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HALLOWEEN EDITION



GHOST STORIES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 @6PM

Join renowned historian Frank Marquette for a captivating lecture exploring the region's rich history and ghostly tales. From Henry Hudson's Half Moon to Lincoln's funeral train, discover the chilling stories that have captivated locals for centuries. Don't miss this fascinating presentation! **[R]**



SCARY BOARDGAME CAFE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
12PM-4PM

Sure, you know about Werewolf, Horrified, and Betrayal at the House on the Hill, but have you played Jaws, The Night Cage, or Psychic Pizza Delivery Goes to Ghost Town? Bring friends or join a group when you get here. No need to register, just drop in any time after Noon. Enjoy free snacks while you play.



HORROR MOVIE TRIVIA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 @6PM

Get ready for a night of bone-chilling excitement at GPL's Horror Movie Trivia! Come along with us on a scream-worthy journey into the world of horror cinema, where you can test your knowledge and compete against fellow horror enthusiasts to win prizes. Join us for refreshments at 6pm, trivia will begin at 6:15pm. *Only one person per team should register. Please list the total number of people on your team in the "Special Notes" field (limit 5 people per team). Ages 16 and up.* **[R]**



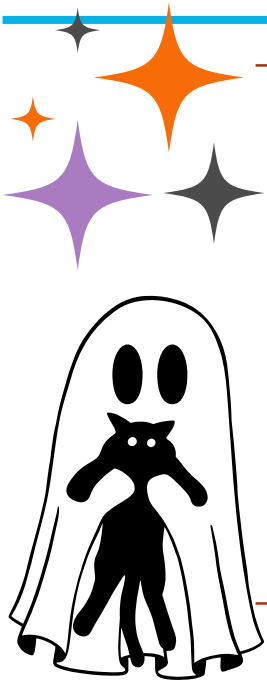
R.I.P 10/29-10/25

DIY Cemeterarium Adult Take & Make Kit

Pickup 10/21 - 10/25

Put your craftiness to the test with this *DIY Cemeterarium Adult Take & Make Kit*. It's sure to be a hauntingly good time! These kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Information Desk from 10/21 to 10/25. No reservations or holds. One kit per adult.

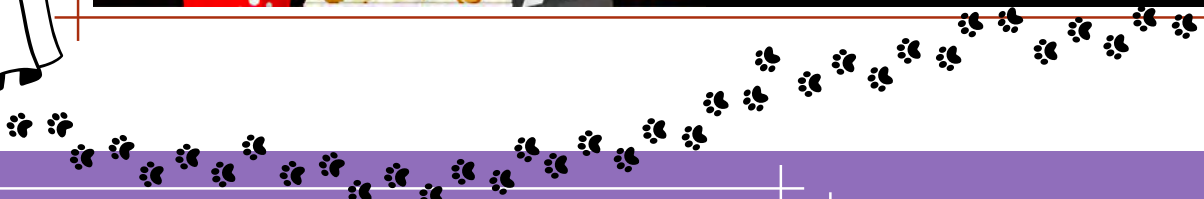
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FRIGHT CLUB
Creature Feature
MOVIE MATINEE October 21
12:00 pm

FRIGHT CLUB MOVIE MATINEE
Monday, October 21
Dark Harvest (R)
@ 12:00 pm

No registration required



MAGIC & MONSTERS
READING CHALLENGE
OCTOBER 1ST-31ST

REGISTER ON
beanstack

MAGIC & MONSTERS ADULT READING CHALLENGE

OCT. 1-31

Get transported to fantastical worlds where monsters and magic cause all sorts of mayhem! GPL's Magic & Monsters Beanstack Book Challenge has it all: Ghost Stories, Scary Board Games, Spooky Crafts, Monster Movies and of course BOOKS! This Bingo Card Challenge runs through the month of October. Be sure to sign up today! [R]

Boo-tiful
Bracelet Making

October 30th @ 6:30 PM

registration required

Boo!

BOO-TIFUL BRACELET MAKING

MONDAY, OCT. 14 @2PM

Happy Halloween! Join us and celebrate the season with boo-tiful bracelets! Local crafter Gabrielle Wurtz, of the Etsy shop GabbysGemsNY, will guide you through the process of making a hauntingly adorable Halloween bracelet. All materials will be provided. This program is intended for adult crafters. [R]

All Ages / Drop-in
SPOOKY CRAFT CABIN
5 Different Crafts!

OCTOBER 14 @ 2PM

SPOOKY CRAFT CABIN

MONDAY, OCT. 14
2-3:30PM

Bats, spiders, birdhouses, dolls, rocks, and ghosts... Color, paint, cut, and decorate Halloween crafts! This is a drop-in, first come, first serve event while supplies last!

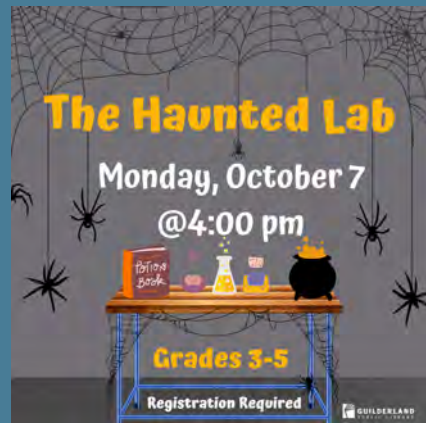


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READ OR TREAT
SATURDAY, OCT. 26
5-7PM

Join us for a spooktacular Halloween celebration at the Guilderland Public Library! Dress up in your favorite costume and trick-or-treat through our decorated halls at themed tables filled with goodies! Don't miss out on this fun-filled family event!



THE HAUNTED LAB
MONDAY, OCT. 7
4-5:30PM

Mysterious things have been happening in the Haunted Lab. Our secret potion has gone missing and we need assistance to find it in time for Halloween! We're looking for brave, smart and crafty kids. Can you help us out?
GRADES 3-5 [R]



ENCHANTED POTIONS
TUESDAY, OCT. 22 @4PM

Beetle eyes, phoenix tears, crow wings! Make a potion from creepy and fantastical ingredients! Registration required for this fun arts & crafts program.
GRADES 3-5. [R]



Library Hours

Mon-Thurs. 9:30 am-8:00 pm
Friday 9:30 am-6:00 pm
Saturday 9:30 am-5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm



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BOOK CLUBS



Silent Book Club
Sunday, Oct. 13 @1:30pm

Tired of deadlines? Not interested in discussions? Want to read your current book in quiet? Try the Silent Book Club! Arrive and chat for the first half hour. Then read silently for the next hour. Bring a refreshment, snack, and your book in any format- paper, reader, or audio. Relax & enjoy quiet reading time. Comfy blankets (not supplied) encouraged!



Night Owls Book Club
Monday, Oct. 14 @6:30pm

Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles. Hybrid: choice of in-person or virtual. This month we're reading: **The Soul of America** by Jon Meacham. [R]



Hopeless Romantics Book Club
Wednesday, Oct. 16 @6:30pm

Hopeless Romantics Book Club is a brand new romance book club that meets every month on the third Wednesday to discuss swoon-worthy romance titles. This book club will cover a wide variety of subgenres from historical romance to contemporary romance to the newly popular: romantasy!

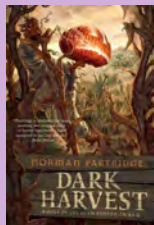
In September, we will be discussing **The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches** by Sangu Mandanna. Copies of the book can be picked up from the Information Desk starting at end of August, or patrons may borrow a digital copy from Hoopla. [R]



Realm Explorers Book Club
Saturday, Oct. 19 @11am

Realm Explorers is a book club that meets on Saturday mornings to discuss various science fiction and fantasy novels. Titles include Adult/Young Adult science fiction and fantasy books as well as graphic novels. Ages 16 and older can participate.

This month we're reading **Ninth House** by Leigh Bardugo. You can pick up a copy of the book at the library's Information Desk (while supplies last) or borrow a digital copy from Libby. [R]



Fright Club: September
Registration closes September 30

Fright Club is our passive adult Horror Fiction book club. How does it work? Register each month for your book club kit and pick it up at the beginning of the month. Your kit will include a member letter, discussion questions, fun facts about the author/novel, a journal for writing about your thoughts, GPL swag and a fun themed giveaway! This series, we'll be focusing on short stories that pack a big punch in a small package. Be sure to register for each month and join in on the frightful fun! [R]

This month's book is: **Dark Harvest** by Norman Patridge

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

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A Journey into the Hidden World of Tropical Bats with Scientists from the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute



Wednesday, Oct. 2 @2pm

Now, for the first time, Smithsonian scientists' expertise pairs with the stunning photography of National Geographic contributor Christian Ziegler for a captivating visual journey into the fascinating world of these elusive night creatures, to bring you the book **Bat Island: A Rare Journey into the Hidden World of Tropical Bats**. [R]

Liberating Latin American Genre Fiction: In Conversation with Bestselling Author Silvia Moreno-Garcia



Wednesday, Oct. 9 @7pm

You're invited to free your mind with the highly acclaimed Silvia Moreno-Garcia, New York Times bestselling and award-winning author of several novels including **Mexican Gothic**, **The Daughter of Doctor Moreau**, **Gods of Jade and Shadow**, and many more! Join us as Moreno-Garcia chats with us about Latin American Genre fiction, her writing process and journey, as well as her newest book **The Seventh Veil of Salome**. [R]

Maybe You Should Talk To Someone: Examining the Truths and Fictions we Tell Ourselves with Lori Gottlieb



Tuesday, Oct. 22 @2pm

Every year, nearly 30 million Americans sit on a therapist's couch—and some of these patients are therapists. In her remarkable book **Maybe You Should Talk to Someone**, Lori Gottlieb tells us that despite her license and rigorous training, her most significant credential is that she's a card-carrying member of the human race. "I know what it's like to be a person," she writes, as a crisis causes her world to come crashing down. **Maybe You Should Talk to Someone** is revolutionary in its candor, offering a deeply personal yet universal tour of our hearts and minds and providing the rarest of gifts: a boldly revealing portrait of what it means to be human, and a disarmingly funny and illuminating account of our own mysterious lives and our power to transform them.

We invite you to join us as Gottlieb shares her wisdom on examining the truths and fictions we tell ourselves to help us breakthrough what is holding us back and getting in the way of living the life we desire. [R]

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Yoga & Mindful Movement for Beginners

Wednesdays in October, @6pm

In this class, students will be guided through a series of yoga postures and flows as well as breathing techniques and meditation, appropriate for all levels of

experience, including beginners. The class will focus on proper alignment, mindful movement and cultivation of awareness as students are encouraged to listen to their bodies and modify as needed to ensure a comfortable, safe and enjoyable practice. [R]

What to Bring

- A Yoga Mat*
- Water Bottle
- Optional: foam yoga blocks
- Wear comfortable clothes, suitable for movement

* A limited quantity of mats are available for loan from the library on a first come, first serve basis.



Creative Writing Mondays

Monday, Oct. 7 & 21 1-3pm

Do you have a story you would like to tell, memoirs you would like to write? Maybe you want to try your hand at writing a short fiction piece. Whatever you fancy, join us for Creative Writing Mondays!

This program is self led. No registration is necessary, feel free to drop-in to the McKownville room anytime between 1 and 3 PM!



Cozy Beverage: Bundle Up with Tea

Thursday, Oct. 15@6pm

Can't teach a 5000 year old dog new tricks? I beg to differ. The culture of tea is ever evolving. It doesn't have to be with just water. In this session, we'll explore different ways of enjoying tea. These include a technique of making tea lattes and tea mocktails—something that keeps customers coming back to our tea lounge. A tasting will be provided. [R]



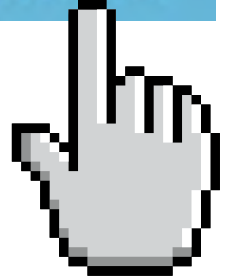
Technology Help Sessions

Wednesday, Oct. 9
Wednesday, Oct. 23
10-11 & 11-12

Computer Basics and Navigational Assistance Available! [R]

Coach Donna can assist with

- Internet Searches- How to navigate Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer, Bing
- Microsoft Word & Excel
- Emails- attaching & downloading attachments, DocuSign, protecting against phishing & scams
- Facebook basics
- Printing, Scanning, & Faxing
- PC & Android only



Friday, Oct. 25, 10am-12pm

Learn how to use anything from an Apple Watch to an iPhone to a Macbook!

Devices covered:

- Apple computers
- Apple TV
- Apple Watch
- iPad
- iPhone

Please Note: This is a drop-in event. If other patrons are waiting, session times will be limited. This session is not for social media assistance.



Classic Movie Mondays

Drop-in to relive the magic of cinema with our Monday movie series! From golden age classics to '80s blockbusters, we've got something for everyone. Enjoy free popcorn and a trip down memory lane.



Monday, Oct. 7

- You've Got Mail** (PG) 12 pm
- When Harry Met Sally** (PG) 2:30 pm

Monday, Oct. 14

- Clue** (PG) 12 pm
- Knives Out** (PG-13) 2:30 pm

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Sunday Concert: Lost Radio Rounders
Sunday, Oct. 20 @2pm

Before television, before radio, political parties tried to sing their candidates into office using parodies of popular songs to praise their man and trash his opponent. Songs America Voted By, 1840-1940, a musical/historical program from Lost Radio Rounders, proves that political feuds could always get ugly, and that when it comes to Presidential elections there is nothing new under the sun!





Throwback Series: Paint a Wooden Snake

Monday, Oct. 21 @6:30pm

Treat your inner child with this Throwback Series! Who says kids have to have all the fun? Take some time for yourself and come paint a wooden snake to celebrate National Reptile Day. There will also be some reptile goodie bags for participants to take home! All materials will be provided. This program is for adults and teens. We hope to sss-ee you there!



Social Security Made Easy
Tuesday, Oct. 22 @6pm

Make Informed Decisions About Retirement!

Topics Covered:

- Maximizing Social Security benefits
- How to use benefits to improve life in retirement
- Get answers to frequently asked questions

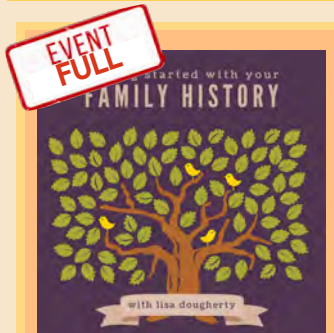
Presented by John Kalil, Retirement Solutions [R]



Dungeon Master's Map Kit

Available for pick-up October 1-8

Have you ever wanted to make your own fantasy world in Dungeons & Dragons (or for any other reason), but don't know how to get started? Become a fantasy cartographer today! Register to pick up a from the Adult Reference Desk. You can take your kit home and keep it forever! [R]



Getting Started with Your Family History

Tuesday, Oct. 1 @ 6:30pm

If you have always wanted to learn more about your family history but have no idea how to begin the process, this program is for you! Professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty will guide

you through basic steps to get started, then offer interactive searching tips based on your own family! The class will be limited to 5 participants, who are encouraged to bring a family document, story, or picture to design a research plan around. Bring your laptop or tablet and get ready to start making family history discoveries!

****Limited space available; please register if you fully intend on attending the program.** [R]**



Drop-In Genealogy
Wednesday, Oct. 9 5:30pm-7:30pm

Professional Genealogist Lisa Dougherty offers 1:1 family history consultations on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Library. This is a drop-in session; no need to make an appointment.

For more general information, visit Lisa's website:
<http://www.upstatenygenealogy.com>

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Drug Take-Back Day with Guilderland Police Dept.

Saturday, Oct. 26
10am-2pm

GPL and the Guilderland Police Department team up every spring and fall for the nationwide Drug Take-Back Day, a one-day collaborative effort facilitating safe, anonymous disposal of

prescribed and non-prescribed substances. This drive-through event is held in the library's side parking lot (take Mercy Care Lane and then an immediate right).

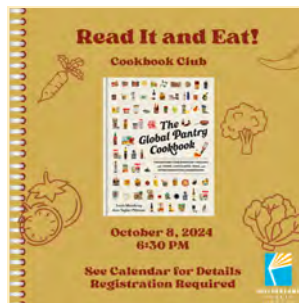


Becoming an Adult Literacy Tutor

Thursday, October 3 @11am

Are you looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity that can support your neighbors in the Guilderland community? Consider becoming a volunteer tutor to work with an adult who would like to learn or improve their

English! Attend this informational meeting with the Literacy Volunteers of Rennsealer County. For more information, please visit our Events page. [R]



Read It & Eat!

Tuesday, Oct. 8 @6:30pm

Join this month's Read It and Eat! Cookbook Club! The featured cookbook for October is **The Global Pantry Cookbook** by Scott Mowbray and Ann Taylor Pittman.

Come to the Information Desk to peruse the featured cookbook and

register. Select the recipe you are interested in sharing. Staff will photocopy the recipe and it will be listed with your registration to avoid duplications. On October 8, bring your dish to share with the rest of the club. Enjoy an evening discussing cooking adventures and tasting each other's creations! [R]



Trans & Non-Binary Name-Change Clinic

Wednesday, Oct. 2
& Monday, Oct. 7
11-6:30pm

We will host two transgender name-change clinics with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York and Empire

Justice Center. These clinics are free to attend for anyone who qualifies and needs legal help changing their name and gender markers. Pre-registration is required to attend. Anyone interested can reach out to any of the following contacts to register: [R]

- Lettie Dickerson at Empire Justice Center: Idickerson@empirejustice.org
- Mallory Gibson at Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York: pai@lasny.org
- LASNNY Legal Line: (833) 628-0087

Guilderland Public Library will be providing rooms to ensure privacy and confidentiality.



Seniors Connect! One Year Anniversary Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 16
11am-12:30pm

Join our vibrant senior social group! Celebrate one year of lively conversations, community, and friendship! New members always welcome!



Give Now: Critical Need

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, Oct. 11
12pm-5pm

Scan to register



HELP NEEDED

Storytime is back!

October Storytimes



Storytime @ GPL

Family Storytimes

Tuesdays @10:30am

Come on over to the library for Family Storytime! We'll read books, dance to silly songs, and have lots of fun!

For all kids ages Birth - 5 years old, with a caregiver.

No registration needed:

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



Sky Friends Storytimes

Wednesdays @10:30am

Come along on a musical trip to sing, dance, and read with our Sky Friends! Sunny, Luna, Ray & Puff can't wait for you to join them for a fun-filled storytime your whole family will enjoy!

For all kids ages Birth - 5 years old, with a caregiver.

No registration needed:

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30



NEW

Little's Lounge & Storytimes

Thursdays @10:30am

A very quiet and relaxed storytime for little ones up to two years.

Getting out of the house with a baby is hard. To make it a little easier, we're doing away with the hard start time. Come in any time between 10:30 and 11:30. We'll have toys set out for little ones and coffee for the grownups. Connect with other new parents and caregivers while your children play and enjoy a baby friendly storytime.

Ages Birth - 24 Months with a caregiver:

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**NOT-SO-SPOOKY
STORYTIME
WEEK**

**Tuesday- Thursday
October 29-31**

Come in Costume!

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Drop-In Chess
Saturday, Oct. 12
11am-12pm

Drop in for a game of chess at the library! Challenge friends to a game of chess, or teach yourself to play using the self-directed instructions included with our chess boards. A selection of chess resources will also be available if you want to learn a new move or

strategy. **Kids under 10 will need their adults to stay near them while playing chess.**



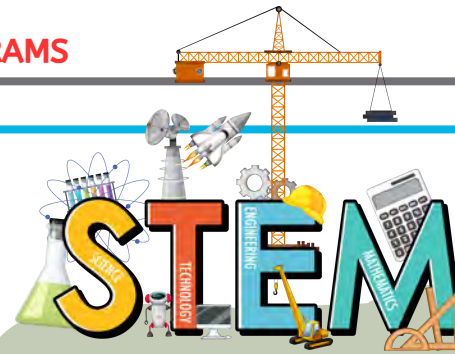
LEGO Free Play
Thursday, Oct. 17
3-6pm

It's time to build with LEGOs! Stop by the Children's Program Room anytime between 3:00pm - 6:00pm to build the most awesome LEGO creations you can imagine.



Drop-In Video games
Wednesday Oct. 23
3:30-5:30pm

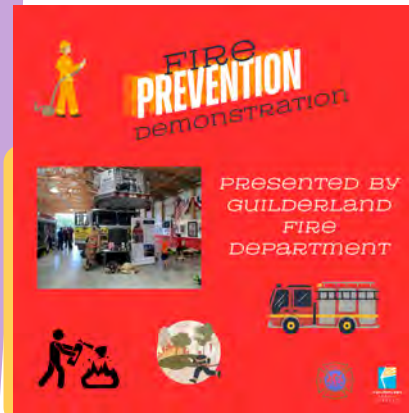
Challenge friends new and old to rounds of Super Smash Bros. Ultimate and Mario Kart 8 as you help us unlock new characters and items! We may also have some other games to play as well.



Drop-In STEM Exploration
Tuesday, Oct. 29
3:30-5:30pm

Stop in and play with some fun STEM equipment--coding robots, Snap Circuits, dominoes, Keva planks, and more! Equipment will change up each month. *Best suited for kids in grades 3-5.*

Fire Prevention Demo with the Guilderland Fire Department!



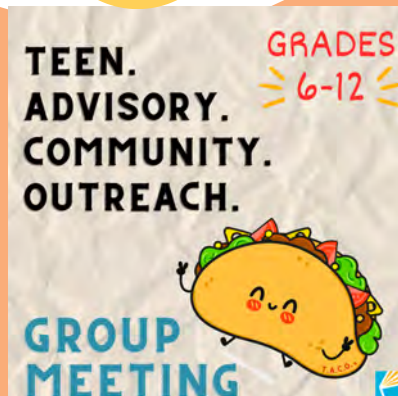
Saturday, Oct. 19
11am-3pm

October is fire prevention month! Guilderland Fire Dept. will be on site:
Firetrucks
Equipment Demos
Give-aways
Fun for all ages!



Teen Take & Make Kit
Oct. 28- Nov. 2

Create your very own Venus Flytrap, a carnivorous plant known for its unique ability to capture and digest insects! This kit is designed for teens in grades 6-12 only. Please register to reserve your kit. One kit per registrant. Please pick up your kit at the GPL Children's Library between Monday 10/28 and Saturday 11/2. **[R]**



TACOs Volunteer Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 8 @6pm

Earn volunteer credit by participating in our Teen Advisory Community Outreach group! Give input on books, programs, and more. *Now open to grades 6-12! [R]*

[R] =please register



Please note ALL polls are closed Monday, November 4th

Early Voting
Saturday, October 26- Sunday, November 3
Election Day
Tuesday, November 5

ON THE CALENDAR

OCTOBER

EARLY CLOSING READ OR TREAT.....3pm
Saturday, Oct. 26

Drop-In Knit & Stitch...Tuesdays @10-11:30am
Senior's Connect!Wednesdays @11am

Farmer's MarketSundays 10am-2pm until
October 6

Guilderland GuitarWednesday, Oct. 2 @7pm
Group

Capital District Knitting ..Monday, Oct. 14 @6pm
Guild

GPL Board of TrusteesThursday, Oct. 17
Monthly Business Meeting @6pm

Guilderland LibraryThursday, Oct. 24
Foundation Meeting @6:15pm

October DisplayGuilderland Historical
Cases Society

October ExhibitSchenectady
Art Society

Schenectady Art SocietySunday, Oct. 13
Reception 2-4pm

Early VotingSaturday, October 26- Sunday,
November 3

****Please check the library calendar or the Albany County**
Board of Elections website for hours**

COMING IN NOVEMBER

Election Day.....Tuesday, November 5

Craft FairSaturday, Nov. 9
9:30am-4pm

CLOSED Veteran's DayMonday, November 11

EARLY CLOSING Day Before2pm,
Thanksgiving Wednesday, November 27

CLOSED Thanksgiving Day.....Thursday, November 28

COLD WEATHER NECESSITIES

GPL IS COLLECTING
NEW AND LIKE NEW
HATS
GLOVES
& SCARVES
DURING THE MONTH
OF OCTOBER.

DONATIONS BENEFIT
TRINITY ALLIANCE
OF THE
CAPITAL REGION

Cold Weather AHEAD

THE GREAT GIVE BACK
THE MISSION OF THE GREAT GIVE BACK IS TO PROVIDE
A DAY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PATRONS OF THE
PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF NEW YORK STATE TO PARTICIPATE
IN MEANINGFUL, SERVICE-ORIENTED EXPERIENCES.



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