



# GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Expressive Carols and Seasonal Songs performed by the chorus and talented young singers and musicians.

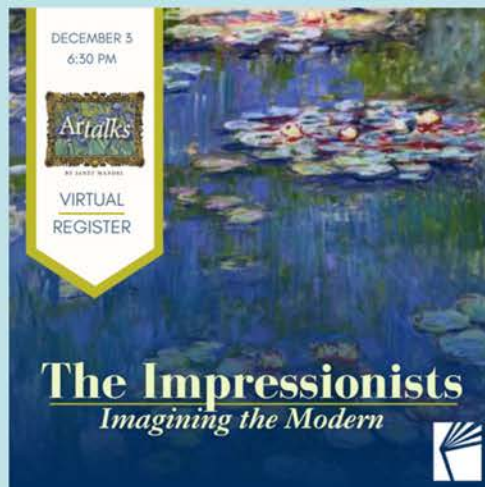
December 22, 2024  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Guilderland Public Library

## Suburban Sounds Community Chorus Holiday Concert

Sunday, Dec. 22 @2pm

We're pleased to welcome back Suburban Sounds for an enjoyable afternoon of seasonal music. Get into the holiday spirit with this traditional performance by a well-established local choral group! Registration opens Dec. 2 **[R]**

Overflow seating will be available in the Westbrook room.



## Virtual ART TALK / The Impressionists: Imagining the Modern

Tuesday, Dec. 3 @6:30pm

If you can't get to Paris to see the Musée D'Orsay's blockbuster exhibition Paris 1874: Inventing Impressionism, come to Janet Mandel's talk, The Impressionists: Imagining the Modern. You will hear the compelling story of how this beloved art movement was born and why it flourished. You will see some of your favorite paintings and some that will be new to you! **[R]**

## Interactive Movie: HOME ALONE

Thursday, Dec. 19 @ 5:30pm

Grades 4-12  
Registration required.



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Get ready for a hijinks-filled movie night featuring the hilarious holiday classic Home Alone (1990). Play Home Alone inspired games while laughing along to the movie, make winter-themed crafts, and decorate cookies with your fellow tweens and teens!

The event room opens at 5:30 p.m. and the movie will start promptly at 5:45 p.m. **Registration is open to grades 4-12. [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



Read It & Eat

Wednesday, Dec. 4  
6:15-7:30pm

The featured cookbook for December is **Holiday Cookies** by Brian Hart Hoffman. Come to the Information Desk to peruse the featured cookbook and register. Select the recipe you are interested in sharing. On December 4th, bring your cookies to share with the rest of the club. Enjoy an evening discussing cooking adventures and tasting each other's creations! [R]

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS



Unearthed: Exploring the Smithsonian National Gem Collection with Dr. Jeffrey Post

Wednesday, Dec. 4 @2pm

Join us for an absolutely dazzling presentation with the emeritus curator of the Smithsonian's National Gem Collection, Dr. Jeffrey E. Post as he talks

about **The Smithsonian National Gem Collection Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels**. [R]



Silent Book Club

Sunday, Dec. 8 @1:30pm

Sometimes you have to give yourself permission to read...

Sit by the fireplace  
Relax with a book~ paper, reader, or audio  
Bring a refreshment  
Comfy blankets encouraged!



On Pulse-Pounding, Family Driven Mysteries: A Conversation with Laura Dave

Wednesday, Dec.11 @2pm

Join us for a captivating conversation with #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Last Thing He Told Me, Laura Dave, as she chats with us online

about her newest book **The Night We Lost Him** which focuses on estranged siblings who discover their father has been keeping a secret for over fifty years, one that may have been fatal... [R]

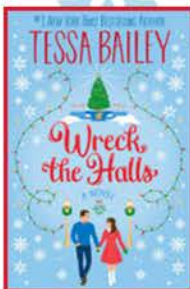


Night Owls Book Club

Monday, Dec. 9 @6:30pm

Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles. Hybrid: choice of in-person or virtual.

This month we're reading: **Poverty, by America** by Matthew Desmond [R]

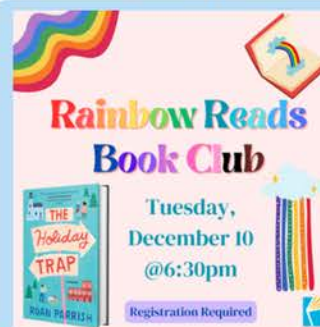


Hopeless Romantics Book Club

Wednesday, Dec. 18 @6:30pm

Hopeless Romantics Book Club is a 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! [R]

In November, we will be discussing **Wreck the Halls** by Tessa Bailey. Copies of the book can be picked up from the Information Desk starting at the end of November, or patrons may borrow a digital copy from Hoopla.



Rainbow Reads Book Club  
Tuesday, Dec. 10 @6:30pm

Rainbow Reads is a new book club that will meet monthly on Tuesday evenings to discuss LGBTQIA+ authors and queer-focused literature. We will read a variety of genres including: fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels and Young Adult titles.

Anyone from the age of 16 and older is more than welcome to participate! To kick off, in December we will be reading a fun holiday romance - **The Holiday Trap** by Roan Parrish. Copies of the book can be picked up from the library's Information Desk, or patrons may borrow a digital copy from either Libby or Hoopla. [R]



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**EVENT FULL**

**Winter Wreaths**  
Thursday, Dec. 12 @6pm

Get your home holiday ready with this bubble wire mesh wreath! Class includes all supplies and instruction to make your own wreath. Different colors and accent pieces will be available to choose from. Class is lead by Tara Connors of Bash Parties. Please register to reserve your spot. [R]

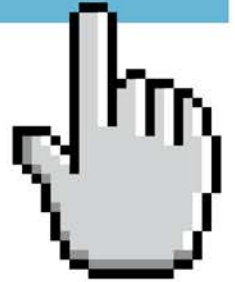


**Technology Help Sessions**

Wednesday, Dec. 4 & 18  
10-11am & 11-12pm

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



**CREATIVE WRITING MONDAYS**

**Creative Writing Mondays**  
Monday, Dec. 2 & 16  
from 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!

**Computer Coach**

**Apple Tech Help**

Drop-In  
10 am-12 pm

iPhones, iPads, Macbook, and more



**Apple Help: Drop-In**

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

Friday, Dec. 27  
10am-12pm

**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.

**Medicare 101: An Update for 2025**

Learn all about Medicare in time for the open enrollment deadline!

December 11 at 6 pm

Presented in partnership with New York State Senior Action Council

\*please see calendar to register

**Medicare 101**  
Wednesday, Dec. 11  
@6pm

We're partnering with New York State Wide Senior Action Council and Albany County Department for Aging's HIICAP Division (Health Insurance Information and Counseling Program) to offer you unbiased information about Medicare (including Part D). A trained HIICAP counselor will cover the following topics:

- Medicare Parts (A,B,C,D)
- How to enroll in Medicare
- Enrollment Periods
- Ways to access your Medicare Benefits (Medicare Advantage/Medigap)
- Who can delay Medicare without a penalty
- Assistance programs available
- Questions about Medicare in general

HIICAP also works with people individually. Join us and get more informed about this very important financial/medical decision! [R]



**Fright Club: December**  
Registration closes November 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 short story is: **A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens.



**Fright Club Movie Matinee:**  
Monday, Dec. 16

**The Muppet Christmas Carol**  
12:00 pm  
Rated G

No registration required



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Please keep in mind that library programs are popular and often fill up quickly. To ensure you don't miss out, please check our website for the most up-to-date information.



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**Mini Snowman Pots Adult Take & Make Kit**  
12/12 to 12/15

Who said a snowman has to melt? Create a forever snowman with this craft! Each kit includes:

- mini terracotta planters
- paint
- paintbrush
- pompoms

This kit is designed for adult crafters. This .

kit will be available for pickup at the Information Desk from on a first come, first serve basis. Limit one per adult. No reservations or holds.

**American Red Cross: Blood Drive**

Tuesday, Dec. 17  
12:30-5:30pm



GIVE SOMETHING THAT  
*Means Something*

GIVE BLOOD

**Game Time**

Wednesday, Dec. 11  
10-11:30am

Wooden Chinese Checkers...Coin Go!...Memory Match...Dis-Card...Doubles or Match Dice Game. Diane Guendel of Inclusive Games will be here to teach how to play these fun takes on favorites.



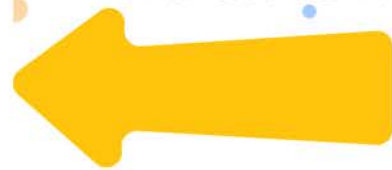
Inclusive means suitable for inclusion.

Our goal is to build inclusive communities, using play, where individuals of all ages, experiences, cultures, orientations and abilities can connect with others, gain experiences and just plain have fun.

We use local spaces and partnerships to host or support inclusive game-playing events. Building community through play is the perfect way to combat the problem of isolation and loneliness that is affecting so many.



**SCAN TO REGISTER**



**ARTventure: DIY Ornaments**

Tuesday, Dec. 17@6pm

**ARTventure:**

UPCYCLED DECORATIONS

December 17th @6pm

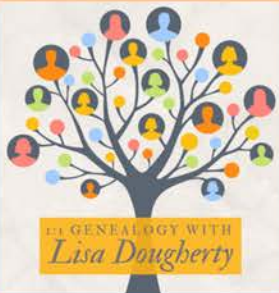
A DIFFERENT CRAFT MATERIAL EVERY MONTH!

ADULTS ONLY PLEASE REGISTER

Multiple small projects



This month we're making four different ornaments. Each session of Art Adventure will focus on a different craft material and will present several small, quick projects you can do at your own pace and take home. [R]



**Drop-In Genealogy**

Wednesday, Dec. 11  
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>



**Dungeon Master's D&D Kit**

Available for pick-up  
December 1-9

Want to start a D&D campaign? Register to grab a free DM kit from our Adult Reference Desk. [R]



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**NOON Year's Eve Party**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 31 @11:30am**  
 Can't stay up 'til midnight? Come celebrate at noon with the youth services staff! We will have crafts, snacks, dancing, and of course, a countdown to noon! 🎉  
**For PreK - Grade 2. Caregivers must stay with children.**



**Family Board Games**  
**Friday, Dec. 27 2-3:30pm**  
 Drop in to play board games from our circulating Library of Things and the Children's Library's closet! We will have games suitable for a variety of age levels including early childhood games and games for the whole family. No registration necessary. See you there!



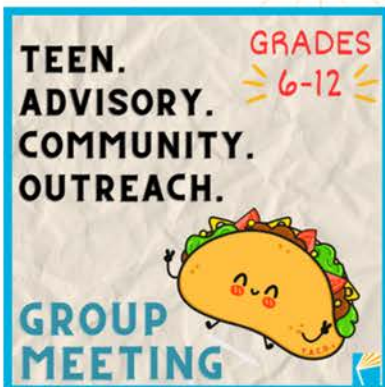
**Period Party**  
**Saturday, Dec. 14 1-3pm**  
 There's a Period Party at the library and you're invited! Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood has prepared a welcoming and informative afternoon to help ease period anxiety by answering common questions about menstruation, discussing basic period hygiene, and demonstrating a variety of helpful products. Join the party to learn more about menstruation,

enjoy some refreshments, and create your own "on-the-go" period bags with various period products courtesy of UHPP!

**Grades 4-8 & caregivers are welcome, registration is required. [R]**



**Family Freezin' Fun**  
**Monday, Dec. 16 @5:30pm**  
 This sweet class is for the whole family to enjoy! Bring the kids, and learn how to assemble and use a piping bag. You will then decorate two cupcakes to take home. The completed cupcakes will look like a penguin and a polar bear. All supplies and materials will be provided by the instructor, as well as take-home containers. [R]



**TACOs Volunteer Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 10 @6pm**  
 Earn volunteer credit by participating in our Teen Advisory Community Outreach group!  
 Give input on books, programs, and more. [R]





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# CHESS CLUB

Beginners welcome!



December 7th  
11:00am - 12:00pm



## Drop-In Youth Chess

Saturday, Dec. 7  
11-12pm

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.*



**DROP-IN VIDEO GAMES**



**DEC 18TH. 3:30 - 5:30PM**  
**STOP BY ANYTIME**


## Drop-In Video Games

Wednesday, Dec. 18  
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. Note: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate is rated E10+ (everyone ages 10 and up) and Mario Kart 8 is rated E (everyone).

**GLOW IN THE DARK PLAY ZONE!**

Drop in 4:30-5:30pm  
Thurs. December 5  
Grades K-5



## GLOW In the Dark Play Zone

Thursday, Dec. 5  
4:30-5:30pm

Too dark to play outside? Let's bring playtime inside! Kids in grades K-5 can drop in anytime in the hour for some glow-in-the-dark fun! Each month through February, there will be a variety of glow-in-the-dark activities such as arts & crafts, STEM activities, and gross motor activities. No registration required.

Note: The lights will be dimmed, but there will be no flashing or strobing lights.





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# December Storytimes



## 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:

Storytime @ GPL **December 3, 10, 17**

## Littles 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.

**December 5, 12, 19**

## Sky Friends Storytimes Mini Music Makers Session!

Wednesdays @10:30am

The Sky Friends are very excited for you to join us for our 3-Part Mini Music Makers sessions with our Sky Friends Sunny, Luna, Ray & Puff! Mark your calendar for our Holiday Mini Music Makers finale on 12/18 featuring our special guests the Normanskill Strummers! For all kids ages Birth - 5 years old, with a caregiver.  
No registration needed:

**December 4, 11, 18**

## LEGO Free Play Thursday, Dec. 19 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. Pictures of everybody's creations will be posted on Guilderland Public Library's Facebook and Instagram.



## Let's Build! Monday, Dec. 30 Drop In: 2-3:30pm

Can you build the strongest paper bridge? 🌉 Or the tallest Keva Plank tower? 🏗️ Or the coolest Lego vehicle? 🚗 Or maybe you just want to let your creativity flow and build whatever you want! 🏠 The choice is yours. We'll have a variety of building materials to choose from. **Caregivers must stay in the room with their children.**





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ON THE CALENDAR

DECEMBER

**LIBRARY CLOSED**  
**Christmas Eve:**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 24**

**Christmas Day:**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 25**

**New Year's Eve, Library closes @2pm**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 31**

**New Year's Day**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 1**

**Drop-In Knit & Stitch...Tuesdays @10-11:30am**  
**Seniors Connect .....Wednesdays @11am**

**Guilderland Guitar ....Wednesday, Dec. 4@7pm**  
**Group**

**Normanskill Strummers .....Thursday, Dec. 12**  
**Ukulele Group 6-8pm**

**GPL Board of Trustees .....CANCELLED**  
**Monthly Business Meeting**

**December Display .....Roundtable Artists**  
**Cases**  
**December .....Albany Artists**  
**Exhibit**



**GPL PRESCHOOL FAIR**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 7**  
**10:30-11:30 AM**

**Schools attending:**

- Saint Gregory's
- St. Kateri
- The Brown School
- Doane Stuart
- River Run Montessori

**Preschool Fair**  
**Saturday, Dec, 7**  
**10:30-11:30am**

Join us for an informational morning at our Preschool Fair!

Meet local preschool providers, ask questions, and learn about their unique programs.

Connect with educators who are passionate about early childhood development.

Find the perfect preschool for your child and make informed decisions for their future.



December