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Rethinking Thanksgiving: A Native American Perspective on an American Holiday

**Sunday, November 6
@ 2 pm**

Grades 4-adult

Is there more to the story of Thanksgiving than the traditional narrative? The answer is a resounding yes, as told from the Native American perspective. This

lively, informative presentation will highlight:

- ▶ actual events from Plymouth in 1621
- ▶ the relationship between the English settlers and the Wampanoag

▶ how this story evolved into the holiday we know today
Presenter Perry Ground is a Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. He has been a storyteller and educator for over 25 years, teaching all ages about the history and culture of Native Peoples. [R]

It's All Clutter, with Professional Organizer Jes Marcy

**Tuesday, November 15
@ 6 pm**

Less is more! Jes Marcy, Capital District resident and renowned Clutter Coach and advice columnist, is back and ready to help you tackle organization challenges! Jes will share tips and cold hard truths during this inspiring pep talk. She has worked with thousands of clients drawn to her judgment-free, practical approach. Get motivated with a fresh perspective and leave with actionable steps toward successfully weeding and managing your own "stuff." [R]



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday—Thursday.....9:30 am–9 pm
Friday.....9:30 am–6 pm
Saturday.....9:30 am–5 pm
Sunday.....1-5 pm

All programs are in-person, unless otherwise noted.

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

ON THE CALENDAR

Early General Election

Voting—through November 6

General Election Voting—Tuesday, November 8

CLOSED on Veterans Day—Friday, November 11

Discovery Pages for Kids/Teens—November 15 & 30

Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting—
Thursday, November 17 @ 6 pm. In-person and streamed

on YouTube. Public commentary: pc@guilderlandlibrary.org

NEW How Did You Find It? Podcast—Friday, November 18

Red Cross Blood Drive—Tuesday, November 22, 1-6 pm

CLOSING AT 2 pm—Wednesday, November 23

CLOSED on Thanksgiving—Thursday, November 24

Knit Wits Knitting Group

Every Tuesday @ 10-11:30 am—Westbrook Room

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Barn Dance Family Literacy Program with WMHT's Barbara Lukas

**Monday, November 7
@ 6 pm**

PreK-Grade 2

Another perennial favorite returns to GPL— WMHT's Barbara Lukas! Each participant will get a free copy of the book **Barn**

Dance, by John Archambault

and Bill Martin, Jr. We'll also complete fun literacy activities and an owl headband craft together. [R]

Sonny & Perley Quartet

**Sunday,
November 20
@ 2 pm**

We're excited to announce that the ever-popular Sonny and Perley Quartet are back at GPL! They'll be performing a varied repertoire

of tunes ranging from jazz standards, to the Great American Songbook, to international cabaret and Bossa Nova. The wonderful husband-and-wife duo of Sonny Daye (piano) and Perley Rousseau (vocals) will be joined by Erik Johnson on bass and Brian Melick on percussion.

Please join us as we usher in the holiday season with this special performance by longtime GPL friends!



ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Get Your Garden Beds Ready for Winter

**Thursday, November 3
@ 6 pm
Virtual**

What's the best way to put your garden beds to rest for the winter? In this Zoom program, Master Gardener Michele Chalice will discuss easy steps you can take right now to encourage a simplified

and more productive garden and landscape next spring. We'll learn about:

- ▶ winter mulching for healthier soil and fewer weeds
- ▶ providing a winter pollinator habitat
- ▶ what to leave as food sources for songbirds and wildlife
- ▶ steps to take for less watering next year [R]

Genealogy Assistance with Lisa Dougherty

**Wednesday, November 9
@ 6-8 pm**

Want to know more about your family tree? Here's your chance to get expert advice! Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty offers 1:1 family history consultations here at the library each month.

Contact Lisa directly via email to schedule your appointment:

lisagene@nycap.rr.com. For general information, please visit Lisa's website: <http://www.upstatenyeanealogy.com>. [R]



Musical Instrument Donation Drive

Instruments for Students, an award-winning, local initiative coordinated by Vanguard, Inc., the all-volunteer organization that supports the **Albany Symphony Orchestra**. They repurpose musical instruments so that kids whose families can't afford to buy or rent them can still benefit from the value of a music education. To date, 475 instruments have been collected; let's help them reach their goal of 1,000! Stop by to drop off any usable instrument in good shape.

Musical Instrument Donation Drive

Saturday, November 19 @ 10 am-12:30 pm

Do you have a bassoon in your basement, guitar in the garage, or cello in a closet, gathering dust?

We're partnering with

NEW: We've upped Hoopla digital checkouts to 12 per month! Enjoy!

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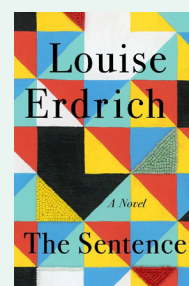
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS [R]

[https:// guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion](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.

November 14: The Sentence, by Louise Erdrich

December 12: The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race, by Walter Isaacson

Memoirs in the Morning

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

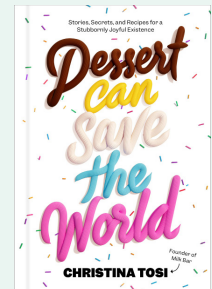
Virtual

Led by Librarian Joselyn Wilder.

Reading the best current biographies and memoirs.

November 30: Dessert Can Save the World: Stories, Secrets, and Recipes for a Stubbornly Joyful Existence, by Christina Tosi.

Look for the *Memoirs in the Morning* group on [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com)



Green Reads

Thursdays @ 6 pm

Virtual

Led by Librarian Maria Buhl.

A book and film discussion group on nature, health, and the environment.

December 15: The Thing with

Feathers, by Noah Strycker

Cybersecurity & You

Tuesday, November 29

@ 5:30 pm

Cyber attacks and fraud scams have increasingly targeted individuals, especially seniors. FBI Special Agent Samantha Baltzersen, Albany Field Office Cyber Squad supervisor, will share best practices to protect yourself. Topics to be covered include:

- ▶ investment frauds and crypto investment scams
- ▶ grandparent scams
- ▶ how business email compromises can affect your real estate and business transactions
- ▶ how phishing and ransomware affect us all
- ▶ how to raise your cyber defenses [R]



ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



BACKYARD BIRD FEEDING

Backyard Bird Feeding with the Audubon Society of the Capital Region

Wednesday, November 30
@ 6:30pm
Virtual

Join us for an information-packed Zoom presentation on feeding birds in your backyard. Presenter Teresa Murphy, president

of the Audubon Society of the Capital District and a Rensselaer County Cornell Master Gardener, will discuss various types of bird seed and bird feeders, how to create a bird-friendly habitat, and how to keep your birds safe. Every registrant will receive handouts, plus a brochure describing the chapter's work. [R]

YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

Fall Storytimes

Let's read books, sing songs and get moving together! Caregivers must stay with their child(ren) the entire time. No registration required. Please choose only ONE storytime per week:

► **Toddler Storytime**—ages 18-36 months

Tuesdays @ 10:30 am

► **Family Storytime**—ages birth-5 years old

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

► **Preschool Storytime**—ages 3-5 years old

Thursdays @ 10:30 am

No storytime Thanksgiving week—November 22-24.



Family STEAM Night

Thursday, November 10
@ 6:30 pm

Grades 3 and up

Come explore fun Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) topics with our local schools and colleges! This month, we welcome the Siena College Physics Club. [R]



LEGO Free Play

Wednesday, November 16
@ 3:30-6:30 pm

Family/All Ages

Let's build with LEGOs! Stop by the Children's Program Room to construct the most awesome LEGO creations you can imagine! (Who will have more fun, kids or adults?!) [R]

Project Picture Book: Light-Up Dino Friend

Thursday, November 17 @ 3 pm
Grades Pre-K-2

Come to the Library for this special afternoon storytime! We'll share a fun read-aloud together, then make our very own light-up dino friend using paper circuits. [R]



Learn to Sew: Hungry Monster Mini Pillow

Tuesday, November 29
@ 4 pm
Grades 3-5

We'll learn how to sew a seam and attach buttons, using fabric and felt to hand-sew

adorable mini pillows! All materials will be provided. [R]

VolunTeen Service Project: Thanksgiving Cards for the Guilderland Food Pantry

Wednesday,
November 9
@ 6:30 pm
Grades 6-12

Earn a community service hour and spread some joy by making cards with us for the Guilderland Food Pantry to give out in their Thanksgiving meal baskets! [R]



TEEN TECH HELP DESK

Teen Tech Help Desk

Thursday,
November 10 &
17 @ 4-6 pm
Guilderland

High School National Honor Society students will be offering tech help to Guilderland Public Library patrons during drop-in hours. The teens can help with smartphone applications, downloading eBooks to devices, email set-up, and internet searches on computers and personal devices.

Anime Club

Monday, November 21
@ 6-8 pm
Ages 13-18

Come watch anime and meet like-minded fans! This time, we will watch *Jujutsu Kaisen 0: The Movie* (rated PG-13). Next time, YOU will decide. Snacks will be provided. This is a preliminary meeting. If enough interest is shown, the club will gather once a month. [R]

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