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THE 2020 CENSUS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

*Libraries serve
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nationwide effort*

All of us at GPL know the vital importance of accurate and complete data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The census informs everything from strategic library planning to how we respond to reference questions related to current U.S. demographics. This count of all U.S. residents, regardless of citizenship status, is required by the U.S. Constitution. It determines representation in Congress and the Electoral College. Impacting bottom lines, it helps determine the allocation of billions of dollars of federal funding to states and localities like Guilderland!

We are committed to helping our community achieve a complete count of our diverse population, because we serve everyone, and we believe that everyone counts.

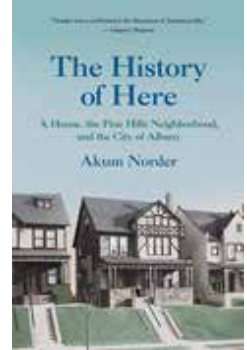
In March, the Census will begin mailing out postcards to all U.S. households inviting you to complete the Census form. We are here to help. Here's how:

- **Throughout March and April, look for the special display** in the Library where we will have information about the Census in different languages.
- **Use a dedicated computer in a private space** to fill out the Census form here, or check out a Chromebook to use at the library to complete your form. Each of our nine regular public computers will also have a desktop link to the Census website.
- **Attend our public information session, Census Sensibility: All You Need to Know about the 2020 Census, on Friday March 20 @ 5:30 pm.** Bob Scardamalia, Partnership Specialist with the NY Regional Office of the 2020 Census, will do a presentation and answer any questions you may have.
- **Ask a Librarian!** We can direct you to the different options for filling out your form; provide guides in different languages; and help with basic website navigation. Please understand that we cannot help you answer questions on your form.

The History of Here: A House, the Pine Hills Neighborhood, & the City of Albany

**An author talk with Akum Norder
Saturday, April 4 @ 1 pm**

When you buy an old house, you get much more than a house. In all its quirks, its alterations, in fragments of memory and traces left behind, you get a bundle of small mysteries. Who used to live here? Why did they come here, and where did they go? Whose name is that written on the attic wall? When did that odd little bathroom get shoehorned in there, and what did the room look like before? If you're lucky, one or two of your house's mysteries might unfold into stories. Akum Norder was very lucky. Her book, *The History of Here*, follows Albany, New York's, Pine Hills neighborhood through more than one hundred years of change. At its heart is the story of Norder's 1912 house and the people who built and lived in it. As Norder traced their histories, she came to see the development of her house, her street, and her neighborhood as a piece of Albany's story. In the lives of its residents, their struggles and triumphs, she saw a reflection of 20th-century America. *Copies will be available for sale after the book talk.*



GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES

All concerts @ 2 pm



MARCH 22: BLIND CROW

A progressive string group that blends technical proficiency, infectious rhythms, and insane amounts of energy to create an inspiring musical experience.

APRIL 5: MAGGIE MACDOUGALL QUARTET

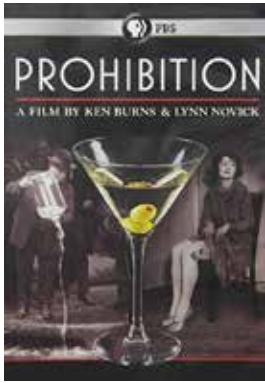
Maggie and her fellow musicians perform their *Languages of Jazz* program -- perfect for Jazz Appreciation Month during April!

APRIL 26: GUILDERLAND HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER STRINGS AND CHAMBER CHOIR

Another wonderful performance from the talented teens at Guilderland Central High School!



ADULT LECTURES & EVENTS



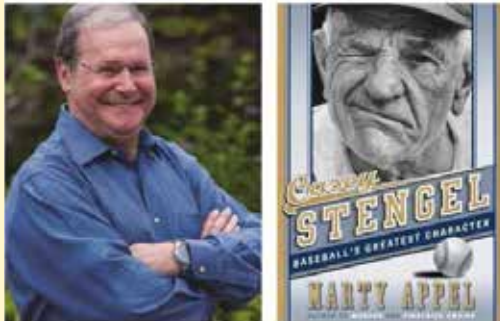
Prohibition: A Film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick
Tuesdays: March 10, March 17, March 24 @ 4:30 pm

This acclaimed three-part documentary film tells the fascinating story of the rise and the fall of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which banned the manufacturing, sale and transportation of alcohol in the United States, and the colorful era that it encompassed.

BASEBALL

Marty Appel: My Life in Baseball (so far...)
Wednesday, March 25 @ 7 pm

Marty Appel, longtime public relations director for the New York Yankees and best-selling author of 24 baseball books, will tell stories and show photos based on a



lifetime in the game in NYC. His definitive work on one of baseball's most enduring and influential characters – Casey Stengel: *Baseball's Greatest Character* – was hailed as the ultimate biography by the *New York Times*. Hear him recount new stories about Mickey Mantle, Casey Stengel, the Ruth Family, Reggie Jackson, Derek Jeter, Willie Mays, Tom Seaver, Yogi Berra, and more!



The Jane Austen Baseball Conspiracy

Thursday, April 23 @ 7 pm

Join David Block, author of *Pastime Lost: the Humble, Original, and Now Completely Forgotten Game of English Baseball* (2019) and members of the Capital Region Jane Austen Society for the fascinating story of how an offhand reference to baseball in Jane Austen's novel *Northanger Abbey* helped unravel the pastime's

longstanding Cooperstown-centered creation myth. Block will summarize his research into American baseball's obscure ancestor, the game of English Baseball, and will reveal how Austen's curious connection to this game goes well beyond her mentioning it in print. *David Block's previous work, Baseball Before We Knew It (2005), has been recognized as a groundbreaking study of the game's origins. In 2006, it received the Seymour Medal from the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) for the year's best book of baseball history or biography.*

MUSIC

GPL Cabaret

Friday, April 17 @ 6:30-8 pm

The Jeanine Ouderkerk Quartet joins us for our third cabaret evening, featuring light hors d'oeuvres, wine, and fantastic jazz! *You must be 21+ to attend this event; please bring a valid photo identification, such as a driver's license, as proof of age.* [R]



Sip & Strum Ukulele Jam
Wednesday, March 11 @ 6 pm

Sip & Strum Ukulele Jam is focused on fun and relieving stress with music. Bring your ukulele and tuner, and enjoy a glass of wine or juice! The most important part of the jam is that we're making music together in a fun and casual environment. The evening ends with a prize drawing and final jam. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to attend. You must be 21+ to attend this event. Please bring a valid photo identification such as a driver's license as proof of age. [R]



Ukulele Jam

Thursdays, March 26 & April 23 @ 6:30 pm

Uke players of all skill levels are welcome at this monthly drop-in session. Whether you only know a few chords or you play every day, join our jam sessions to play some music with others and have a bit of fun. Bring your own ukulele (or check one out from us!).

GUILDERCRAFTS

Money Tree Mixed-Media Art Project

Thursday, March 12 @ 7 pm

Our instructor will walk you through the steps of making a beautiful and unique mixed-media painting of a tree dripping with coins. Please bring some coins or other small metallic items you would like to incorporate. We'll provide the rest of the supplies. [R]

Rustic Family Photo Keepsake

Thursday, March 26 @ 7pm

Bring a photo you'd like to turn into a cherished keepsake. We'll transform them into charming ornaments using slices of logs and a crafty touch. [R]



Garden DIY: Flowerpot Restyle
Thursday, April 30 @ 6:30 pm

Bring up to three of your own plain clay or terracotta flowerpots from home. We'll present a number of creative

decorating techniques that will make them look spectacular housing your colorful spring plants! [R]

ADULT LECTURES & EVENTS

GAMES & TRIVIA

Missing Piece Board Game Club
Saturdays, March 7, 21 and April 4, 18 @ 2 pm

We have the snacks, we have the games...YOU are the missing piece! Join in the fun for our twice-a-month adult board game meetup every other Saturday. Bring your friends and your favorite games from home, or play one of ours from our collection of 100+ board games. We'll provide treats and the biggest table you've ever seen!



Marvel Trivia
Friday, March 27 @ 6:30 pm
 Don't come here expecting comic book trivia! We're talking the Marvel Movies! Come to our

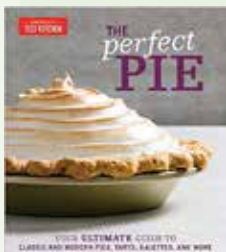
SUPER fun trivia event for all things Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU). We may throw in a little DC, too. Ages 13+. Only one person per team needs to register. Limit 5 people per team. [R]

Stop Senior Scams
Tuesday, April 21 @ 2 pm

According to the Senate Special Committee on Aging, seniors lose an estimated \$2.9 billion annually from financial exploitation. Impersonating the IRS was the number-one scam targeting seniors in 2018. And one in 10 Americans age 65 or older who live at home will become a victim of financial abuse. Armed with information on how to avoid these cons, you or your loved one can be less vulnerable. *Presenter: Jennifer LaPorte of Brookdale Senior Living Solutions.*

COOKBOOK CLUB

Come to the Library and select a recipe from the book we've chosen for the month. On the night of the "club," bring your dish (along with serving utensils); we'll provide plates, napkins, etc. Sample what others made and chat with fellow cookbook enthusiasts!



The Perfect Pie by America's Test Kitchen
Wednesday, March 18 @ 7 pm
 Celebrate Pi (π) Day any day! In March, we'll be baking up delectable treats from America's Test Kitchen's *The Perfect Pie*. [R]

Special Edition: 1920s Cookbooks!
Wednesday, April 15 @ 7 pm

Step back in time with a recipe from one of two heirloom cookbooks from the 1920s. Revisit classic dishes from 100 years ago! [R]

CONSUMER HEALTH



Healthy Smoothies
Tuesday, April 21 @ 6:30 pm

Would you like to learn how to make smoothies that actually taste and look delicious? Are you challenged on how to begin and which blender to use? This workshop is for you! Come learn how nutrient-packed they are during this demonstration and sample our deliciously nutritious creation. Leave inspired to make your own for the benefit of your overall health and wellness. *Presenter Rhonda Allen is a certified health and wellness coach from the Institute of Integrative Nutrition.*



Drug Take Back Day with the Guilderland Police Department
Saturday, April 25 @ 10 am-2 pm
Library Auxiliary Parking Lot

Guilderland Public Library and the Guilderland Police Department are once again teaming up for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's nationwide Drug Take-Back Day, a one-day collaborative effort between the DEA and state and local law enforcement agencies focused on removing expired, unwanted, or unused controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances and other medications from our nation's medicine cabinets. *No sharps or syringes are accepted. Medications may be turned in to the police officers stationed in the library's auxiliary parking lot from 10am to 2pm on April 25 only. Please do not drop off medications prior to the event. Drug Take Back Day officials will not ask questions of nor request identification from anyone.*

GENEALOGY

Genealogy Seminar: Getting Started
Saturday March 7 @ 10 am-2 pm

If you've been meaning to start your family research, this is the perfect way to start! Professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty will cover how to use the free resources provided by Guilderland Public Library, including Ancestry, Family Search, and Fold3 to start your journey. Please note: This is a four-hour seminar, which will include a complimentary lunch. [R]



Drop-In Genealogy with Lisa Dougherty
Wednesday, March 11 and April 22 @ 6-8 pm

Professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty is available for free family history consultations and advice on a drop-in basis, the second Wednesday evening of each month. Get one-on-one help starting the process, or bring your questions for help finding solutions.

ADULT LECTURES & EVENTS



BOOK DISCUSSIONS



NEW!
He Read/She Read Book Club
Tuesday or Wednesday @ 7 pm
 Librarians Dustin and Josalyn Wilder alternate each month in selecting a title and leading this book club discussion.

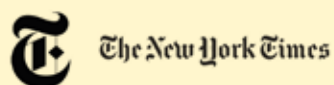
Tuesday, March 3 @ 7 pm: He Read
The Chain, by Adrian McKinty
Wednesday, April 1 @ 7 pm: She Read
Daisy Jones & The Six, by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Looking ahead...
Tuesday, May 5 @ 7 pm: He Read
The Nickel Boys, by Colson Whitehead
Wednesday, June 3 @ 7 pm: She Read
Ask Again, Yes, by Mary Beth Keane

Night Owls
Led by Librarian Maura Powers-Smith
Mondays @ 7:30 pm
March 9: *Lilac Girls*, by Martha Hall Kelly
April 13: *Educated*, by Tara Westover

Day Larks
Led by Librarian Maura Powers-Smith
Tuesdays @ 2 pm
March 10: *Lilac Girls*, by Martha Hall Kelly
April 14: *Educated*, by Tara Westover

Great Books
Led by Facilitator Sue Klug
 First Thursday of the month @ 7 pm
March 5: *As You Like It*, by William Shakespeare
April 2: *Daughter of Fortune*, by Isabel Allende



New York Times Available Digitally

Exciting news: we now subscribe digitally to the

New York Times for your convenience! You can access this daily newspaper at the library after creating a free account or logging into a pre-existing account. From home, click on the New York Times button on our web page to create a free account to enjoy unlimited access for 72 hours. If you already have an account, access our subscription through our home page and log into your existing account.



JOKER

Thursday, March 12 @ 6:30 pm
 Failed comedian Arthur Fleck (Joaquin Phoenix, who won the Best Actor Oscar for this performance) is isolated, bullied and disregarded by Gotham society to the point that he steadily descends into madness, ultimately transforming into the criminal mastermind known as the Joker. Nominated for 11 Academy Awards. Also starring Robert DeNiro. Rated R. Runtime: 122 minutes.



FROZEN 2

Thursday, April 16 @ 6:30 pm
 Anna, Elsa, Kristoff, Olaf and Sven leave Arendelle to travel to an ancient, autumn-bound forest of an enchanted land. They set out to find the origin of Elsa's powers in order to save their kingdom. Rated PG. Runtime: 103 minutes

TECH HELP

Digital Library 101
Wednesdays March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8, 22, 29 @ 2-4:15 pm

GPL now offers streaming movies and TV shows, downloadable eBooks, and even eMagazines! How can you take advantage of all we have to offer? Sign up today for a 1:1 session with a librarian. We can tackle one item per appointment. Let us know if you would like to learn:

- How to stream TV and movies
- How to download eBooks and audiobooks
- How to download e-Magazines

Please bring your library card and a mobile device to the appointment. **[R]**

Teen Tech Volunteers

Tuesdays @ 3:15 and 4:45 pm

National Honor Society students from Guilderland High School can provide tech help! They'll work with you on a variety of topics including phones; tablets; laptops; email; and more **[R]**

Unable to do Tuesdays? We have excellent computer coaches who can work with you! Call to learn more.

ADULT LECTURES & EVENTS

TECHNOLOGY



Cut the Cord: Cut Ties With Your Cable Company

Thursday, April 2 @ 1:30 pm



What's the difference between cable TV and streaming? How can you watch your favorite shows without cable TV? It can be daunting keeping track of all the devices and services available! Join us for a comprehensive

overview of the try-before-you-buy devices in our Cut the Cord circulating collection, and find out if cutting ties with your cable company may be right for you. **[R]**

Streaming Music

Wednesday, April 15 @ 2 pm



Have you heard about streaming music, but aren't sure where to begin? Come learn the basics from us in this one hour class! Bring your own phone or tablet for a hands-on experience. Note: You must be comfortable with the basic functions of your phone or tablet to participate in this class, including the ability to download free apps and use the internet. Having access to email is a must. **[R]**



We're excited to announce the results of the Penguin Random House **Winter Reading Challenge!** The purpose is to encourage all ages to read as many books as possible during January and log them in Beanstack. Our goal was to collectively log 4,000 books to surpass last year's total.

While we didn't quite reach this goal—we had 3,060 books logged—we DID manage to be named **one of the 29 top-reading libraries in the country!**

THANK YOU to all who participated! We'll keep you posted on the prizes awarded that we can all enjoy!

TWEENS / TEENS



Take a Break Teen Reader Boxes

Got plans for the spring? We've got some ideas for you! Get your Teen Reader Box for April School Break! Each box will contain a selected just-for-you library book to check out, an advanced reader paperback book to keep, and some fun surprises. Sign up beginning Friday, March 6. Grades 8-12.

Framed Quote Art

Friday, April 17 @ 2:30 pm

Get creative with us during school break! We'll bring out our Cricut machine to design and custom-cut your own framed quote and image art! Grades 6-12. **[R]**

Looking for a meaningful activity to share with your tween or teen? Try our new Parent & T(w)een Nights!

Parent & T(w)een Night: Trivia!

Tuesday, March 31 @ 7 pm

T(w)eens and a parent/guardian are invited for a night out with dessert and an activity to do together! In March, we'll play pop culture Trivia! Grades 5-9 with an adult. **[R]**

Parent & T(w)een Night: Cake Bash!

Tuesday, April 21 @ 7 pm

In April, T(w)eens and a parent are invited to a

night out "Cake Bash" with cupcake decorating led by Bash Birthday Parties. Grades 5-9 with an adult. **[R]**



KIDS & TEENS



CLOSED EASTER SUNDAY

CMOST: What's the Scoop?

The Science of Making Ice Cream

Monday, April 13 @ 2 pm

Grades 1-3

Welcome Spring! Poetry Teatime

Tuesday, April 14 @ 2 pm

Grades K-5

Smash & Craft! Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Free Play AND Craft Buffet!

Wednesday, April 15 @ 2:30-4 pm

Craft Buffet: all ages; Super Smash Bros. Ultimate is rated Everyone 10+

GPL Adventures:

Science of Magic

Thursday, April 16

@ 3:30 pm

Grades 3-5 **[R]**

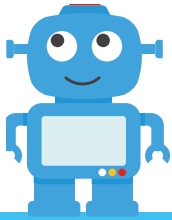
Framed Quote Art

Friday, April 17 @

2:30 pm

Grades 6-12 **[R]**





FUN STUFF FOR KIDS



PRE-K / ELEMENTARY



Little Lego Mondays, March 2 and April 6 @ 3:30 pm

Meet us in the Story Hour room and let your creativity flow with imaginative play

using our extensive LEGO collection. Grades K-3. For younger siblings, we offer Duplo. **[R]**

Shake, Rattle and Roll! All Tuesdays in March and April 21 & 28 @ 10:30 am

Join Miss Rebecca on a weekly themed adventure filled with songs, rhymes, dance, and other fun activities. Rebecca Marcello is the owner of Little Feet Dance Street in Glenmont. She is a dance teacher, professional singer, and mom of three. Ages 2-5, with an adult caregiver. **[R]**

Read to Furry Friends Wednesday, March 4 @ 6:30 pm

Our favorite furry (and not-so-furry) friends—Groucho Barx, the dog and Goose, the hairless cat—are back! They are looking forward to hearing the stories beginning readers will share with them. Reading to furry friends is a great way for new readers to use their skills in a fun and relaxed setting.

Library Club Wednesday, March 11 & April 22 @ 3:30 pm

Join us for an afterschool snack as we talk about our favorite books, plan future programs, and do a project to benefit the Library! Grades 3-5. **[R]**

Woodland Wonders with WMHT'S Barbara Lukas Saturday, March 14 @ 10:30 am

Join WMHT's Barbara Lukas for another fun morning of family literacy and crafts based on the classic children's book, *Morning, Noon and Night* by Jean Craighead George. Grades PreK-2 with an adult caregiver present. **[R]**





Project Picture Book Select Fridays at 3:30 pm

Join us for a fun monthly read-aloud session and related art project. For grades PreK-2. Dress for a mess! **[R]**
March 13: Old Hat
April 3: Recycle!



Nintendo Games! Thursday, March 12 @ 3:30 pm

It's time to play some Nintendo Switch and WiiU games on the big screen! Stop by to play Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros, and other Nintendo games! Grades 3-5. **[R]**

Science of Magic Thursday, April 16 @ 3:30 pm

It's time for a magical adventure with the scientists from Mad Science! Learn the secrets behind magic tricks and create your own orbies! Grades 3-5. **[R]**



LOL Surprise "Slumber" Party Thursday, March 19 @ 6:30-8 pm

Bring a blanket and pillow, your wildest dress-up outfit, and your favorite doll! Make some cute accessories for you and your doll. Set up your sleeping bag and watch "LOL Surprise: Winter Disco". Then participate in the life-size LOL surprise fashion show. Friday, March 20 is a Conference Day for Guilderland Central School, so students don't have school Friday. Come join the fun! Grades K-5. **[R]**

CMOST: What's the Scoop? The Science of Making Ice Cream Monday, April 13 @ 2 pm



The experts from the Children's Museum of Science & Technology (CMOST) will be back @ GPL to teach us about the science of making ice cream... and the best part is we can to share the results of our experiments! Grades 1-3. **[R]**

Welcome Spring! Poetry Teatime Tuesday, April 14 @ 2 pm

Elementary school age children and their families / caregivers are invited to spend a relaxing afternoon celebrating all things poetry and spring. We'll read and write poems, make spring crafts, sip tea and lemonade, enjoy



snacks and more. Feel free to wear your best tea party outfit for our photo booth. Younger siblings are welcome. Please register each child individually. **[R]**



Pete the Cat and the Tip-Top Tree House Book Party

Tuesday, April 21 @ 6:30 pm

Pete the Cat and his friends decide they need a bigger tree house so more friends can play together. Stop by GPL after April 7 to pick up your copy of the book to take home and read. Then come to the book party—we'll talk about

the book and share fun games and a snack. Grades 1-2. **[R]**

Munchkins and Mocktails

Friday, April 24 @ 10 am

A playtime with a mocktail twist for caregivers! As your child plays, you can have an adult conversation while enjoying a morning mocktail. **[R]**

STEAM PROGRAMS

GPL Sprouts

Third Mondays @ 3:30 pm

Hands-on STEM fun for grades PreK-2, with an adult caregiver. **[R]**

March 16: Radical Robots

April 20: Kitchen Science



Family STEAM Nights

Monday, March 2 and April 6 @ 6:30pm

Local colleges' science departments will be here with fun hands-on science activities for kids! For grades 2-6, with their families.

March 2: hosted by the Department of Computer Science, University at Albany
April 6: Family STEAM Fair! Open to All! Bring a science experiment! Win a Prize!



FAMILY / ALL AGES

Smash & Craft!

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Free Play AND Craft Buffet!

Wednesday, April 15 @ 2:30-4 pm

Help us unlock all of the characters in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate on our Nintendo Switch consoles! Stop in anytime to play a few rounds. Plus, take breaks between battles and make some cool crafts in the Normanskill Room! Or just stop by to make a craft in our open crafting space. All Ages. *Note: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate is rated Everyone 10+*



Families, Start Your Gardens!

Wednesday, April 22 6:30 pm

Spring is coming! Get a jump-start on the growing season with a fun family-friendly project you can all do together.

We'll decorate flowerpots and, using premium soil, plant seeds of your favorite flowers or vegetables to take home. Later on, you can add them to your personal garden. **[R]**



New Session Beginning March 2nd

Toddler Time

Mondays & Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

March 2-April 3 and April 20-May 22

No storytime April 27

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).

Ages 19-36 months with a caregiver.

Baby Bookworms

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am

March 3-March 31 and April 21-May 19

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. **Ages Birth-18 months with a caregiver.**

Preschool Drop-in Storytime

Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 10:30 am

March 4-April 2 and April 22-30

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

Waddler Time

Thursdays @ 10:30 am

March 5-April 2 and April 23-May 21

This storytime provides bonding and early literacy learning. Books, music & movement, rhymes & bounces, and fun with puppets are included each week. We conclude with time for play and socialization.

Walkers up to 24 months, with a caregiver.

NOTE: *If the Guilderland Central School District is delayed or closed, storytimes are not held on that day. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.*



Family Eggstravaganza Tuesday, April 7 @ 7 pm

How are you planning to celebrate springtime this

year? Bring your family to the library for a night of Spring crafts. Each child will receive four eggs in a basket. To ensure enough supplies, please register each child individually. **[R]**

FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR TIM WILES



Got RB Digital?

Have you tried our new on-demand streaming service, called **RB Digital**? It's the only library streaming service that allows you to binge watch your favorites! It allows Guilderland card holders to

stream several kinds of great content to their computers, tablets, phones, and smart TVs. There are four content categories available: Indieflix, Acorn TV, Qello concerts, and The Great Courses. Here's a bit more about each:



Indieflix features independent films, documentaries, classic films and short films.



Qello delivers concerts and music documentaries in basically every genre of music: rock, jazz, hip-hop, country, reggae, opera, gospel, world music, and many more.



Acorn TV is your source for outstanding and extremely popular television shows from the United Kingdom, Australia,

Canada, New Zealand, and Spain, including "Agatha Christie's Marple", "The Poirot Collection", "Midsomer Murders", "Queens of Mystery", and several more.



The Great Courses Library Collection includes hundreds of college-level courses for lifelong learning on history, economics,

mathematics, science, literature, music, philosophy and religion, food, wine, nutrition and health, among many other topics. Instructors are chosen to participate as teachers of The Great Courses according to their ability to engage and teach the subject matter...so it's not just great subjects, but excellent teachers as well.

How can you take advantage of this great new service? Click on the RB Digital logo on our home page for more information and to get started. Or call us today to set up a one-on-one session with a staff person on Wednesday afternoons. Bring your library card and mobile device to the appointment. Arrangements for another day / time may be made, subject to availability.

Also, as noted on page 4, take advantage of our digital subscription to the *New York Times*, as well as everything else we have to offer. Hope to see you here soon!

Keep updated on the latest news from GPL!

Sign up for e-news on our website (top of our home page) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



GPL 2019 STATS

220,569 total visitors – average of 6 visits for the estimated 36,000 residents of Guilderland; about 2,500 more than 2018

179,111 website visitors - an increase of about 2,500 more than 2018

25,240 public computer users, and about the same number accessing our WiFi through their laptops, tablets and phones at the library

896 library programs attended by 18,484 people:

- 467 adult programs
- 377 childrens programs
- 52 teen programs

215 community groups attended by 6,626 people

1,111 combined programs and community groups, with an average attendance of 23 people

TOTAL: 25,110 people attended an event at GPL!

Top adult book checked out:

Where the Crawdads Sing, by Delia Owens

Top children's book checked out:

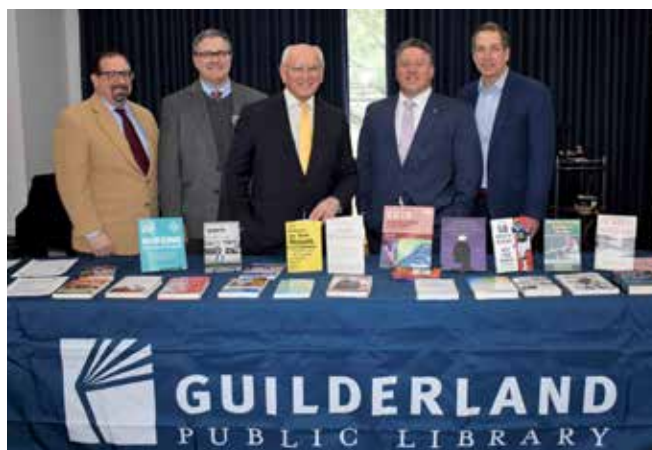
Dog Man and Kid Cat by Dav Pilkey

Top DVD checked out:

Bohemian Rhapsody

Top Library of Things items checked out:

Wi-Fi hotspots, Chromebooks, folding tables, museum passes, portable power bank, ukuleles



Congressman Paul Tonko donated 31 books from the Library of Congress Surplus Books Program to Guilderland Public Library, valued at almost \$800. The Congressman has visited more than 50 locations, delivering more than 1,640 books valued at over \$35,900 since September, 2017. The Library of Congress receives more than 20,000 items every day, and only half remain in the permanent collection. *From left: Upper Hudson Library System Executive Director Tim Burke; Guilderland Public Library Director Tim Wiles; Congressman Paul Tonko; Albany County Executive Dan McCoy; Albany County Legislator Mark Grimm.*

THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - EASTER