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Annual **Budget & Board** Candidate Vote Tuesday, May 17 7 am-9 pm Guilderland **Elementary**

Board Candidate

Current interim GPL trustee Elish Melchiade is seeking a full term on this year's ballot. Ms. Melchiade serves as a salesforce project manager with an international medical device company. She also has ten years of experience in human resources and holds a Professional of Human Resources (PHR) designation.



Ms. Melchiade's statement: "I think my diverse work and volunteer background would be a great asset to the board. I have always been an "out of the box" thinker and most times able to add valuable insight to situations based on my extensive travel situations, work in various areas such as HR, marketing and project management, and my involvement in many areas of the community. My current focus lately has been on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work, and I have started a DEI committee at Bethlehem Children's School.

I have currently been serving on the board, taking over a vacated position, and I hope to continue on and help shape the future of a major community landmark. I love being able to participate in discussions and create a beautiful and safe space for all community members."

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday—Thursday	9:30 am-9 pm
Friday	
Saturday	9:30 am-5 pm
Sunday	

Please wear a mask. If you need one, just ask! **Available:** Curbside pick up with 24 hours notice: public computers; some study rooms. All programs are virtual, unless otherwise noted. GPL is fine free.

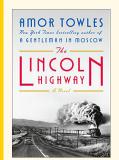
PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET		
EVERNOES	2021-2022	2022-2023
EXPENSES		
Library Materials	\$ 395,000	\$ 395,000
Salaries & Benefits	3,079,250	2,998,750
Operations Utilities Photocopiers Office/Custodial Supplies Postage Insurance Taxes (water & sewer) Staff Development Memberships Special Programs Building & Equipment Maintenance Financial Services & Auditing Printing - Business Operations Professional Services Miscellaneous Online Catalog / Circulation System IT/Hardware & Software Capital Improvements	50,000 8,000 55,000 4,000 18,800 12,000 15,500 3,000 30,250 108,000 22,500 37,000 54,700 55,200 42,500 88,900	55,000 10,000 55,000 4,000 32,800 10,000 15,000 3,000 30,250 62,000 17,500 22,500 37,000 54,700 42,000 62,500 267,465
Total Operations	622,850	780,715
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,097,100	4,174,465
INCOME		
Fines & Fees Interest Book Sale Gifts, Grants & Donations Photocopiers Non-Resident Fees	20,700 2,900 11,000 1,500 4,500 1,500	3,200 3,000 0 1,500 1,000 1,500
TOTAL INCOME	42,100	10,200
BUDGET	4,097,100	4,174,465
MINUS INCOME	42,100	10,200
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ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS [R]

https://guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion



Night Owls Online Mondays @ 7:30 pm

Led by Librarian Maura Powers-Smith. Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles.

May 9: The Lincoln Highway.

by Amor Towles

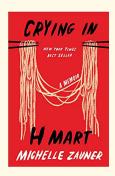
Memoirs in the Morning

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am Led by Librarian Josalyn Wilder. Reading the best current biographies and memoirs.

May 18:

Crying in H Mart,

by Michelle Zauner Look for our Memoirs in the Morning discussion group on goodreads.com.





Green Reads

Thursdays @ 6 pm

Led by Librarian Maria Buhl in collaboration with Albany Guardian Society. A virtual book and film discussion group on nature, health, and the environment

June 9: The Bear. by Andrew Krivak

In-Person Genealogy with Lisa Dougherty

Wednesday, May 11 @ 6-8 pm Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty offers 1:1 family history consultations on a monthly basis. Please contact Lisa directly to schedule your appointment: lisagene@nycap.rr.com. Visit Lisa's website at: http://www.

upstatenygenealogy.com [R]





Computer Coach

Friday, May 20 @ 10 or 11 am

Consult with coach Robin to get the most out of your Apple device; or get assistance with the **Learning Express** tool on our website to help you craft a winning résumé. Sign up for your 1:1 appointment today! [R]

Navigating Your Social Security Benefits

Tuesday, May 24 @ 6 pm

Pre-retirees: maximize vour retirement income and get the most from your Social Security



- Will Social Security be there for me?
- How much can I expect to receive?
- When should I apply for Social Security?
- How can I maximize my benefits?
- Will Social Security be enough to live on in retirement? Presenter: John N. Kalil, Jr., LUTCF Founder & President of Retirement Solutions, LLC, in Saratoga Springs

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Doghiker: Author Talk & Book Signing with Alan Via

Thursday, May 26 @ 6:30 pm You're invited to our first. in-person author talk and book signing!* Alan Via's comprehensive guidebook, Doghiker: Great Hikes with

Dogs from the Adirondacks through the Catskills, includes 77 hikes with custom color maps, color photos, and charts

showing mileage, elevation gain, parking area description, viewpoints, water sources and canine safety. After covering key chapters, Alan will take us on a slideshow tour of gorgeous hiking scenery-no dog required! Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase.

* subject to change, based on current COVID conditions

Plant Native, Not Invasive

Wednesday, May 4 @ 6:30 pm Attention gardening buffs: want to dig deeper, and get better results? Kate Brittenham of Front Stoop Pocket Gardens will advise us via Zoom on wisely



choosing native plants that will thrive in our gardens while supporting local wildlife. We'll conclude with an open forum to get all your questions answered. [R]



Creating a Sustainable Backyard

Monday, May 16 @ 11 am

Think your yard could be improved, particularly

from an environmental standpoint? This Zoom program is for you! Michele Chalice from Healthy Home Habitats will cover problems associated with traditional landscape design. She'll then share five key steps that can save you time, money, and resources, while boosting soil fertility. [R] MAY 2022 PAGE 3

YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

Virtual Family Storytimes

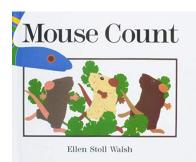
Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

Infant through age 5

New schedule, based on your feedback! Join us on Zoom to share stories, sing songs, and have a fun time



together! Please register ONE person from your group, and list how many people will be viewing in the notes. Check the Events tab of our website for prop ideas you can use at home to add to the lively fun. Older kids may want to have a stuffed animal close by, in case we do baby lap songs. [R]



Family Literacy Program: Mouse Count

Saturday, May 14 @ 10:30 am Ages 3-5 years

Barbara Lukas of WMHT returns for a literacy

program for preschoolers! Caregivers are asked to pick up a kit from us

beforehand containing a free copy of **Mouse Count** by Ellen Stohl Walsh, plus related craft and activity supplies. Scissors and crayons will be needed at home as families follow along with Barbara on Zoom. [R]

Activity Kits [R]

Infant through Teens

These popular kits go fast! Here's when registration will open for the following kits:



May 17: Rhyme Time, ages 6-24 months



ON THE CALENDAR



Budget & Board Candidate Vote Tuesday, May 17 @ 7 am-9 pm Guilderland Elementary Schools American Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, May 17 @ 1-6 pm GPL Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, May 19 @ 6 pm

Streamed live on **YouTube** and archived for later viewing. Public commentary to: **pc@guilderlandlibrary.org**

GPL Foundation Meeting

Thursday, May 26 @ 6:15 pm New members welcome! Contact Steve Wacksman: wacksman20@gmail.com

Closed—Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, May 28-Monday, May 30



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

Web Resources

► Discovery Pages Wednesday, May 11

Look for new Discovery Pages the second Wednesday of each month, featuring eBooks,



audiobooks, crafts, music, and more. Find engaging educational content at: guilderlandlibrary.org/gplkids.

THE FOUNDRY

▶ The Foundry is the name of our teen space, plus a place online where teens can discover new books, activities, events, learning tools, volunteer opportunities, playlists, and so much more. Check it out! guilderlandlibrary.org/teens

► GPL Kids & Families
Facebook page keeps
parents and caregivers
informed on our Youth
Services offerings. Like
and follow us for frequent
updates.

► GPL's YouTube channel features engaging children's

content, including read alouds and storytimes you can watch at your convenience. Subscribe today!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

DID YOU FIND IT?

Dial A Story for children and adults

Have you tried our Dial A Story line? Simply call **518.456.2400** and **press 5**, then choose 1 for an adult story; 2 for a children's story; and 3 for the "surprise me"

May Exhibit

Artistic creations by talented Guilderland High School students are slated for display **May 6-30.** Take a look!

How Did You Find It?

GPL's monthly podcast
NEW: Friday, May 20
Get a Summer Reading
Program sneak peak, and
meet our newest librarian!
Listen on all major platforms.

We welcome your feedback anytime at: **podcast@ guilderlandlibrary.org.**









