

Looking Back, Looking Forward

By *Tim Wiles, Library Director*

Pretty soon, it will be time to fall back, adjusting our clocks to gain one hour. We looked back a few decades for some festive fun at Guilderland Library Foundation's 4th Annual Gala, featuring a "Feelin' Groovy" 1960s/1970s theme, on September 28 at Albany Country Club. We're grateful for the support of so many to help make our library be the very best it can be. A record 68 people extended their commitment by joining the Honorary Committee - thank you! In addition, we greatly appreciate these key sponsorships:

- **Troy Miller Construction/CM Fox Realty** - \$2,000 Masterpiece Level
- **Jaeger & Flynn** - \$1,000 Classic Level
- **The Rosenblum Companies** - \$1,000 Classic Level
- **Butler Rowland Mays Architects, LLP** - \$500 Bestseller Level
- **The William Coons Team at Howard Hanna Real Estate** - \$500 Bestseller Level
- **Crossgates Mall** - \$500 Bestseller Level
- **Expressive Journeys Music Therapy** - \$500 Bestseller Level
- **Girvin & Ferlazzo** - \$500 Bestseller Level
- **The Ten Eyck Group** - \$500 Bestseller Level
- **The Bombardier Family** - \$250 Novella Level
- **Carter Conboy Law Firm** - \$250 Novella Level

I'd also like to thank **Frank Gallo Florist** for donating the floral centerpieces for the Gala. Our sincere thanks to all who support this endeavor! We appreciate the dedicated efforts of our Foundation members, who work hard to organize the Gala and other events throughout the year. Our next Foundation event features children's author/illustrator **Jacqueline Rogers**, who will share her story ***Goblin Moon*** (ideal for ages 4-8), conduct a craft activity, and sign copies of her book on **Saturday, October 12 at 2 pm**. The Foundation also works to expand our offerings, and recently donated telescopes and ukuleles to the library for all to enjoy.

We also want to express our appreciation to our elected officials who have helped us succeed:

- **Town Supervisor Peter Barber**, who has fostered a great relationship between the Town and the library, and who worked with property owners to open Mercy Care Lane behind the library.
- **Assemblymember Pat Fahy**, who has earmarked a quarter-million dollar grant to help with the library renovation, and also provided \$75,000 back in 2015 to convert every light in and around the library to LED, thus saving us about 25% on our electric bill. I recently nominated Pat for the Senator Hugh Farley Outstanding Advocate for Libraries award, and she won! I will be presenting this award to her at the New York Library Association conference in November.
- **Senator George Amedore**, who supported our referendum project with his constituents and who has himself provided over \$100,000 to library projects in the past five years, most notably funding the acquisition of a brand new roof. Due to the support and budget votes cast by George and Pat, the library competed for and received \$105K for our HVAC revamp this year.

- **Congressman Paul Tonko** for his unflagging support of libraries, education, and our community in general

Lastly, I'd like to thank the Guilderland Library staff, which truly makes the library the extraordinary place that it is. Their creativity, passion for the mission, and excellent customer service make GPL the exceptional resource and community gem that I am proud to oversee.

Building Update

Looking forward, we are excited about the prospect of serving you better through the renovation and small expansion of the library approved by voters in May. We've been meeting with Butler, Rowland and Mays, a local architecture firm specializing in libraries, to hammer out the details in more depth. Our proposal is currently in review by the State Education Department, and it's hard to say precisely how long the approval process will take. We'll have to be patient with the process, as it usually takes a couple of years to turn the conceptual plan into a set of building instructions. At this point, we hope to put the project out to bid in October 2020, and start construction as soon as possible thereafter. We will continue to keep you updated on the process. You can also check our website for building news by clicking on "Library Renewal" on our home page – www.guilderlandlibrary.org.

Happenings

You probably know that we offer seminars, speakers, films, concerts, blood drives, book sales, book discussions, and many other exceptional programs and community events at the library. Did you also know that we have a **new Cabaret series**? Join us **Friday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.** for an after-hours special evening performance of jazz standards, featuring the smooth vocal stylings of **Jeanne O'Connor** and her trio of musicians. Relax with a glass of wine (with I.D.), hors d'oeuvres, and terrific music. Be sure to register for this program, as space is limited. We plan to host GPL Cabaret Night three times a year, so if you can't make it this time around, look for the next installment in January.

For **Halloween** happenings – look no further than your spooktacular local library:

Fri. Oct. 25 @ 4-5 pm & 6-7 pm - ESCAPE THE HOUSE ON THE HILL!

Can you escape the haunted house with your life? Work with your group to solve puzzles and find clues before time runs out! For teens and adults. Register for either the 4 pm or 6 pm session. Space is limited; please register online, by phone or in person.

Tues. Oct. 29 @ 6:30 pm - HALLOWEEN CRAFT GRAVEYARD

Choose from a variety of seasonal craft supplies and make one of our projects or invent your own. A great hangout for families or groups of friends, with snacks and Halloween music to enhance the seasonal mood. For all ages; please register online, by phone or in person.

Wed. Oct. 30 @ 6 pm - HALLOWEEN PARTY

Come dressed in your best costume and be ready to celebrate Halloween with creepy snacks and terrifying activities! For grades 5-12; please register online, by phone or in person.

Thurs. Oct. 31 @ 10:30 am - NOT-SO-SPOOKY COSTUME PARTY AND STORYTIME

You're invited to a special costume party and storytime full of songs, stories, and dancing! We'll end our party with a costume parade around the library. Ages 19 months and older, with a caregiver.

Thurs. Oct. 31 @ 6 pm - *THE SHINING*

Halloween is for everyone! Come watch this classic scary movie with us, starring Jack Nicholson and Shelley Duvall, and directed by Stanley Kubrick. Rated R; 144 minutes.

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