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## Two Sessions with Acclaimed Poet Susan Comminos

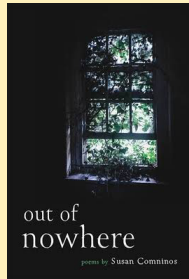
We're fortunate to host nationally-known award-winning poet (and Guilderland native) Susan Comminos for two programs in October! Space is limited.

### ► **Out of Nowhere: Poems Reading, Book Sale & Signing** Saturday, October 1 @ 2-3:15 pm

This just-published collection of poetry penned by Comminos has already received high praise, employing beautiful imagery and complex literary forms as it lends a relevant voice to classic themes. Comminos will conclude the afternoon with an engaging discussion of poetic techniques. [R]

### ► **The Creative Fever of Folklore Poetry Workshop** Saturday, October 8 @ 2-3:15 pm

This dynamic workshop continues the conversation started the previous week, digging deeper into effective poetic devices. Among the topics covered, we'll discuss how poets come to inherit and preserve a legacy. Please register for either or both of these special events. [R]



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## Learn Libby from the Experts!

October 24-26  
@ 10-11 am  
Virtual

### GO DIGITAL!

If you've wanted to delve into eBooks,

eMagazines and audiobooks through the Libby app, or have a working knowledge and want to know more, **here's your chance!** Libby experts are hosting three virtual training sessions to help you fully access our library's extensive digital collection:

- **Monday, October 24:** How to Get Started
- **Tuesday, October 25:** Tips & Tricks (Deep Dive)
- **Wednesday, October 26:** All About Magazines

Can't make it at 10 am? No problem! All sessions will be recorded and emailed to registrants. Please register for one or all sessions by visiting: <https://bit.ly/UHLSLIBBY>. [R]

## Not-So-Spooky Storytime & Parade Monday, October 31 @ 4 pm

Put on your costumes and join us in the Children's Library for light-hearted Halloween books and dancing! We'll conclude with a costume parade to our festive Trunk or Treat event!

## NOT-SO-SPOOKY STORYTIME



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TRUNK OR TREAT

**Trunk or Treat**  
Monday,  
October 31 @  
4:30-7:30 pm  
Upper Parking  
Lot



**TRICK OR TREAT AT GPL's TRUNK OR TREAT!** Enjoy treats and fun decorations, then cast your vote for favorite "trunk!" Allergy-friendly options available.

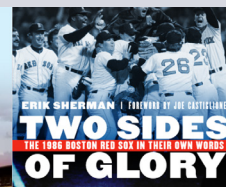
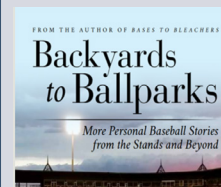


**"TRUNKERS" NEEDED!** Join the fun—decorate your vehicle! (This is a great way to promote your business or organization, too!) We'll provide treats to hand out and award three prizes (**\$100, \$75 and \$50 Price Chopper gift cards**) for Best Trunks! **Contact Natalie Hurteau to register: [hurteaun@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:hurteaun@guilderlandlibrary.org).** [R]



**TRICK YOUR TRUNK—Saturday, October 29, 1-5 pm**  
Stop by to use our craft supplies and get inspired! [R]

## Doubleheader: Two Baseball Authors Saturday, October 8 @ 2 pm



America's pastime takes center stage with two notable baseball authors! Erik Sherman returns to GPL to read from **Two Sides of Glory: the 1986 Boston Red Sox In Their Own Words**. Also

appearing is Eric Gray, who will read from **Backyards to Ballparks: More Personal Baseball Stories from the Stands and Beyond**. Both authors will sell and sign copies of their books. **No registration needed—stop in!**

## ADULT PROGRAMS &amp; RESOURCES



**Faith Ringgold:**  
Artist, Author,  
Educator, Organizer  
**Monday, October 3**  
**@ 6:30 pm**  
**Virtual**

We're taking an in-depth look at multi-talented influencer Faith Ringgold, whose life and works continue to astonish art lovers around the world. Best known for her vibrant story quilts, Ringgold also creates provocative paintings, prints,

sculptures, and is the beloved author/illustrator of nearly 20 children's books. Presented by Janet C. Mandel. [R]

**Computer Coach**  
**Friday, October 7 & 21**  
**@ 10 or 11 am**

Looking for customized assistance with Apple products, or help with the Learning Express tool on our website to craft a winning résumé? Coach Robin can meet with you 1:1 to help you optimize these resources! [R]



**Fall Marketplace**  
**Sunday, October 9**  
**@ 10 am-2 pm**

Our fall outdoor fair features a wide array of unique items from as many as 42 homegrown vendors! Join us for this "shop small" event!

**Author Talk: Inside the Green Lobby, with Local Author Bernard Melewski**

**Monday, October 17**  
**@ 6:30 pm**

This new nonfiction work by Altamont resident Bernard Melewski chronicles his behind-the-scenes efforts as a veteran environmental lobbyist working to save New York's six-million-acre Adirondack Park. *Inside the Green Lobby* recounts, through engaging and entertaining stories, how environmental advocates successfully pursue legislative and policy change. **Book signing/sale follows the presentation.**



**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS [R]**

<https://guilderlandlibrary.org/book-discussion>

**Night Owls Book Club**

**Mondays @ 7:30 pm**

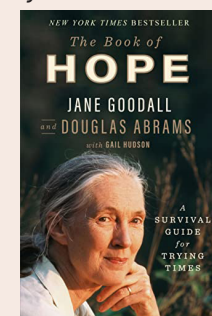
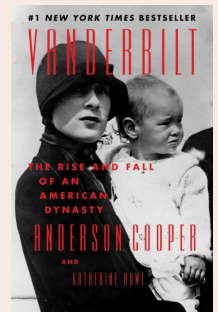
**Hybrid: in-person or virtual**

Led by Librarian Maura Powers-Smith. Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles.

**October 10: *Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty***, by Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe.

**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



**Green Reads**

**Thursdays @ 6 pm**

**Virtual**

Led by Librarian Maria Buhl.

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

**October 13: *The Book of Hope***, by Jane Goodall

**Memoirs in the Morning**

**Wednesdays @ 10:30 am**

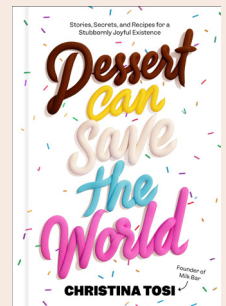
**Virtual**

Led by Librarian Josalyn 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 our *Memoirs in the Morning* group on [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com) to join the discussion whenever it suits your schedule!



**Genealogy Assistance with Lisa Dougherty**

**Wednesday, October 12**  
**@ 6-8 pm**

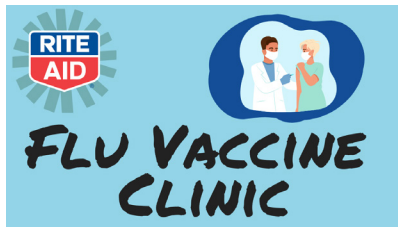
Want to know more about your family tree? Here's your chance to get expert advice! Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty offers 1:1 family history consultations here at the library each month.

**Contact Lisa directly** via email

to schedule your appointment: [lisagene@nycap.rr.com](mailto:lisagene@nycap.rr.com). For general information, please visit Lisa's website: <http://www.upstatenogenealogy.com>. [R]



## ADULT PROGRAMS &amp; RESOURCES



### Flu Vaccine Clinic with Rite Aid Pharmacists

Thursday, October 20 @ 3-6 pm

It's time to get your flu shot! Options for our annual drop-in clinic

include both the regular flu vaccine and the high-dose option for ages 65+ (subject to availability), plus the pneumonia vaccine. Pharmacists can vaccinate ages 3 and up. Please bring your insurance card with you (or be prepared to pay about \$40 per vaccine), and consider wearing a mask. You can pick up a copy of the Screening Questionnaire and Consent Form at the Adult Information desk to fill out in advance and bring with you to the clinic.

### Paper Sunflower Craft

Thursday, October 20 @ 6 pm

Create a beautiful fall-themed paper sunflower wall hanging! This bright and fun craft will lend warmth to your home. We'll show you how to use tissue paper to make petals and buttons for the seeds. Come solo, or with a friend! Space is limited. [R]



### Shrek The Interactive Movie!

Friday, October 21 @ 6:30 pm

Grab your torch and pitchforks and join us for an interactive watch party of the cinematic favorite, *Shrek*! This cult classic will have you yelling out familiar lines, singing along with Grammy award-

winning hits from Smash Mouth, and noshing on the best cuisine a swamp can serve up! The after-hours fun includes a little trivia, too! *Shrek* is rated PG for adult humor and innuendos. **Costumes are encouraged!**

### 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  
 Farmer's Market.....Sundays, 10 am–2 pm  
 Fall Marketplace Sun. 10/9, 10 am–2 pm

Masks optional. GPL is fine free. All programs listed are in-person at the library, unless otherwise noted.

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

### Horror Movie Trivia

Wednesday, October 26 @ 7 pm

'Tis the spooky season! Get into the spirit by gathering your fiendishly clever team (up to six players) for several rounds of terrifying movie trivia! We know you're just *dying* to prove you're master of the macabre! [R]



### Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, October 29 @ 10-2 pm

Side Parking Lot

We're teaming up with the Guilderland Police Department once again to host the semi-annual nationwide Drug Take Back Day, a one-day

collaborative effort to safely remove potentially-dangerous controlled substances from our medicine cabinets.

### Instructions:

- ▶ Put your medications in a bag, if possible
- ▶ 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

### What CAN be disposed:

- Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances
- Medication in its original container or removed from its container and disposed of directly into the disposal boxes
- Pet medication

### What CANNOT be disposed:

No sharps and syringes.

*Drug Take Back Day officials will not ask any questions, nor request identification from anyone.*

### NEW: Passports Processed Here!

Appointments starting this month

If you put international travel plans on hold, now may be the perfect time to obtain or renew your passport! To find out more about this new service offered, please call to make an appointment at **518.456.2400 ext. 2**, or inquire at the Circulation desk.



## YOUTH PROGRAMS &amp; RESOURCES



**Project Picture Book**  
**Friday, October 7 @ 3 pm**  
**Pre-K-Grade 2**  
 Join us for a fun read-aloud and project. Dress for a mess! [R]

### Fall Storytimes

**Starting Tuesday, October 11**

We'll read book, sing songs and get moving and grooving! Caregivers must stay with their child(ren). No registration required. Due to limited space, please attend only ONE storytime per week:

- **Toddler Storytime**—ages 18-36 months  
**Tuesdays @ 10:30 am**, starting October 11
- **Family Storytime**—ages birth-5 years old  
**Wednesdays @ 10:30 am**, starting October 12
- **Preschool Storytime**—ages 3-5 years old  
**Thursdays @ 10:30 am**, starting October 13

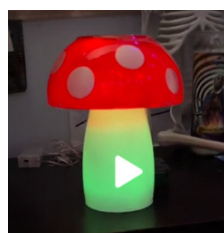


**Family STEAM Night**  
**Thursday, October 13 @ 6:30 pm**  
**Grades 3 and up**  
 Come explore fun Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) topics with our local schools and colleges! This month, we welcome RPI Engineering Ambassadors. [R]

### Autumn Exploration Station

**Friday, October 14 @ 11 am**  
**Preschool Ages 2.5-5**

Fall is in the air! Join us for a morning session of autumn process art and sensory play. Dress for a mess! [R]



### Viral Crafts

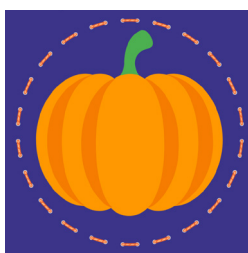
**Tuesday, October 18 @ 6 pm**  
**Teens**

Come hang out and attempt the newest crafts sweeping the internet! This time, we're tackling the Tik Tok-inspired **DIY Mushroom Lamp!** All materials will be provided. [R]

### Learn to Sew: Pumpkin Project

**Tuesday, October 25 @ 4 pm**  
**Grades 3-5**

Learn the basics of hand sewing by creating a seasonal decoration! All supplies will be provided. [R]



### Family Movie Night: Hocus Pocus

**Thursday, October 27 @ 6:30 pm**

Drop in for a movie and free popcorn! This month's movie is perennial favorite *Hocus Pocus*, starring Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy as three wicked witches who return to life to haunt Salem on Halloween night. *Rated PG for some scary sequences.*



## PET FOOD DRIVE

**The Great Giveback: Pet Food Drive**  
**October 1-21**

This year, we're again hosting a Pet Food Drive to benefit the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society and Whiskers Animal Benevolent League. Please drop off these items (unopened, not expired, not prescription) into the marked bins in our lobby: canned cat food; dry dog food or treats; kitty litter; pet-sized blankets; small white paper plates; and paper towels—**thank you!**

### VolunTeen Service Project: Pet Toys

**Wednesday, October 12 @ 6 pm**

**Grades 6-12:** Earn community service time and help with our Great Give Back goals! We'll be making pet toys to donate along with the Library's Pet Food Drive [R].



### How Did You Find It?

**GPL's monthly podcast**  
**NEW: Friday, October 21**

We explore all things GPL: books, entertainment, technology, programs and much more! Listen on all major platforms. Contact us with feedback at: [podcast@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:podcast@guilderlandlibrary.org).

## ON THE CALENDAR

### Knit Wits Knitting Group

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

### GPL Board of Trustees Meeting

**Thursday, October 20 @ 6 pm**  
 In-person and streamed on YouTube. Public commentary to: [pc@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:pc@guilderlandlibrary.org)

### Guilderland Library Foundation Meeting

**Thursday, October 29 @ 6:15 pm**

New Foundation members welcome!

Contact Steve Wacksman:  
[wacksman20@gmail.com](mailto:wacksman20@gmail.com).

### Early General Election Voting

**October 29-November 6**

9 am-5 pm; Monday and Wednesday:  
 12-8 pm. Helderberg Room

