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Operating Remotely, Planning for Our Gradual Reopening

**A message from
Library Director
Tim Wiles**

Greufus misses you! We're busier than ever, operating remotely and continuing to actively investigate many details in order to formulate the best course of action for our **phased reopening**, in conjunction with the other 28 Upper Hudson libraries and the constantly-changing federal, state, CDC, and county health directives. There is a long and growing laundry list of considerations, as you can imagine.

The Library has already undergone an extensive deep cleaning and disinfecting process, and we are committed to maintaining this stringent level of safety for everyone who enters our building—first our staff in staggered shifts, then eventually, our patrons. The *phased, gradual reopening* of UHLS libraries we speak of should not be confused with the phases for reopening business set forth by our governor; they are distinctly different. Preliminary details on our reopening plan, subject to change, will be posted here: www.guilderlandlibrary.org/gpl-reopening-plan.

Annual Vote

Our budget and board candidate vote is being conducted solely by mail-in ballot and administered through Guilderland Central School District. Responses are due back by **Tues. June 9**. More info. on the process here: www.guilderlandschools.org. Our proposed budget, which once again falls under the tax cap limit, is posted at the right. We also have five candidates—three incumbents and two first-time candidates—vying for three Board of Trustees positions. Board candidate information may be found on page 2 and 3 of this newsletter. For further voting details on our proposed budget and board candidates, please see: <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/2020-vote>.

Expanded Offerings

We're continually adding **virtual programming and digital offerings**. See details on our latest online programs in this newsletter, and our full complement of digital resources and video tutorials on how to access them, here: www.guilderlandlibrary.org/healthy-at-home/.

We appreciate your patience as we navigate through uncharted territory, striving to serve you with utmost safety above all else. We miss you...hope to see you soon!

PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET

EXPENSES	2019-2020	2020-2021
Library Materials	\$ 395,000	\$ 395,000
Salaries & Benefits	2,811,870	2,964,400
Operations		
Utilities	50,000	50,000
Photocopiers	6,000	6,000
Office & Custodial Supplies	38,500	41,500
Postage	5,000	4,000
Insurance	18,800	18,800
Taxes (Water & Sewer)	10,000	12,000
Conference & Travel	15,500	15,500
Memberships	3,000	3,000
Special Programs	42,000	41,750
Building & Equipment	89,000	92,000
Maintenance		
Financial Services/Auditing	15,000	17,100
Printing - Business	42,500	27,500
Operations		
Professional Services	83,000	57,000
Miscellaneous	27,500	35,000
Online Catalog/Circulation System	45,000	46,000
IT/ Hardware & Software	56,000	56,000
Refund of Real Property Taxes	0	0
Capital Improvements	234,043	197,628
Total Operations	780,843	720,778
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,987,713	\$4,080,178
INCOME		
Fines & Fees	37,900	30,700
Interest	24,000	20,000
Book Sale	20,000	25,000
Gifts, Grants & Donations	1,500	1,500
Photocopiers	9,000	4,500
Non-Resident Fees	2,500	2,500
TOTAL INCOME	\$94,900	84,200
BUDGET	\$3,987,713	\$4,080,178
minus income	94,900	84,200
equals LEVY	\$3,892,813	\$3,995,978

[see guilderlandlibrary.org/2020-vote](https://guilderlandlibrary.org/2020-vote) for more info.

2020 BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATES

The Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees currently has five candidates—three incumbents, two first-time candidates—seeking to fill three vacancies. As with our proposed budget, these positions will be voted on exclusively by absentee ballot per Executive Order. Completed ballots (mailed by the Guilderland Central School District to residents on May 28) must be received by the school district by **Tuesday, June 9**. The vote tally is expected to be completed by June 12. More on this year's mail-in ballot voting process at: www.guilderlandschools.org.



Here is the information submitted by our five Board of Trustees candidates, listed in ballot order:



Marcia Alazraki

Background

- Grew up in New York City
- Guilderland resident for 52 years

Education

- Bachelor of Arts in English and Education, *summa cum laude*, University of Albany
- Juris Doctorate, Albany Law School

Professional Experience

- Deputy Superintendent of Insurance
- Assistant Counsel to the Governor of New York
- Private practice attorney for 35 years, advising clients on insurance company acquisitions and regulatory matters
- Retired

Community Involvement

- Secretary / Treasurer – Girls Inc. Board of Trustees Foundation Trust of Schenectady
- Volunteer – Jewish Federation of Northeastern NY

Ms. Alazraki's Statement:

I was brought up in a poor family in New York City. Purchasing books was not part of my family's budget. My library card was precious and books opened up the world to me and shaped my devotion to learning. Guilderland Public Library is very important to me. I love the feel of it, the quiet hominess, the wonderfully attentive and knowledgeable staff, the ability to sit and read in a comfortable and welcoming space. I would be honored to serve on the library board so that I may contribute to its mission and help continue its service to our community. In this way, I can show my gratitude to libraries and pass on the gifts they have given me.



Herbert Hennings

Background

- Grew up in Long Island
- Guilderland resident for 34 years

Education

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, *cum laude*, Kenyon College
- Master of Arts in Political Science, University at Albany

Professional Experience

- Insurance Fund Representative II, New York State Insurance Fund for 35 years, representing NYSIF at Workers Compensation board hearings
- Retired

Community Involvement

- Vice-President, Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees
- Board Member, Upper Hudson Library System
- Member, Guilderland Planning Board Committee
- Member, Guilderland Democratic Committee
- Member, Albany County Democratic Committee
- Member, PEF Retirees
- Former Member, PEF Executive Board
- President, Troy Area Labor Council
- Executive Board Member, Capital District Area Labor Federation

Mr. Hennings' Statement:

I am interested in becoming a candidate for the Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees because I want to continue my work for the Library and on the Board of the Upper Hudson Library System. I have lobbied the legislature for increased funding for local libraries, both construction aid and general aid. I have worked with other board members on the Guilderland Public Library construction project and want to follow through on this. I am presently vice president of the Library Board and have served on the Personnel & Policy Committees. I want to work to make the Guilderland Public Library a true center of the community and increase programs and outreach to the community.



Mark Keeling

Background

- Grew up in Phoenix, Arizona
- Served in the U.S. Army 14 years
- Guilderland resident since 2011

Education

- Undergraduate: St. Leo University
- Graduate: Bethel University

Professional Experience

- Vice President with a national insurance company

Community Involvement

- Guilderland Public Library - Board of Trustees

Mr. Keeling's Statement:

I feel the library has an important part in the community. It is a place to gather, provide children's programs, support community initiatives and in the current environment also provide virtual resources. During my current tenure on the Board of Trustees, we have been involved with the effective and important decisions as it pertains to a more virtual version of the library. It is important that the library remain fiscally responsible and at the same time provide robust resources for our community. By being elected to serve on the Board of Trustees again, I hope that I can help continue the tradition but also provide insight and direction for future growth.

Ballots were mailed out by Guilderland Central School District on May 28. See www.guilderlandschools.org for further details on this year's voting process.

2020 BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATES



Philip Metzger

Background

- Grew up in Long Island, lived in Texas
- Guilderland resident for 7 years

Professional Experience

- Lead Systems Analyst, RR Donnelly – manage IT projects finding efficiencies and alternative solutions to fulfill the print needs of businesses worldwide

Community Involvement

- Guilderland Public Library – Board of Trustees

Mr. Metzger's Statement

Having an inside connection to the world of libraries, I have become acutely aware of their importance in our society and I understand their needs and challenges in our current environment. By running for the Library Board of Trustees, I hope to support the library administration in setting goals that build a stronger community in Guilderland centered around our library, providing the services that drive even more people to take advantage of everything that the library offers.



Richard Rubin

Background

- Grew up in Monticello, NY
- Guilderland resident for 23 years

Education

- Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Psychology, University of Rochester
- Master of Business Administration in Health Care Management, Boston University

- Medical Doctor degree, State University of New York Upstate Medical University

Professional Experience

- Clinical Geriatrics Physician with Eddy Senior Care
- Former Primary Care Internal Medicine physician
- Former Medical Director of St. Mary's Hospital, Troy

Community Involvement

- Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center – Board of Directors
- University of Rochester – volunteer interviewer
- Normanskill Strummers ukulele group

Dr. Rubin's Statement:

I am seeking a position on the board for three primary reasons. First, although it sounds cliché'd, I very much want to pay it forward for the benefits the library affords me and my family. I gain so much from the library through borrowing all sorts of things, attending wonderful programs, etc., and this is a way for me to contribute. Second, I hope that the library would benefit from my medical knowledge and experience in planning programs and other innovative ways to serve the community. Lastly, I have a graduate business degree and am comfortable with institutional budgets and the challenges of maintaining services at a time of increasing costs and decreasing revenues. We have an AMAZING library, and I want to be part of making it even better! Thank you for considering me for this position.

Completed ballots are due back to Guilderland Central School District by Tuesday, June 9 at 5 pm.

ONLINE ADULT / TEEN PROGRAMS



Cookbook Club: At-Home Edition

Wednesday, June 3 @ 7 pm: Stress Baking

Our ever-popular Cookbook Club has gone virtual! We're holding bimonthly sessions of Cookbook Club. Have you

found yourself baking more than ever lately? What are your favorite recipes when you need something sweet...NOW! Or perhaps bread is your go-to stress bake. Let's compare notes in this Stress Baking session of Cookbook Club!

Please provide an email and a library barcode with your registration. You'll receive an email invitation to the videoconference the day before the event.

Drag Race Trivia

Tuesday, June 16 @ 7 pm

Start your engines and may the best TEAM win! It's **RuPaul's Drag Race Trivia** from home! Celebrate Pride Month and season five of All Stars by answering trivia all about this favorite three-time Emmy-winning reality competition! Will you "sashay away" a winner? Recruit your team and join us for fun evening! Team captains ages 16+ years old will be responsible for communicating to the library hosts. Team Captains and team members that need the virtual meeting login information should register.



Digital Organization Sampler

Thursday, June 18 @ 6 pm

Note taking, checklists, idea boards, and more—the Internet is home to a variety of free tools and apps designed to help you get organized. Take a guided tour of the best tools you can use to tame the mayhem, stay on deadline, keep it all straight, and otherwise streamline your life. This event will be held via gotomeeting.com, so registrants will need to set up an account on that site in advance. You'll receive the webinar link two hours before class via email. Please provide your email and library card barcode for the meeting invite.

REGISTER for all programs by clicking on the EVENTS tab on www.guilderlandlibrary.org.



SUMMER READING



Imagine Your Story!
Online Summer Reading Program
All Ages

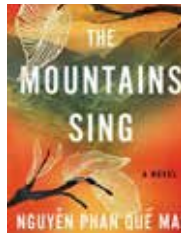
This year, our Summer Reading Program looks a little bit different, but MANY things will be the same as past years – including our challenge to all of you to keep reading! **Children, teens AND adults** can log their reading on Beanstack, and earn chances to win prizes!

- **Sign up to participate in summer reading here:** guilderlandlibrary.beanstack.org. Preregister for **Imagine Your Story - Summer Reading Program 2020** and log your reading and activities starting **June 22**. Already a Beanstack member? Great! Log into your account, and preregister today!
- Follow us on **Facebook** on the **GPL Kids & Families** page for archived storytimes (we're taking our usual storytime summer break) and more fun stuff.
- Check the Imagine Your Story web page at www.guilderlandlibrary.org for more information on storytimes, virtual programs and fun activities.

This is a great way to stay connected—even if we need to stay apart a little while longer.

Night Owls Book Discussion Online
Monday, June 8 @ 7:30 pm

This month, we're reading *The Mountains Sing* by **Nguyen Phan Que Mai**, which is available for download as an eBook or audiobook on Hoopla. To participate in our video meeting, include your email address when you register at the **EVENTS** tab on our website. You can also join the **GPL Night Owls Book Club** on [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com).



MORE GPL NEWS

Virtual Genealogy with Lisa Dougherty

Wednesday, June 3 and 10—all day
 Our resident professional genealogist, Lisa Dougherty, is available for free family history consultations the first two Wednesdays of this month. Get 1:1 help at the **Upstate NY Genealogy by Lisa Dougherty Facebook page**. You can also access ancestry.com free for a limited time at: www.uhls.org/databases.asp.



Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees Virtual Board Meeting

Thursday, June 18 @ 6 pm, streamed live on our **Facebook page**. Public commentary before and during the meeting may be directed to: pio@guilderlandlibrary.org.



GPL's Guide to Job Information Resources

Looking for a job? We've compiled a host of employment resources into a convenient guide on our website to facilitate the process, including a handy list of employment websites, businesses hiring now, downloadable career resources, and much more.

Ukulele Jam

Missing our Thursday night ukulele jams? The **Normanskill Strummers** are meeting online **Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 pm**.



Email normanskillstrummers@gmail.com to join; see www.normanskillstrummers.com for further details.

ALBANY GUARDIAN SOCIETY



Personal Enrichment Classes

We're collaborating with Albany Guardian Society to offer several virtual programs we think you'll enjoy! All classes will be held through the

*videoconference platform Zoom. **Registration is required for all; please call AGS at 518.434.2140 to register, and let them know you are a GPL patron.** The day before the event, you'll receive a link to the Zoom session via email. If you've never used Zoom before, call AGS for instructions.*

Boost the Benefits of Plants in Your Diet
Thursday, June 18 @ 1:30 pm

This class will teach you how to maximize the vitamins and minerals in the fruits and veggies you grow and how preparing your produce brings about different health benefits. Presenter: Amanda Vrsalovic, Garden Educator, Capital Roots. **Please call AGS at 518.434.2140 to register.**

Stress Management 101

Wednesday, June 24 @ 1:30 pm

Looking for a better way to deal with the ups and downs of life? This class will examine the stress response and explore the role of mindfulness-based reduction through breath awareness, meditation, and guided relaxation. Presenter: Judith England, RN, Health Educator, Kripalu Yoga Instructor. **Please call AGS at 518.434.2140 to register.**

Enrich Your Life with Podcasts

Tuesday, June 30 @ 1:30-3 pm

In this session, you will learn about the great variety of podcasts and podcast apps, how to subscribe to them and download episodes for free. Presenters: Eleonora Morrell and John Dowley from MicroKnowledge, Inc. After taking the class, be sure to check out GPL's recommended podcast list; we'll provide the link to all participants. **Please call AGS at 518.434.2140 to register. www.albanyguardiansociety.org**