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As students and their families prepare for the upcoming school year, flexibility is once again required to ensure the safety of all involved. For many, it may entail a combination of in-school and remote learning. And of course, it is always subject to change, based on the latest developments. Despite these changeable factors, it's a proven fact: **children who read for pleasure are more likely to excel in school and beyond.**

Here at your friendly local library, we support learning for all ages, wherever it's happening. We have several resources (some we've just introduced) that can bolster academic enrichment, and we urge you to take advantage of them at: <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/learning-tools/>

Here are just a few of many FREE educational resources you can access with your library card:



Bookflix - NEW!

This award-winning resource from Scholastic connects imaginative stories with nonfiction knowledge, encouraging early learners to discover the joy of learning to read, then the excitement of reading to learn. Animated classic storybooks spark

curiosity, creating a natural springboard into the paired nonfiction eBook for guided discovery. There are more than a dozen topics to choose from—from ABCs and 123s to science, social studies and more. Some topics are also available in Spanish. **Age Range: Preschool - Grade 3.**

Kids Info Bits - This comprehensive resource, part of the New York Online Virtual Electronic Library (NOVEL) features articles on a variety of topics, current event news stories, and pictures and videos to both enhance and retain learning. **Age Range: Elementary.**



Pronunciator - NEW!

Language proficiency for the whole family! Explore American Sign Language (ASL), practice newly-acquired English language skills (ENL), or reinforce your school studies with quick daily lessons. You can also customize your own course. Choose from a whopping 163 languages, which you can learn in your native tongue. **Age Range: All Ages.**



Opposing Viewpoints

This timely resource, also from NOVEL NY, lends multiple

perspectives to current events to foster a broader understanding beyond the sound bites and headlines. At last count, 482 issues of current relevance were covered. If it's a hot topic, it's likely to be listed. Educator resources are also included. **Age Range: High School.**

Academic Onefile

This robust online encyclopedia is perfect for research projects of varying scopes. Students can utilize the topic finder, subject guide search and publication search to pinpoint the exact information needed for successful project completion. **Age Range: High School.**



Learning Express - NEW!

Students K-12 can use School Center to access practice tests and review the material, and older students can benefit from reviewing the math and ELA modules. Science and social studies content, technology skills practice, test prep and much more are also included. This comprehensive resource also features several helpful career-related categories for adults. **Age Range: All Ages.**



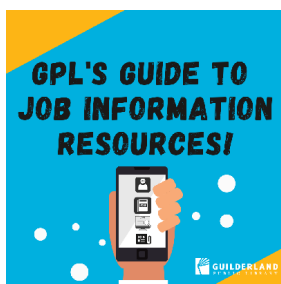
MORE LEARNING TOOLS FOR ALL

Whether you're a lifelong learner, job seeker, or a caregiver looking for educational resources to access at home, we have the learning tools you need!



NEW—Missing international travel this year? With **Pronunciator**, you can study more than 163 languages from the comfort of home, at your own pace. Delve into a new language now, so that when it's considered safe to travel abroad, you will already be well-versed in the native tongue.

LIFELONG LEARNERS—venture out of your comfort zone and learn something new! With **The Great Courses**, available through **RB Digital**, you can watch lectures on history, economics, hobbies, music and literature. Also included are courses in math and science, along with some great armchair travel topics!



NEW—Those searching for a new job or career can update or build a resume, learn important computer skills, and even search for jobs with **Learning Express/Job & Career Accelerator**. For local resources, click on **Job Tools** on our website to see our curated list and begin charting your new professional path today.

SHOPPERS—Before you buy your next car, electronic item, appliance or other big-ticket item, consult **Consumer Reports** for independent ratings on thousands of products to help you make a smart purchase.



WRITERS—Need to help your kids research and compose a paper? Access **Britannica Online** through our website.



Get all this and more with your Guilderland Library Card!
Visit guilderlandlibrary.org/learning-tools for:

- Pronunciator
- Learning Express/Job & Career Accelerator
- Britannica Online
- Consumer Reports

Visit guilderlandlibrary.org/e_library for:

- RB Digital

SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICES



Starting with this issue, we'll focus each month on a different service offered to our patrons. This month, we're talking about **HOOPLA!**

WHAT: **HOOPLA** is a dynamic streaming service that allows you to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music, comics, and television shows. You can stream from your device or download to read, listen or watch where and when you want. You get up to five

downloads each month. We love their **Categories** feature, where Hoopla has curated lists of content on topics like Black Stories and Experiences; New York Times Bestsellers; Audiobooks to Listen to in Your Lifetime; Talking to Kids About Race; National Geographic; and so much more.

WHY: It's all **FREE** through an arrangement with the Upper Hudson Library System, so there's absolutely no charge to you. The content is remarkably rich—there are literally thousands of titles/shows to choose from. Best of all: **NO WAIT TIMES!** You can choose and immediately start to read/watch/listen to the item! So if you want to binge listen to the "Hamilton Mixtape," watch the show "Luther" all weekend, or listen to the powerful book, *Stamped From the Beginning*, you don't have to wait for an available copy.

WHERE: Visit our website at guilderlandlibrary.org, click on the blue button "**Books/Movies/Music**" and click on **Go To Hoopla**. We even have an instructional video that will help guide you through the steps. Have your library card in hand when you're ready to sign up. **Easy as that!**

ONLINE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

See the **Events calendar** on our website to register for these virtual events and receive the link to participate.

Great Books

Thursday, September 10 @ 7 pm

Moderated by John Hargraves

We're reading *Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck, available on Overdrive in eBook and audiobook formats. **[R]**

Night Owls Online

Monday, September 14 @ 7:30 pm

Moderated by Librarian Maura Powers-Smith

This month, we'll unpack *Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor* by Layla F. Saad, available now on Hoopla in both eBook and audiobook formats. **[R]**



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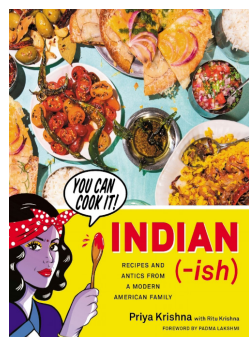
ADULT PROGRAMS

The following programs will be held online, using one of our videoconferencing platforms. You will need either a computer with a microphone and webcam, or a smartphone for these events. **Registration is required, indicated by [R].** Click on the **Events calendar on www.guilderlandlibrary.org** to register. Please provide your email address so that we can send you a link prior to the event.

CULINARY

**Cookbook Club:
At-Home Edition
Wednesday,
September 23 @ 7 pm**

This month, we're reverting to our previous format—we'll all cook from the same cookbook! Only this time, we'll be using an eBook that's on our Hoopla digital platform: **Indian-Ish: Recipes and Antics from a Modern American Family**,



by Priya Krishna. Each of us can download the book; there are no wait times or holds. Look for the instructions on how to find the title in our events calendar listing. Then, choose ANY recipe, make it at home, and we'll meet up to talk about the book and our culinary results. The New York Times named Indian-Ish one of the Best Cookbooks for Spring 2019! [R]

Cooking Under Pressure
Wednesday, September 16 @ 6:30 pm

Karen Roberts Mort from Cornell Cooperative Extension will teach you the basics of using a multi-cooker. Participants will learn about different multi-cooker models, appliance features, safety tips, additional equipment you can purchase, and tips to make cooking easy and fun. Recipes will be shared! [R]

The Ritual 518: Make Good Nutrition Your Ritual
Thursday, September 24 @ 6 pm

Sam Kubik, owner of The Ritual 518 (Superfood Cafe) in Guilderland, will share her favorite immune-boosting recipe with us! Attend our live Zoom session to chat about plant-based recipes and substitutes for achieving healthy eating that will empower you to fuel your body with the nutritious food you deserve! [R]



LANGUAGE

**Talking Italian—Online
Wednesday, September 30
@ 6 pm**


This class is designed for those with little or no previous exposure to the Italian language. Let's meet for a fun and relaxed virtual chat about autumn in Italy! We'll focus on the basics of Italian grammar and conversation surrounding this topic. The instructor, Valentina Ciccarelli, is an Italian native teacher with extensive experience. She loves Italian cooking and baking, and is excited to chat about her culture and beautiful country. Registrants will receive a digital recipe card along with the link to join our Zoom meeting in advance of the program. [R]

ALBANY GUARDIAN SOCIETY

We're partnering with the Albany Guardian Society to offer the following programs to GPL Patrons. **To register for any of these, please call AGS at 518.434.2140.** Please indicate that you are a Guilderland Library patron. AGS will send you a link to the Zoom conference.

Basics of Money Management: Manage Finances and Avoid Consumer Scams
Thursday, September 17 @ 9:30-10:30 am

This workshop will discuss personal finances as they relate to aging. Participants will learn strategies to assess financial situations and understand the importance of goal setting. The discussion will include how to create healthy financial boundaries with friends and family. We'll also learn no-cost/low-cost ways to conserve energy and lower home energy bills. Strategies will include home weatherization, understanding energy use of appliances and lighting, and available energy programs. *Presenter: Maria DeLucia-Evans, Association Resource Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County.* [R]

Putting the Garden to Bed: A Fall Adventure
Wednesday, September 23 @ 9:30-10:30 am

Learn how to prepare your garden for the coming winter and the eventual spring. We'll talk about the reasons for taking some time to put the garden to bed and why it is important to do it properly. Topics covered include the best time for doing different chores; the must-dos, the don't-dos, and other options. *Presenter: Judith Fetterley, Master Gardener, consulting business Perennial Wisdom.* [R]

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YOUTH SERVICES

Grab-n-Go Storytimes

Available bi-weekly on Tuesday September 8 and 21
Curbside pickup only; while supplies last

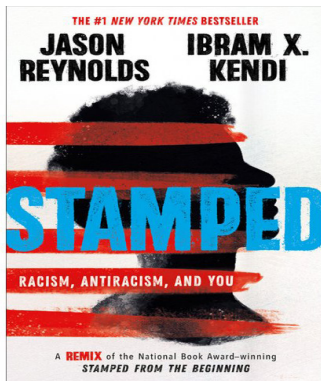
Every two weeks, we'll have a storytime kit available for you and your little one(s). Each thematic kit will contain suggestions for books, rhymes and songs to share together, plus one or more fun surprise activities. Storytimes are recommended for **ages 2-5**, and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

STREAM Kits for Kids and Teens

Available Friday, September 25th

Curbside pickup only; pre-registration required

STREAM stands for Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art and Math. Pick up a kit full of fun activities based on one or more of these areas. When registering, please indicate whether you want a **School-age kit (Grades K-5)** or a **T(w)een kit (Grades 6-12)**. [R]

**Family Read-It Forward**

We are giving away 25 FREE copies of the New York Times Bestseller **Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You** by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi. This book is celebrated for its accessibility to young people, and its ability to break down tough topics and make them

understandable. Read and discuss this timely volume as a family, then pass it on to a neighbor, relative, or friend.

For a chance to get a free copy, register at:

<http://bit.ly/GPLRIFfam>. We'll contact you as soon as your book is ready for curbside pickup.

CURBSIDE SERVICES

**CHECKOUTS:**

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 11 am - 3 pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 3 - 7 pm

- 1) Request materials at **518.285.0050**, website or app.
- 2) We'll notify you when your item(s) are ready for pickup.
- 3) Park in the library's main lot.
- 4) Call **518.285.0671** (Circulation) when you're ready to pick up during our current service hours noted above (if you don't get through initially, please try again). We'll put your materials out on a pre-designated table at the library's entrance.
- 5) Grab your items - **you're good to go!**

RETURNS:

Monday-Friday, 11 am - 8 pm

All items are quarantined for 96 hours, then their exteriors are sanitized prior to reshelfing. Once we close for the day, the sheds are locked. **All fines continue to be waived.**

General Questions? 518.285.0050 or
ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org.
Circulation Questions? 518.285.0671 or
ask.circ@guilderlandlibrary.org

MORE GPL NEWS

Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees Virtual Board Meeting

Thursday, September 17 @ 6 pm on Facebook

This meeting will be streamed live and archived on our Facebook page. Public commentary may be directed at any time to: **pc@guilderlandlibrary.org**.

Strike a pose...you could win \$100!

Having a library card makes you feel like a superhero with all the amazing things it gives you access to! **Show us your best superhero pose during Library Card Sign-Up Month (September) for a chance to win \$100** from the American Library Association (ALA)!

TO ENTER: Strike your best library superhero stance and post it to Instagram and/or Twitter using the hashtag **#LibraryCardHero**. You'll be automatically entered to win a \$100 Visa gift card. Entries can also be submitted by posting as a comment or wall post on the **I Love Libraries Facebook page**. Don't forget to cover up any personally identifiable information on your library card, and tag GPL, too! This promotion begins **Tuesday, September 1, at noon CT** and ends **Tuesday, September 22, at noon CT**. See <http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card>.



What's your library superhero pose?

SHARE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

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ALA American Library Association