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Introducing...Library Calendar!

Our new event calendar software

Following many months of preparation, GPL is pleased to unveil our new calendar software—**Library Calendar!** This new platform provides a more intuitive interface for searching and registering for programs, color-coding them by age group. It also allows for patrons to reserve meeting or study rooms online, in accordance with our policies. We think you'll be pleased with this user-friendly upgrade! Take a look at **https://guilderlandlibrary.org/** under the "Events" tab. As always, we're happy to assist with any questions you may have!



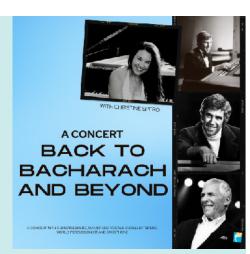
2023 GPL Board of Trustee Candidates
For our annual election on Tuesday, May 16, we have two open positions on our eleven-member Board of Trustees, with an application deadline of Monday, April 17. Board members serve a five-year term, meeting monthly and serving on various committees. Board service

is vital to operation of the Library, and requires a significant time investment. Please request an information packet at the Circulation desk, or email Library Director Tim Wiles at wilest@guilderlandlibrary.org for further details.

Sunday Concert: Back to Bacharach and Beyond Sunday, March

Sunday, March
26 @ 2 pm
Embark on a
sentimental
musical journey
with veteran
musicians
Christine and
Elliot Spero
through

composer Burt



Bacharach's greatest songs—with some surprises! Bacharach, who died last month at the age of 94, is deemed one of the most important composers of 20th-century popular music. He composed hundreds of pop songs from the late 1950s through the 1980s, mostly in collaboration with lyricist Hal David, and continued creating music well into his early 90s. A six-time Grammy Award winner and three-time Academy Award winner, Bacharach's songs have been recorded by more than 1,000 different artists! These include such instantly-recognizable greats as *Raindrops Keep Fallin'* on *My Head*, (*They Long to Be*) *Close to You*, *That's What Friends are For*, and *Alfie*, to name just a few. Join us!

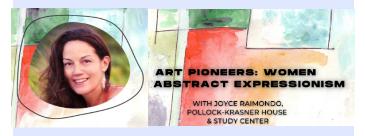


Library Advocacy Day is an annual opportunity at the end of February for library stakeholders and supporters to meet with statewide legislators, bringing attention to the vital role libraries play in enriching our communities. From left: Operations Director from Assemblymember Pat Fahy's office Kayli McTague; Troy Public Library Trustee Evelyn Greenstein; Guilderland Public Library Director Tim Wiles; Upper Hudson Library System Executive Director Tim Burke; Cohoes Public Library Director Christiann Gibeau; UHLS Manager of Youth and Family Services Mary Fellows; Altamont Public Library Director Joe Burke; UHLS Manager of Adult and Outreach Services Judith Wines.

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ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

March is Women's History Month!

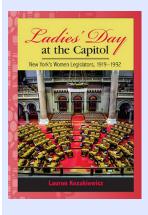


Art Pioneers: Women of Abstract Expressionism with Joyce Raimondo Tuesday, March 28 @ 1 pm

Virtual

Celebrate Women's History Month and discover the women who pioneered abstract art: Lee Krasner, Elaine DeKooning, and Helen Frankenthaler, among others. Learn about their lives as well as their groundbreaking creativity. Enjoy a bonus virtual tour of the home and studio shared by Lee Krasner and her husband, Jackson Pollock.

Joyce Raimondo is author of seven children's art books, including The Museum of Modern Art's popular Art Safari series and the award-winning Art Explorers books. A multi-talented painter and sculptor, her illustrations have appeared in numerous other publications. As the former Family Programs Coordinator at The Museum of Modern Art, she is a leading expert in museum education, with numerous national television appearances.[R]



Ladies' Day at the Capitol: Author Talk by Lauren Kozakiewicz

Wednesday, March 29 @ 6 pm Ladies' Day at the Capitol integrates for the first time the history of New York's women lawmakers with the larger story of New York State politics. Through extensive research and interviews, Lauren Kozakiewicz documents New York women's actions as elected officials between 1919 and 1992 and

explores how gendered ideas affected their careers and ability to represent women's voices in government. A Q & A session follows this informative presentation.

Genealogy Assistance with Lisa Dougherty

Wednesday, March 8 @ 6-8 pm

Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty offers monthly 1:1 family history consultations on a drop-in basis. For general infomation, visit Lisa's website: http://www.upstatenygenealogy.com.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS [R]

https://guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion



Night Owls Book Club

Mondays @ 7:30 pm Hybrid: in-person or virtual Led by Librarian Maura Powers-Smith. Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles.

March 13: Under the Tulip Tree. by Michelle Shocklee

April 10: Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman, by Robert K. Massie

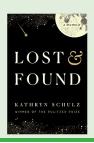
Memoirs in the Morning Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

Virtual

Led by Librarian Josalyn Wilder. Reading the best current biographies and memoirs. March 29: Lost & Found: A Memoir,

by Kathryn Schultz

Look for the Memoirs in the Morning group on goodreads.com!





Movie Night: The Woman King Monday, March 20 @ 6 pm

The Woman King is a historical 1820s epic about the Agojie, the all-female warrior unit that protected the West African kingdom of Dahomey during the 17th to 19th centuries. It tells the powerful story of Nanisca, chosen to lead her people in rebellion against the all-powerful French army. When she

was young, Nanisca's parents were killed by the French, and she was taken prisoner. As an adult, she must fight for her land and her people against impossible odds. With the help of Malik, a rebel leader who teaches her how to fight and love again, Nanisca sets out to reclaim her kingdom. Starring Viola Davis, Thuso Mbedu and Lashana Lynch. Rated PG-13.

Intro to Value Line

Tuesday. March 28 @ 6 pm Virtual

Explore this new financial learning tool, available to cardholders in the



Guilderland Library service area! Value Line helps investors make informed decisions that fit their goals and levels of risk. In a nutshell, it is: (1) a proven forecaster of stock price performance over the next six to 12 months; (2) a source of interpretative analysis of approximately **1,700 individual** stocks and 100 industries; and (3) a source of historical information that helps spot trends. Learn more about how to use this unique tool via Zoom. [R]

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YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Storytime Options

Let's read books, sing songs and get moving together! Caregivers are required to stay with their child(ren) the entire time. Please choose only ONE of the three storytime options per week:

- ► Toddlers—18-36 months—Tuesdays @ 10:30 am
- ► Families—birth-5 years old—Wednesdays @ 10:30 am
- ► Preschoolers—3-5 years old—Thursdays @ 10:30 am

Teen Tech Help Desk Thursdays

@ 4-6 pm

Drop in for customized assistance with smartphone applications,



downloading books to devices, email set-up, and more! National Honor Society students from Guilderland High School offer tech help, except during school breaks.



Teen Advisory **Community Outreach** (TACOs)

Grades 9-12 Thursday, March 2 @ 6:30 pm

Teens: what would you like to see at GPL? We're listening! Earn monthly volunteer credit with the **TACOs,** providing input on programs, books, the Foundry, and more! [R]

Music, Movement & **Mindfulness**

Tuesdays March 7, 14, 21 & 28 @ 1:15 pm Ages 2-5

NEW SERIES!

You asked for an afternoon program for young children; we listened! Toddlers.



preschoolers, and their caregivers are invited to this playful music program. We'll build literacy skills through singing and rhyming, get our wiggles out with active songs, and relax with calming child-friendly meditation sequences. Children will be introduced to beginning musical concepts in a fun, age-appropriate way, and have the opportunity to explore various rhythm instruments. This is a themed four-week series; please sign up for each class separately.[R]

Junior Teen Advisory Community Outreach (TACO)

Wednesday, March 8 @ 6:30 pm Grades 6-8

Join the TACOs! Earn volunteer credit by participating in our new Junior Teen Advisory group!. Give input on books, programs, and

more. Come solo, or bring a friend! [R]





Project Picturebook: **Talking Chickens** Thursday, March 9

@ 3 pm

Grades PreK-2

We're not talking turkey—this afternoon activity deals with talking chickens! Join

us for a fun read-aloud and related hands-on project.[R]

Family STEAM Night

Thursday, March 9 @ 6:30 pm Grades 3-5

Come explore fun STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) topics with our local schools and colleges! This month, we welcome Hudson Valley Community College's Biology Club. [R]



Drop-in Playtime



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Monday, March 13 @ 10:30 am **Ages Birth-5**

Caregivers, please join us for an hour of open playtime with your little one(s)! No registration needed.

LEGO Free Play

Wednesday, March 15 @ 3:30-6:30 pm Family / All Ages

It's time to build with LEGOs! Stop by the Children's Program Room anytime between 3:30-6:30 to build the most awesome LEGO creations you can imagine.



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YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Family Craft Night: Easy Macramé Wall Hanging

Thursday, March 16 @ 6-7:15 pm Grades 3-8

Children and their adult caregiver are invited to Family Craft Night at GPL! We'll be making macrame wall hangings using t-shirt

yarn—a fun activity you can do together! [R]

Art Room

Wednesday, March 22 @ 3:30-6:30 pm Family/All Ages

Bring your creativity to the Library! Drop in anytime between 3:30-6:30 and use our variety of arts and crafts supplies to create your own unique pieces of artwork.





The Wild Center's Animal Club on Zoom

Tuesday, March 28 @ 6 pm Family/All Ages

Family/All Ages
Join The Wild Center's

Animal Club! We'll hang out with otters, woodchucks, turtles and more! School-age children (and their families) can tap their creative side with animal-inspired

challenges that merge art and science. [R]

ON THE CALENDAR

AARP Tax-Aide appointments—Mondays
Call 211 to make an appointment

https://bit.ly/GPLTaxAide for tax info.

Drop-In Knit & Stitch—Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am Capital District Knitting Guild all skill levels

Monday, March 13 @ 6-8 pm

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 14 @ 1-6 pm NEW Kid/Teen Discovery Pages

Wednesday, March 15: Elementary Thursday, March 30: Teens guilderlandlibrary.org/gplkids/

GPL Board of Trustees Meeting Thursday, March 16 @ 6 pm

In-person and streamed on YouTube. Public commentary to: pc@guilderlandlibrary.org

NEW How Did You Find It? Podcast Friday, March 17 on all major platforms Guilderland Library Foundation Meeting Thursday, March 23 @ 6:15 pm.



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LIBRARY HOURS

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Friday	9:30 am-6 pm
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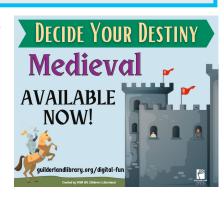
All programs are in-person, unless otherwise noted.

[R] = Register on the Events tab of our website.

NEW "Decide Your Destiny" Game

Family/All Ages

Our brand-new
Decide Your
Destiny game is ready
for you to explore!
Travel back in time
to the Middle Ages to
help a squire stop an
evil sorcerer so he can
compete in the



tournament! Will you accept the quest? YOU decide what happens in the story! Find all three *Decide Your Destiny* games here: https://guilderlandlibrary.org/digital-fun/



Goodbye Overdrive, Hello Libby

Live Monthly Webinars on Accessing the Digital Collection

You may have heard all the buzz around an app called **Libby** and wondered, what's it all about? This April (next month!), the Overdrive app is sunsetting to officially become the Libby App.

All of the same great features and collections from Overdrive are available in Libby—they might just look a little different.

Visit the following link (below) to attend a live webinar on how to use Libby—there are dates throughout the entire calendar year of 2023: http://bit.ly/3YY3vJL If you prefer a personal touch, stop by the information desk. Any of our staff can chat about Libby and help make the transition an easy one for you—we're always happy to assist!

Reads & Roasts Book Challenge Event: The Coffee Table Experience

Friday, March 31 @ 12 pm through

Sunday, April 2 @ 5 pm Tawasentha Room

Something's brewing! Join us for some cozy vibes and learn about the **Reads & Roasts Beanstack Book**



Challenge, which runs through the month of April. We're planning a series of (coffee-themed!) events throughout the month where you can earn badges to win prizes. More details will be available at this relaxed drop-in event. Peruse our oversized books around the oversized coffee table!