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Welcome to DINOVENBER!

A month-long imagination invasion

We're hosting dino-tastic activities throughout November. We can't wait for you to ROAR with us all month long!



Storytimes

November 7-9 @ 10:30 am

This week's storytimes will feature a dino theme, including a special guest!



Movie: *Jurassic Park*

Monday, November 20

Showings @ 1:30 and 6 pm

The first installment of the franchise (1993), based on Michael Crichton's novel. Starring Sam Neill, Laura Dern, and Jeff Goldblum. **Rated PG.**



Dinosaur Bash!

Monday, November 20 @ 4-5:30 pm

Grades 1-3

At this dino-mite *Bash Parties* prehistoric adventure, we'll go on a dinosaur egg hunt, make fossils and a dinosaur lantern, erupt volcanos and eat tasty dirt cupcakes! **[R]**



Dinosaur Display

All Month Long

Check out the display near the Helderberg Room/Cafe! You might just win a prize!

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday—Thursday.....9:30 am–8 pm

Programs & meetings may continue post-closing

Friday.....9:30 am–6 pm

Saturday.....9:30 am–5 pm

Sunday.....1–5 pm

All programs are in-person, unless otherwise noted.

Cafe' Con Mel Hours:

Monday—Friday.....8:30 am–4 pm

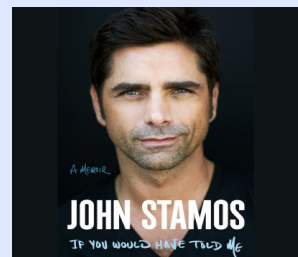
Saturday—Sunday.....9 am–2 pm

Live Virtual Author Talks **[R]** Recordings Available

Hollywood, Home, Heart, and Healing: A Conversation with John Stamos

Wednesday, November 1 @ 8 pm

Full House star John Stamos leads us through his moving and vulnerable memoir, *If You Would Have Told Me*.



Get Good with Money and Reach Your Financial Goals with Tiffany "The Budgetnista" Aliche

Thursday, November 9 @ 2 pm

The bestselling *Budgetnista* provides actionable steps to take charge of your money now to achieve financial stability.



Why She Writes: An Afternoon Chat with Joy Harjo

Thursday, November 16 @ 4 pm

Poet Laureate and winner of the 2022 Academy of American Poets Leadership Award, Joy Harjo chats about her memoir, *Catching the Light*, and her life as part of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.



Power of Women in Science Fiction: Naomi Alderman on Writing Dystopian Words

Thursday, November 30 @ 3 pm

Bestselling and award-winning author of *The Power*, Naomi Alderman will discuss her gripping new novel, *The Future*.



Cafe' Rewards!

Enjoy 10 percent off your order at Cafe' con Mel when you show your GPL library card! Stop in for breakfast, lunch, a beverage or a quick bite. Browse the variety of handcrafted items for sale, and check out the **used book nook!**



ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

**Welcome to GPL Academy!**

This new programming series emphasizes lifelong learning on a wide variety of subjects, all designed to educate, inspire and spark community. *Enjoy!*

Adventures in Art: Make a Gratitude Journal

**Monday, November 6
@ 1:30 pm**

Seniors Ages 60+

Partake in a rewarding afternoon as you create your very own gratitude journal. Feel free to bring old postcards, note cards, calendar photos or other pictures to repurpose, if desired. We'll provide materials and a blank journal. GPL Clerk Kathy Zazarine, a talented artist in her own right, will offer instruction and encouragement. *Offered in collaboration with Albany Guardian Society; space is limited.* **[R]**

**Applying to College for Adult Learners**

**Thursday, November 9
@ 6 pm**

Are you an adult interested in earning your associate or bachelor's degree? This in-person webinar provides practical guidance on how to apply to

college, including deadlines, transcripts, entrance exams, letters of recommendation and personal essays. It is ideal for adults who are new to college, as well as those who are interested in returning to college. *Presented by Kathy Moran from the University at Albany.* **[R]**

Drumming Workshop with Rural Soul Music Studio

**Sunday, November 12
@ 2 pm**

We're departing from our usual Sunday concert format to feature a performance...by YOU! Discover an exuberant and thunderous path toward satisfaction through drumming! Chelsie Henderson of Rural Soul Music Studio will instruct us on West African hand drums as we learn drumming skills and incorporate movement and song. **[R]**

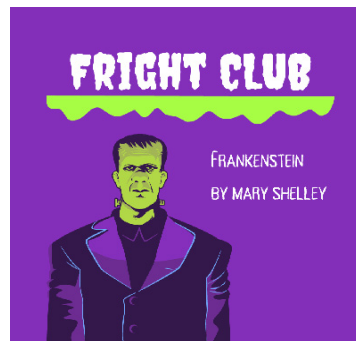
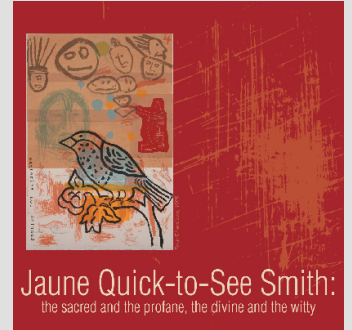
**Jaune Quick-to-See Smith: The Sacred and the Profane, the Divine and the Witty**

Tuesday, November 28

@ 6:30 pm

Virtual

Art lecturer Janet Cohen Mandel showcases the work of visual artist Jaune Quick-to-See Smith, an art educator, art advocate, and political activist. She is also an enrolled member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and is of Métis and Shoshone descent. Quick-to-See Smith's work addresses the myths of her ancestors in the context of current issues facing Native Americans. Her inspiration also stems from the work of Pablo Picasso, Paul Klee, and Robert Rauschenberg. Smith has had more than 80 solo exhibits over the past 30 years, organized and curated scores of Native exhibitions, and lectured at hundreds of universities, museums, and conferences. **[R]**

**Fright Club: Frankenstein**

Kit Pick Up through

Friday, November 3

Young Frankenstein

Thursday, November 30

@ 6 pm

Read the book, then watch the movie! Pick up your Fright Club kit at the beginning of the month; join us for the movie at

the end of the month. Each kit will include fun facts about the novel, discussion questions, a notebook to jot down your thoughts as you read, and a fun surprise. This month, we're reading **Frankenstein** by Mary Shelley, and our movie is the classic Mel Brooks comedy **Young Frankenstein**. Register for the kit; no registration required for the movie. **December: Christmas Carol**—kit pick up 11/27-12/1. **[R]**

Let's Talk: Coffee & Conversation

**Wednesdays @
11 am-12:30 pm**

Seniors

Join Dr. John Brennan of Guilderland for coffee and conversation!

John, a retired veterinarian with long ties to the community and the Library, started this ongoing forum for other retirees to chat and build meaningful connections. This is a casual, drop-in group; no registration.

Let's Talk!

**Coffee & Conversation
with Dr. John Brennan**



ADULT PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS [R]

**Night Owls Book Club****Mondays @ 6:30 pm**

Hybrid: choice of in-person or virtual
 Led by various librarians. Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles.

November 13: *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie*, by Marie Benedict
December 11: *The Escape Artist*, by Jonathan Freedland

January 8: *Lessons In Chemistry*, by Bonnie Garmus

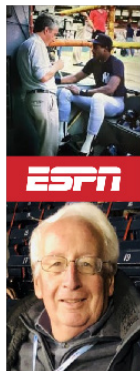
**Book Discussion with Albany Guardian Society****Thursdays @ 6:30 pm via Zoom**

November 16: *Hamnet*, by Maggie O'Farrell
December 14: *The Last Chairlift*, by John Irving

**You Never Know:
 An Evening with
 Sportswriter
 Steve Wulf**

Thursday, November 9 @ 7 pm

Baseball provides constant surprises, as veteran sportswriter Steve Wulf keeps rediscovering. Steve will recount fascinating stories and experiences woven throughout the rich tapestry of his career. He draws from his experience as an award-winning magazine journalist, former executive editor for ESPN The Magazine and senior writer for espn.com, and the author of several sports books. After the talk, you're invited to shop at "Steve's Used Book Sale." All books will be one dollar each, with proceeds benefitting the Library.

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 SPORTSWRITER
 STEVE WULF**

**Technology Help**

**Wednesdays,
 November 15 & 29 @
 10 am, 11 am or 12 pm**

Feeling a little stuck with technology? Coach Donna can provide you

with 1:1 tech assistance, including:

- Internet Searches—how to navigate Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, Bing
- Microsoft Word & Excel
- Emails—attaching & downloading attachments, DocuSign, protecting against phishing & scams
- Facebook basics
- Printing, Scanning, & Faxing...and more!

Reserve your customized session with Donna today! [R]

YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

Family Board Games**Thursday, November 2 @ 3-6 pm****Ages 3+**

Kids and families can drop in for some board game fun! Stop in anytime between 3-6 pm. There will be a variety of classic and new board games and card games suitable for young children, older kids, and whole families. No registration required.

**Silent Game Night****Friday, November 3 @ 5:30-7:30 pm****Ages 7+**

Hosted by the Capital Region Language Center, Silent Game Night will be a fun and engaging evening of board games, snacks, and community, all while using **American Sign Language (ASL)**.

This event is intended for all ages and ASL abilities.

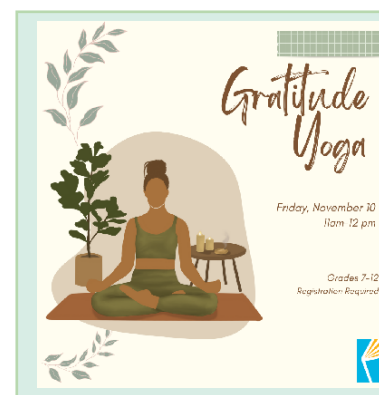
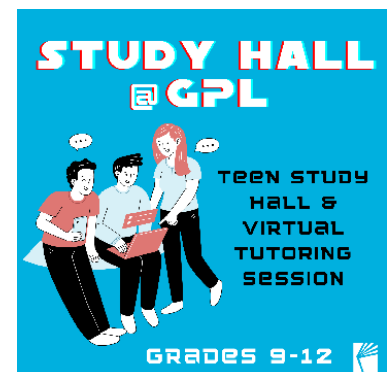
Whether you are a novice or fluent, all are welcome! [R]

Study Hall at GPL

Mondays, November 6 & 27 @ 5:30-7:30 pm
Grades 9-12

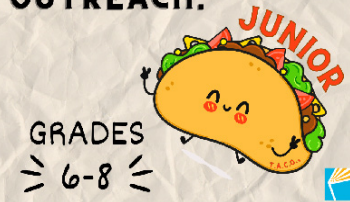
Live, customized homework help is at your fingertips! This teen study hall and virtual tutoring session introduces students to all that **Brainfuse** has to offer. Brainfuse offers live tutoring in multiple

subjects, plus expert writing guidance. Find out how Brainfuse can boost your academics in multiple ways! [R]

**Gratitude Yoga****Friday, November 10 @ 11 am****Grades 7-12**

Experience gratitude with this beginner yoga class! While we stretch, we'll share readings and quiet moments to journal and create our own gratitude lists. Yoga mats and journals will be provided. [R]

YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

TEEN.
ADVISORY.
COMMUNITY.
OUTREACH.

programs and more, to help us make GPL your favorite destination. Invite a friend! [R]

Junior Teen Advisory
Community
Outreach (TACO)

Tuesday, November 7
@ 6 pm

Grades 6-8

Middle schoolers are invited to earn volunteer credit by participating in our Junior Teen Advisory Community Outreach (TACO) meetings. Give us your input on books,

Teen Advisory
Community
Outreach (TACO)

Thursday, November 9
@ 6 pm

Grades 9-12

High schoolers, here's your chance to earn volunteer credit by participating in our Teen Advisory Community Outreach (TACO) meetings. Tell us

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GRADES
9-12
REGISTRATION
REQUIRED



what you want to see at GPL to help us make the Library your preferred hangout spot! [R]

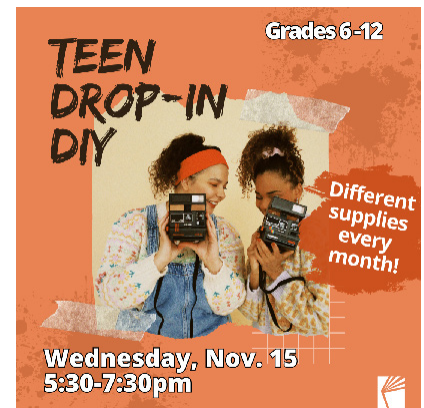
Teen Drop-In DIY

Wednesday,
November 15
@ 5:30-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12

Stop in the The Foundry on the third Wednesday of each month to use some of the Library's maker and craft equipment. This month, we'll have instant cameras available with photo frames to decorate!

Other crafting supplies and inspiration will also be available.

LEGO
FREE PLAY
THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 16

3:00PM - 6:00PM
DROP IN ANYTIME



LEGO Free Play

Thursday,
November 16
@ 3-6 pm

Ages 3+

We're breaking out our sizable LEGO collection, so you can build to your heart's content! Stop by anytime between 3-6 pm to construct your inspired creations.

Dinosaur Bash!

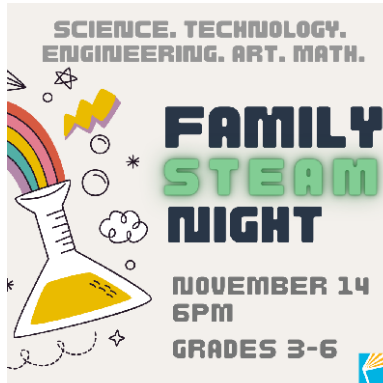
Monday, November 20
@ 4 pm

Grades 1-3

Ready for a rawsome time?! At this "Bash Parties" Dinosaur shindig, we'll have a prehistoric adventure where we'll go on a dinosaur egg hunt, make fossils and a dinosaur lantern, erupt volcanos and eat some tasty dirt cupcakes. This epoch event is going to be dino-mite! [R]

Parent Playdate
Monday, November
13 @ 11 am

Looking to meet other parents or caregivers? Join us for an hour of open playtime! Get to know other parents, caregivers and their little ones, and explore all that the Library has to offer! Light refreshments will be available. Ages infant-3 years old, with a caregiver. [R]

Family STEAM
Night

Tuesday, November 14
@ 6 pm

Grades 3-6

Come explore fun STEAM topics with local schools and colleges for hands-on learning fun with your family! This month, we're welcoming Siena College's Biology Club. [R]

Color Happy! Kids'
Coloring Club

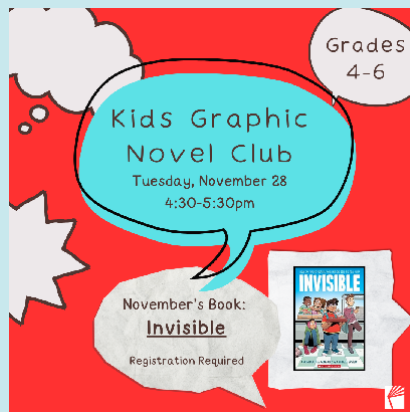
Friday, November 24
@ 1 pm

Ages 3-5

Have fun with an hour of themed coloring! Kids can enjoy experimenting with a rainbow world of pencils, pens, markers, crayons, stickers, and an assortment of coloring pages. Supplies

will be provided by us, inspiration provided by kids! [R]

YOUTH PROGRAMS & RESOURCES



Grades 4-6

NEW Kids Graphic Novel Club**Tuesday, November 28 @ 4:30 pm**
Grades 4-6

The Kids Graphic Novel Club will meet monthly to talk about the book selection, do activities, eat some snacks, and meet other graphic novel lovers!

For the November meeting, we will be reading *Invisible*, (2022) written by Christina Diaz Gonzalez and illustrated by Gabriella Epstein. This is "a graphic novel about five very different students who are forced together by their school to complete community service... and may just have more in common than they thought" (Amazon). This book is recommended for grades 4 and up by School Library Journal.

Registrants will receive a **free copy of the book** to keep and will be notified when it is ready to be picked up at the Library. [R]

Art Room**Wednesday, November 29 @ 3-6 pm****Family / All Ages**

Bring your creativity to the Library! Drop in anytime between 3-6 pm and use a variety of arts and crafts supplies to create your own colorful, unique masterpiece.

**Fall Storytimes****Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday @ 10:30 am**
No Storytimes November 10-27

Come to the Library for stories, socialization, silliness and smiles!

► **Tuesdays: Toddlers**

Ages 18-36 months

► **Wednesdays:****Families, Ages 0-5 years**► **Thursdays:**

Preschoolers, Ages 2.5- 5 Please choose only one storytime per week. Caregivers must remain for the entire time.

ADDITIONAL NEWS

Some programs are already full! Please refer to our online Events Calendar, and make sure you are subscribed to our digital weekly eNews ("GPL News")!

**Holiday Bus Trip to NYC****Holiday Bus Trip to NYC****Friday, December 8****Cost:** \$60 per person**Schedule:** Leave

GPL @ 8 am

Return to GPL

@ 9:30 pm

To reserve your seat(s), please

see: <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/bus-trip> (pay online).

Winter Card Project**Through December 11**

Our popular card project is back, supporting Community Caregivers!

- Create or repurpose card(s) no larger than 4 x 5. Please stick to a general winter/holiday theme.

- Optional: add an uplifting message and/or sign the card(s).

- Envelopes will be provided. Drop

off your card(s) in the marked bin in our lobby. **Thank you!**



ON THE CALENDAR

ELECTION DAY VOTING**Tuesday, November 7**

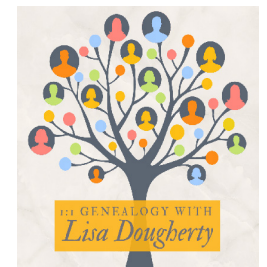
@ 6 am-9 pm

CLOSED Saturday, November 11—Veterans Day**CLOSING at 2 pm—Wednesday, November 22****CLOSED Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving****Exhibit: Anthony Giacomo** Interested in exhibiting?

Contact Luanne Nicholson: pjo@guilderlandlibrary.org or 518.456.2400 ext.112

Drop-In Knit & Stitch—**Tuesdays @ 10-11:30 am****Coffee & Conversation for****Seniors—Wednesdays****@ 11 am-12:30 pm****Drop-In Genealogy Assistance****with Lisa Dougherty****Wednesday, November 8****@ 5:30-7:30 pm****Capital District Knitting Guild****Monday, November 13 @ 6-8 pm****GPL Board of Trustees Meeting****Thursday, November 16 @ 6 pm**

In-person and streamed on YouTube. Public

commentary to: pc@guilderlandlibrary.org**American Red Cross Blood Drive****Tuesday, November 21 @ 1-6 pm****American Red Cross**