



# GUILDERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## Valentine's Day Cardmaking

**Thursday, Feb. 13**  
**Drop-In 6:15-7:45pm**

Show some self love this Valentine's Day by making a card for yourself!

Drop-in the library between 6:15 and 7:45 PM to make your own. All materials will be provided. This is a self-led program. Please note supplies are limited and may run out. Everything is first come, first serve.

As a bonus: Spread some joy by also crafting a heartfelt card for a resident at Our Lady of Mercy!



## Sunday Concert: Love in Any Language

**Sunday, Feb. 16 @2pm**

Join us in a belated Valentine's Day celebratory concert: Love in Any Language: Amour, Amour, Amour.

Sonny & Perley will be performing as a trio with bassist Lou Pappas. The exciting duo of Sonny and Perley achieves a rare musical symbiosis. This husband and wife team has spent the last 30 years developing and perfecting their unique blend of Jazz, Great American Songbook, Bossa Nova, and International Cabaret into what has become their musical signature. The Magazine All About Jazz says "They brightly meld lyricism, passion, and rhythm in a way that is both rich and exotic". They have appeared in concerts, festivals, cabaret shows and private events from New York to Florida and in Europe. In 2013 Sonny and Perley had the distinct honor of presenting a prelude concert for legendary Broadway composer Stephen Sondheim.



CARING CLOSET  
GUILDERLAND'S  
3RD ANNUAL

## "Shower Them with Love"

HYGIENE DONATION  
DRIVE-THRU EVENT  
February 9th | 10AM - 12PM

## "Shower Them with Love"

**Sunday, Feb. 9**  
**10am-12pm, before the library opens**

Hygiene donation drive-thru event!

Come spread some love for GCSD students and their families by dropping off hygiene items from the comfort of your vehicle. This event will take place before the library opens in our main parking lot from 10am-12pm.

## 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**



[R]=please register/ por favor registre

BOOK CLUBS



**Silent Book Club**  
Sunday, Feb. 2 @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! [R]



**Hopeless Romantics Book Club**  
Wednesday, Feb. 19 @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 to historical to paranormal romance! [R]

In February, we will be discussing *That Time I Got Drunk and Saved a Demon* by Kimberly Lemming. For this month, you can attend virtually or in-person. The zoom link will be emailed to all participants the day before the program

Copies of the book can be picked up from the Information Desk starting at the end of January or patrons may borrow a digital copy from Libby.



Night Owls Book Club

**Night Owls Book Club**  
Monday, Feb. 10 @6:30pm

Reading the most talked-about fiction and nonfiction titles. Hybrid: choice of in-person or virtual. [R]  
This month we're reading *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann.



**Read It & Eat**  
Tuesday, Feb. 18  
6:30-8pm

The featured cookbook for February is *Sweet Home Cafe* by Albert Lukas  
Come to the Information Desk to peruse the featured cookbook and register in January. Select the recipe you are interested in sharing. On February 18, bring your dish to share with the rest of the club. Enjoy an evening discussing cooking adventures and tasting each other's creations! [R]



**Rainbow Reads Book Club**

Tuesday, February 11th @6:30pm

Registration Required

**Rainbow Reads Book Club**  
Tuesday, Feb. 11 @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! In January we will be reading the memoir - *The Fiancée Farce* by Alexandria Bellefleur. 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]



**Realm Explorers Book Club**  
Saturday, Feb. 15 @11am

Discussing 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. [R]

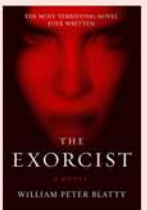
This month we're reading *The One* by John Mars. You can pick up a copy of the book at the library's Information Desk (while supplies last) or borrow a digital copy from Libby.



**Fright Club Book Club**  
Tuesday, Feb. 25 @6:30pm

*This is Fright Club's first in person meeting!* If you need a copy of the book, make sure you register for the event on the calendar from February 2-8 and pick up your packet within that window.

This month we're reading *The Exorcist* by William Peter Blatty. You can also attend the discussion if you've read it in the past/have your own copy. In that case, there's no need to register.



**Blind Date with a Book Swap**  
Thursday, Feb. 6 @6:15pm

**Blind Date w/ a Book Swap**

Feb 6th @ 6:15 PM

Bring a book, get a book!

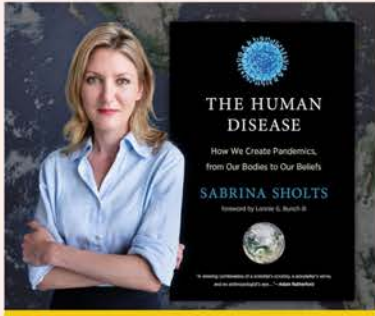


Want to introduce someone to a book you love? Want to meet a new book? No pressure... Regifting encouraged...

- Bring one wrapped book. At the event, you will be asked to write a short, catchy description of the book without giving away the title. Then you will be invited to decorate the outside of the bag! Finally, everyone will pick a number from a bowl, and in numerical order, everyone will have a chance to pick one book to take home. We will unwrap the books at the end.
- Please bring a title you are passionate about to share with others. It must be published within the last 10 years in good to new condition. Can be fiction or nonfiction, please only adult titles. No textbooks. Graphic novels are ok!

**Come to the library to register and pick up your kit to wrap and decorate your book! [R]**

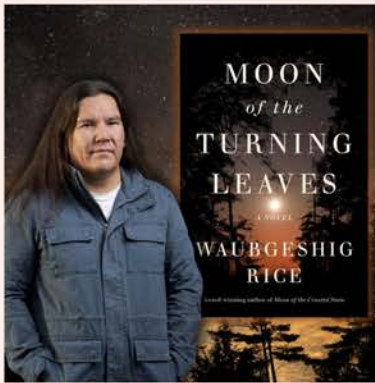
VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS



**How We Create Pandemics, From Our Bodies to Our Beliefs with Smithsonian Curator Sabrina Sholts**

Tuesday, Feb. 4 @2pm

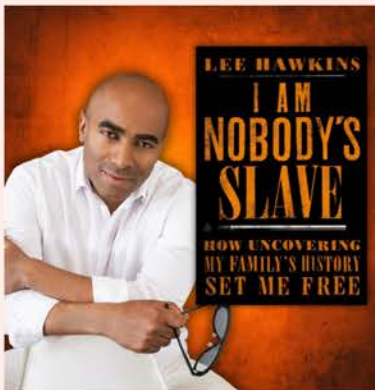
Join us for this enlightening presentation with Smithsonian curator Sabrina Sholts as she talks about how the very fact of being human increases our pandemic risks—and gives us the power to save ourselves. [R]



**Dystopian Tropes from an Indigenous Perspective: In Conversation with Waubgeshig Rice**

Tuesday, Feb. 11 @7pm

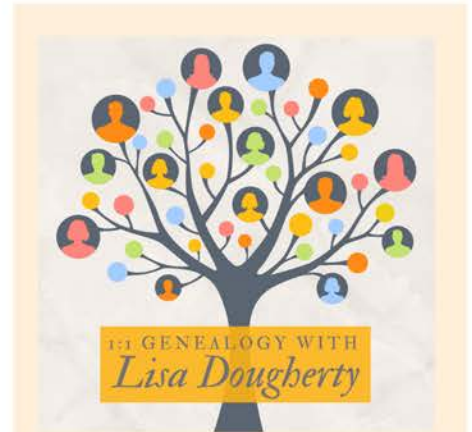
You're invited to a riveting conversation with bestselling author Waubgeshig Rice to chat about his newest book *Moon of the Turning Leaves*, the hotly anticipated sequel to the bestselling novel *Moon of the Crusted Snow*. [R]



**I Am Nobody's Slave: An Author Talk with Pulitzer Prize Finalist Lee Hawkins**

Tuesday, Feb 18 @2pm

We welcome you to our conversation with journalist and author Lee Hawkins as he talks to us about the examination of his family's legacy of post-enslavement trauma and resilience in this riveting memoir, *I Am Nobody's Slave: How Uncovering My Family's History Set Me Free*. [R]



**Drop-in Genealogy Assistance with Lisa Dougherty**

Wednesday, Feb. 12  
5:30-7:30pm

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>

**Computer Coach** Apple Tech Help

Drop-In  
10 am-12 pm

iPhones, iPads, Macbook, and more

**Apple Help: Drop-In**

Friday, Feb. 14 and 28th  
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.

**American Red Cross: Blood Drive**  
Friday, Feb. 14  
1-5pm



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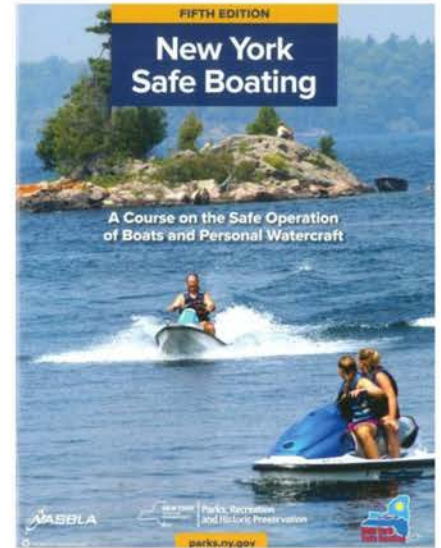


**Strange History From Along the Erie Canal at Schoharie Crossing**  
 February 20 @ 6:30 PM  
*Murder, mayhem, arson, accidents, and more!*

Presented by:  
 Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site

**Strange History From Along the Erie Canal at Schoharie Crossing**  
**Thursday, Feb. 20 @6:30pm**

Explore the Erie Canal at Schoharie Crossing through strange bits of history that feature murder, mayhem, arson, accidents and more! This presentation uncovers aspects of the site's history related to the canal, railroad, and people that otherwise may never be known.  
 Presented by: David Brooks, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation [R]



**Boater Safety Course**

**Thursday, Feb. 26 & 27 5-9pm**

Starting in 2025, Brianna's Law requires all boaters to complete a safety course before operating any motorized vessel or watercraft on New York State waterways. This in-person, two-night course runs for 4 hours each night, and attendees must attend both sessions. It is led by instructors from Watercraft Network. The 8-hour course introduces the basic principles of safe and responsible boating. Topics include the rules of the nautical road, required safety equipment, special boating-related activities, and more. Students who successfully complete the course will earn a safe-boating certificate. [R]


**RESUME BUILDING WORKSHOP**

**FEBRUARY 12TH @ 6:15 - 7:30 PM**  
 Registration required



**Resume Building Workshop**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 12 6:15-7:30pm**

Join Marsha Lazarus, Career/Workplace Coach and Trainer, for a Resume Building Workshop. Create a Resume that builds confidence in employers AND in yourself! Sharpen your resume-writing skills...and IMPRESS the folks doing the hiring AND the online screening computer program! Please register to reserve your spot. **Registration recommended, walk-ins welcome.** [R]



**AARP Tax-Aide Preparation**  
 February 3rd, 10th, and 24th 9:30AM - 5PM

**AARP Tax-Aid Prep**  
**Monday, Feb. 3, 10, 24 9:30am-5pm**

Call (518) 313-6324 to make a Tax Preparation Appointment!  
 AARP Foundation Tax-Aide preparation by trained and IRS-certified volunteers begins Monday, February 3 2025, at the Library. The call center opens Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 9am, to make a tax appointment.


**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE LIBRARY.** AARP membership is not required. TAX PREPARATION APPOINTMENTS are Mondays only, February 3 - April 7 (excluding February 17th). You must have an appointment; no walk-ins. Intake booklets will be available at the library Adult Information Desk once your appointment is scheduled for you to complete prior to your appointment.

**Important Notes:**

- **NYS Parks and Recreation Fee of \$10 is required for the completed certification paid upon completion of the course.**
- **Attendance both days is required**
- **Must be at least 10 years old to participate by February 26, 2025**



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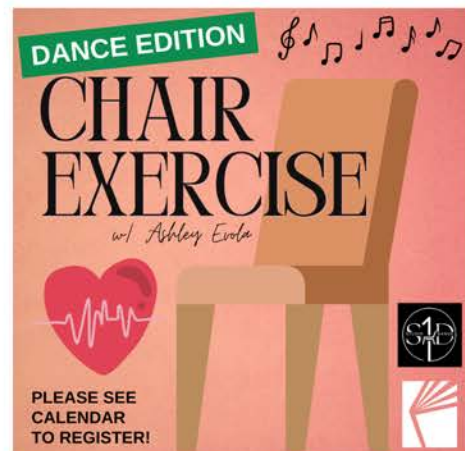
 Please keep in mind that library programs are popular and often fill up quickly. To ensure you don't miss out, please check our website for the most up-to-date information.

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**Passionate Pages:  
Adult Take & Make Kit**  
pick-up 2/12-2/15

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a brand new bookmark! Some knowledge of sewing is required for this kit. This kit is designed for adult crafters. This kit will be available for pickup at the Information Desk from 2/12 to 2/15 on a first come, first serve basis. Limit one per adult. No reservations or holds. Happy crafting!



**Chair Exercise: Dance Edition!**

**Thursdays, Feb. 6, 13, 27  
& Mar. 6, 13, 20  
1-2pm**

Join us for a fun and inclusive 6-week adaptive chair-based dance session at the Guilderland Library! This engaging program combines music from the 50s, 60s, and 70s with modern-day hits, set to repetitive choreography in styles like ballet, jazz, tap, and hip hop. Designed for all ages, genders, and abilities, this low-impact workout promotes memory, coordination, and overall well-being in a supportive and interactive environment. [R]



**Game Time**  
**Thursday, Feb. 6  
10-11am**

Wooden Chinese Checkers...Coin Go!...Memory Match...Dis-Card...Doubles or Match Dice Game. We are partnering with Inclusive Games for "Game Time"

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.



**Dungeon Master's  
D&D Kit**  
Available for pick-up  
February 1-9

Want to start a D&D campaign? Register 1/17-1/30 to grab a free DM kit from our Adult Reference Desk. [R]



**Board Game Cafe**  
**Thursday, Feb. 20  
5-7pm, Drop-in anytime**

Eat snacks, drink coffee, and play board games at the library! Bring your friends or meet new friends at the table; anyone can drop-in and there's no registration required. Browse our collection of board games and try them out here. If you like the board game you're playing, you can check it out and take it home!



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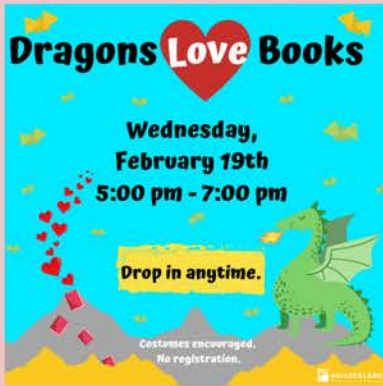
# Love Your Library

February 2025  
A month long Imagination Invasion

### Dragons Love Books

Wednesday, Feb. 19  
5-7pm

We all know dragons love tacos. It's the spicy salsa that's a problem. But guess what else dragons love... Books! Round up your little dragons and head to the Library for our Dragons Love Books event. Stop by the Helderberg Room anytime between 5pm-7pm to meet a friendly dragon, make a craft, and play some games! We're also showing the book **Dragons Love Tacos** while tasting Tostitos. **Costumes encouraged.** **This program is for kids and families.**



### Love Your Stuffed Animal Clinic

Saturday, Feb.22  
@10:30am

It's time for a check-up! Bring your favorite stuffed animal, toy, or doll to our clinic where everyone will learn about healthy habits, a trip to the doctor's office and basic medical procedures from students at Albany Medical College. Please bring just one "patient" so that all children can have time at each station. [R]



### Families Love Cupcakes!

Monday, Feb. 10  
5:30-7pm

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 taco and a Love emoji.

All supplies and materials will be provided by the instructor, as well as take-home containers. [R]  
**Please note: Only one adult per family is needed for registration, but be sure to include how many members of your family will be attending. Maximum of 4 per Family.**

[R] =please register



# February 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:  
**February 4, 25**

Storytime @ GPL

## 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:  
**February 5, 26**



## 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:  
**February 6, 27**

**We ♥ You!  
Storytime**

**Friday, February 7  
10:30am**

With Ms. Josalyn, Ms. Maura, and Ms. Elisabeth!

We'll end with a Happy Hearts Parade through the library!

Birth - 5 years old (with caregiver)

Helderberg Room

## We Love You! Storytime Friday, Feb. 7 @10:30am

Ms. Josalyn, Ms. Maura, and Ms. Elisabeth are coming together for one, big storytime in the Helderberg Room! ♥♥♥ All kids from Birth - 5 years old (with their caregivers) are invited to our loveable, huggable storytime full of our favorite songs, books, and activities. We'll end with a Happy Hearts Parade through the library!  
♥ Red, pink, or heart-covered clothing is encouraged. ♥

**Zumba Kids!**

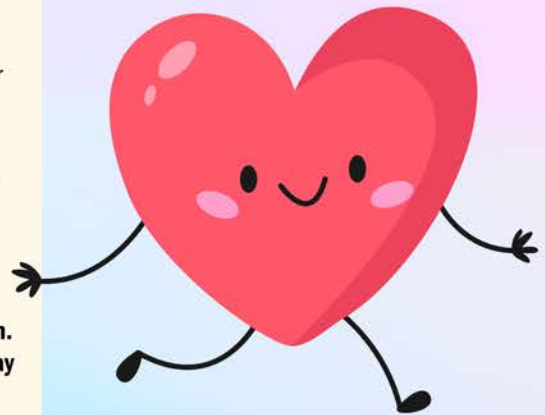
Grades 2 - 5  
Registration required

Tues. February 18  
11:00am - 12:00pm

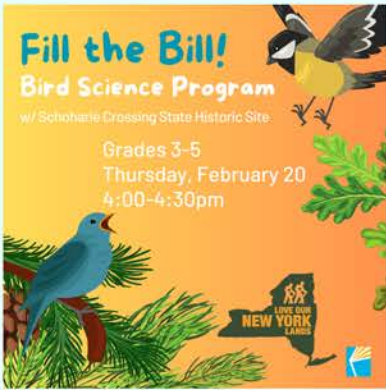
Heart-healthy movement for love your library month! ♥

## Zumba Kids Tuesday, Feb. 18 @11am

Be heart-healthy for love your library month! Join Zumba Kids-certified instructor Kim Perkins for an hour of Latin-inspired dance set to fun music! For grades 2 to 5.  
*Note: Participants must have a waiver signed by a caregiver. A waiver will be emailed with your confirmation email that you can bring with you, or you can sign one at the program.*  
**Participants under the age of 11 must have a caregiver stay in the building during the program. Chairs will also be available for caregivers to stay and watch. Younger siblings are asked not to participate, please.**



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**“Fill the Bill” Bird Science Program**  
Thursday, Feb. 20 @4pm

In this hands-on program, the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site will teach kids in grades 3 -5 to identify special beak (or bill) adaptations of birds and how the adaptations help birds eat. Kids will travel between stations, trying out a variety of tools that mimic bird adaptations while learning about the environment and sustainability. Note: No real birds will be used in this program. [R]



**Youth D&D Kit**  
pickup 2/1-2/9

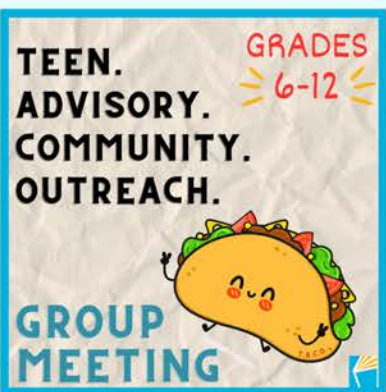
Want to get into D&D, but don't know where to start? Want to play D&D with your kids, but the rules are too much to manage? Grab a Youth D&D Kit from GPL! This is a custom version of D&D that's been simplified for younger and inexperienced players who want the fun roleplay adventures that come with D&D. [R]

**Registration is open from 1/17/25 to 1/30/25.** Kits that are not claimed during the pick-up window will be handed out as extras on a first come, first served basis 2/10/25 - 2/14/25



**DIY Mini Library**  
Wednesday, Feb. 5 @6pm

Want to track your reading but the task seems too big? Why not try it in miniature! For this craft, you will be decorating your own miniature wooden bookcase, recreating covers of your favorite books, and learning how to do this on your own as you read more books throughout the year! **This event is open to grades 6-12, registration is required.** [R]



**TACOs Volunteer Meeting**  
Tuesday, Feb. 11 @6pm

Earn volunteer credit by participating in our Teen Advisory Community Outreach group!

Give input on books, programs, and more. [R]

**Count the Hearts & WIN!**  
The Month of February

Can you count the amount of hearts you see in the display case? Scan the QR code outside the display and enter to win the prize book shown!



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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.





**Drop-In Youth Chess**

**Saturday, Feb. 1  
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**

**Wednesday, Feb. 26  
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).



**LEGO Free Play**

**Thursday, Feb. 13  
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.

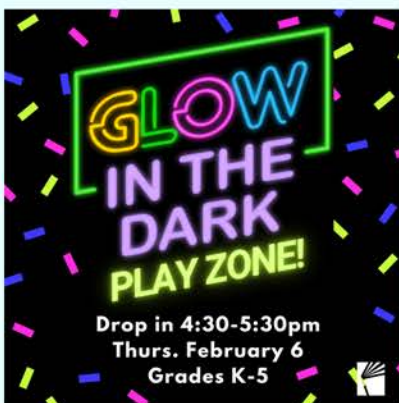


**Drop-In Science Test Lab**

**Tuesday, Feb. 25  
3-5pm**

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. Caregivers welcome to stay.



**GLOW In the Dark Play Zone**

**Thursday, Feb. 6  
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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**The Book Sale Is Coming Back!**

**Want to be surrounded by books, help a great cause, and meet fellow bookworms?**

We need your help to make our upcoming book sale a huge success!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to sort through donations and act as cashiers. Join the fun, support the library, and snag some early bird deals! Visit our website or scan the QR code below to sign up today - your community (and your bookshelf) will thank you!



**ON THE CALENDAR**

**FEBRUARY**

**LIBRARY CLOSED**

**President's Day**  
Monday, Feb. 17



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

**Guilderland Guitar .....Wednesday, Feb. 5**  
6:30-8pm

**Normanskill Strummers.....Thursday, Feb. 13**  
Ukulele Group 6-8pm

**Knickerbocker Knitters .....Sunday, Feb. 23**  
Guild 1-4:30pm

**Display Cases:.....Radon Awareness**  
.....Pine Bush Discovery Center  
Imagination Invasion: Count the  
.....Hearts Challenge



**LIBRARY BUSINESS**

**GPL Board of Trustees...Thursday, Feb. 27 @ 6pm**  
Monthly Business Meeting

**GPL Board of Trustees..Wednesday, Feb. 5@ 5pm**  
Facilities Committee Meeting

**GPL Board of Trustees .....Thursday, Feb. 6**  
Governance Committee @ 6:30pm Meeting

**GPL Board of Trustees.....Thursday, Feb. 20**  
Personnel Committee @ 6:30pm Meeting

**GPL Board of Trustees .....Tuesday, Feb. 4**  
Long Range Plan @ 4:30pm Committee Meeting

