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Summer Reading is for everyone!
Join us for our all-ages Kick-off event
Tuesday, July 2
from 5-7pm.

Enjoy GPL tote bags, popcorn, and sno-cones. Pick up your reading maps for adults, teens, and children, and discover our exciting events for all ages.

New this Summer! Readers aged 0-18 who track their reading will get to choose a free book, sponsored by the Guilderland Public Library Foundation.

Our fantastic program offerings include: Storytimes and Playtimes, Reptiles and Ponies, Slime and Art Journals, Puzzles and Pottery, Video Games and Lawn Games, Food Adventures and Nature Adventures, Romance Book Clubs and Local History, Mystery Parties and Virtual Author Talks... and so much more!

Exciting Prizes Await! Track your reading to enter to win awesome prizes, including
For Children and Teens: Gift cards to the Book House, Corner Ice Cream, and Urban Air Adventure Park and themed prize baskets for Outdoor Play, Art, and Greufus the Cow
For Adults: Prize baskets for Cozy Game Night, Treat Yourself, or Outdoor Fun
For more information, visit:
www.guilderlandlibrary.org/srp
Let's make this summer extraordinary with the Guilderland Public Library!



Guilderland Farmer's Market
Sunday's 10-2, starting July 7



Tuesday, July 23 @ 4pm

Come one, come all!

This program is for kids and families.



Stop by the Helderberg Room anytime between 4pm-6pm to meet unicorns make a craft, and play some carnival-style games!

Costumes encouraged.



NEW SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

Monday–Thursday.....**9:30 am–8 pm**
Programs & meetings may continue post-closing
Friday.....**9:30 am–6 pm**
Saturday.....**9:30 am–5 pm**
Sunday (JULY & AUGUST).....**CLOSED**

All programs are in-person, unless otherwise noted.

ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS [R]

Read It & Eat! Cookbook Club

Thursday, August 8 @ 6:30pm

Led by Library Assistant Pegeen
For August we're featuring Jeanine Donofrio's, **Love and Lemons: Simple Feel Good Food**. Register in person starting July 8 at the Information Desk, and choose your recipe to share! On **August 8th**, bring your dish to share with the rest of the club. Enjoy an evening discussing cooking adventures and tasting each other's creations!

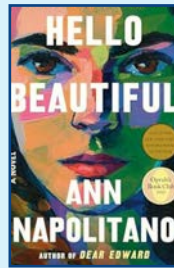


Night Owls Book Club
Mondays @ 6:30pm

Hybrid: in-person or virtual

Led by Librarian Maura
Monthly group reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles.

July 8: Hello Beautiful
by Ann Napolitano



Hopeless Romantics Book Club

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Led by Librarian Sam
Monthly group reading romance titles, from historical and contemporary picks to newly-popular romantasy.

July 17: Beach Read
by Emily Henry

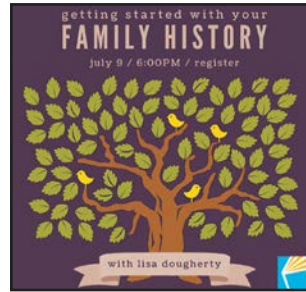


August 21: The Duchess Deal by Tessa Dare

Fright Club: Jaws

Pick up kit through July 3

Led by Assistant Director Natalie
Welcome to another series of Fright Club! Fright Club is our passive adult Horror Fiction book club. How does it work? Register each month for your book club kit and pick it up at the beginning of the month. Your kit will include a member letter, discussion questions, fun facts about the author/novel, a journal for writing about your thoughts, GPL swag and a fun themed giveaway! This month we are reading **Jaws** by Peter Benchley. August's book will be **World War Z** by Max Brooks.



Getting Started with your Family History

Tuesday, July 9 @ 6pm

If you have always wanted to learn more about your family history but have no idea how to begin the process, this program is for you! Professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty will guide you through basic steps to get started, then

offer interactive searching tips based on your own family! The class will be limited to 5 participants, who are encouraged to bring a family document, story, or picture to design a research plan around. Bring your laptop or tablet and get ready to start making family history discoveries!

Limited space available; please only register if you fully intend on attending the program. [R]



Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Tuesday, July 30 @ 6pm

Get ready for a fun time at GPL's first ever Jigsaw Puzzle Competition, where brains are put to the test in an exhilarating competition of speed and strategy! Jigsaw enthusiasts of all levels are invited to join us for the thrilling

challenge and friendly rivalry

Each participant will be sorted into a group of five people. Together, you and your groupmates will work to create a beautiful, mystery 500 piece puzzle. The first group to successfully complete the puzzle, wins! Challenge yourself, make new friends, and see if you have what it takes to claim the title of Jigsaw Puzzle Champion. Plus, there's even a prize for the winner! [R]



Fright Club Movie Matinee: Double Creature Feature!

Monday, July 22 @

12pm: Jurassic Park
3pm: Jaws

Interactive Movie Event! Come in costume (if you dare) and shout out your favorite lines! Fun themed snacks will be provided!

Apple Help (Drop-In)

Friday, July 26
10am-12pm

Please see the Library Events calendar for more information



ADULT ADVENTURES

FOODVENTURES [R]
TEENS WELCOME

Ever read a book and wondered what their food or drink tastes like? Is Turkish Delight actually delicious enough to betray your family? (We're looking at you Edmund). Or how about those delicious foods in anime and manga? Here is your chance! Join us for Foodventures, a program series where you get to sample new foods, drink unique beverages, and mingle with each other. This program will have three sessions with three special themes: science fiction, fantasy, and travel.

A limited amount of food and drink will be provided by the library, but we are hoping some of you will be inspired enough to bring your own unique dishes to share. There will also be a modest door prize for each session. So don your chef cap and grab your favorite eating utensils, it's time to get foodventurous! **[R] Adult and Teens gr. 7-12**

Sci-Fi: Wednesday, July 10, @ 6pm
Fantasy Wednesday, July 24 @ 6pm



Foodventures Travel: Coming Monday, August 12 @ 6 pm



Guided Hike at MHLC's Bozen Kill Preserve



Guided Hike@ MHLC's Bozenkill Preserve
Saturday, July 20 10am-12pm

Join our local friends at the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy for a guided hike! MHLC volunteers will lead us through the beautiful Bozen Kill Preserve in Altamont. Hike leaders will guide the group along a moderate 2.6-mile out-

and-back trail through the preserve, discussing the plants and wildlife spotted along the way. The volunteers leading this hike are knowledgeable about the flora and fauna of the Bozen Kill Corridor and will be able to share interesting information about what they see along the trails. **[R]**

Artventures: Washi-Tape
Tuesday, July 16 @ 6:00pm

Washi Tape; it's adorable but what do you actually do with it? Come find out!

Each session of Art Adventure will focus on a different craft material and will present several small, quick projects you can make and take home! **[R]**



Art on the Beach: Virtual Workshop

Wednesday, July 17 @ 1pm

Join Joyce Raimondo of the Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center as she takes you through an interactive art workshop.

Sun, sand, and surf! How do artists capture the beach in innovative paintings? Following a presentation of paintings by Pablo Picasso, Willem de Kooning, William Merritt Church and others, paint or draw your idea of summer at the seaside. Have paint or drawing supplies on hand. Please register and you will receive an email with the Zoom link the day before the event. **[R]**



Make Your Own Fairy Garden

Saturday, July 27 @ 2:30pm

Enter a whimsical world of magic and wonder with us by coming to the library to make a fairy garden. We welcome people of all ages.. Paint wooden mushrooms and use logs, paper, fake moss, and other materials to make a mini mushroom fairy garden.

All materials will be provided. **Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult** It will be hosted in our literary garden to provide a space for creativity, relaxation, and a connection with nature. In case of rain, it will be held in our Children's Programming Room **[R]**.



Fantasy Quest

Thursday, July 25 @ 5:30pm

The once happy land of Tawasentha is in danger and nothing can save it...except you! Gather your party and follow the wizards' clues to collect the spell components needed to save the day. This fantasy themed scavenger hunt in Tawasentha Park will conclude with a secret celebration for participants. Dress

for adventure, comfortable footwear and long pants are recommended. Costumes encouraged. Register as a team, and please indicate how many adventurers will be joining you. Please provide email; the program may be canceled or curtailed in the event of bad weather. **[R]**



TWEEN AND TEEN ADVENTURES

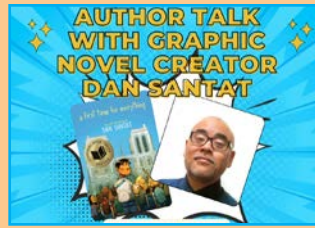
YS AUTHOR TALKS

(In-person events with live-streamed authors)

Dan Santat:
Graphic Novels are Life!: Telling Your Own Story in a Graphic Novel

Tuesday, July 30 @ 1:45pm.
Grades 6-8

Tweens & teens in grades 6-8 can join us at the library for a video presentation with Dan Santat, graphic novel artist and author of A First Time for Everything. Dan will discuss his book and inspire participants to tell their own stories through graphic novels. Registration required.**[R]**.



Max Brallier:
Surviving the Summer with the Last Kids on Earth

Tuesday, July 16 @ 1:45pm.
Grades 3-5

Kids in grades 3-5 can join us in the children's programming room to talk live to author Max Brallier, who will be connecting with us virtually. He will be discussing his series, The Last Kids on Earth. Max will share how he came up with the different monsters and villains in his series as well as the unique ways that hero Jack and his friends figure out to defeat them. Registration required. Caregivers welcome to stay.**[R]**.



Elizabeth Acevedo:
Learning the Power of Poetry

Tuesday, July 23 @ 2pm
Grades 9-12.

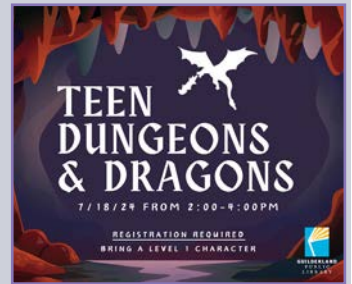
Teens in grades 9-12 are invited to learn about the power of poetry with Elizabeth Acevedo! Join us in the children's programming room to talk live to Elizabeth, who will be connecting with us virtually. She will provide a short reading from her award-winning novel-inverse, The Poet X, and will lead a short poetry workshop. Registration required.**[R]**.



Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday, July 18 @ 2pm

Join us for Dungeons & Dragons! Bring a level 1 character to the Children's Programming Room on July 18th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm to play a Dungeons & Dragons one-shot. Beginners are welcome!



You can create a character for free through [D&D Beyond](#) and bring an electronic version of the character sheet (phone or laptop). It's okay if you don't understand everything on the character sheet; the best way to learn is by playing!

Make Your Own Visual Journal

Thursday, July 11 @ 4pm

Art journaling is a creative way to combine writing and art in a journal. In this workshop facilitated by CREATE Community Studios, participants will learn how to make their own visual journal using a simple book-binding technique. They will also be guided through the process of creating their first mixed-media journal entry using paint, collage, stamps, stickers, and more. Teens in grades 6-12 can join us for this fun, relaxing, and rewarding workshop!**[R]**.



Camp GPL: Teen After Hours

Friday, July 26 6:30-9:30pm

Teens! Come hang out at the Library for this special After Hours event. We'll have pizza, snacks, games, music, and more! Pajamas/loungewear encouraged. Please include any food allergies in the notes field.**[R]**.



KID ADVENTURES



Drop-In Video Games
Tuesday, July 30 @ 1:30pm.
 Drop by anytime between 1:30 pm-3:30pm to play video games on our Nintendo Switch consoles! Challenge friends new and old to rounds of Super Smash Bros. Ultimate and Mario Kart 8 as you help us unlock new characters and items! We may also have some other games to play



Space Slime!
Friday, July 12 @ 2:30pm.
 It's slime time. Come on down to the Children's Program Room to make different kinds of out-of-this world slime! Goopy slime, sparkly slime, slime with eyes!!

Be sure to dress for a mess.



LEGO Free Play!
Wednesday, July 31 @ 4-7pm
 It's time to build with LEGOs! Stop by the Children's Program Room anytime between 4:00 - 7:00pm to build the most awesome LEGO creations you can imagine. Pictures of everybody's creations will be posted in our GPL Kids & Families Facebook group.

Super Reptile Show!
Monday, July 15 @ 3pm
 Get ready for a reptilian extravaganza! Uncharted Wild will be bringing up to 10 of their animals, including amphibians, an arachnid, and some of their large reptiles! We will learn cool facts about these amazing creatures and even have a chance to get up close & personal with them. Come appreciate these reptiles just in time for World Snake Day on July 16th, so please don't miss out on this fantastical function!



Paint Your Own Ceramic Creature
Tuesday, July 9 @ 2:30pm
 Choose from a variety of creatures to paint! Your creature will then be glazed and fired in the kiln at the Studio for Art and Craft.



Unicorn Picnic
Friday, July 26 @ 11am
K-Grade 2

It's time for a Unicorn Picnic! Join us for all things magical and sparkly as we celebrate unicorns with a story, songs, a craft, and more. Feel free to dress up for the occasion! Bring a blanket to sit on and some snacks for a picnic in our Literary Garden after the program. Please bring nut-free products only. Registration is required. Please register each child separately! **[R]**



Silly Sidewalk Chalk
Wednesday, July 17 @ 3pm
 Come join us for an afternoon of sidewalk chalk fun! Let your creativity shine and draw silly art using sidewalk chalk in the Literary Garden and participate in fun chalk activities. Weather permitting. Program will be canceled in the event of rain. **For children in Pre-K through grade 2.**



Small Creatures for Small Ones
Friday, July 19 @ 10:30am

Please join us for a fun morning of seeing and touching! Uncharted Wild will be bringing 5 of their smallest & gentlest reptiles and a mammal for us to view. Your little ones will be able to learn about and even pet these wonderful animals!
This program is meant for toddlers ages 5 and under. Please remain with your child at all times during this event.



Summer Family Storytimes
Thursdays @ 10:30am
July 11!
July 18
July 25

For all kids ages Birth - 5 years old, with a caregiver.



Summer Playtime
Mondays @ 10:30am
July 8
July 15
July 22
July 29

Littles and caregivers can join us this summer for an open playtime with our toys and fine motor activities! Ages Birth-5 years old.



UPCOMING ADVENTURES

So You Want to Make Games?

Saturday, August 3 @ 3pm

Have you ever wondered how video games get made? Teams of developers combine their expertise of coding, art, music, and design to bring engaging stories and experiences to life. What does it take to make it in video games? On August 3rd, games industry professionals Susannah Hardin and Jonathan Melchiade will discuss what they do in their roles, how they work with other experts, and the path they took to get to where they are now. Adults and teens are welcome to attend this presentation and learn about the diverse roles available in the video games industry and the different ways they can work towards a career in video games. **[R]**



Mercy Watson Watch Party
Friday, August 2 @ 11am
Grades K-2

Join us for a visit to Deckawoo Drive with everyone's favorite adventure loving pig, Mercy Watson! Newbery Medal winning author Kate DiCamillo will be sharing the stories behind the creation of her early chapter book series, the original *Mercy Watson*, and the follow up series, *Tales from Deckawoo Drive*. We will also be celebrating the publication of the final book in the *Mercy Watson* series! And a Mercy Watson Watch Party would not be complete without making buttered toast as our celebration treat! **[R]**



Game Night In the Garden

Thursday, August 1

6:30- 8pm

Enjoy a family fun summer evening in the Literary Garden.



Mystery Bash

Monday, August 5 @ 1pm

Grades 3-5

Do you have what it takes to escape the haunted mansion? If you can successfully solve the puzzles, riddles and brain busters you can leave the haunted mansion with your rightful riches! (Participants will take home a puzzle prize bag) **[R]**



Murder Mystery Night: Panic at the Prom

Wednesday, August 7 @ 6pm

You are cordially invited to... Murder Mystery Night: Panic at the Prom. Get ready to travel back in time to the totally tubular era of the 1980s. Dust off your neon leg warmers, crimp your hair, and prepare yourself for an evening of mystery, mayhem, and maybe a little murder! **[R]**

Remember to come dressed in your best 1980s attire!



THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED:

Thursday, July 4

Independence Day

July Exhibit Debbie Bertasso

July Display Cases: Altamont Fair

Drop-In Knit & Stitch—Tuesdays @ 10-11:30am

Let's Talk: Coffee & Conversation for Seniors

Wednesdays @ 11am-12:30pm

Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees Annual & Monthly Business Meeting

Thursday, July 18 @ 6pm In-person and streamed on YouTube.

Public commentary may be submitted to:

pc@guilderlandlibrary.org or in person.

Guilderland Library Foundation Meeting— Thursday, July 25

@ 6:15pm *Want to get more involved with GPL? New members always welcome on the Foundation!*



AUGUST: Guilderland Library Foundation Golf Tournament

August 12 @ Orchard Creek Golf Club

For more information and to register, email: guilderlandlibraryfoundation@gmail.com



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12pm: Sphere

3pm: World War Z

