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Greetings from the Construction Zone!

It is amazing to witness the daily progress with our building project! Things are really moving fast inside the library, as you can probably tell from the number of trucks, cranes, and other equipment you see when you drive by.



Interior walls and windows are being installed on our 6,555 square foot childrens addition at the east end



The teen room, adjacent to the childrens addition, is steadily taking shape



Current state of the Collection and Reading Room areas



Public restrooms are being renovated, and new unisex / family options like this one are being added

We're looking forward to welcoming you back into the enhanced library this fall..or maybe sooner! For more information, please see: <https://bit.ly/GPLbuildingproject>

CURBSIDE SERVICE HOURS

Checkouts - Normanskill Room Side Door:

Mon./Wed./Fri.....10 am - 4 pm

Tues./Thurs.....1 - 7 pm

Saturday.....10 am - 2 pm

Sunday.....2 - 4 pm

Returns - Parking Lot Sheds:

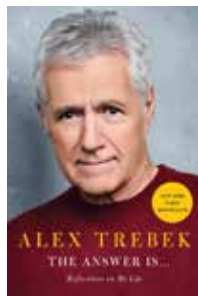
24/7, except holidays

The library is currently closed to public browsing.

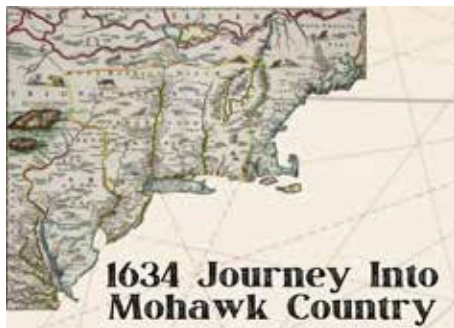
ADULT PROGRAMS



Night Owls Online
Monday, March 8
@ 7:30 pm



This month, we're meeting online to review **The Answer Is... Reflections on My Life**, the popular autobiography by Alex Trebek. Please place a hold on a copy for curbside pickup. Call us at **518.285.0050** or email us at ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org for assistance placing a hold, then register on the Events tab of our website, where you'll find further instructions. **[R]**



1634 Journey into Mohawk Country
Wednesday, March 10
@ 6:30 pm

Imagine trudging into the unknown winter wilderness, encountering wild animals and

native people who may or may not be friendly, all while wondering about your next meal or where you might sleep. Ellen Zunon will recount the fascinating 1634 journal of an intrepid West India Company employee who journeyed from Fort Orange (Albany) into Central New York with two brave companions to investigate the beaver trade and negotiate with the Mohawk and Oneida tribespeople. This program will be offered via Zoom. *Ellen Zunon is a retired teacher, a member of the Dutch Settlers Society of Albany, and a Trustee of the New Netherland Institute.* **[R]**

Avoiding Online Scams
Wednesday, March 24
@ 6:30 pm



Online scams are rampant these days, and new ones are popping up every day. Even the most savvy technology users can be tricked by scammers. Arm yourself with this knowledge! GPL welcomes officers from the Guilderland Police Department, who will share information about the latest scams and offer tips to avoid falling prey to online criminals. This program will be offered via Zoom. **[R]**

TECHNOLOGY

Power Your Job Search with Google
Thursday, March 18
@ 7 pm



Discover new opportunities with Google Search, and learn how to organize and enhance your job search experience using G Suite tools. We'll email you the GoToMeeting meeting link the day of the program. **[R]**



1:1 Apple Tech & Résumé Help
Tuesday evenings or Thursday mornings

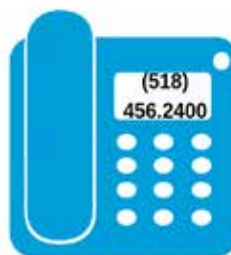
Perhaps you could use a little help maximizing your Apple gadget, or crafting your résumé using the Learning Express tool found on our

website...all from the comfort of home. Our volunteer computer coach, Robin, can gladly provide customized assistance for

- Apple Watch
- iPhone
- MacBook
- iPad
- Apple TV

or help you mine the riches of Learning Express on our website

at: <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/learning-tools>. Schedule your hour-long appointment **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm** or **Thursday mornings at 10 am.** **[R]**



New (Old) Phone Number Starting Wednesday, March 10, please call us at 518.456.2400.

Calls to our temporary lines [518.285.0050 and 518.285.0671] will be phased out eventually.



Programs will be held online, using one of our videoconferencing platforms. You'll need a computer with a microphone and webcam, tablet or a smartphone, to participate. **Registration is required, indicated by [R].** Click on the Events calendar on www.guilderlandlibrary.org to register. We'll email you the link in advance of the program.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Earbuds & Bookmarks: A Podcast Discussion Group

Saturday, March 27 @ 3 pm



Calling all Podcast enthusiasts! We're building an online community of like-minded folks, and you're invited! Each month, we'll listen to a different podcast or episode, then connect online to share our thoughts.

March's podcast discussion:

Five Games for Doomsday - Grant Lyon Interview
First Aired: January 4, 2021

We'll send you the GoToMeeting link the day before. **[R]**

Also: check out GPL's very own podcast—**How Did You Find It?**—available on most major platforms.



The following two programs are offered in conjunction with Albany Guardian Society.

Over-the-Counter Medicines with Your Pharmacist

Tuesday, March 9 @ 1:30 pm

This virtual program, presented by the Albany Guardian Society, will cover how to get the most out of your relationship with your pharmacist.

Daniel Malone, PharmD, will review common over-the-counter medications and supplements, plus guidelines on general medication use. Albany Guardian Society (AGS) will email the link to all registrants a day or two before the event. **[R]**



Chair Yoga
Wednesday, March 17 @ 1:30 pm

Short-circuit stress and build flexibility, balance, and strength—no yoga experience necessary! An armless, straight-backed chair, comfortable clothing, and internet connection are all you need! Led by Judith England, RN,

a certified Kripalu Yoga Instructor. AGS will email you the link to participate. **If you have an ongoing health issue, please check with your health care provider first.** **[R]**

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Grab & Go Storytime Kits for Preschoolers

March 8: Friendship
March 22: Move & Groove!
Ages 2-5



Every other Monday, we'll have a storytime kit available for you and your little one(s).

Each thematic kit will contain suggestions for books, rhymes, and songs to share together, plus one or more fun surprise activities. Storytime kits are recommended for ages 2-5 and are available on a **first come, first served basis.**



STREAM Kits
Friday, March 26
Grades K-5

STREAM learning encompasses **S**cience, **T**echnology, **R**eading, **E**ngineering, **A**rt and **M**ath

in dynamic ways. Register in advance, then pick up a kit incorporating four fun STREAM-based activities during curbside hours starting Friday, March 26 at 10 am. **[R]**

Let it Grow Kit for T(w)eens

Grades 6-12
pickup March 12-19



Winter will soon be Spring—let it grow! This kit will include materials and directions to grow your own crystal and make seed planting paper. Kits will be available for curbside pick-up Friday, March 12-Friday, March 19. **[R]**



DIY Hand Lettering Kit
Teens & Adults
pickup starting March 24 @ 10 am

Try your hand at this fun activity teens and adults can do together!

Register, then pick up your supply of paper, brush tip markers, and other resources during curbside hours. **[R]**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES VIRTUAL MEETING:

Thursday, March 18 @ 6 pm on Facebook

Public commentary may be submitted at any time to: **pc@guilderlandlibrary.org**. Board Meeting archives may be accessed at: **http://bit.ly/GPLBoardMeetings**

SEEKING 2021 BOARD CANDIDATES!

Petitions for nomination are due **Monday, April 19.**

Voting occurs Tuesday, May 18. For more information, please see: **https://bit.ly/GPLBoardCandidates**