



# GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## ALL TOGETHER NOW

### Summer Reading Program 2023 Kick-Off!

It's that magical time of year—our Summer Reading Program 2023: **All Together Now** is here! Stop by our Literary Garden to decorate a family tote bag (while supplies last), collect your first SRP 2023 Button, play some games, and be entertained by Jackie the Magician! Please see full details, including registering on Beanstack and prizes, at: <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/srp>.

### Adult Summer Reading Through September 5

We encourage *all ages* to benefit from the perks of summer reading, including adults! Here's how to join the challenge:

- ▶ **REGISTER** on Beanstack to track all of your reading at: <https://guilderlandlibrary.beanstack.org>
- ▶ **READ** at least 10 books over the summer—any format
- ▶ **REAP** one of these prizes if your entry is selected:
  - One of two camping kits, containing a solar phone charger, tabletop bonfire, and waterproof phone cases
  - A \$50 gift card to Jericho Drive-In



### Score One for Summer

Check out our hand-picked *Score One for Summer* titles for adults—multiple copies are available. Score each book from one to five stars to be eligible to win a prize! More information and scoring sheets are available at the Adult Reference Desk.

### NEW LIBRARY HOURS\*

**Monday—Thursday.....9:30 am–9 pm**

**\*Beginning July 17.....9:30 am–8 pm**

Programs & meetings may continue until 9 pm

**Friday.....9:30 am–6 pm**

**Saturday.....9:30 am–5 pm**

**Sunday.....CLOSED-Summer Hours**

Farmer's Market continues Sundays from 10-2

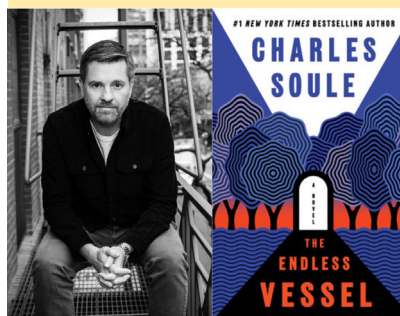
All programs are in-person, unless otherwise noted.

### Summer Reading Program Kick-Off!

**Thursday,  
July 6  
@ 4-7 pm  
Kids, Teens  
& Families**

### Introducing: Live Virtual Author Talks!

We're excited to unveil an ongoing series of outstanding **live author talks** online! Each talk features a **live Q&A**. This initiative is funded in part by the Guilderland Library Foundation. Please register at [guilderlandlibrary.org](https://guilderlandlibrary.org). [R]



### Charles Soule, *The Endless Vessel*

**Saturday, July 15  
@ 2 pm**

You're invited to an awe-inspiring chat with *New York Times* bestselling author Charles Soule as the mega-star comic book

author talks about his newest novel, *The Endless Vessel*, which explores the way we're all connected—and what can happen when we lose our capacity for joy. It's a story of hope, love and possibility.

### Ethan Kross, *Chatter: The Voice in Our Head*

**Thursday, July 20  
@ 1 pm**

The most important conversation we have is with ourselves. Our inner voice can keep us motivated

and focused. But often, we come up against the nagging, negative voice. How can we transform our undermining self-saboteur into an internal life coach that will buoy us up and help us expand our potential? Let's talk about it.



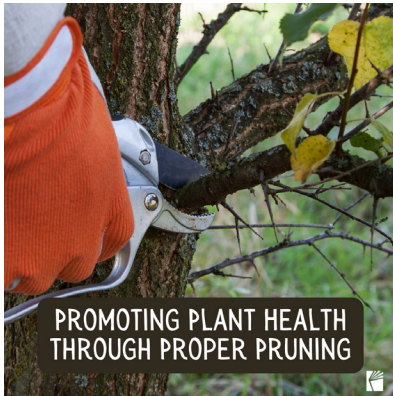
### Erika L. Sanchez, *Crying in the Bathroom: A Memoir*

**Tuesday, July 25  
@ 4 pm**

We'll savor a visit with this award-winning writer about her original, moving, and disarmingly funny

work. Sanchez delivers an insightful, unapologetic, and brutally honest memoir that will make you feel like you've been with your most trusted confidante, baring your souls.

## ADULT PROGRAMS &amp; RESOURCES



### Promoting Plant Health Through Proper Pruning

**Saturday, July 8 @ 9:30 am**

Join professional Arborist Fred Breglia as he delves into the most up-to-date concepts and methodologies for pruning trees and shrubs. After an indoor educational component, Fred will

take the class outdoors to demonstrate some cuts on live trees on Library property. All skill levels welcome; rain or shine. **[R]**

### Getting Started with Libby

**Wednesday, July 12 @ 2 pm**

**Virtual**

Want to know how to borrow ebooks and audiobooks? Get to know Libby! This online session, offered monthly and taught by the experts at Overdrive, is the perfect introduction to accessing these digital resources.

All sessions are recorded for later viewing, so if you can't attend virtually during this time, no worries—sign up and watch it when you can! **[R]**



### Art Cabin

**Wednesday, July 12 @ 6:30 pm**

Fond memories of summer camp are reignited at the Art Cabin! Join us as we work on classic camp crafts while watching a nostalgic movie that reminds us of those carefree, youthful days spent at summer camp. **[R]**

### Teen Tech Help Desk

**Thursdays @ 2-4 pm**  
**Beginning July 13**

GCSD National Honor Society students provide 1:1 tech assistance on a drop-in basis! The teens can help you with things like smartphone apps, downloading books to devices, email set-up, and internet searches on computers and personal devices.



### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP **[R]**

#### Night Owls Book Club

**Mondays @ 7:30 pm**

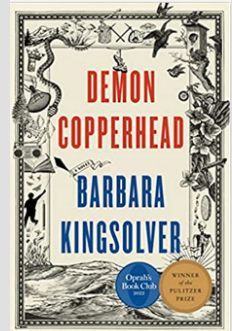
**Hybrid: choice of in-person or virtual**

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

**July 10: *Demon Copperhead***, by Barbara Kingsolver

Winner of the 2023 Pulitzer Prize

**September 11: *Mad Honey***, by Jodi Picoult



### July Movie: 80 for Brady

**Monday, July 17**

**Two Showings @ 1:30 & 6 pm**

This lighthearted tale follows four best friends who travel to see Tom Brady play, fulfilling a lifelong mission. They attend the 2017 Super Bowl, watching their favorite quarterback lead the New England Patriots to a victory over the Atlanta Falcons. Starring Sally Field, Jane Fonda, Rita Moreno and Lily Tomlin. **Rated PG-13**

### 2023: Celebrating the Genius of Pablo Picasso

**Monday, July 24**

**@ 6:30 pm**

**Virtual**

2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the death of Pablo Ruiz Picasso, the artistic genius born in Málaga, Spain in 1881.

Exhibitions, initiatives, and events are being held globally to commemorate his legacy. Art Lecturer Janet Mandel will convey Picasso's inexhaustible creativity and tumultuous life, revealed through images of his monumental works. **[R]**

### 2023: CELEBRATING THE GENIUS OF PABLO PICASSO



### Camp Horror: Movie Night

**Wednesday, July 26**

**@ 6:30 pm**

Brace yourself for a frightfully good time with this classic summer horror movie. We'll supply refreshments—popcorn, drinks and snacks—for a killer evening. **Rated R.**



## ADULT PROGRAMS &amp; RESOURCES

**Marvel MCU Trivia**  
**Tuesday, July 18****@ 6:30 pm****Adults & Teens**

Assemble your team of super friends and put your Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) knowledge to the ultimate test to win fantastic prizes! Questions could come from any MCU movie. Costumes are encouraged. Each team must have at least one member aged 16 or older. **[R]**.

**Board Game Night****Wednesday, July 19****@ 5:30-8 pm****Adults & Teens**

Join us for a chill night with a classic board game! Try your luck with a multi-player game or a game of cards. We have over 100 board games in our Library of Things collection you can borrow! Play your favorites, or try something new! Snacks will be provided.

**Introducing... BrainFuse!**

We're pleased to offer an exceptional new service to students and adults starting this month: **Brainfuse!** Whether your 4th grader needs help with reading or math, or you want customized expert feedback on a cover letter or resume, Brainfuse does it all! **Each day starting at 2 pm, live, vetted tutors will work one-on-one with you or your student in a safe, virtual classroom.**



From a robust collection of videos and documents, you can also learn Microsoft Word, C++ coding, or how to play chess. You can even practice for your GED or the U.S. Citizenship exam, or study for the SATs or nursing exams.

To access Brainfuse, visit our **Learning Tools** page ([guilderlandlibrary.org/learning-tools](http://guilderlandlibrary.org/learning-tools)) and choose "All", "Job Tools", or "Kids' and Teens' Resources." You can also ask a friendly librarian to learn more.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS &amp; RESOURCES

**American Sign Language for Tweens****Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25 & August 1 @ 11 am**  
**Ages 10-14**

Tweens and teens are invited to learn the basics of American Sign Language with a certified teacher from the Capital Region Language Center during this four-part summer series. *Only a few spots left; American Sign Language for Kids is full.* **[R]**

**Painted Pottery Boxes****Tuesday, July 11**  
**@ 2:30 pm****Grades 4-8**

Paint your own pottery keepsake box! After you've completed your project to your satisfaction, it will be glazed and fired in the kiln at the Studio for Art and Craft. **[R]**.

**Outdoor Art for Tots****Wednesday, July 12**  
**@ 10:30 am****Ages 2.5-5 years**

Join us in the Literary Garden to create art *All Together Now!* Your little one will enjoy fun art projects while exploring a variety of materials, and be inspired to create to their heart's content. Dress for a mess! **[R]**.

**Family Storytime****Thursdays**  
**Starting July 13**  
**@ 10:30 am****Ages Birth-5 years**

*Storytime is back!* Bring your family to this fun, in-person storytime! We'll read books, sing songs, and dance around! Plan to be here each week; no registration needed.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS &amp; RESOURCES



### Cake Bash: Cupcake Decorating

Thursday, July 13  
@ 7 pm

**Grades 7-12**

Learn how to get creative with cake techniques *like a boss!* We'll try a variety of fun and quirky cupcake decorating ideas before enjoying our creations! **[R]**

### Snow in July!

Thursday, July 20  
@ 2 pm  
Ages 5-7

Wishing for the coolness of snow on a hot summer day? It can happen here! We'll use a pre-packaged polymer mix to create artificial snow. Then we'll learn how to create snow at home, using common household supplies. *This will be snow much fun!* **[R]**



### Camp GPL: Teen After Hours

Friday, July 21  
@ 6:30-9:30 pm  
**Grades 6-12**

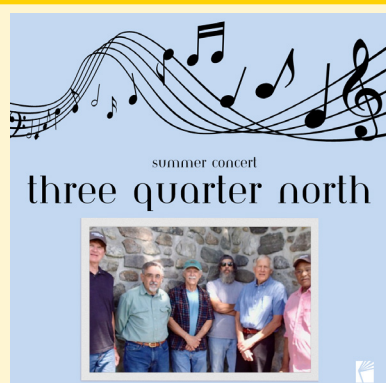
Teens! Come hang out at the Library for this special After Hours event, just for you. We'll have pizza, snacks, games, music, and more! Pajamas and loungewear are encouraged. **[R]**

### Saturday Concert: Three Quarter North

Saturday, July 22  
@ 2 pm

**Family/All Ages**

July's concert features the talented group Three Quarter North, a local Americana band. Their repertoire ranges from country and bluegrass to blues and acoustic rock, with some folk and pop standards thrown in for good measure. *Enjoy a cool summer concert of familiar and original tunes!*



**[R]** = registration required. Registration opens two weeks prior to the program.

### Anime Movie Night

Tuesday, July 25  
@ 6 pm  
**Family/All Ages**

Come hang out and watch the anime classic, **Metropolis** (2001). This film is a visually stunning Japanese anime interpretation of Fritz Lang's classic film, also based on Osamu Tezuka's outstanding 1945 illustrations. *Rated PG-13; parental discretion advised.*



### LEGO Free Play

Wednesday, July 26  
@ 3-6 pm

**Family/All Ages**

Build the most awesome LEGO creations you can imagine with our extensive collection! All ages are encouraged to stop by the Children's Program Room and let your imagination soar.

### David Engel: Dr. Doolittle's World

Friday, July 28  
@ 6:30 pm  
**Family/All Ages**

*Can we learn something from the animals? Dr. Dolittle thinks we can! Our wild world is full of animals and insects who cooperate and collaborate together—so why can't us humans figure it out too?! The renowned Dr. Dolittle helps us reconnect with what makes us all special by reminding us of our friends who live in prides, packs, swarms, schools, and flocks.*



*This engaging program features amazing magic, fantastic bubble-play, zany puppetry, cartoon-like sound effects, non-stop immersive audience participation, and eccentric clowning for all ages! Kids are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite animal.*



## ADDITIONAL GPL NEWS



### Gulderland Library Foundation Golf Tournament

**Monday, August 28 @ 8:15 am-3 pm**  
**SIGN UP NOW!**

Players and sponsors sought for the Foundation's annual golf tournament! Non-golfers are welcome to attend the 19th Hole

Celebration at 2 pm for lunch, awards and a silent auction. Please see: <https://bit.ly/GLFGolf2023> for details, and to register as an individual or foursome. *Fun for a good cause!*  
**Questions? Please contact Foundation President Steve Wacksmans at: [wacksmans@gulderlandlibrary.org](mailto:wacksmans@gulderlandlibrary.org)**

### UHLS Library Expedition: Final Weeks

**Through July 31**

Since the beginning of April, it's been a whirlwind of road-tripping Library Expedition visitors, experiencing the unique personality and offerings of the 36 Upper Hudson libraries! In fact, there have been over 20,000 Expedition check-ins at all UHLS destinations! There's still time this month to enjoy the trek and possibly earn some prizes, too! BONUS: if you visit all 36 libraries, you'll get a coveted gold card. If you also completed the 2018 Expedition, you'll earn a rare platinum card! Please see: [https://uhls.org/expedition/Expedition\\_home.pdf](https://uhls.org/expedition/Expedition_home.pdf)



### Coming in August: GPL BioBlitz

**Monday, August 7 @ 9:30-11 am**

**Families/All Ages**

Ever wondered what lives on the grounds of the Gulderland Public Library? Let's find out together! Albany Pine Bush Preserve

educators and scientists will join us on a "BioBlitz" as we search the grounds of the Library for plants, insects, birds, and more. Learn how to use apps and field guides to identify species here and afar. Bring your curiosity and come prepared for the outdoors. We suggest that you wear long pants, closed-toe shoes, and apply bug spray. We'll meet indoors for a brief presentation before we go outside. In the event of heavy rain, this program will be cancelled.**[R]**



### Gulderland Farmer's Market

**Sundays @ 10 am-2 pm**  
**Upper Parking Lot**

Though GPL is closed on Sundays during July and August, the Gulderland Farmer's Market operates every Sunday in GPL's upper parking lot through the end of September. As many as 50

vendors will rotate each week, offering a variety of locally-produced goods. Youth entrepreneurs are encouraged to participate as well. An ATM is onsite, and food trucks and/or live music may be featured on a given week. Please see **Gulderland Farmer's Market** on Facebook and Instagram for updates on participating vendors, entertainment, and other announcements.



### NEW: USED BOOK SALES

GPL board members plan to staff a table at the Gulderland Farmer's Market on the following dates:

- July 16
- July 30
- August 13
- August 20
- August 27



The Trustees will sell used books for one dollar each. The Library will also be glad to accept your donations of good quality used books. Please limit your donations to no more than five books at a time. **Thank you!**

### ON THE CALENDAR

#### LIBRARY CLOSED:

**Tuesday, July 4**

**Sundays during summer**

**Drop-In Knit & Stitch**

**Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am**

**Capital District Knitting Guild**

**Monday, July 10 @ 6-8 pm**

**GPL Board of Trustees**

**Annual/Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, July 13 @ 6 pm**

In-person and streamed on YouTube. Public commentary to:

**[pc@gulderlandlibrary.org](mailto:pc@gulderlandlibrary.org)**, or at the

beginning / end of the meeting.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, July 19 @ 1-6 pm**

**NEW How Did You Find It? Podcast**

**Friday, July 21 on all major platforms**

**Gulderland Library Foundation**

**Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, July 27 @ 6:15 pm**

