



GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Open for Business!

Following years of planning and 11 months of construction, Guilderland Public Library welcomed back patrons to our newly renovated and expanded facility on Tuesday, September 28. Some furnishings, services and final touches are still to come, but we are thrilled to be open, and we hope to see you here soon!

Building for the Future

1957 → 1992 → 2021 and beyond
library founded current building renovation & expansion



The official ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating our reopening to the public occurred on Friday, September 24.

From left: Kaitlin Downey, GPL Board President; Rosemary Centi, Guilderland Town Board; Patricia Slavick, Guilderland Town Board; Danielle Walsh, Guilderland Chamber of Commerce Executive Director; Paul Pastore, Guilderland Town Board; Lynne Buchanan, Guilderland Receiver of Taxes; Mark Grimm, Albany County Legislator; Tim Wiles, GPL Library Director; Mary Rozak, Albany County Director of Communications; Pat Fahy, NYS Assemblywoman; Dustin Reidy, Albany County Legislator; Michelle Hinchey, NYS Senator; Peter Barber, Guilderland Town Supervisor; Dennis Feeny, Albany County Legislator.



Deborah Nazon poses at the stunning welcome mural of the Helderbergs. Photo by GPL Trustee Richard Rubin.



The main reading room provides a bright, open space for browsing refreshed rows of materials.

CURRENT HOURS

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

Masks are required. Browsing, reference, photocopying, print-on-demand, scheduled curbside and virtual programs available. Meeting/study rooms, public computers, exhibits, car charging stations, hearing assistance technology, café to come. Please limit your visit to 30 minutes.

ADULT PROGRAMS

HEALTH & SAFETY



Outdoor Flu Vaccine Clinic
Wednesday, October 6 @ 10 am - 2 pm
Parking Lot

No appointment needed! Rite Aid pharmacists will administer flu vaccines at our annual outdoor drop-in clinic in GPL's main parking lot. Masks plus on-site temperature check and health questionnaire are required. Both the regular vaccine and the high-dose option for ages 65+ (subject to availability) will be offered. Please provide your insurance card, or be prepared to pay \$39.99.

Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 23 @ 10 am - 2 pm
Parking Lot

We're teaming up with the Guilderland Police



Department once again for the semi-annual nationwide Drug Take-Back Day, a collaborative effort to safely remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from our medicine cabinets.

Instructions:

- ▶ Put your medications in a bag, if possible.
- ▶ Wear a mask covering your nose and mouth.
- ▶ Put bagged medications in a place that you can easily access while remaining in your vehicle, or place the bag in your trunk so an officer may retrieve it.
- ▶ Proceed to the drop-off point and stay in your vehicle.
- ▶ Follow the officers' instructions.

See the Events tab of our website for more information.



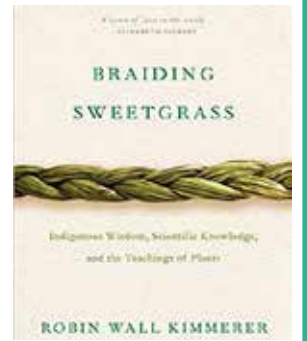
Trick or Treat: How to Handle Halloween Candy Overload
Tuesday, October 26 @ 7 pm

In this online presentation, Mariel Baron, a local Registered Dietitian, will cover how to confidently handle Halloween candy and

other sweets so that your child can enjoy them, not fixate on them. She will discuss why restriction of sweets backfires, whether or not strategies like the "Switch Witch" are recommended, and how to manage candy consumption on Halloween and beyond. [R]



Night Owls Online
Monday, October 11 @ 7:30 pm



This month, we're reading the acclaimed bestseller *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer in

advance of our October online meetup. Please reserve a copy, then register on the Events tab of our website for the link to join our book discussion. [R]



Fall & Early Winter Card Project

Wednesday, October 20—Saturday, November 6

We're bringing back our popular card project to help support our friends at Community Caregivers as they serve the people around us. This can be an individual or family project—all

ages are welcome to join the fun and spread the joy to someone who would appreciate a cheerful mailed greeting.

Guidelines:

- Create or repurpose card(s) no larger than 5"x 7."
- Optional: add an uplifting message and/or sign the card(s).
- Envelopes will be provided by Community Caregivers; they will address and mail all cards received.
- Drop off your card(s) in our lobby. Thank you!

Cooking Outdoors

Sunday, October 24 @ 1 pm

Tawasentha Park Large Pavilion

Enjoy the great outdoors while honing your grilling skills!



Karen Roberts Mort from Cornell Cooperative Extension will demonstrate cooking methods while preparing some tasty recipes. She'll also share recipes you can try at home. *Special bonus:* attendees will receive silicone pot holder grips. Space is limited; proper mask wearing required. [R]

ADULT PROGRAMS



Wednesday, October 27 @ 7 pm
VIRTUAL CRAFTY CHAT

Virtual Crafty Chat
Wednesday, October 27 @ 7 pm
Calling all crafty peeps! For our next Zoom meetup, we're reading **Craftfulness: Mend Yourself by Making Things** by Rosemary Davidson and Arzu Tahsin, available on Hoopla. Please obtain this book in advance (call or email if you need assistance), then register for the link to participate in this casual online meetup. All are welcome! [R]

How Did You Find It?
GPL's monthly podcast
NEW: Friday, October 15
Have you heard? Librarian Kathleen Tyrrell drops a new episode of our monthly podcast, **How Did You Find It?**, the third Friday of each month. Listen on major platforms for GPL news and offerings, book reviews and broader topics of interest. We welcome your feedback and suggestions! Reach out anytime to: podcast@guilderlandlibrary.org.




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Dial A Story
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 Unplug from technology and relax with a brief story using 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 an international story. Check back often—enjoy a break!



Elijah Hackett excitedly made his way to the new aquarium and children's library!



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Picture Book Read Aloud
Thursdays
GPL Kids & Families Facebook Page
 Join us for a fun picture book read-aloud every Thursday morning! We'll celebrate holidays, fun days, culture & heritage, while enjoying great kids literature. We'll also post new read-alouds on our **YouTube** page.



Discovery Pages
guilderlandlibrary.org/gplkids
 Find new Discovery Pages for kids of all ages: eBooks, audio books, crafts, music and more! Fresh content debuts the second Wednesday of every month.



Grades 3-5 Activity Kit
Fall Nature Journal
 Learn how to observe and record, the great outdoors! Register to receive your notebook, magnifying glass and activity booklet, then pick up starting Tues. 10/19. [R]

Tween / Teen Activity Kit
Spooky Potion Bottles
 Grades 6-12: get in the Halloween spirit by making your own spooky potion bottle! Register, then pick up curbside Tues. 10/26 - Sun. 10/31. [R]



ON THE CALENDAR

Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, October 21 @ 6 pm
 Streamed live on **YouTube** and archived for later viewing. Public commentary may be submitted at any time to: pc@guilderlandlibrary.org