new appointment slots frequently, so call 2-1-1 again if slots are all filled.
- TaxAide volunteers are trained and certified with the IRS to prepare personal Federal and NYS income tax returns.
- Bring:
 - Photo ID; Social Security card for all people listed in the tax return
 - Copy of your 2016 returns
 - All 2017 W-2s and 1099 forms
 - End-of-year brokerage statements
 - All supporting documents for itemized deductions.
 - A check showing the taxpayer's bank routing and account numbers, if direct deposit of a refund is desired.
- TaxAides cannot complete returns with rental income or Schedule C (Business Profit and Loss) if you've had a loss or expenses over \$25K.
- Filing jointly? Both taxpayers need to be present except in cases of illness or infirmity.

All tax appointments are scheduled by dialing 2-1-1

**Phone lines open
Thursday, January 11, at 10 am.
LINES MAY BE BUSY;
PLEASE BE PATIENT.**



Duke Ellington – American Genius

Saturday, January 13 @ 2 pm

Duke Ellington is revered for his musical genius and has influenced and inspired generations of musicians, from amateurs to jazz legends like Charles Mingus, Dave Brubeck and Miles Davis. Long after Ellington's passing, his spirit continues to inspire.

Less well documented and understood is how the Ellington legacy extends far beyond the jazz idiom. Ellington expert Bill Saxonis surveys three often-unexplored ways the Ellington legacy prospers.



Avoiding Financial Scams: For Seniors

Thursday, January 18 @ 1 pm

Elder financial exploitation is real and can be devastating. Prevention is an important part of combatting it. The objective of this workshop is to help you recognize and reduce the risk of this threat and guard against identity theft. You'll learn about helpful resources to safeguard your money. In addition, you'll hear advice on what to do if you become a victim.

Presented by Jill Robbins, AVP Branch Administrator/Security Officer; sponsored by Kevin Pezze, Financial Consultant, BSNB Financial Services.

Create a Bullet Journal

Saturday, January 20 @ 2 pm

Start the New Year with a new way to get organized. Designed to be as flexible as you need, a "bullet journal" could be the answer to all those pieces of papers with scribbled notes stashed in your wallet/bag/pockets. This notebook could replace your to-do list, your calendar, your sketchbook, your journal.

Bring a notebook (any size) and maybe a favorite pen. Do you already keep a bullet journal? Please come and share your experience. ③



**Once a month, we explore different
uses for Pinterest**

Interest Wins!

Lotions, Mists, and Masks!

Thursday, January 25 @ 7 pm

We'll experiment making homemade beauty products to get us through a cold, dry winter. ③

'Gal'entine's Day Edition

Tuesday, February 13 @ 7 pm

We're celebrating our gal pals! Bring your gal pal (mom, daughter, co-worker, next door neighbor!) to a night of Valentine's Day-inspired crafting for all ages. There will be a dessert waffle bar! ③

ADULTS

In the Beginning: Guilderland's First 100 Years

Sunday, January 21 @ 2 pm

In the first years of the 1800s, brave and hearty settlers trekked into a primeval wilderness where their courage, faith, and hard work transformed the countryside into the town now called Guilderland. Within a century, they had changed the land with farms, churches, roads and small communities, industry, and the establishment of town government. Their lives were also touched by outside events – the Revolution, the War of 1812 – the story of Guilderland's first 100 years is an exciting tale.



Guilderland roadside, c. 1906

Join us for this program presented by Mary Ellen Johnson of the Guilderland Historical Society.

Start Your Memoir with Paul Lamar

Five Tuesdays, January 23 to February 20 @ 1 pm

Is it time to write down your life story? For the next generation? For friends? For the general public? These are questions you can answer in our five-week workshop, in which we'll write in response to prompts that may remind you of important or funny or startling parts of your past. We'll write in class and at home, read work aloud, study good examples of memoir, and evaluate the work of classmates. Paul Lamar, retired college professor, offers his memoir writing class at GPL on five Tuesday afternoons. Registering for the first class covers the whole series. ③

Designing Your Career Path: A CDPHP Program

Tuesday, January 23 @ 6 - 7:30 pm

Developing your own career plan, much like a business plan, can help you clarify the talents, education and resources needed to stay work-force relevant. You will leave this session with an outline of your own career development plan to follow. Presenter is Robert Frederick, MS, a professional development coach and facilitator. ③

SCREENAGERS

Growing up in the Digital Age
Screening at Farnsworth Middle School
Tuesday, January 30 @ 7 pm

Award-winning SCREENAGERS probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction.



Interpreting Your AncestryDNA Test Results

Saturday, February 3 @ 10:30 am

If you've taken an Ancestry DNA test, what have you learned? In this class, Genealogist Lisa Dougherty helps you interpret your findings, navigate the AncestryDNA website, and get the most out of your test. *Snow Date:*  February 10. ③

Strawberries Love Chocolate

Monday, February 12 @ 6:30 pm

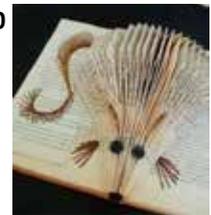
Create and decorate delicious strawberries coated in dark or milk chocolate for your loved ones! Just in time for Valentine's Day, these are great to give as a gift, share with friends or to indulge your family with an after-dinner treat. ③



3D Folding Animals Art

Monday, February 26 @ 6:30

This workshop introduces you to the endless joys of paper folding, from the basic techniques to ideas that you can use in your everyday life. ③



Hygge Hangouts

Have you heard of "hygge" (pronounced hoo-ga)? It is a Danish concept of happiness through all things comfy and cozy. Our Hygge Hangouts are a time for us to gather, enjoy the company of others and have some yummy snacks.

Read

Wednesday, January 3 @ 7 - 8:30pm

This session of our Hygge Hangout is a time for you to just relax and read. Everyone is busy; sometimes it's necessary to force yourself to stop and take a moment for yourself. Bring whatever book you're currently reading (or have been meaning to start) and use this time to enjoy some quiet reading among others doing the same.

Potluck Finale

Wednesday, February 7 @ 7 - 8:30 pm

It's our final Hygge Hangout. We'll have a potluck celebration and talk about all the hygge fun we've had!

ADULTS

eBook Office Hours

Wednesdays January 10 & 24, and February 14 & 28

Four sessions per day; please call for times

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. ③

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

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

Learn to Download Magazines: An Intro to Flipster

Apple Devices

Thursday, February 8 @ 2 - 3 pm

Android/Kindle Devices

Friday, February 9 @ 2-3 pm

Did you know you can use your library card to download magazines right onto your device? You can even get back issues! Learn how: sign up for a one-hour class on using Flipster. ③



Apple, Kindle, and Android users – please register for the appropriate session. Bring your device and your library card, as well as all usernames and passwords for the device. A basic knowledge of how to download apps and use your device is required for this class.

RAD Self Defense for Women Ages 16+

February 20, 21, and 28 @ 5:30 - 9:30 pm*

Officers from the Guilderland Police Department will be at GPL for this Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program for women.

The RAD course is a total of 12 hours long and is divided into 3 four-hour sessions. The course begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.

It is not your typical self-defense course, where the student learns how to punch or kick through repetition; rather, it is designed for the student to survive attacks.

This program is for women 16 years of age and older. No experience is necessary. Seats are limited.

*You must register for all 3 classes. ③



Check out a Chromebook!

Want to park yourself in a comfy chair and surf the web to your heart's content? Or maybe watch a movie or listen to music without interruption? Perhaps you're working on a project using Google Docs, and you need a computer for a long period of time? We have a solution!

Check out one of our five Chromebooks with your Library card (in good standing; you may also leave a driver's license with us), and you can use the item for the day until we close. Stop at the Information Desk and ask us for one.



GPL Photo Forum

Third Thursday of each month @ 7 pm

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

January 18: General Sharing Session – Your best holiday photos

February 15: *Frame by Frame*, a film about Afghan photojournalists active since 2001.



Book Discussions

Night Owls

Led by Librarian Margaret Lanoue

Second Monday of the Month @ 7:30 pm

January 8: *The Greatest Generation*, by Tom Brokaw

February 12: *Lincoln in the Bardo*, by George Saunders

Great Books

Led by Facilitator Sue Klug

Thursdays @ 7 pm

January 4: *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*, by Milan Kundera

February 1: *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*, by T.E. Lawrence

Tweens & Teens

Intro to Crochet

Tuesday, January 16 @ 6:30 pm

Come learn the basic crochet stitches so you can make fun designs and adorable creatures from yarn and a crochet hook.

Participants will receive a crochet hook and a ball of yarn to keep.

Grades 5 - 12 (4)



FrankenToyMonsters

Thursday, January 18 @ 6:30 pm

Create your own Frankenstein's Monster by taking apart old toys and uniting them to create a new creature. Grades 4 - 12 (4)



Do you have old, broken toys that need a new home? Donate them for use in our FrankenToyMonster program on January 18! Small, clean toys can be left at the Information Desk, January 2 - 17.

Teen Chopped

Thursday, February 22 @ 6:30 pm

Put your culinary skills to the test. In each round you'll have to use the ingredients provided in your mystery basket to make an amazing dish and win prizes. Grades 6 - 12. (4)

HOLIDAYS

GPL will be closed on:

Sunday, December 31, 2017 – New Year's Eve

Monday, January 1, 2018 – New Year's Day

Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 19 – President's Day



Weather Closings and Delays

When the Library's regular hours are adjusted for any reason, our phone message will be updated and an announcement posted on the Library's website and Twitter and Facebook pages; announcements will also be posted on local TV stations and the Times Union website.

All Ages

All Ages Drop-in Lego Build!

Frankenstein Edition

Wednesday, January 3 @ 6:30 pm

Calling all young Dr. Frankensteins! Drop in to build something monstrous with our library LEGOs!



February Edition

Wednesday, February 7 @ 6:30 pm

Can you make a snowflake out of LEGOs? Maybe, maybe not. But drop in on this gray February Wednesday to show us what you can make with our library LEGOs.

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 3 @ 10 am – 4 pm

We are celebrating this special day with fun activities throughout the library:

- Go on a scavenger hunt!
- Create at our craft buffet!
- Write your own fairy tale or superhero story!
- Build at our Building Station!
- Use the paper fortuneteller to choose your next book!
- Play a board game!
- Plus crafts for teens.



Heart to Heart

Saturday, February 3 through Sunday, February 11 (all day)

Families are invited to create Valentine Day's Cards at GPL. There will be fun supplies to spark your creativity at the library or make some cards at home and bring them to the library.

We will distribute your cards to senior centers in our town where they are sure to bring miles of smiles.



Friday Family Films

All shows begin at 6:30 pm

Despicable Me 3

January 5 • Rated PG • 90 min • 2017 • MLUSA

Emoji Movie

February 2 • Rated PG • 86 min • 2017 • MLUSA

CHILDREN

Little Lego

Mondays @ 3:30 pm: January 8, February 5 and March 5

You will use your imagination for some creative play with friends. You can bring your own bricks or use the library's collection. We will display your creation in the Library. We have Duplo for younger siblings. For children in grades K - 3.

IT'S ALIVE!

Create Powerful Electricity, with CMOST

Saturday, January 20 @ 10:30 am

Join us for a spine-tingling time of electric fun! Experience the same power Dr. Frankenstein used to bring his Monster to life in the famous story 200 years ago.

You'll even get a chance to use a Van de Graaff generator, sure to make your hair stand on end! Grades 3 - 5. ④



Frankenstein Party

Monday, January 22 @ 6:30 pm

Celebrate the 200th anniversary of Mary Shelley's famous novel with a kid-friendly version (you get a copy to keep), and an evening of snacks, crafts, and activities. Grades 2 - 5. ④



Family STEAM Nights

Monday, February 5 @ 6:30 pm

Students from Hudson Valley Community College's science department will be here with fun science activities for kids! For children in grades 2 - 6, with their families. ④

Time Out (for Parents!)

Thursday, February 1 @ 6:30 pm

Roll out the red carpet for our first-ever Parent Education Mixer! Do you have children who are getting frustrated because they don't have the words to communicate their wants and needs? Are you dealing with meltdowns because of it? You are not alone!

Join us for a short class from St. Peter's Hospital on toddler behavior. Josalyn Wilder, one of our Children's Librarians, will then share 10 Creative Activities to Distract Your Toddler. You will walk away with strategies to help your child work through their frustrations.

Come enjoy our popcorn bar, strike a pose in our photo booth, take home a FREE board book, and learn parent tips & tricks!

This event is an adults-only program for parents of children ages 12 months - 3 years old. Please arrange childcare for your children.

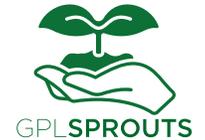
GPL Sprouts

Select Thursdays @ 3:30 pm

Join us for a fun-filled STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) program for kids ages 4-7, with a caregiver. Lots of hands-on learning for everyone! ④

January 25: Fill 'Er Up

February 15: What Animals Wear



Sounds Good to Me, with CMOST

Tuesday, February 20 @ 2 pm

Through simple experiments with a variety of instruments children discover how sounds are produced, how sounds travel, and what makes each one unique.

Then they will have the opportunity to use everyday materials to create their own special music. Grades 2 - 5. ④

Book Buddies

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30 @ 4, 4:30, 5 & 5:30 pm

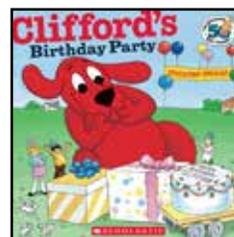
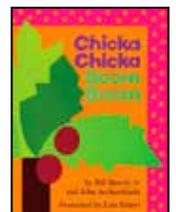
GPL's Book Buddy program encourages new readers to practice their reading skills and build confidence while having fun reading and talking about books with their high school book buddy. ④

WMHT Family Literacy

Join us for a morning of family literacy fun with Barbara Lukas, from local public television station WMHT. Programs are full of fun and encourage a love of learning and reading. Grades preK - 1, with an adult caregiver. ④

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Saturday, January 13 @ 10:30 am



Clifford the Big Red Dog's Birthday Celebration

Saturday, February 10 @ 10:30 am

CHILDREN

Read to Furry Friends

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm: January 9 & February 6

Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm: January 10 & February 7

New readers are invited to read to our very patient hairy dog and hairless cat.

Reading to furry friends is a great way for readers to practice their reading skills in a relaxed setting (and make our dog and cat very happy!)

Fantastic Finger Gymnastics!

A new finger gym will be available each week in the Children's Department for kids to practice their fine motor skills in preparation for kindergarten.

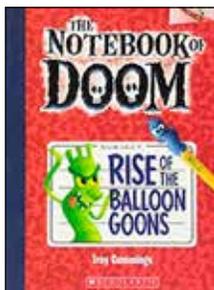
Book Parties!

The Notebook of Doom: Rise of the Balloon Goons

Wednesday, January 31 @ 6:30 pm

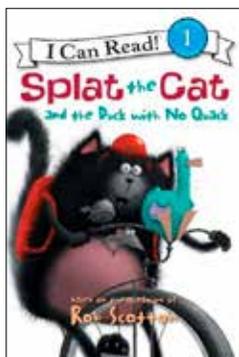
When Alexander moves to a new town, he thinks it is creepy...then he starts seeing balloon goons! Are they after him? Curious?

Pick up your copy of the book at the library to take home and read. Then come to our book party and celebrate the book, play games and share a snack! Grades 2 - 3. ④



Splat the Cat Book Party

Wednesday, February 28 @ 6:30 pm



A duck with no quack? Whoever heard of that? Certainly not Splat the Cat, and he is very curious and he decides to investigate.

Pick up your copy of the book, *Splat the Cat and the Duck with No Quack*, at the library to take home and read. Then come to our book party and we will talk about the book, play some games and munch on a yummy snack. Grades K - 2. ④

School Break Week

Messy Crafternoon

Tuesday, February 20 @ 2 pm

Make a mess at the Library! We'll have paint; we'll make slime; it'll be a messy afternoon! All Ages.

Great GPL Olympics

Wednesday, February 21 @ 2 pm

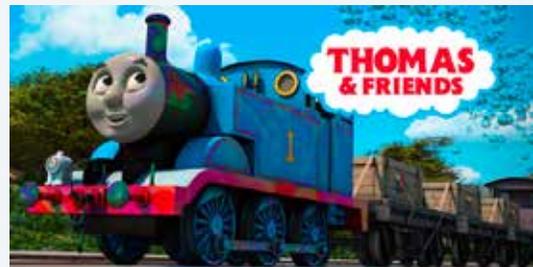
Go for the Gold in GPL's very own Olympic Games and Obstacle Course! Grades K - 8.

Mario Kart Tournament

Thursday, February 22 @ 2 pm

Do you have what it takes to be the champion? Show off your Mario Kart Wii skills as you race against friends and strangers in head-to-head rounds.

Only the winner of each round advances until one player remains: The Ultimate Mario Kart Champion. Will it be you? Grades 3 - 12.



Toy, Play, Fun: Thomas the Train Toy Day

Friday, February 23 @ 11 am

Enjoy free play with a selection of our Thomas the Train toys, read stories together, listen to music and play in our Thomas tent! Come early for a train surprise treat bag. For children birth to preschool.

School's Out, Hogwarts is In

Friday, February 23

We're doing a marathon screening of the first three Harry Potter movies, all day.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
@ 10:30 am

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
@ 2 pm

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
@ 5:30 pm



Storytimes Educate



3 Little Birds Music & Movement Class

Mondays @ 10:30 am, except January 1, 15, and February 19



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.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am, except February 20

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, except February 21

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, except February 22

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

**Third Thursday of the month @ 10:30 am
January 18 & February 15**

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.

Bedtime Storytime: Shake Your Sillies Out

Thursday, January 4 @ 6:30 pm

Wear your pajamas and bring a stuffed friend to this cozy storytime just before bedtime! Ages 2+ and caregiver.

3 Little Birds: Baby Bounce

Fridays @ 11 am, except February 23

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.

Saturday Stories for All Ages

Second Saturday of the month @ 2 pm

Stories, songs, and crafts for the whole family!

January 13: Polar Pals

February 10: Hugs & Kisses

Special Storytime

Year of the Dog: a Bilingual Storytime

Saturday, February 24 @ 2 pm



Join us for our first-ever Mandarin/English storytime! We'll celebrate the Lunar New Year and welcome the year of the dog with songs, rhymes, and books in both Mandarin and English. Families with children ages 2 and up are welcome to attend. ④

Storytimes are designed to reinforce early literacy skills. Librarians may use a combination of stories, videos, singing, crafting, playing, puppets and movement to entertain and teach. Choose the Storytime that's best suited for your child's age!

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT STORYTIMES:

If the Guilderland 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.