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Summer Reading Program Registration & Ice Cream Party, Friday, June 28

Libraries are out of this world! This summer's Summer Reading Program theme is "A Universe of Stories," and we're planning a wonderful summer of activities, crafts, programs and, of course, BOOKS! On **Friday, June 28 from 3-4 pm or 6-7 pm**, sign up for special summer events. We're also serving ice cream cups to everyone, so be sure to stick around for that. Check our soon-to-be-published Kids and Teens brochures highlighting all the program details for the summer. We'll send them home from school and have copies available at the Library.

Calling all VolunTeens!

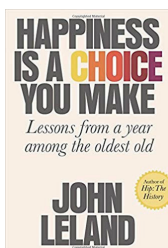
Be a part of our VolunTeen Program this Summer! Teens who have previously volunteered for the Guilderland Public Library's Summer Reading Program may pick up an application at the Youth Services Desk beginning Monday, June 3. **New VolunTeens are required to attend the Information and Sign-up Night on Monday, July 1 @ 7pm.**

For Parents: Attend the concurrent Parent Information Session (Monday, July 1 @ 7pm) to have all your questions answered about GPL's Summer VolunTeen Program and GPL's expectations for you and your child.

Book Talk and Signing with New York Times Journalist John Leland

Tuesday, May 21 @ 7 pm

In a talk that will inspire and fascinate, award-winning author and journalist John Leland will share his experience of following six elders in New York City in a series of articles for *The New York Times*, which then became a single book. Due to unprecedented early interest, registration for the May 21st talk is nearly filled. The talk will be livestreamed on the Library's Facebook page the day of the program, and will be archived on our website. To register, please contact our program partner, the Albany Guardian Society, at (518) 434-2140.



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2019-2020 Proposed Budget

The Library's Board of Trustees has approved a 2019-2020 operating budget of \$3,987,713, based on a tax levy of \$3,892,813. Details of the budget are provided on page 3. Overall, this budget is not significantly different than last year's, with a few adjustments.

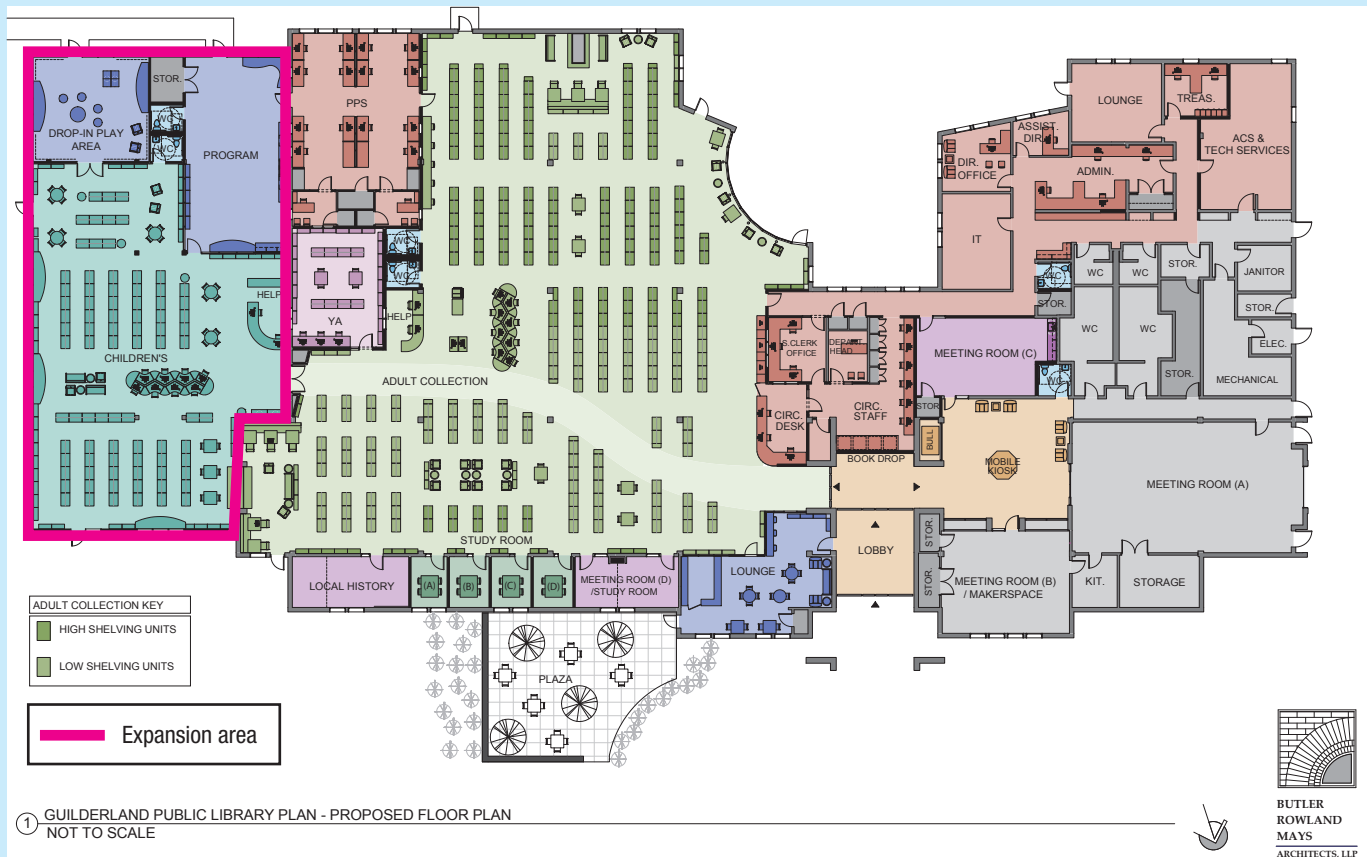
Of particular note:

- For the second year in a row, we've put a modest increase into our programming budget, to provide even more great classes, speakers, concerts and other programs for you. There is an increase in the library materials line, based partly on growing consumer demand for e-content, and partly on the strong preference patrons showed for expanding the collection on our survey last year.
- Professional services primarily reflect architect and attorney fees related to the referendum. The large drop in this line indicates the funds we spent last year on architectural, legal, and engineering fees to develop the Library Renewal Project. Now that the project is finished, we have far less need in these areas this year.
- The capital improvements figure reflects our plan to continue refurbishing existing spaces in our building including skylight repair, restroom remodeling, and updates to doors and windows to ensure energy efficiency.
- Our interest income has risen dramatically because of higher interest rates on the operating funds which we hold in short-term CDs until money is needed for operations.

Library Renewal

Guilderland Public Library is more than a quarter-century old and operating at or beyond capacity. Based on extensive public input over the past 18 months and in careful consideration of the best course of action to address current and future needs, our Board of Trustees has formulated a plan for renovating and enhancing the building.

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The public is invited to attend information sessions on this proposal in advance of the May 21 referendum vote:

- Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday May 9 at 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Library Director Tim Wiles (and Architect Paul Mays from Butler Rowland Mays Architects, LLP on May 2), will present the finalized plan and answer questions. Tim is also presenting this information to community groups including all seven PTAs in the school district, the Guilderland Republican and Democratic committees, the Altamont Library Board, The Guilderland Seniors lunch meeting, the McKownville Neighborhood Association, the Guilderland Citizens for

Responsible Growth, and the Town Board meeting on May 7th.

Library Director to make visits

If you would like Tim to visit your neighborhood association, book club, home schooling group, or any other Guilderland-based organization, please contact him at 518-456-2400 x113.

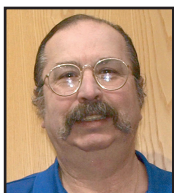
Please visit <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/get-to-know-us/places/renewal> for further details, architect plans and FAQs.

Referendum vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2019

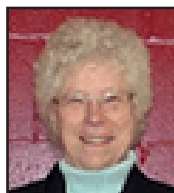
We encourage you to vote on our budget, Board of Trustees candidates and referendum on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at your designated Guilderland elementary school.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

The Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees currently has three (3) open seats. These positions will be voted on May 21. Information on these five (5) candidates is on our website at <http://guilderlandlibrary.org/get-to-know-us/people/board-of-trustees/vacancies-on-board>. Here is the order they will appear on the ballot:



Barry
Nelson



Barbara
Fraterrigo



Phil
Metzger



Mark
Keeling



Catherine
Barber



PROPOSED 2019-2020 BUDGET

	2018-2019	2019-2020
Library Materials	\$375,000	\$395,000
Salaries and Benefits:	\$2,659,150	\$2,811,870
Operations:		
utilities	\$45,000	\$50,000
photocopiers	\$6,000	\$6,000
office and custodial supplies	\$37,500	\$38,500
postage	\$5,000	\$5,000
insurance	\$17,500	\$18,800
taxes (water and sewer)	\$13,000	\$10,000
conference and travel	\$18,100	\$15,500
memberships	\$2,500	\$3,000
special programs	\$40,500	\$42,000
building and equipment maintenance	\$73,274	\$89,000
financial services and auditing	\$15,000	\$15,000
printing - business operations	\$40,000	\$42,500
professional services	\$307,752	\$83,000
miscellaneous	\$20,000	\$27,500
online catalog/circulation system	\$40,000	\$45,000
IT/ hardware and software	\$63,000	\$56,000
refund of real property taxes	\$4,000	\$0
capital improvements	\$100,000	\$234,043
total operations	\$848,126	\$780,843
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,882,276	\$3,987,713
Income:		
fines and fees	\$36,000	\$37,900
interest	\$9,000	\$24,000
book sales	\$18,000	\$20,000
gifts, grants, and donations	\$1,500	\$1,500
photocopiers	\$9,000	\$9,000
non-resident fees	\$2,500	\$2,500
TOTAL INCOME	\$76,000	\$94,900
BUDGET	\$3,882,276	\$3,987,713
minus income	-\$76,000	-\$94,900
equals LEVY	\$3,806,276	\$3,892,813

Proposed Levy Increase: 2.3%

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bryan Best, <i>President</i>	Michael Marcantonio
Herbert Hennings, <i>Vice President</i>	Barry Nelson
Kaitlin Downey, <i>Secretary</i>	Karen Carpenter Palumbo
Christopher Aldrich	Nareen Rivas
Barbara Fraterrigo	Jason D. Wright
Peter Hubbard	Tim Wiles, <i>Library Director</i>
	Carroll Valachovic, <i>Trustee-</i>
	<i>Appointed Treasurer</i>

ADULT LECTURES & EVENTS

PETE SEEGER CELEBRATION

Pete Seeger's Centennial Birthday Songfest!

Friday, May 3 @ 6-7:30 pm

Join us for a special performance of songs by Pete Seeger and his orbit (Weavers, Woody Guthrie, Lead Belly, et. al.), featuring the talents of musician Michael Eck and friends. We'll have birthday cake to celebrate Pete's centennial birthday!

NY Living Legacy: Pete Seeger

Saturday, May 4 @ 11 AM

Join us for a very special multi-media lecture and Q&A to celebrate the centennial birthday of beloved folk legend Pete Seeger! Noted music writer Jesse Jarnow, author of *Wasn't That a Time: The Weavers, the Blacklist, and the Battle for the American Soul*, presents a program enhanced by photo projections and music.

*Presented in
partnership with the
Empire State Plaza
Performing Arts Center.*

2019 GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

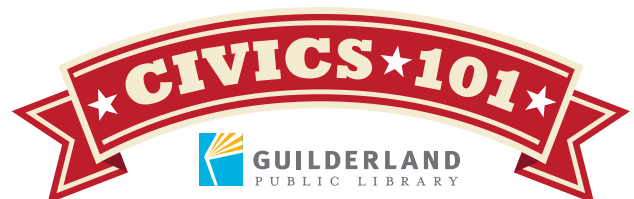
All @ 2 pm

May 19: Finger Lakes Guitar Quartet

Exciting, eclectic programming spanning five centuries, including original arrangements.

June 9: Tanager

Dedicated to the performance and interpretation of traditional jazz from the 1920s and '30s.



Civics 101: The Electoral College

Thursday, May 9 @ 7 pm

Dr. Anne Hildreth, Associate Professor Emerita from the University at Albany's Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, will be on hand to discuss current issues related to the Electoral College. ③

ADULT LECTURES & EVENTS



Better Angels

Saturday, May 4 @ 2-4:30 pm

There's a lot of stress these days among family members and friends who are divided politically, and the current polarized public conversation doesn't help. Please join us for the Better Angels Skills Workshop to learn skills for having respectful conversations that – rather than aiming to persuade – clarify differences, search for common ground, and affirm the importance of the relationship. ③

Saturday, June 1 @ 9:30am-4:30 pm

This all-day Red/Blue workshop invites equal numbers of people from either side of the political divide to work on methods for understanding each other's values and positions with a view toward identifying common ground. Participants will work to debunk stereotypes, listen respectfully, and ask and answer clarifying questions. ③

Bringing Mindfulness to Life

Mondays May 6, 13, 20 @ 6:30-8 pm

Do you wish you had more space, more clarity, more choice in your life or work? May is Mindfulness Month, so make a point to attend this three-part workshop and learn how to incorporate mindfulness with techniques to guide the mind, relax the body, and deepen your well-being. This workshop series is team-taught by three presenters with experience in meditation, yoga, therapy, and mindfulness practice. Space is limited, so sign up soon! ③

Connecting the Dots: Using Technology to Stay Socially Connected

Thursday, May 16 @ 2 pm

Research shows that meaningful relationships are integral to aging well, and that seniors who have an active social life may have a slower rate of memory decline. So what tools can we use to stay connected with our family, our friends, and our community, and how do they work? Join Jennifer LaPorte, from Brookdale Senior Living Solutions, as she takes you through a presentation on the what-where-and-how of technology resources available to maintain those important connections.

Fitness for Arthritis: a CDPHP Program

Tuesday, June 18 @ 2 pm

This class will incorporate a variety of stretching, strength, and range-of-motion exercises geared toward decreasing joint pain and stiffness, while improving flexibility, mobility, mood, and overall wellness for those with arthritis. Instructor: Suzanne Wall, BS Health and Wellness, Certified Personal Trainer, Group Exercise Instructor.



THURSDAYS @ 6:30 PM

The Oscars may be over, but you can catch some winners at the library. We're showing recently released films in May and June.

MAY 16:

BlackkKlansman (R) 2hr 15min

MAY 23:

Green Book (PG-13) 2hr 10min

MAY 30:

Vice (R) 2hr 12min

JUNE 13:

The Favourite (R) 1hr 59min

JUNE 20:

If Beale Street Could Talk (R) 1hr 57min

JUNE 27:

On the Basis of Sex (PG-13) 2hr



Kitchen Composting Made Easy

Saturday, May 18 @ 2 pm

Composting garden and kitchen scraps is a great way to divert waste from landfills and improve soil texture and fertility. Join Capital Roots Educator, Francesca DiGiorio and learn how to start your very own compost pile. We will cover the types of materials that can be composted, how to keep your pile balanced and alive with life, and how to use the finished product. ③



RAD – Self Defense for Women Ages 16+

June 4, 5, & 12* @ 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. It begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training, 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. ③

*You must attend all 3 classes.

TECH IT OUT

eBook Office Hours

Wednesday, May 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 2-3:30 pm

Wednesday, June 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 2-3:30 pm

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. Please bring your library card and your device to the appointment. **3**

Teens Teach Tech

Tuesday, May 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 3:30-5 pm

Get tech help one-on-one from a Guilderland National Honor Society student! 45-minute sessions can be scheduled Tuesdays between 3:30-5 pm. Can't make it on Tuesday afternoons? We have other dates and times available with our adult computer coaches. Call us for more information. **3**

Cookbook Club

A Monthly Feast

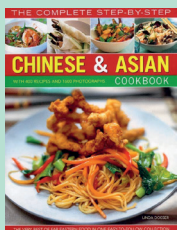
Meet each month to talk about cooking and sample dishes (made by participants!) from a selection of books chosen by our staff. You'll also have a chance to take home a copy of the "book of the month."

The Happy Cook

by Daphne Oz

Wednesday, May 15 @ 7 pm

Cooking should be fun and relaxing! Celebrate Spring with this gorgeous assortment of recipes featuring fresh and delicious ingredients, written by Daphne Oz, co-host of ABC's "The Chew." **3**



The Complete Step-by-Step Chinese & Asian Cookbook

by Linda Doerer

Wednesday, June 19 @ 7 pm

This month we will explore the different cuisines of China and the rest of Asia! **3**



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

NIGHT OWLS

Led by Librarian Maura Powers-Smith

Mondays @ 7:30 pm

May 13: *Summer Hours at the Robbers Library*, by Susan Halpern

June 10: *You Don't Have to Say You Love Me*, by Sherman Alexie

DAY LARKS

Led by Librarian Maura Powers-Smith

Tuesdays @ 2 pm

May 14: *Summer Hours at the Robbers Library*, by Susan Halpern

June 11: *You Don't Have to Say You Love Me*, by Sherman Alexie

GREAT BOOKS

Led by facilitator Sue Klug

@ 7 pm

Thursday, May 2: *The Counterlife*, by Philip Roth

Wednesday, June 5: *House of the Seven Gables*, by Nathaniel Hawthorne

GENEALOGY

Drop-in Genealogy with Lisa Dougherty

Wednesday, May 8 @ 6 pm

Wednesday, June 12 @ 6 pm



Professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty is available for free family-history consultations and advice on a drop-in basis, from 6-8 pm the second Wednesday of each month. Bring your questions and 'brick walls' for help finding solutions.

Genealogy: Researching Your Dutch Ancestors Online

Saturday, June 8 @ 2 pm

Local Genealogist Christopher White will give a presentation about online resources for anyone researching their Dutch ancestry.

Pet First Aid & Safety

Saturday, June 22 @ 2 pm

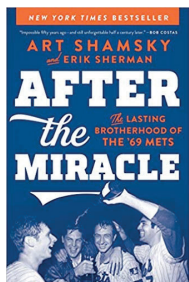
Veterinarians from the Guilderland Animal Hospital will give some great tips to help keep your best friends safe and healthy at home and outside. We'll even have a couple of useful giveaways for pet owners, while supplies last. **Please consider bringing a new pet toy to this event. GPL will donate them to Mohawk Hudson Humane Society.**

This program is for humans only - please leave your pets at home.



Miracle Mets: Art Shamsky and Co-Writer Erik Sherman

Saturday, May 18 @ 2 pm



Meet Art Shamsky of the 1969 World Series Champion Miracle Mets, who played for the Mets, Reds, Cubs, and A's from 1965-1972. Shamsky has co-authored the new book *After the Miracle: the Lasting Brotherhood of the 1969 Mets*. His co-author, Erik Sherman, also will appear and sign books. ③

GPL POPS UP!

Lupine Fest

Saturday, May 18 @ 10 am-4 pm

GPL will be at the 15th annual Lupine Fest at the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center. We'll have books, crafts, and lots of fun!

Pride Parade

Sunday, June 9 @ Noon

Staff, friends, and family from the 29 libraries that make up the Upper Hudson Library System will walk in the Pride Parade in Albany, near Washington Park.

Guilderland Farmer's Market

Sunday, June 30 @ 10 am-2 pm

We'll be joining local and regional farmers, crafters, artists, and food artisans at this community marketplace located on Route 155. Be sure to stop by and visit with us!

GUILDERCRAFTS

Strawberries Love Chocolate

Thursday, May 9 @ 6:30 pm

Join us to create delicious, chocolate-covered strawberries to give as an edible gift just in time for Mother's Day, or as a special dessert! Space is limited. ③



PLANT EXCHANGE

Wed., May 22 @ 5-7 pm

Thinning out your perennials? Bring them in and trade them for something new.

Bring plants in pots. Drop them off on the day of the swap or the day before the swap* and get a ticket for each one. Bring your tickets to the swap and exchange them for new plants.

** We cannot accept plants earlier than Tuesday, May 21.*

FAMILY

Family STEAM Nights

Monday, May 6 @ 6:30 pm



Local schools' and colleges' science departments will be here with fun hands-on science activities for kids! For children in grades 3-6, with their families. ④
May 6: hosted by the Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College

Ukulele Jam for Beginners

Saturdays, June 22, June 29 & July 13 @ 10:30 am



Uke players of all skill levels are welcome. Whether you've never touched a ukulele or you play every day, join us for this series of jam sessions to play some music with others and have a bit of fun. Bring your own ukulele (or check one out from us!) We will have a limited supply available to play at each session. Each session builds on the other, therefore you must register for 6/22, 6/29 and 7/13. A family-friendly program for people of all ages. ③ or ④

Ukes You Can Use!

We're happy to announce that we are now offering six ukuleles for checkout! Each ukulele comes with a tuner and travel bag. Visit the library to borrow one. Be sure to join us at the Ukulele Jam for Beginners series starting June 22.

National Llama Appreciation Day Llama Extravaganza

Friday, June 21 @ 4 pm

Bring your kids to meet real live llamas (and an alpaca!) courtesy of Wunsapana Llama Farm. Plus llama-themed storytime, crafts, and a visit from the one and only Llama Llama in Red Pajamas!



TEENS AND TWEENS

Study Space

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

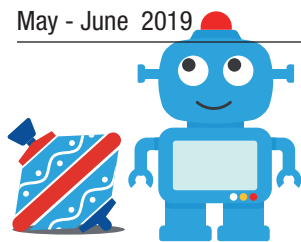
Monday, 6/17 @ 5-8pm

Monday, 6/24 @ 5-8pm

Tuesday, 6/18 @ 5-8pm

Tuesday, 6/25 @ 5-8pm

Wednesday, 6/19 @ 5-8pm



FUN STUFF FOR KIDS



CHILDREN

Little Lego

Mondays, May 6 and June 3 @ 3:30 pm

Lego Club for children in grades K-3. Use your magic imaginations 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 for several weeks. For younger siblings we offer Duplo.

Planting Sunshine & Flowers for Mother's Day with WMHT's Barbara Lukas

Saturday, May 11 @ 10:30 am



Join us for our annual Mother's Day Program and plant a flower and a vegetable to "present" to Mom on her special day. You can water and watch the plants grow all summer long! Grades PreK-1. All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. ④

Dragon Boat Race! Bilingual Storytime

Saturday, June 8 @ 10:30 am



Miss Julia is back to celebrate the famous Chinese Dragon Boat Festival with us! Join us for books, music, and lots of family fun in both English and Mandarin. Julia Liu is a bilingual early childhood educator and Guilderland resident.

NEW TO OUR LIBRARY OF THINGS!

- More Board Games
- Ukuleles
- New Cake Pans
- Video Game Controllers

COMING SOON!

Badminton Set and Telescopes

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

My Weird School Party

Wednesday, May 22 @ 3:30 pm

GPL's Library Club presents an afternoon of fun and games inspired by the My Weird School books by Dan Gutman. ④

GPL Sprouts

Mondays @ 3:30 pm

STEM for grades PreK-2 with a caregiver. ④

May 13: Catch of the Day with the Baseball Hall of Fame



Project Picture Book!

2nd Fridays @ 3:30 pm

Join us for a fun read-aloud and a special art project related to the book! Be sure to dress for a mess! Grades PreK-2. ④

May 10: Tissue Paper Flower Garden / **June 14:** Splatter Art

PARENTING



Infant & Toddler Nutrition: Your Questions Answered!

Thursday, May 30 @ 10 am

Are you transitioning your baby to solids? Wondering what you can possibly give that finicky toddler for lunch? Patty Wukitsch, dietician at the Guilderland Hannaford, will be here to answer your questions. Babies and toddlers welcome. ④

Tiny Tots Tummy Time & More!

June Mondays @ 1 pm

Join pediatric occupational therapist, Amber Chaves, for a fun session of tummy time! Explore aspects of parent/caregiver bonding, visual and auditory stimulation through gentle play and song, developmental patterns leading to sitting, variations on tummy time, and baby massage. Learn about infant developmental milestones, therapeutic movement, and how doing tummy time now supports school readiness later! Please bring a blanket for baby to lie on during class.

This class is for babies 6 weeks to rolling over/pushing backward, with their caregiver. Caregivers are strongly encouraged to attend all 4 sessions. ④

Storytimes



Baby Bookworms

Tuesdays @ 10:30am

Last session May 21

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. Babies ages birth to 18 months old, with a caregiver.

Toddler Time

Tuesdays and Wednesdays @ 10:30am

No sessions May 7 and May 14

Last sessions May 21 and 22

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). Toddlers 19-36 months old, with a caregiver.

Preschool Drop-in Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 10:30 am

Last session May 22, 23

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

Wee Waddler Time

Thursdays @ 10:30 am

Last session May 23

Music and movement, rhymes and bounces, puppets, read-alouds, toys, bubbles and more. Crawlers, waddlers, and walkers up to 24 months, with a caregiver.

3 Little Birds: Music and Movement

Fridays @ 10:30 am

Last session May 24

Sing, dance and join our 3 Little Birds – Penny, Poppy & Pete – for a fun-filled class your whole family will enjoy! This program is dynamic and interactive, so come ready to participate in the fun. Ages birth to 5 years, with a caregiver.

***May 17 @10:30 am the Normanskill Strummers will be joining us again for a special "Songs We Love" ukulele class!**



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. 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!

**DON'T "SPACE OUT"
JOIN GPL'S SUMMER
READING PROGRAM!**

A UNIVERSE OF STORIES

Summer reading programs are designed to encourage children to keep reading during summer vacation, foster a love of learning, and encourage exploration. Preventing the "summer slide" continues to be the main objective! This summer at GPL we have so many fun activities, programs, and special events planned – all of them based on the theme "A Universe of Stories." Be sure to look for the Children's and Teen's brochures that your kids will

bring home from school. In the meantime, share these ideas with your kids for a summer of fun and learning!



*Spend time
with friends.
Summer is a great
time to do this!*

*Explore someplace
new. Visiting a new
place and meeting new
people can be a great
learning experience.*

