

## **Falling into Place**

As fresh produce and grills give way to pumpkin spice and comfort food, we're reflecting on a productive and successful summer, thanks in large part to you, our wonderful patrons. Our 2019 Summer Reading Program theme, *A Universe of Stories*, coincided with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the momentous moon landing. Summer reading results were, by all accounts, rather spectacular in their own right – and not just for kids! Here's the July/August recap:

### *Pre-K-Grade 12:*

- 411 registrants
- 8,033 books logged
- 81,158 minutes / 1,353 hours of reading logged

### *Adults:*

- 116 adults read 577 books

### *Overall:*

- 3,548+ people attended 69 programs

In addition, 61 teens dedicated 820 hours to assist us. These volunteers lent a hand at programs, aided patrons with their online Beanstack accounts to award the summer reading prizes and raffles, and helped us stay ahead of the curve with several duties. Many thanks to them for their commitment and assistance! In general, we hope you were able to take advantage of some of our offerings for all ages, to help everyone in your family (and you!) remain engaged and mentally stimulated over the summer months.

## **“Feelin’ Groovy” Gala – Sept. 28**

We're counting down the days and anticipating a fabulous sold-out evening for our annual Library Gala, “Feelin’ Groovy”, Sat. Sept. 28 at Albany Country Club, starting at 6 pm. This event is sponsored by the Guilderland Library Foundation, a group of dedicated volunteers who fundraise to support programming, collections, and other improvements to the library. The honorees for this year are former Guilderland Public Library Board Trustee and 2018 Upper Hudson Library Association Trustee of the Year Chris Aldrich, and Susan Novotny, owner of the Book House in Stuyvesant Plaza. Attendees are welcome to come dressed in 1960s or 1970s-themed attire as we dance the night away to favorite tunes from that era.

So, how can you get your tickets, priced at \$75, before they're gone? Three ways:

- go to the Guilderland Library Foundation Facebook page
- go to [www.guilderlandlibrary.org/gala](http://www.guilderlandlibrary.org/gala)
- mail a check made out to Guilderland Library Foundation to: 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 12084, or drop it off at the library

We extend sincere thanks to our Gala sponsors:

- 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

We're also seeking bid-worthy items and experiences to be showcased in our live auction. All donations are sincerely appreciated! Please contact Guilderland Library Foundation President Steve Wacksman at [Wacksman20@gmail.com](mailto:Wacksman20@gmail.com); or contact me at [wilest@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:wilest@guilderlandlibrary.org) or 518.456.2400 ext. 113. As always, we are grateful for your support.

Hope to see you for festive fun 9/28 at the Library Foundation's biggest fundraising event of the year!

#### **Grant + Incentive = Enhanced Energy Efficiency**

Earlier this year, the library completed a \$217,000 project to replace all 26 of the building's heat pumps, which mostly date from the building's opening in 1992, with new, high-efficiency models that save 20 percent in energy use—and thus in costs. The project was helped by a \$105,346 State Library Construction grant, which would not have been possible without strong advocacy work by Senator George Amedore and Assemblymember Pat Fahy. Local taxpayers also benefitted from a National Grid incentive of \$12,007 on this project, bringing the local portion of the expense down to approximately \$99,000. We thank the community for its support as we continue improvements to your library facility.

#### **Library Card Sign-Up Month**

September is Library Card Sign-up Month! Obtaining a library card is the first step towards lifelong learning. This is a great time of year to foster your child's intellectual curiosity, augmenting what they learn in school. Are they ready for their very own library card? Do you need a replacement? Stop in today!

Your library card grants you access to a wealth of free resources year-round - and during Library Card Sign-up Month, it also gives you a chance to win \$100! Simply snap a picture with your library card and post it to Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag #GetLibraryCarded. You'll be automatically entered in a drawing to win a \$100 Visa gift card! Entries can also be submitted by posting a comment or wall post on the "I Love Libraries" Facebook page. Please make sure any personally identifiable information is not visible in the photo. This promotion ends Sept. 22. Visit: <http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card> for details.

#### Pull Quote:

Saturday, September 28:

**Autumn Marketplace** – 9 am-3 pm @ GPL, featuring a wide variety of vendors

**Guilderland Library Foundation Gala: *Feelin' Groovy*** – 6 pm @ Albany Country Club, Voorheesville

Photo: Teen Volunteers

Caption: These teens assisting with Summer Reading Program registration were part of a group of 61 teen volunteers devoting 820 hours to assist at Guilderland Public Library, June through August.