NOVEMBER 2026

THE GPL MOOS

GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Hours

- **Monday - Thursday:** 9:30am - 8pm
- **Friday:** 9:30am - 6pm
- **Saturday:** 9:30am - 5pm
- **Sunday:** 1pm - 5pm

November 11: Library CLOSED

November 25: 9:30AM - 2PM

November 26: Library CLOSED

Capital District YMCA

Basket Brigade

We are helping Capital District YMCA feed 1500 families through Basket Brigade! Donations can be dropped off in our lobby until November 21.

To feed a family of four, we need these items for each basket:

- 2 cans/packets of gravy
- 2 cans of fruit
- 4 cans of veggies
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 2 boxes of stuffing
- 1 box of potatoes
- 1 can of yams
- 1 box of brownie mix

CRAFT FAIR

NOV. 14

9:30AM – 2:30PM

Sunday Concert:

The Hammerhead Horns

November 15 @ 2pm

NYC HOLIDAY BUS TRIP

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

$65 PER PERSON

Please register on the library website

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Author Talk

PAUL GRONDAHL

Presentation, Q&A, and book signing

November 10th 6:00 PM

Award-winning journalist and biographer Paul Grondahl will be at GPL on November 10 at 6PM for an exciting author talk event!

TOYS FOR TOTS

November 1-December 7

Beginning November 1st, GPL will begin collecting new, unwrapped donations of toys for the Capital Region Toys for Tots Campaign. Please bring in your toys and drop them off in the donation box located in our lobby until December 7th.

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

FAMILY STORYTIME
November 3 & 10 | 10:30AM
Birth - 5 years, with caregiver

SKY FRIENDS STORYTIME
November 4 | 10:30AM
Birth - 5 years, with caregiver

LITTLES LOUNGE & STORYTIME
November 5 & 12 | 10:30-11:30AM
Birth - 2 years

MUSIC & MOVEMENT
November 6, 13, & 20 | 10:30AM
Best for 2-5 year olds, siblings welcome

JUICE & JAMMIES STORYTIME
November 24 | 6:30PM
Birth - 7 years, with caregiver

PAWS 2 READ

GRADES K-5

NOVEMBER 3 | 5-6PM
NOVEMBER 7 & 28 | 11AM-12PM

CHECK-IN @ CHILDREN'S DESK

To learn more or register for an event, scan QR code or visit guilderlandlibrary.org

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

- **Nov. 2 | 10:30-11:30PM** Learn Along Play
- **Nov. 4 | 3-6PM** LEGO Free Play
- **Nov. 6 | 4-5PM** Thanksgiving Crafts with GHS Student Arya **[R]**
- **Nov. 7 | 1:30-2:30PM** ASL Club **[R]**
- **Nov. 8 | 1:30-3:30PM** Let's Build!
- **Nov. 9**
  - **10:30-11AM** Yoga for Littles
  - **11:15-11:45** Baby & Me Yoga
- **Nov. 14**
  - **11AM-12PM** Storybook Snacks **[R]**
  - **2:45-4:15PM** Math Club **[R]**
- **Nov. 16 | 10:30-11:30AM** Learn Along Play
- **Nov. 18**
  - **4:30-6:30PM** STEM Quest: Mycology Mysteries
  - **5-6PM** 2nd Grade Bubble Pop Party **[R]**
- **Nov. 21 | 11-11:30AM** Saturday Family Storytime
- **Nov. 22 | 2-3PM** My First Book Club **[R]**
- **Nov. 23**
  - **10:30-11:30AM** Learn Along Play
  - **6:30-7:45PM** Math Club **[R]**
- **Nov. 28 | 11AM-1PM** Craft Along Club
- **Nov. 30 | 10:30-11:30AM** Learn Along Play

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ADULT PROGRAMS

- **Nov. 2 | 6:15-7:15PM** Virtual Event: Coyote Coexistence
- **Nov. 4**
  - **10-11AM** Literacy Volunteers Training
  - **3-4PM** Literacy Volunteers Training
  - **3:30-4:30PM** Afternoon Garden Club
  - **6:15-7:15PM** Savvy Shopping **[R]**
- **Nov. 5**
  - **11AM-12:30PM** Deeper Dive: Smithson's Gamble **[R]**
  - **6-7:30PM** Revolutionary War Weapons Screening & Discussion **[R]**
- **Nov. 9 | 6-8PM** Pumpkin & Spice Candle Making **[R]**
- **Nov. 10**
  - **10:30-11:30AM** Tour of the Albany Hall of Records **[R]**
  - **6-7:30PM** Author Talk: Paul Grondahl **[R]**
- **Nov. 12**
  - **10AM-12PM** Organizing Photos on Your Phone or Computer **[R]**
  - **6:30-7:30PM** The American Revolution: 1777 Albany is the Key **[R]**
- **Nov. 14 | 9:30AM-2:30PM** Craft Fair
- **Nov. 15 | 2-3PM** Sunday Concert
- **Nov. 16**
  - **1-3PM** Guilderland Thinks **[R]**
  - **6:15-7:30PM** Podcast & Craft **[R]**
- **Nov. 17**
  - **1-6PM** American Red Cross Blood Drive
  - **5-7PM** DIY Jar Soup Drop-In
  - **6:30-7:30PM** Understanding Knee Pain **[R]**
- **Nov 19.**
  - **10AM - 12PM** Creating Photo Books & Holiday Cards **[R]**
  - **6:15-7:45PM** Journaling Club **[R]**
- **Nov. 20**
  - **11AM-1PM** Apple Device Help **[R]**
  - **11:15AM-12:45PM** Journaling Club **[R]**

The library will be **CLOSED** 11/11 for Veterans Day. The library will **close at 2PM** on 11/25 for Thanksgiving Eve and be **CLOSED** on 11/26 for Thanksgiving.

To learn more or register for an event, scan QR code or visit guilderlandlibrary.org

RECURRING ADULT PROGRAMS

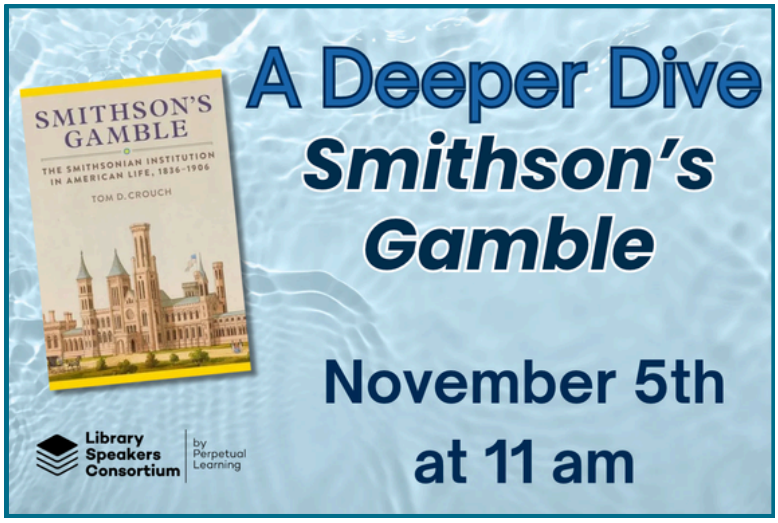
Drop-In Knit & Stitch
Nov. 3, 10, 17, & 24 | 10 - 11:30AM

Seniors Connect!
Nov. 4 & 18 | 11AM - 1PM

Guilderland Guitar Group
Nov. 4 | 6:30 - 8PM

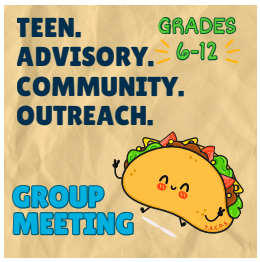
Normanskill Strummers | Nov. 5 | 6 - 8PM

Drop-In Genealogy
Nov. 18 | 5:30 - 7:30PM



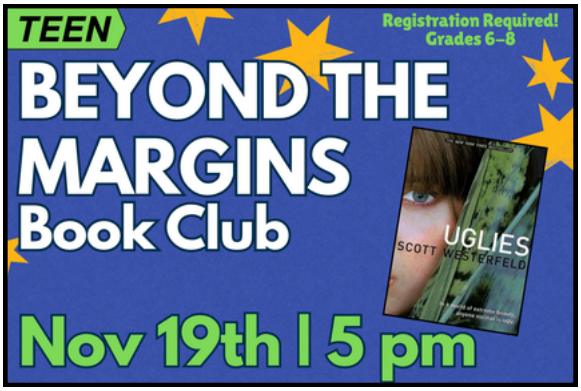
GPL TEENS!

GRADES 6-12



TACOS VOLUNTEER MEETING!
November 3
Session 1 5-6PM | Session 2 6:15 - 7:15PM

Earn volunteer credit by participating in our Teen Advisory Community Outreach group! Give input on books, programs, and more. **[R]**



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- **Nov. 10 | 6-7:30PM** After-Zine Tea **[R]**
- **Nov. 12 | 4:30-7PM** Drop-In Video Games & Board Games
- **Nov. 17 | 5-7PM** Anime Club **[R]**
- **Nov. 19 | 5-6PM** Beyond the Margins Book Club **[R]**
- **Nov. 30 | 5:30-7PM** Dino Nugget DIY Pillow **[R]**

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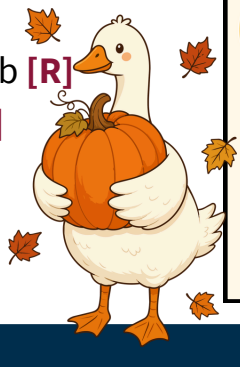

LIBRARY BUSINESS

GPL Board of Trustees Meetings

Governance Committee Meeting
November 3 | 5:30PM

Facilities Committee Meeting
November 5 | 5:30PM

Personnel Committee Meeting
TBD

Finance Committee Meeting
November 18 | 5:30PM

Monthly Business Meeting
November 19 | 6:00PM

Please check the online library calendar for the most up-to-date information

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COMMUNITY INTEREST

Guilderland Guitar Group
November 4 | 6:30 - 8PM

Normanskill Strummers
Ukulele Group
November 5 | 6 - 8PM

Capital District Knitting Guild
November 9 | 6 - 8PM

In the Loop Fiber Arts
November 13 | 10:30 - 2PM

American Red Cross Blood Drive
November 17 | 1 - 6PM

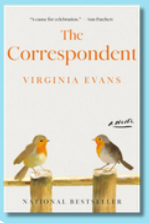
Scan code to schedule donation for American Red Cross Blood Drive

Helderberg Exhibition:
Albany Artists
Reception: November 9 | 6-8PM

Display Cases:
Guilderland Historical Society
see pg. 6 for details

Guilderland Reads: GPL Book Clubs

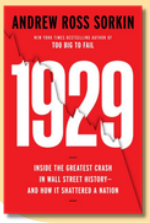
Night Owls Book Club



Monday, Nov. 9 @6:30PM
Ages 18+

Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles. Currently reading **The Correspondent.**

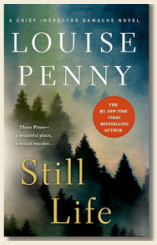
Day Larks Book Club



Thursday, Nov. 12 @2:00PM
Ages 18+

Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles. Currently reading **1929.**

Whodunit Mystery Book Club



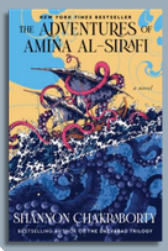
Thursday, Nov. 12 @6:30PM
Ages 18+

Do you have what it takes to crack the case? Find out at the Whodunit Mystery Book Club! This month, we are reading **Still Life.**

HOW TO GET YOUR BOOK CLUB BOOKS

For adult book clubs, copies of books are available for checkout at the Information Desk while supplies last or digital copies can be borrowed from Libby.

Realm Explorers Book Club



Saturday, Nov. 14 @11:00AM
Ages 16+

Discussing science fiction and fantasy novels. Titles include Adult/Young Adult science fiction and fantasy books as well as graphic novels. This month we're reading **The Adventures of Amina al-Sirafi.**

Silent Book Club

Sunday, Nov. 15 @1:30PM
Ages 18+

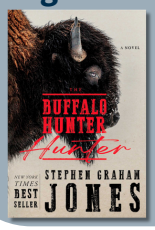
Give yourself permission to read. Meet by the fireplace!

Hopeless Romantics Book Club

Wednesday, Nov. 18 @6:30PM
Ages 18+

HRBC is a romance book club that meets to discuss swoon-worthy romance titles. This month we're discussing **People Watching.**

Fright Club Book Discussion Group



Tuesday, Nov. 24 @6:30PM
Ages 18+

Join us each month for the best of Horror and Thrillers. This month we're reading **The Buffalo Hunter Hunter.**

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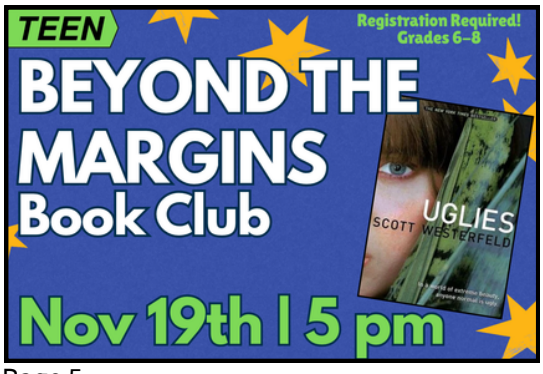

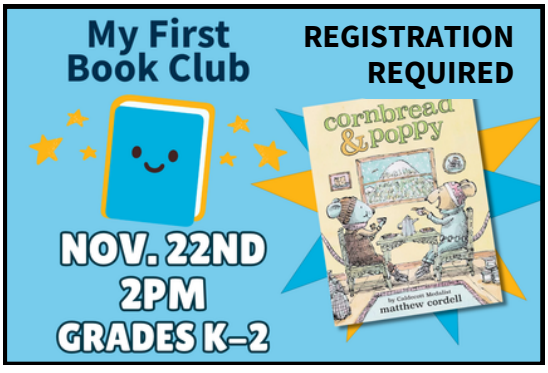

Learn more

November is Family Literacy Month!

A month dedicated to fostering literacy and encouraging more reading at home. Research has shown that reading together can improve language skills, strengthen bonds, and support lifelong learning habits.

Ways to Celebrate

- Daily Reading Time - Set aside time every day to read together.
- Visit Your Local Library - Explore new books together!
- Create a Family Book Club - Choose a book to read together and chat about it over your favorite snacks.
- Storytelling Nights - Each family member tells a story or talks about their favorite book.
- Write Together - Sit down and write a story with family or friends

Evolution from the Revolution: Gelderlandt to Guilderland

Come check out the latest display case exhibit! Included are encapsulated documents and maps of Guilderland's Dutch past and the changes brought over the past 250+ years, as well as some of its book collection and later photos. This exhibit will allow you to immerse yourself in the simpler life of Guilderland in the past.

November is Native American Heritage Month! This month is a time to learn from Native American stories and traditions, recognize the resilience and achievements of Indigenous communities, and celebrate the knowledge, creativity, and heritage passed down through generations. Stop by the library this month and all year to check out stories by Indigenous authors

Kid Librarian & Kid Picks

Our next Kid Librarian will make their debut in December. In November, our special tree shelf will display YOUR favorites for Kid Picks! This month, when you're in the Children's Library, you can pick out your latest favorite and add it to the display as a recommendation to other patrons. We can't wait to see what you choose!