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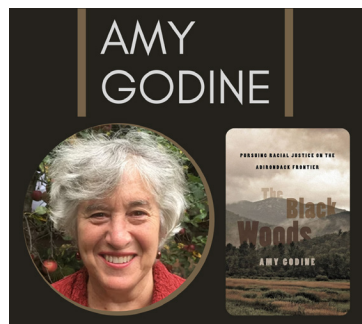
MARCH 2024



Spring Craft Fair
Saturday, March 9
@ 9:30 am-2 pm
Come one, come all to our Spring Craft Fair, showcasing a variety of talented vendors displaying local handmade goods. Take a leisurely stroll throughout the Library, and snag unique treasures!

Space: A Month-Long Imagination Invasion

Beginning March 11
In preparation for the historic solar eclipse happening on **April 8th**, we have displays and programs planned, leading up to the big day!
See inside for details.



Tales from the Black Woods: Author Talk with Amy Godine
Wednesday, March 20
@ 6:30 pm (rescheduled)
In *The Black Woods*, locally-based writer Amy Godine recovers a robust Adirondack history of Black pioneers who carved a future and their civic rights from the wilderness.

With stirring accounts of racial justice, and no shortage of heroes, *The Black Woods* amplifies their unique significance in the American experience. Join us as excerpts are shared, followed by a Q & A session and book sale and signing. **[R]**

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.....1–5 pm
All programs are in-person, unless otherwise noted.

Welcome Spring! Community Card Drive

Through March 26

Our popular community cards project returns, just in time for spring! Let's help support our local friends at **Community Caregivers** as they serve our neighbors. Contribute a hand-made or recycled spring-themed card for

one of 200+ Community Caregivers clients. This can be an individual or family project—all ages are welcome to join the fun and spread joy to someone who would appreciate a cheerful mailed greeting. Here are the guidelines:

- ▶ Create or repurpose card(s) no larger than 4" x 5"
- ▶ Please use a general spring theme—no religious content
- ▶ Optional: add an uplifting message / sign the card(s)
- ▶ Envelopes will be provided, but if your card comes with one, please include! Please do not seal.
- ▶ Community Caregivers will address and mail all cards received, so leave the envelope blank
- ▶ Postage stamp donations are appreciated!

We have supplies in the Tawasentha room—stop in and make or repurpose a donated card, and place it in the marked bin.
Thank you for helping to spread kindness to someone's life!



DOORSTEP DELIVERY
Guilderland Public Library

Openings for Doorstep Delivery

We have openings in our book delivery service for patrons who are unable to come to the Library!

If you or a loved one is a Guilderland patron without means of getting to the Library, we can work with you to deliver

up to four books a month! We can add up to three people to our monthly delivery schedule. We will schedule a time to talk with you or your loved one to find out reading preferences, genres, and format. A staff person then selects titles for you each month. We work with volunteer drivers from Community Caregivers for deliveries to several senior living facilities and individual residences. For more information, please reach out to **Maria Buhl, Community Engagement/Outreach, at buhlm@guilderlandlibrary.org, or 518-456-2400 ext. 172.**

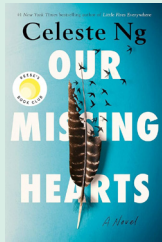


ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS [R]

[https:// guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion](https://guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion)

Night Owls Book Club



Mondays @ 6:30 pm

Hybrid: in-person or virtual

Led by Librarian Maura

We're reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles.

March 11: Our Missing Hearts

by Celeste Ng

April 8: Killers of the Flower Moon

by David Grann

Hopeless Romantics Book Club



Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

Led by Librarian Sam

We're reading romance titles, from historical and contemporary picks to newly-popular romantasy.

March 20: Never Fall for Your Fiancee

by Virginia Heath

April 17: Bride by Ali Hazelwood

Realm Explorers Science Fiction / Fantasy Book Club, open to Ages 16+ and Adults—**Saturday, March 16 @ 11 am**—see page 5

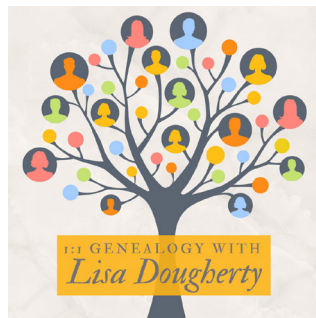
Registration for the **Read It and Eat Cookbook Club** opens on March 7 for the next meeting on **Thursday, April 11 @ 6:30 pm**. Please register at the Adult Information Desk and choose your recipe.

Genealogy Assistance with Lisa Dougherty

Wednesday, March 6

@ 5:30-7:30 pm

Research your family tree! Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty offers 1:1 family history consultations on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Drop in for customized help.



CHECK THIS OUT

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAMS

► **D & D Drop-In: Create a Character**

Thursday, March 7 @ 5-7 pm—page 4

► **Felt Brooches for Women's History Month**

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Wednesday, March 27 @ 6 pm—page 5

GPL ACADEMY

This adult programming series emphasizes lifelong learning on a wide variety of subjects, all designed to educate, inspire and spark community. Enjoy!



SONGS OF ERIN



GPL Sunday Concert: Songs of Erin: From Folk to Contemporary

Sunday, March 10 @ 2 pm

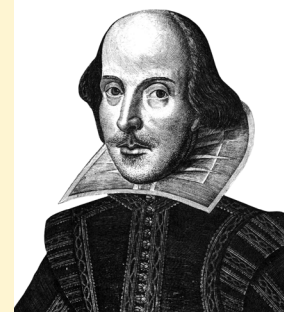
Come celebrate the wearin' o' the green with some spirited, heartfelt music from the Emerald Isle! Vocalist Eileen Egan Mack and pianist Michael Clement will present an eclectic program

of Irish music featuring traditional favorites—plus some surprises—from the classical to the contemporary.

William Shakespeare's Hamlet: A Reading and Discussion Series on Zoom

Six Virtual Sessions beginning Tuesday, March 12 @ 6:30 pm

William Shakespeare wrote *Hamlet* nearly 430 years ago. Rich in complexity, the play captures nearly the entire range of human emotion. This tragedy at its most elemental is about the nature of indecision, the choices we make, and the consequences we must live with as a result—issues we continue to grapple with today.



A limited number of copies of this play are available for registrants on a first-come, first-served basis at the Adult Information desk for you to keep. At the end of the series, everyone is encouraged to watch one of the film adaptations of the play. We will reconvene to talk about our experience. *This series is made possible with funding from Humanities New York.* [R]



Gardens of the Emerald Isle: A Photographic Journey to Ireland on Zoom

Thursday, March 14 @ 6:30 pm

Discover the magic, myths and beautiful gardens of Ireland!

Enjoy an armchair tour

on Zoom of the National Botanic Garden, Lismore Castle, Kilmacurragh Botanical Garden, Heywood Gardens, Powerscourt, Innacullin, and more! Jana Milbocker, landscape designer, lecturer and author, is our guide. [R]

ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Love Stories: A Creative Fiction-Writing Series

Three Sessions beginning
Saturday, March 16
@ 9:30-11:30 am
Do you have a romance just waiting to be written? Join this

workshop to find out! This series is intended for students of all ability levels. Creative prose fiction writing will be explored through discussion, assignments, and peer review. By the end of the course, students will have built upon their writing skills, practiced the use of research to inform their creative work, given and received constructive feedback, and explored the creative process—together, and individually. Above all, you will have fun! [R]

It's Spring! Let's Start Composting!

Thursday, March 21
@ 7 pm

Composting is one of the easiest ways for us to be part of a climate solution. Guilderland Coalition for Responsible Growth presents a program on composting, in collaboration with Diana Wright (Foodscrap360) and Glen Culbertson (Zero Waste Capital District) who will share their expertise on this subject. You'll learn about simple ways to compost right in your own backyard, as well as other options available. [R]

It's Spring! Let's Start Composting!

A How-to Workshop

Thursday, March 21
@ 7 pm



Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, March 16
@ 1:30-3:30 pm

Join us for a rousing session of D&D! Bring a level 2 character to the McKownville study room to play

a Dungeons & Dragons one-shot. Beginners are welcome! Check out our D&D Drop-In: Create-A-Character event on Thursday, March 7 from 5-7 pm. See page 4 for details.

Some programs are already full! Please refer to our online Events Calendar, and make sure you are subscribed to our weekly eNews ("GPL News")!



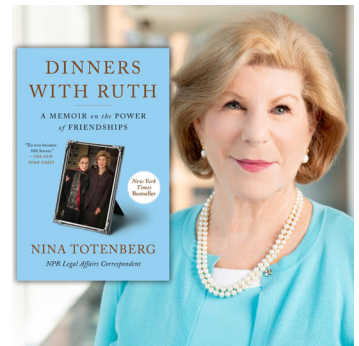
LIVE VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS [R]

The Power of Friendships with NPR Legal Affairs Correspondent Nina Totenberg

Wednesday, March 6
@ 4 pm

Nina Totenberg talks about her nearly fifty-year friendship with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in her revealing and edifying bestseller

Dinners With Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships.



20 Years of Dragon-Riding in YA Fantasy with International Bestselling Author Christopher Paolini

Thursday, March 14 @ 4 pm

Join us as we chat with master storyteller and internationally bestselling author Christopher Paolini about his triumphant return to the world of *Eragon* with

Murtagh, a stunning continuation of the epic fantasy.

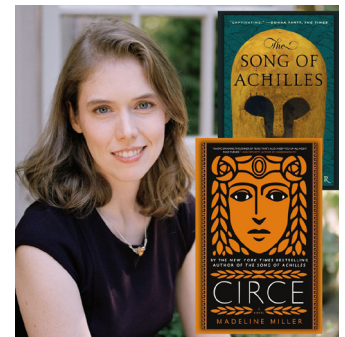


On Retelling Greek Classics: An Exploration of the Modern Epics with Madeline Miller

Thursday, March 21 @ 7 pm

You're invited to sit in on a fascinating exploratory conversation with Madeline Miller, bestselling author of *The Song of Achilles* and *Circe*, as she chats with us about her body of work and her process

in retelling Greek classics into modern epics in fiction.



Silent Book Club Sunday, March 17 @ 1:30-3 pm

Tired of deadlines? Not interested in discussions? Want to read your favorite book in quiet? Try the **Silent Book Club!** Bring a beverage, snack, and a book (or two!) We'll chat for the first half-hour,

then read silently for the next hour. This is an opportunity to carve out reading time for yourself in a comfortable space in community with others. [R]

YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

**Storytimes**

**Infant through age 5,
with caregiver**

Storytimes incorporate literacy, music, socialization and hands-on learning fun! No registration is needed.

► **Tuesdays at 10:30 am:**

Family Storytime

► **Tuesdays at 2 pm**—Baby Storytime (birth-18 months)

► **Wednesdays at 10:30 am**—Sky Friends

► **Thursdays at 10:30 am**—Family Storytime

Storytime @ GPL

Teen Advisory Community Outreach (TACOs)

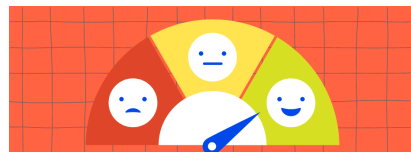
Tuesday, April 2

@ 5-7 pm

Grades 6-12

NEW CONCEPT! Please register now for a special two-hour TACOs Volunteer meeting at the beginning of April. We'll be prepping decorations and games for the Galactic Arcade event! You'll earn volunteer credit. **[R]**

**TEEN.
ADVISORY.
COMMUNITY.
OUTREACH.**



Teen Opinion Panel

Thursday, March 7 @ 5pm

Grades
8-12

Please
register

Give your
feedback
about books
& more

Teen Opinion Panel

Thursday, March 7

@ 5 pm

Grades 8-12

NEW! Teens will complete web-based surveys and answer discussion questions about library collections, teen room features, and

possible community service projects. Participants will receive one hour of service credit for attending. **[R]**

D & D Drop-In: Create a Character

Thursday, March 7

@ 5-7 pm

Teens & Adults

Kenku & Tabaxi & Centaurs, oh my! All Dungeons & Dragons beginners and enthusiasts are welcome to stop in and create a new

D&D character, based on the expanded race options from Mordenkainen Presents: Monsters of the Multiverse!



Felt Brooches for Women's History Month

Tuesday, March 12

@ 5:30-7:30 pm

Teens & Adults

In honor of *Women's History Month*, create unique portrait-esque felt brooches with us! This is a creative and intentional way to celebrate and honor the achievements of women throughout history, representing iconic or everyday role models. It's an ideal mother-teen daughter activity. **[R]**



SCIENCE. TECHNOLOGY.
ENGINEERING. ART. MATH.



Family STEAM Night

Tuesday, March 12

@ 6 pm

Grades 3-6

Come explore fun STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) topics with local high school and college presenters. This month, we welcome Skidmore College's Tang Teaching Museum. **[R]**

Mario Day Party

Friday, March 15

@ 2 pm

Grades K-5

March 10—aka **Mar10**—is Mario Day! We're celebrating on March 15 when school is out. Race on over to our Helderberg Room for:

- An Obstacle Course
- Video Games
- Snacks
- Crafts

...plus other fun surprises! Costumes are welcomed. **[R]**



Drop-In Constellation Coloring

Saturday, March 16

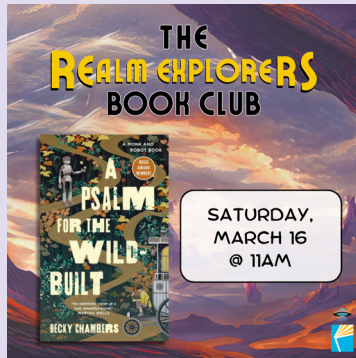
@ 11 am-12 pm

Family/All Ages

Help build our Children's Library Constellation by coloring in a star!

Drop in and use a variety of our coloring supplies. *All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.*

YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Realm Explorers Book Club

Saturday, March 16 @ 11 am

Ages 16+ & Adults
 Realm Explorers meets monthly on Saturday mornings to discuss various **science fiction and fantasy novels, plus graphic novels.** This month, we're reading **A Psalm for**

the Wild-Built by Becky Chambers. You can pick up a copy of the book at our Information Desk (while supplies last) or borrow a digital copy from Libby or Hoopla. [R]

Parent Playdate

Monday, March 18 @ 11 am

Infant-Age 3 with Caregiver

Looking to meet other parents / caregivers? Enjoy getting to know other adults and their little ones, and check out all that the Library has to offer. Light refreshments will be available, while you and your child enjoy making new connections. [R]



Teen Study Hall & Virtual Tutoring

Wednesday, March 20 @ 3-6 pm

Grades 6-12

Got homework, studying for a test, or just need a quiet space? Drop in for a productive evening, and try our virtual live tutoring service, **Brainfuse**:

► live tutors in math,

science, reading/writing, social studies, PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP and state tests

► 24/7 writing lab for feedback on essays/papers

► foreign language lab, and more!

LEGO Free Play

Thursday, March 21

@ 3-6 pm

Ages 3+

Let's build with LEGOs!

Stop by the Children's Program Room to construct the most awesome LEGO creations you can imagine with our extensive collection.



Space Bash!

Monday, March 25

@ 4 pm

Grades 1-3

Join Bash Parties for an out of this world Space Bash! In this program, our astronauts will launch food cargo into the space station, search for hidden planets, decipher satellite communications, dodge aliens on our agility course, and refuel with rocket ship cake pops! It's a blast! [R]



Calm Coloring

Tuesday, March 26 @ 6 pm

Teens & Adults

Are you a coloring fanatic? Looking to wind down and relax? Come to Calm Coloring! Mellow music, herbal tea and all materials will be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite coloring utensils. [R]

The Great North American Solar Eclipse

Wednesday, March 27

@ 6 pm

Teens & Adults Virtual

Solar eclipses have fascinated humans for thousands of years. Myths and rituals were created to explain the sun's disappearance. It's a striking event that we not

only see, but experience. Join Dr. Mindy Townsend, astronomer with Dudley at Siena, for a Zoom discussion of the history, science, and safe viewing of the solar eclipse. [R]



Art Room

Wednesday, March 27 @ 3-6 pm

Family / All Ages

Calling all budding Picassos and Rembrandts: bring your creativity to the Library! Drop in anytime and use our wide variety of arts and crafts supplies to create your very own masterpiece(s).

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

**Technology Help**

**Wednesdays @
10 am, 11 am or
12 pm**

Coach Donna can provide customized assistance with PC and android functions:

- Internet Searches
- Microsoft Word & Excel
- Emails
- Facebook Basics
- Printing, Scanning, Faxing...and much more! [R]

**Teen Tech Help Desk**

Thursdays @ 4-6 pm

GCSD National Honor Society students offer tech help to Guilderland Public Library patrons during drop-in hours. The teens can help with things like:

- smartphone applications
- downloading books
- email set-up

- internet searches, and other tech questions.

**Computer Coach**

**Friday, March 22
@ 10 or 11 am**

Coach Robin can help you maximize Apple tech, including:

- Apple Watch
- iPad
- Apple TV
- iPhone
- Macbooks.

Reserve your 1:1 Apple tech session with Robin. [R]

Eclipse Activity Day

Monday, April 1

10 am: Grades K-3

11:15 am: Grades 4-7 [R]

Fright Club: Carrie

Kit Pick-Up April 1-5 [R]

Guided Art Show

Tuesday, April 2 @ 10 am

Wildwood Programs, led by Artist Megan Ruch

Special Jr. TACOs Volunteer Meeting

Tuesday, April 2 @ 5-7 pm: Grades 6-12

Getting Started with Your Family History

with Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty

Tuesday, April 2 @ 6-7:30 pm [R]

Maximize Your Libby Usage

Wednesday, April 3 @ 5:30-7 pm [R]

**NEXT
MONTH**

REGISTER

Board Candidates Sought

Application Deadline:

Monday, April 22

**Election: Tuesday,
May 21**

For the 2024 annual election, there is one vacancy on the Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees.

Incumbents and eligible candidates must be:

- a resident of the Guilderland Public Library District — which covers the same boundaries as the Guilderland Central School District — for at least 30 days prior to the election

- a United States citizen; and

- at least 18 years old.

Eligible candidates interested in running for a three-year term may pick up an information packet at the Library's Circulation desk. Each packet includes:

- a memo from the Interim Library Director followed by a biographical information sheet, which must be returned to the Library's Public Information Officer, Luanne Nicholson, by Monday, April 22, 2024; and

- candidate information and signature sheets from the Guilderland School District, which must be returned to Guilderland Central School District Clerk Linda Livingston by Monday, April 22, 2024.

Questions? Contact **Interim Library Director Nate Heyer:**

518.456.2400 x 151 / heyern@guilderlandlibrary.org.

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Trustee.



ON THE CALENDAR

THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED:

Sunday, March 31—Easter

March Exhibit—Roundtable

Artists / Guilderland Elementary

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

Let's Talk: Coffee & Conversation for Seniors Wednesdays @ 11 am-12:30 pm

Guilderland Guitar Group

Wednesday, March 6 @ 7 pm

Normanskill Strummers (Ukulele)

Thursday, March 7 @ 6 pm

Capital District Knitting Guild

Monday, March 11 @ 6-8 pm

Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting—Thursday, March 21 @ 6 pm In-person and streamed on YouTube. Public commentary may be submitted to: **pc@guilderlandlibrary.org** or in person at the beginning of the meeting.

EARLY VOTING: Presidential Primary Election

March 23—March 30

11 am-8 pm: Monday & Wednesday

8 am-5 pm: all other days

Guilderland Library Foundation Meeting

Thursday, March 28 @ 6:15 pm

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