



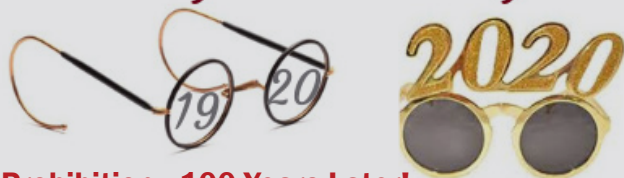
# GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## Looking back 100 years



### Prohibition...100 Years Later!

In January 1919, the U.S. Senate ratified the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment, establishing the prohibition of "intoxicating liquors" and making it part of the Constitution. Prohibition officially began one year later, on January 17, 1920. It lasted 13 years, a period marked by bootlegging and speakeasies, and proved difficult to enforce. Historically, Prohibition is fascinating – from its political and religious origins, to groups that vigorously opposed it, to its impact on social mores. We hope you'll join us to mark this centennial!

### The Prohibition Era: A Confusing and Misunderstood Time Saturday, January 18 @ 2 pm

Richard F. Hamm, a history professor who has studied Prohibition for more than 35 years and is co-editor of a forthcoming book, *Prohibition's Greatest Myths: The Distilled Truth About America's Anti-Alcohol Crusade*, will cover some of the common myths and misunderstandings about Prohibition, the 13-year failed "noble experiment." Beyond debunking, he will explain how Prohibition became such an important policy goal and was added to the Constitution.

### Wicked Albany: Lawlessness & Liquor in the Prohibition Era Wednesday, January 29 @ 7 pm

What was Albany like during the "Roaring 20s?" University at Albany Professor Frankie Bailey will paint a picture of stark contrasts, as Prohibition produced the exact opposite result of its intent: merely forcing alcohol-related commerce underground, and lawlessness and violence to the forefront.

### Bootleggers and Rum Runners Film Series Friday, January 17 @ 2 pm: *The Roaring Twenties* (1939)

Starring James Cagney and Humphrey Bogart, this film set in the Prohibition era is still widely considered the greatest gangster movie of all time.

### Friday, January 24 @ 2 pm: *The Public Enemy* (1931)

Two young hoodlums (James Cagney and Eddie Woods) rise up from poverty to become petty thieves, bootleggers, and cold-blooded killers. Also starring Jean Harlow.

### Friday, January 31 @ 2 pm: *What! No Beer?* (1933)

Buster Keaton and Jimmy Durante star in this comic tale of two men who naively try to cash in on the waning days of Prohibition by peddling their accidentally-diluted beer.



### WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Can YOU help us read 4,000 books during the month of January for Beanstack's Third Annual Winter Reading Challenge? Last year we read 3,775 books, so this year we've set the bar even higher! Log your books online at [guilderlandlibrary.beanstack.org](http://guilderlandlibrary.beanstack.org). Top libraries can win an author visit or other great prizes from Penguin Random House. It's a win-win...happy reading!



### We're Streaming!

**New Year, new streaming service!** Starting January 1, your Guilderland library card will get you access to streaming videos from RBDigital. Watch your favorite BBC shows on AcornTV, independent films on IndieFlix, a concert from your favorite musician on Qello, or learn something new with the Great Courses! Look on our website for information, or stop at the Information Desk for print resources. **See page 5 for Digital Library 101 help to get started.**



**The  
Underground  
Railroad of the  
Capital Region  
Saturday,  
February 1 @ 2 pm**

The Capital Region was visited by thousands of fugitives seeking freedom in the years prior to the Civil War. These fugitives were assisted by free blacks, whites, church people, political abolitionists, men and women, and they traveled to freedom by any means available. Learn how local citizens participated in helping freedom seekers right here in the Capital Region. *Presenters Mary Liz and Paul Stewart are co-founders of the Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region, Inc. and have been instrumental in the restoration of the Stephen and Harriet Myers Residence in Albany, a headquarters for Underground Railroad activity during the mid-1850s.*

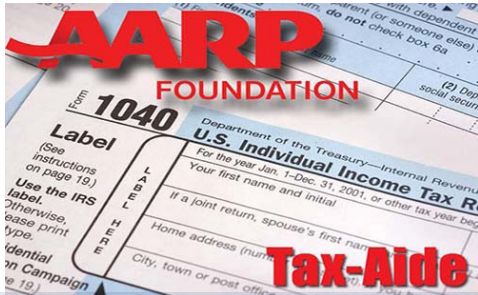
## ADULT LECTURES &amp; EVENTS

### Meet Baseball Hall of Fame President Tim Mead Monday, January 6 @ 10 am



Get to know the new President of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum (and Library!), Tim Mead, who took the helm at Cooperstown last summer. Prior to this role, Mr. Mead served as Vice President of Communications and Assistant General Manager during a 40-year career with the Los Angeles Angels. Mr. Mead will talk about the upcoming Hall of Fame elections (results announced January 21st),

and about working with three Angels owners including Gene Autry and Arte Moreno, as well as two of the greatest players in baseball history, Mike Trout and Albert Pujols. He will then field baseball-related questions from the audience. Join us for this special event!



**Call 2-1-1  
to make a  
TaxAide Prep  
appointment  
starting  
January 13  
at 9 am**

All tax appointments are scheduled by dialing United Way's 2-1-1 call center, starting Monday, January 13 at 9 am. Lines may be busy; please be patient.

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE LIBRARY.**

AARP TaxAide preparation by trained and IRS-certified volunteers begins Monday, February 3 at the Library. These appointments are Mondays and Saturdays only, February 3-April 6. You must have an appointment; no walk-ins.

Bring to your appointment:

- Photo ID
- Social Security card for all people listed on the tax return
- Copy of your 2018 returns
- All 2019 W-2s and 1099 forms
- End-of-year brokerage statements
- All supporting documents for itemized deductions

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? Please note that both taxpayers need to be present, except in cases of illness or infirmity.

**PLEASE DIAL 2-1-1 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.**

### PERFORMANCES

#### GPL Cabaret Night: Teresa Broadwell Quintet Friday, January 10 @ 6:30 pm

Join us for this after-hours special evening performance of jazz standards, featuring the wonderful stylings of vocalist/violinist Teresa Broadwell and her quintet of musicians. Relax with a glass of wine, appetizers, and soothing music. Please bring a photo ID if you plan to enjoy a glass of wine. **[R]**



### GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

All concerts @ 2 pm



#### January 26: ART D'ECHO TRIO

Classic-style jazz piano trio featuring jazz standards and originals.

#### February 9: HEAVENLY ECHOES

Uplifting gospel vocal and instrumental group.

### WRITING

#### Feeling Stuck? Write: Journaling as a Self-Care Tool

Saturday, January 18, 25 and February 1 @ 9:30-11 am

Research shows that writing can be as beneficial as regular exercise, a healthy diet, and talk therapy for overall well-being. Moreover, writing doesn't require fancy equipment, big investments, much time, physical prowess, or special talent; it's an activity that's accessible to everyone. This class aims to help you establish a regular journaling routine. We'll learn to tap into the value of writing as a lifelong self-care resource. *This series is led by Sara Kennedy, Assistant Professor of English, Foreign Languages and ESL, at Hudson Valley Community College.* Space is limited, and participants are asked to attend all three classes. **[R]**

#### Teaching and Writing about Grief: With Professor Jeffrey Berman Saturday, February 15 @ 2 pm

Jeffrey Berman, Distinguished Professor of English at the University at Albany, will talk about the topic "Teaching and Writing About Grief." He'll discuss the educational and psychological value of writing about love and loss in a college setting and the importance of grief memoirs.





## ADULT LECTURES &amp; EVENTS

## GUILDERCRAFTS

**Edible Fruit Bouquet**  
**Wednesday, February 12**  
**@ 6:30 pm**

Treat someone special in your life to a delicious, freshly-crafted fruit arrangement made by you! You'll make pineapple daisies, strawberry flowers, and other fresh fruit favorites. Learn skills to make fruit bouquets celebrating any special occasion! [R]

**Wine Glass Painting**  
**Tuesday, February 25 @ 6:30 pm**

Use glass paint to decorate a wine glass you can take home for your personal use, or to present as a special gift. For adults. [R]

**More crafts! 2020 Vision Boards for all ages on page 5; Jane Austen Craft Night for teens / adults on page 7.**

**Missing Piece Board Game Club**  
**Saturdays, January 11, 25 and February 8, 22 @ 2 pm**

We have the snacks, we have the games; the missing piece is YOU! We're starting a board game meetup on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Bring your friends and your favorite games from home, or play one from our collection of 100+ board games. We'll provide treats – and the biggest table you've ever seen! [R]



BOARD GAME CLUB

**The Answer is Less**  
**Thursday, January 30 @ 6:30 pm**

Mass production and hyper consumerism are wreaking havoc on our health, our homes, our wallets, and the environment. This workshop will examine some of the underlying reasons why we consume so much and explore practical strategies to help you start consuming less. Presented by Jes Marcy, local Professional Organizer.

**NYS Boater Safety Course****Tuesday, February 18 & Thursday, February 20 @ 6:30 pm****Participants must attend both days\***

Brianna's Law requires boaters born on or after May 1, 1996 to complete a safety course prior to operating any motorized vessel or watercraft. This two-day course is led by NYS-

certified safe-boating instructors with more than 100 years of collective experience. The instructors from Watercraft Network offer an interactive course focusing on real-world experiences, based around the required safety curriculum. \*NYS & Parks and Recreation Fee is \$10.00 for completed certification.



## CONSUMER HEALTH

**Healthy Eating on a Budget 101**  
**Wednesday, January 22 @ 6:30 pm**

Challenged with rising grocery costs? Need help deciding what to buy while shopping? Interested in learning how to provide nutrition for you and/or your family while staying on budget? This workshop is for you! Rhonda Allen, an Integrative Health & Wellness Coach, as well as an educator for over 20 years, is your presenter. You'll leave empowered to conquer the grocery store, armed with a knowledgeable new perspective! [R]

**One Pot Healthy Mexican Meals with Cornell Cooperative Extension**  
**Wednesday, February 5 @ 6:30 pm**

Put your Instant Pot, multi-use pressure cooker, or slow cooker to good use and make delicious and easy Mexican cuisine. This class includes food preparation and sampling! All supplies provided. Your instructor: Karen Roberts Mort,

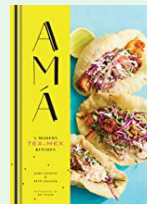


**Cornell University**  
Cooperative Extension  
Albany County

Association Resource  
Educator with Cornell  
Cooperative Extension -  
Albany County. [R]

## COOKBOOK CLUB

Come to the Library and select a recipe from the book we've chosen for the month. On the night of the "club," bring your dish (along with serving utensils); we'll provide plates, napkins, etc. Sample what others made and chat with fellow cookbook enthusiasts!

**Ama: A Modern Tex-Mex Kitchen by Josef Centerno****Wednesday, January 15 @ 7 pm**

We'll prepare soul-warming dishes combining the deep traditions of Texan and Mexican cooking to counter the cold weather. [R]

**SPECIAL EDITION!****Bread Toast Crumbs: Recipes for No-Knead Loaves & Meals to Savor by Alexandra Stafford****Saturday, February 29 @ 11 am**

Niskayuna resident and author Alexandra Stafford will be at this special event! Publishers Weekly writes: "This is an inspiring, creative collection for new bakers and those who want to leave kneading behind." She'll talk about her critically-acclaimed book, do a food demo, and sample our creations! She'll also sell and sign copies of her book. [R]



## ADULT LECTURES &amp; EVENTS



## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

**NEW!****He Read/She Read: Meet & Greet**  
**Friday, February 7 @ 11 am**

Calling all book lovers! We're kicking off our NEW He Read/She Read Book Club with a Meet & Greet. Visit our table in the Lobby to check out selections for our upcoming book club. Receive a raffle ticket to enter our prize drawing – a Library Lovers' gift basket!

**He Read/She Read Book Club**  
**Tuesday or Wednesday @ 7 pm**

Librarians Dustin and Josalyn Wilder alternate each month in selecting a title and leading the discussion.

**Tuesday, March 3 @ 7 pm:**  
**He Read**

*The Chain*, by Adrian McKinty

**Wednesday, April 1 @ 7 pm: She Read**

*Daisy Jones & The Six*, by Taylor Jenkins Reid

**Night Owls**

Led by Librarian Maura Powers-Smith

**Mondays @ 7:30 pm**

**January 13:** *The Poisonwood Bible*, by Barbara Kingsolver

**February 10:** *The Good Neighbor: The Life and Works of Fred Rogers*, by Maxwell King

**Day Larks**

Led by Librarian Maura Powers-Smith

**Tuesdays @ 2 pm**

**January 14:** *The Poisonwood Bible*, by Barbara Kingsolver

**February 11:** *The Good Neighbor: The Life and Works of Fred Rogers*, by Maxwell King

**Great Books**

Led by Facilitator Sue Klug

**First Thursday of the month @ 7 pm**

**January 9:** *Brave New World*, by Aldous Huxley

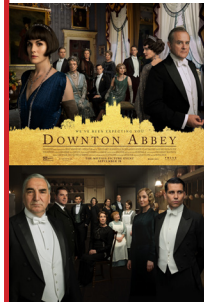
**February 6:** *The Cherry Orchard*, by Anton Chekhov

**Ukulele Jam****Thursday, January 23 and February 27 @ 6:30 pm**

Uke players of all skill levels are welcome at our drop-in sessions. Whether just learning or a seasoned pro, you're welcome to join us. Bring your own ukulele (or check one out from us!)




## MOVIES NOW SHOWING

**DOWNTON ABBEY (PG)****Thursday, January 16 @ 6:30 pm**

The Crawley family prepares for an official royal visit to their family compound in Yorkshire in 1927. They experience all manner of upheaval as King George V, Queen Mary, and their royal entourage descend upon the storied mansion.

**HARRIET (PG-13)****Thursday, February 13 @ 6:30 pm**

The incredible true story of Harriet Tubman and her quest to lead hundreds of slaves to freedom as the most prominent "conductor" on the Underground Railroad.

**GENEALOGY****Drop-In Genealogy****with Lisa Dougherty**  
**Wednesday, January 8 and February 12 @ 6-8 pm**

Professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty is available for free family history consultations and advice on a drop-in basis, the second Wednesday evening of each month. Get 1:1 help starting

the process, or bring your questions for help finding solutions to continue making progress on researching your family tree.

**Albany County Records for Research****Friday, January 24 @ 2 pm**

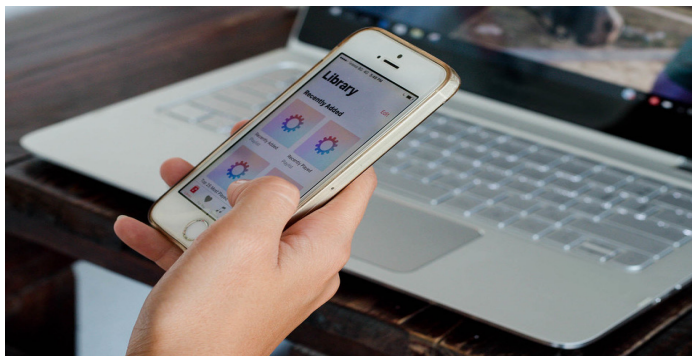
Are you working on your family's history? Learn about the records held by the Albany County Hall of Records and County Clerk's Office. Deputy Albany County Clerk Craig A. Carlson and Albany County Hall of Records Archivist Rebecca Shevy will discuss the documents and historic treasures held at both of these institutions that might aid you in your research. **[R]**





## ADULT LECTURES &amp; EVENTS

## TECHNOLOGY



### Internet Safety and Cyber Security

**Tuesday, January 7  
@ 6:30 pm**

The internet has drastically changed the way that we interact with the world. It's important that we understand cyber risks in their many forms, and how to effectively combat these threats. Staff from the NYS Division of Homeland Security will provide an informative overview of common cyber threats, plus tips for maintaining a safe and secure presence online.



### Instagram for Beginners

**Wednesday, February 19 @ 2 pm**

Have you heard about Instagram, but aren't sure where to begin? Come learn the basics from us in this one hour class! Bring your own phone or tablet for a hands-on experience. You

must be comfortable using your phone or tablet independently, have access to your email, and be able to download apps in order to participate in this class. **[R]**

## TECH HELP

### Digital Library 101

**Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29  
February 5, 12, and 26 @ 2-4:15 pm**

GPL now offers streaming movies and TV shows, downloadable eBooks, and even eMagazines! How can you take advantage of all we have to offer? Sign up today for a one-on-one session with a librarian expert. Please bring your library card and your mobile device to the appointment. Arrangements for another day / time may be made, subject to availability. **[R]**



### Teen Tech Volunteers

**Tuesdays @ 3:15 and 4:45 pm**

National Honor Society students from Guilderland High School can provide tech help! They'll work with you on phones; tablets; laptops; email; and more. **[R]**

Unable to do Tuesdays or Wednesdays? We have other dates when computer coaches can work with you! Call us to learn more.

## ADULTS &amp; TWEENS / TEENS



### Jane Austen Craft Night

**Monday, January 13 @ 7 pm**

Celebrate all things historical costume drama with us in honor of the new Jane Austen miniseries airing in January. Enjoy crafts and treats! For Teens and Adults. **[R]**

### Parent & T(w)een Night: Bullet Journaling

**Tuesday, January 21 @ 7 pm**

Join us for our new monthly event! T(w)eens in grades 5-9 and a parent/guardian are invited for a night out with dessert and an activity to do together! In January, we'll explore bullet journaling. A bullet journal is a creative and artistic way to combine a planner, to-do list, goal tracker, and diary. Grades 5-9 with an adult. **[R]**

### Paying for Higher Education

**Tuesday, February 4 @ 6:30 pm**

Learn about the hidden costs of college and how to navigate through the financial aid process. A representative from SEFCU will be here to share methods and strategies to pay for college and the additional financial resources available. Participants do not need to be members of SEFCU to attend. Teens and their guardians are strongly encouraged to attend together. **[R]**

### Parent & T(w)een Night: Glass Suncatchers with the Studio for Art and Craft

**Tuesday, February 18 @ 7 pm**

During school break, t(w)eens and a parent are invited to a night out with dessert and a fused glass suncatcher project led by the Studio for Art and Craft. Grades 5-9 with an adult. **[R]**

## TWEENS &amp; TEENS

### Junior Honor Society Teen Volunteering

**Saturday, January 25 @ 10 am**

Students in 8th grade in need of community service hours for Junior Honor Society can register to complete two hours at the Guilderland Public Library. **[R]**

### Winter Miniature Diorama

**Wednesday, February 5 @ 3:45 pm**

We'll use miniature winter creatures and other tiny objects to create a one-of-a-kind winter diorama seasonal scene. This program is designed for grades 4-12. **[R]**

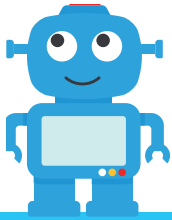
### Tween and Teen Art: Collage and Cocoa

**Thursday, February 20 @ 3 pm**

Bring a friend if you wish and turn old magazines into an original work of art while you enjoy a comforting cup of hot cocoa! Grades 4-12. **[R]**

### Take a Break Teen Reader Boxes

Sign up to receive a personalized Take a Break Teen Reader Box for February School Break! Each box will contain a selected just-for-you library book to check out, an advanced reader paperback book to keep, and some fun surprises. Return your box and sign up again for an April Break box! Registration begins Monday, January 6. Grades 8-12. **[R]**



# FUN STUFF FOR KIDS



## PRE-K / ELEMENTARY

### Little Lego

**Monday, January 6 and February 3 @ 3:30 pm**

Meet in the Story Hour room and use your imagination for some creative play with our extensive LEGO collection. Grades K-3. For younger siblings, we offer Duplo. **[R]**

### Matt's Music Together™

**Wednesday, January 8 @ 10:30 am**

Music Together™ classes encourage children and caregivers to explore music and movement together through songs, rhymes, fine and gross motor activities, and instrument play. Local teacher Matt Yeager offers this free demo class so you and your little one can experience the fun! **[R]**

### Shake, Rattle and Roll!

**Tuesdays, January 14-February 11 @ 10:30 am**

Join Miss Rebecca on a weekly themed adventure filled with songs, rhymes, dance, and other fun activities. Rebecca Marcello is the owner of Little Feet Dance Street in Glenmont. She is a dance teacher, professional singer, and mom of three. Children ages 2-5, with an adult caregiver. Registration for individual sessions is available by phone only for Guilderland Public Library patrons. **[R]**

### Library Club

**Wednesday, January 15 & February 12 @ 3:30pm**

Join us for an afterschool snack as we talk about our favorite books, plan future programs, and do a project to benefit the Library! Grades 3-5. **[R]**

### The Grand Playdate!

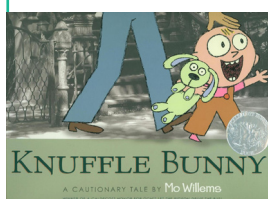
**Friday, January 24 @ 10:30 am**

Calling all caregiver grandparents! Bring your grandbaby for a special playdate at the Library! We'll have coffee, snacks, and fun toys for the little ones. Each child will take home a special gift. Kathleen Howland of Brightside Up will be on hand to facilitate. Ages Birth-Three Years. **[R]**

### Munchkins & Mocktails

**Friday, February 28 @ 10 am**

A playtime with a mocktail twist for caregivers! As your child plays, enjoy some adult conversation along with a morning mocktail. For ages 0-5 and their caregiver(s). **[R]**



### Project Picture Book Select Fridays at 3:30 pm

Join us for a fun-read aloud and related art project. For grades PreK-2. Dress for a mess! **[R]**

**January 10: Knuffle Bunny**  
**February 14: Valentine's Day**



### Move It!

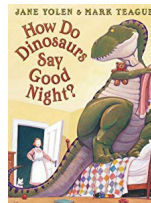
**Thursday, January 9 @ 3:30 pm**

Let's break free from the winter doldrums with some high-energy fun! We'll be running, jumping, competing, and working together with jump ropes, hula hoops, stretchy bands, and maybe even a parachute! Grades 3-5. **[R]**

### Che-Mystery

**Thursday, February 13 @ 3:30 pm**

It's time for an adventure with the scientists from Mad Science! Uncover the mysteries of physical and chemical changes! Make your own Super Ball! Grades 3-5. **[R]**



### How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? Saturday, January 11 @ 10:30 am

Join WMHT's Barbara Lukas for a fun morning of literacy and crafts based on Jane Yolen's classic book. Grades Pre-K-2, with a caregiver. **[R]**

### Building Challenges

**Wednesday, February 19 @ 2:30-4pm**

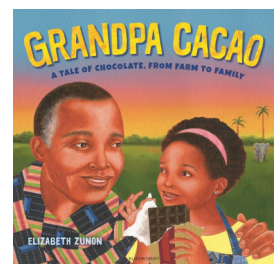
Stop by any time during this drop-in program to test yourself with our open building challenges! We will provide LEGOs, keva planks, a marble run, and MORE! Grades 2-5.



### Author Visit: Elizabeth Zunon, author of *Grandpa Cacao* Saturday, February 22 @ 2 PM

Where does chocolate come from? Find out as local author Elizabeth Zunon reads *Grandpa Cacao: a Tale of Chocolate, from Farm to Family* (2019, Bloomsbury), her first authored-illustrated picture book inspired by the life of the

grandfather she never met. A cacao and chocolate show-and-tell will follow, and attendees will also get to decorate their own chocolate bar wrapper to take home! The author will have her books for sale at this event. Our neighbors at Candy Kraft Candies are kindly donating some chocolates too! For Grades K-5. Space and supplies are limited, so you must register each child for this program. **[R]**

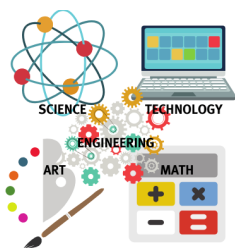




## STEAM PROGRAMS

**Saturday Steam: Energy!**  
**Saturday, January 18 @ 2 pm**

Join us for a fun way to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math! We'll make dancing snakes, gummy bear catapults and more to demonstrate the power of energy. For Grades 2-5. **[R]**

**Family STEAM Nights**  
**Monday, February 3 @ 6:30pm**

Local colleges' science departments will be here with fun hands-on science activities for kids! For grades 2-6, with their families. February is hosted by the RPI Science Ambassadors. **[R]**

## FAMILY / ALL AGES

**2020 Vision Boards**  
**Monday, January 6 @ 6:30 pm**

Celebrate the start of a new year with a fun craft that expresses your goals in a prominent visual context. Comb through magazines for images and ideas that speak to you. You'll make a large collage to take home, which will provide inspiration and keep your goals at the forefront all year long. This activity is suitable for both adults and children. **[R]**

**Family Film:**  
**The Secret Life of Pets 2**  
**Wednesday, February 19 @ 6:30 pm**

Max and his pet friends explore the idyllic farm they now call home once their owner is absent. Rated PG, 1 hour 25 mins, 2019 (MLUSA).

**Meet Your Local K-9!**  
**Friday, February 21 @ 2 pm**

Guiderland Police Officer Don Jones, and his canine partner Zeus will be at GPL! During school break, learn how police dogs are chosen and trained, and watch Zeus at work!

**Take Your Child To the Library Day:**  
**The Library is Super!**  
**Saturday, February 1**

It's "Take Your Child to the Library Day!" Drop in any time for a craft project and a scavenger hunt for kids. All ages welcome.

**TAKE YOUR CHILD****TO THE LIBRARY!****New Session**  
**Beginning**  
**January 13****Toddler Time****Mondays (new day) & Wednesdays @ 10:30 am**  
**January 13 - February 12****No storytime January 20**

We will do a variety of activities to encourage early literacy and motor skills including: reading stories, singing, dancing, playing instruments, and creating crafts (both sessions will feature the same activities).

**Ages 19-36 months with a caregiver.****Baby Bookworms****Tuesdays @ 10:30 am****January 14 - February 11**

A storytime full of songs and fun. Make a weekly date to build memories with your baby, lay a foundation for success with pre-literacy skills, and connect with other caregivers in the community. **Ages Birth-18 months with a caregiver.**

**Preschool Drop-in Storytime****Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 10:30 am****January 15 - February 13**

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

**Waddler Time****Thursdays @ 10:30 am****January 16 - February 13**

This storytime provides bonding and early literacy learning. Books, music & movement, rhymes & bounces, and fun with puppets are included each week. We conclude with time for play and socialization.

**Walkers up to 24 months, with a caregiver.**

**NOTE:** If the Guiderland Central School District is delayed or closed, storytimes are not held on that day. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

**February Break Activities****Parent & T(w)een Night:**  
**Glass Suncatchers****Tuesday, February 18 @ 7 pm****The Secret Life of Pets 2****Wednesday, February 19 @ 6:30 pm****Tween and Teen Art:****Collage and Cocoa****Thursday, February 20 @ 3 pm****Meet Your Local K-9!****Friday, February 21 @ 2 pm**

## FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR TIM WILES

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

As the director of Guilderland Public Library, I routinely wear many hats. Here's one I'm particularly excited about – a hard hat! We're preparing for the construction phase of our Library Renewal Project – which won't be happening for awhile, but it's never too early to plan ahead. We are excited about

the prospect of serving you better with an improved facility to accommodate community needs. This project is roughly a three-year process. Our proposal received State Education Department approval during the fall of 2019. Since then, we've been meeting with Ballston Spa architecture firm Butler Rowland Mays, LLC to articulate more detailed building project plans. They specialize in library renovation, and their expertise is incredibly helpful. We hope to go to bid around October 2020, and commence construction soon afterwards, anticipating completion of the renovated facility sometime around July 2022. As this project gradually takes shape, we will report more as we know it. Feel free to check our website for updates as well. We're looking forward to a clear vision in 2020 for Guilderland's enhanced gathering place for lifelong learning...your friendly local library!

**Tentative Library Renewal Timeline:**  
 project bids - Fall 2020  
 construction begins - Spring 2021  
 project complete - Summer 2022

As we begin a new year and decade, may I suggest a New Year's Resolution? Make it a point to take advantage of YOUR library more often in the coming year. If you're picturing dusty books on shelves and librarians shushing you from yesteryear, you'll find that it's changed quite a bit. We offer SO much more in terms of programming and items you can check out, and it's constantly evolving. Great things are happening! There's something here for you, guaranteed. Come find it... and make this library your own.

**Library of Things**

Our Library of Things is constantly growing! You can borrow all kinds of items to help with party plans, food prep and entertaining; electronic gadgets and

gizmos; devices to test cutting the cord with cable; 100+ board games, and much more! Here are some items we've recently added: karaoke machine...bluetooth speakers... trekking poles...Instax cameras...Sega Genesis mini... Scrabble...Throw, Throw Burrito game...Jaws game.

We also have free or discounted admission to 26 museums in the tri-state area...and so much more! Stop in to discover all you can borrow from us!

Keep updated on the latest news from GPL -  
 Sign up for e-news on our website  
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**Libraries Play a Key Role in 2020 Census**

The U.S. Census Bureau's push to collect 2020 Census information online has put libraries with trained staff and public access to the internet on the front lines in the quest for an accurate count. In

addition to having the personnel and equipment, libraries are trusted community hubs where people from various socio-economic levels and ages gather, making us a natural fit to facilitate this effort.

Not everyone in the U.S. has a computer, smart phone or internet access. According to the Census Bureau's 2018 American Community Survey, it's estimated that 12.3 percent of Capital Region households don't have internet access. The 58 public main and branch libraries in our area will need to fill this void, in addition to assisting non-computer savvy residents.

The American Library Association is coordinating with member libraries to gear up for this endeavor. As libraries help citizens enter their data online, everyone has a vested interest in ensuring an accurate 2020 Census count.

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