



# GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## Construction



### Building Project Update

We are about halfway done with our building project at this point! While as much as 70 percent

of the library's interior is currently unusable, the swift transformation is quite amazing to witness. Here are a few photos to give you an idea of how it's all coming together.



**Exciting progress is being made in the Childrens addition, as well as the adjacent Teen Room**



**View from the library's main entrance facing the Circulation Desk, stacked with boxes of materials**



**Sparkling new public restrooms are now ready for use**

Project completion is expected this fall. Check social media and <https://bit.ly/GPLbuildingproject> for updates!



**The Collection Area, with CDs wrapped on the right and windows looking out to the Literary Garden**

### CURBSIDE SERVICE HOURS

#### Checkouts - Normanskill Room Side Door:

Mon./Wed./Fri.....10 am - 4 pm  
Tues./Thurs.....1 - 7 pm  
Saturday.....10 am - 2 pm  
Sunday.....2 - 4 pm

#### Returns - Parking Lot Sheds:

24/7, except holidays

*The library is currently closed to public browsing.*

## ADULT PROGRAMS

## CREATIVITY



**Creativebug Crafting Challenge**  
 All month long! Enter to win a Joann's gift card!  
 Submissions due **Friday, April 30 @ noon**

Calling all crafters, and wanna-be crafters! GPL has a new subscription service called **Creativebug**, full of thousands of award-winning video art, crafting and culinary classes taught by top designers and artists for all skill levels to enjoy. Throughout April, we challenge you to pick any of the thousands of classes available at <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/guilderlandlibrary> and create something! Then, fill out the submission form at <http://bit.ly/GPLCreativebugCC> and email a photo of your creation to [ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org) to be entered in our drawing to win a Joann's gift card. **The deadline is Fri. April 30 at noon.** Happy crafting!



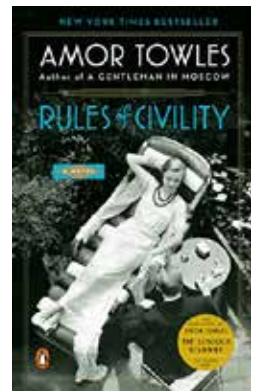
**Virtual Craft & Chat**  
 Tuesday, April 27  
 @ 6 pm

Here's a vibrant online community designed to encourage creative inspiration. Let's craft while we talk...or talk while we craft! Meet

up with like-minded crafters online as we gather for casual conversation and to share ideas, including your experience with and recommendations for Creativebug. Discover your next project! Register on the Events tab of our website to receive the Zoom link in advance. [R]



**Night Owls Online**  
 Monday,  
 April 12  
 @ 7:30 pm



This month, we're meeting online to discuss *New York Times* bestseller **Rules of Civility** by **Amor Towles**. Please place a hold on a copy for curbside pickup. Call us at **518.456.2400 ext. 3** or email us at [ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org) for assistance placing a hold, then register on the Events tab of our website for the link to participate. [R]



**Make Your Own Seed Bombs**  
 Pick up starting  
 Wednesday, April 14

*Earth Day is Thursday, April 22—let's celebrate by cultivating wildflowers! We'll provide all the makings for a "seed bomb," a small ball of*

air-dried clay stuffed with wildflower seeds and soil that provides nutrients and protection from wind. Toss these onto a patch of land or soil open to rain, and watch them sprout! View a video on our newest learning tool, Creativebug, to follow the simple steps at home. Everything you need is included. Please register on our website, then pick up your kit starting Wednesday, April 14 at 10 am. [R]

**1:1 Apple Tech & Résumé Help**  
 Monday evenings /  
 Thursday mornings

Maximize your Apple gadget, or craft your résumé using Learning Express! Get individual assistance from home for:

- Apple Watch, iPhone, MacBook, iPad, Apple TV
- résumé preparation with Learning Express at:

<https://guilderlandlibrary.org/learning-tools>.  
 Schedule your appointment **Monday evenings (new day) at 6:30 pm** or **Thursday mornings at 10 am**. [R]



**Programs will be held online**, using one of our videoconferencing platforms. You'll need a computer with a microphone and webcam, tablet or a smartphone, to participate. **Registration is required, indicated by [R]**. Click on the Events calendar on [www.guilderlandlibrary.org](http://www.guilderlandlibrary.org) to register. We'll email you the link in advance of the program.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Earbuds & Bookmarks: A Podcast Discussion Group

Tuesday,  
April 20 @ 5 pm



EARBUDS & Bookmarks

**Calling all Podcast enthusiasts!** We're building an online community of like-minded folks like YOU! Each month, we'll listen to a different podcast or episode, then connect virtually to share our thoughts.

**April's podcast discussion: *Mobituaries, Season 1, Episode 3: The Forgotten Forerunners* with Emmy-winning CBS and NPR journalist Mo Rocca**  
We'll send you the GoToMeeting link the day before.  
More info. at: <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/eab> [R]

Also: check out GPL's monthly podcast—*How Did You Find It?*—available on most major platforms.

### DEA National Drug Takeback Day

Saturday, April 24  
@ 10 am-2 pm ONLY

Drug Take Back Day is a nationwide semi-annual event providing a safe way to dispose of unwanted substances. This drive-through event is scheduled to be held in the library's auxiliary parking lot (an immediate right turn upon entering MercyCare Lane), in partnership with the Guilderland Police Department. However—due to our construction project, **the location may change. Check the Events calendar of our website for updates.**



#### Instructions:

- Put your medications in a bag, if possible
- Wear a mask covering your nose and mouth
- Put bagged medications in an easily-accessible place while remaining in your vehicle, or put them in your trunk
- Drive 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.

#### What CANNOT be disposed:

- No sharps and syringes.

*Drug Take Back Day officials will not question anyone, nor will they request identification.*

## ADULT / TEEN PROGRAMS

### Healthy Fishing!

Thursday, April 15 @ 6:30 pm  
Adults & Older Teens

Fishing can be relaxing and rewarding—and the catch of the day yields high-quality protein, essential nutrients, healthy fish oils, and low saturated fat. However, some fish from the Hudson River may contain harmful chemicals. Learn about safe places to fish in the Capital Region, and explore tasty food prep ideas. This Zoom event will be conducted by Karen Roberts Mort from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Attendees will receive a booklet about wild-caught fish and proper cleaning and filleting techniques, plus delicious recipes. We'll also give away tackle baggies and fishing guides for participants to pick up curbside. [R]



### Introduction to Tabata

Wednesday, April 14 & 28  
@ 5:30 pm  
Adults & Teens

Time is precious...get the most out of your workout! These 20-minute total body Tabata sessions incorporate high-intensity (HIIT) 20-second intervals to maximize your exercise. Following quick bursts of activity, we'll conclude with a relaxing meditative stretch to wrap up each productive class with a satisfying sense of accomplishment. [R]

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Poetry Month for Teens

Pick up starting  
Friday, April 9

#### April is Poetry Month!

Perhaps Amanda Gorman—the youngest presidential inaugural poet in U.S. history—reciting her riveting



spoken word "The Hill We Climb," provided the spark to ignite a passion for poetry in all its forms. Our curbside kit for tweens and teens (grades 6-12) is the perfect way to encourage this creative side, featuring a magnetic poetry set and other tools to inspire budding wordsmiths. Pick up your curbside kit April 9-16. [R]

**YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**Grab & Go Storytime Kits for Preschoolers**

**April 5: Spring**  
**April 19: Home Sweet Home**



Every other Monday, 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. Storytime kits are recommended for ages 2-5 and are available on a first come, first served basis during our curbside hours; no registration needed.



**STREAM Kits**  
**Pickup starting**  
**Friday, April 23**  
**Grades K-5**

**STREAM** learning encompasses **S**cience, **T**echonology, **R**eadng, **E**ngineering, **A**rt and

**M**ath in dynamic ways. Register in advance, then pick up a kit incorporating four fun STREAM-based activities during our curbside hours starting April 23 at 10 am. **[R]**

**2021 BOARD CANDIDATES**

**Board Of Trustees**  
**Candidate Nominations**  
**Deadline: Monday, April 19**  
**Vote: Tuesday, May 18**



The Guilderland Public Library Board of Trustees currently has four open seats for 2021. Candidates must be U.S. citizens, Guilderland Central School District residents, and be at least 18 years of age. Board candidate and budget voting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 18, 2021** at the five Guilderland elementary schools in conjunction with the school budget vote.

All required documentation is due by **Monday, April 19:**  
1) petitions for nomination, including 25 signatures from qualified GCSD voters, submitted to the clerk of GCSD  
2) candidate bios to the GPL public information officer at **pio@guilderlandlibrary.org.**


- age 18+
- U.S. Citizen
- Guilderland School District Resident
- Deadline: April 19
- Vote: May 18

Please see: <https://bit.ly/GPLBoardCandidates> for further information, or call **518.456.2400 ext. 112.**

*We sincerely appreciate your interest and input!*

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Job Seeker Resources**



Looking for a new job, or a career change? Here are some of the many resources we have to assist you! **Go to:** <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/learningtools> and click on the **job tools** tab.

- Find information on the upcoming *Times Union* job fair April 13-15, plus a comprehensive list of employment websites and local companies, on our librarian-curated **Job Information Resources** document: <http://bit.ly/GPLJobInfoDoc>
- Use your library card to create a free account for **Learning Express**, which grants you access to:
  - Job and Career Accelerator**—find a career path matching your skills and interests; build a cover letter or résumé
  - Career Preparation**—study for Civil Service tests, nursing and real estate exams, and more
  - Computer Skills Center**—take pre-recorded online classes on all things computer, internet, and software to boost your tech skills


*Need to brush up on Apple products? Want help crafting your résumé on Learning Express? Schedule a 1:1 virtual session with a computer coach on select Monday evenings or Thursday mornings on the Events calendar of our website.*

**We're Hiring!**

We currently have an opening for part-time maintenance staff. This position entails 20 hours per week, mainly evenings and some weekends, at a rate of \$14.57 per hour.

For details and a job application, please see <https://bit.ly/GPLEmployment> or email Lew Warner at: [warnerl@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:warnerl@guilderlandlibrary.org).

**CLOSED SUNDAY, APRIL 4—EASTER**  
**No curbside checkouts or returns**



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**Thursday, April 15 on Facebook**  
**5:30 pm:** public hearing on the 2021-2022 budget  
**6 pm:** monthly Board of Trustees meeting  
**To call in:**  
**Dial 1.408.418.9388**  
**Enter Access Code 132 336 8091 #**  
**Enter Password 6787#**  
Public commentary may be submitted at any time to: [pc@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:pc@guilderlandlibrary.org). Board Meeting archives may be accessed at: <http://bit.ly/GPLBoardMeetings>