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**New Year
New Puzzle**

free puzzles

Jan 4 & 5th
1-4 PM

Available at the
Information Desk

New Year, New Puzzle Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 4-5 1-4pm

Are you looking for a way to enjoy the new year? Well, why not start by getting a fun, new puzzle to work on?

Stop by the information desk for a FREE jigsaw puzzle!

- On Saturday, January 4th, there will be a limit of 2 puzzles per person.
- On Sunday, January 5th, all leftover puzzles are available to take, while supplies last.

Please note, if we run out of puzzles on Saturday, the program will be cancelled Sunday. To stay up to date, monitor this calendar entry.

Get your puzzle on!

Lunar New Year Calligraphy Workshop Monday, Jan. 6 @6:15pm

Welcome the Year of the Snake by joining calligraphy artist Jojo Liu for a virtual workshop where you'll create your own traditional Chinese couplets. In this 60-minute session, you'll learn the basics of Chinese calligraphy, including brush techniques and stroke order, as you craft beautiful couplets to bring good fortune and festivity to your home for the Lunar New Year.

The library will provide all materials needed for the workshop, but please register for this event as space will be limited. **[R]**

Note: This workshop is in-person at the Library, but the teacher is joining us virtually.

新年快樂!
LUNAR NEW YEAR
CALLIGRAPHY
WORKSHOP

JANUARY 6TH,
6:15PM

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

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

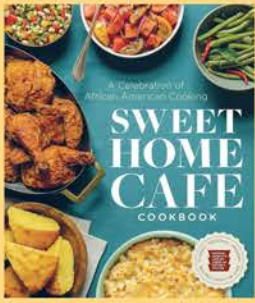


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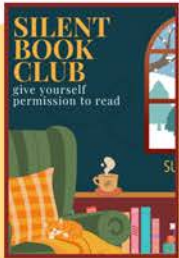
BOOK CLUBS

Read It & Eat

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]



Silent Book Club

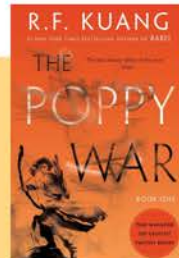
Sunday, Jan. 5 @1:30pm

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]



Realm Explorers Book Club

Saturday, Jan. 11 @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.

This month we're reading **The Poppy War** by R. F. Kuang.

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.



Night Owls Book Club

Monday, Jan. 13 @6:30pm

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

This month we're reading: **No Two Persons** by Erica Bauermeister. [R]



Hopeless Romantics Book Club

Wednesday, Jan. 15 @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 January, we will be discussing **The Seven Year Slip** by Ashley Poston. Copies of the book can be picked up from the Information Desk starting at the end of December, or patrons may borrow a digital copy from Hoopla.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS



The Magic of Found Family: In Conversation with Author TJ Klune

Wednesday, Jan. 15 @7pm

Come have a magical moment with *New York Times* bestselling author TJ Klune as he chats about his Cerulean Chronicles, with special emphasis on his newest in the series, **Somewhere Beyond the Sea**. [R]



Notes on Modern Irrationality with Bestselling Author Amanda Montell

Thursday, Jan. 23 @2pm

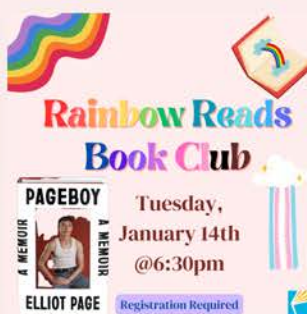
Join us as we chat with the *New York Times* bestselling author, Amanda Montell about her newest book, **The Age of Magical Overthinking: Notes on Modern Irrationality**. [R]



An Inside Look at Working with a Literary Agent: A Conversation with Seth Fishman

Tuesday, Jan. 28 @1pm

You're writing a book (or thinking about it), but what happens next? Join us for an inside look into working with an agent and the beginning stages of the publishing process with Seth Fishman, Vice President and Literary Agent at The Gernert Company. [R]



Rainbow Reads Book Club
Tuesday, Jan. 14 @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 - **Pageboy** by Elliot Page. 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]

[R]=please register

EVENT FULL

Quilling Snowflake Class Thursday, Jan. 23 @6pm

Learn the art of quilling, also known as paper filigree, and create your own snowflake! You will learn the various quilling shapes. They make beautiful ornaments and thoughtful gifts throughout the winter season. All materials will be supplied and tools provided. This program is for adult crafters. Register to reserve your spot. [R]



Technology Help Sessions

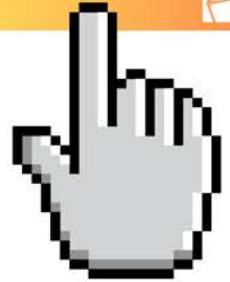
Wednesday, Jan. 8 & 22
10-11am & 11-12pm

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

1-ON-1
TECH HELP
PC & ANDROID ONLY
Wednesdays 10 am - 12 pm
See Calendar to Register



CREATIVE WRITING Mondays

NEW!

Creative Writing Mondays
Monday, Jan. 13 & 27
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, Jan. 17
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.

The ABC's of Infectious Disease

presented by:

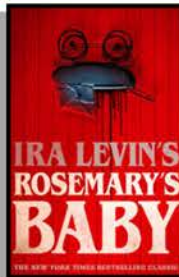
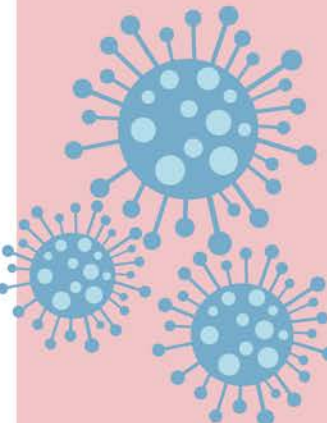
JANUARY 9TH
@ 6 PM

The ABC's of Infectious Disease

Thursday, Jan. 9 @6pm

Join Whitney Young Health's Community Prevention and Treatment Services Team as they navigate the basics of all things infectious disease. Education will be provided on transmission methods, symptoms, and treatment options for HIV and Hepatitis C, as well as effective/important HIV prevention methods (PrEP and PEP). CPTS staff will also provide information regarding easy access, including payment assistance programs and supplemental insurance, to HIV medication management, Hepatitis C treatment, and preventative PrEP services via Whitney Young Health. Resources regarding all programs will be available for attendees upon arrival. We hope to see you there!

Registration recommended, walk-ins welcome. [R]



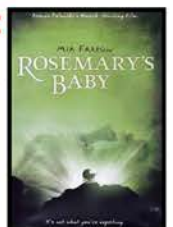
Fright Club: January Registration closes December 31

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 Paranormal stories. Be sure to register for each month and join in on the frightful fun! This month's paranormal novel is: **Rosemary's Baby** by Ira Levin. [R]



Fright Club Movie Matinee:

Monday, Jan. 27
Rosemary's Baby
12:00 pm
Rated R



No registration required

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EVENT FULL

Resolution Jar: Adult Take & Make Kit
 registration closed 12/31
 pick-up 1/2-1/5

Happy New Year! Start the year off right with your own personalized jar of resolutions. Each kit includes: a jar, pieces of colored paper and stickers for decorating. This kit is designed for adult crafters. This kit will be available for pickup for registrants at the Information Desk from 1/2 to 1/5. Limit one per registrant. Starting 1/8 all leftover kits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Happy crafting! [R]



LIMITED AVAILABILITY



Yoga & Mindful Movement for Beginners

Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29
6:30-7:30pm

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** A limited quantity of mats are available for loan from the library on a first come, first serve basis.
- Water Bottle
- Optional: foam yoga blocks
- Wear comfortable clothes, suitable for movement.



Game Time
Thursday, Jan. 9
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.

EVENT FULL



Dungeon Master's D&D Kit
 Available for pick-up
 January 2-9

Want to start a D&D campaign? Register 12/19 - 12/31 to grab a free DM kit from our Adult Reference Desk. [R]

Toastmaster's Area Contest
Saturday, Jan. 25 @10am

The Guilderland Library will host the Toastmasters Area 51 Speech Contest. This contest will feature the winners from four Area 51 Toastmasters clubs competing in two speech categories - International (5 to 7 minute speech) and Table Topics (1 to 2 minute speech) - to see who will advance to the District level speech contest. Frank L. Palmeri, a member of NYS Forum Toastmasters, is the Contest Chair and will run the contest in accordance with Toastmasters speech contest rules. The public is welcome to attend. Toastmasters speech contests are a great way to demonstrate how members can improve in public speaking in a fun and exciting way.



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BOARD GAME CAFE

JAN 23RD - 5PM - 7PM
DROP IN ANYTIME!

Board Game Cafe
Thursday, Jan. 23
5-7pm

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!




BE CREATIVE

TEEN

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

Meet 3 times as a group with a professional creative writing instructor!

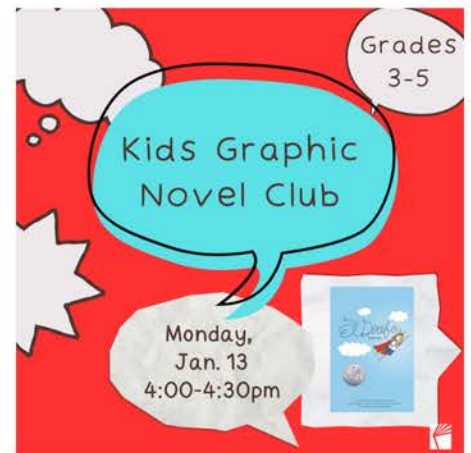
GRADES 6-12

Wednesdays:
January 8
January 15
January 22

Teen Creative Writing Group
Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22
5:30-7pm

Come to the Teen Creative Writing Group this January to workshop your fiction skills with a professional creative writing instructor! This guided writing group will be facilitated by Dr. Matthew Burns, who currently teaches creative writing and literature at SUNY Cobleskill. Join this group if you want to learn valuable writing

tips, explore different genres, and grow as a writer! All skill levels are welcome. *Because you will be building on your skills as a writer, you must be able to attend all three sessions of the Teen Creative Writing Group.* [R]



Grades 3-5

Kids Graphic Novel Club

Monday, Jan. 13
4:00-4:30pm

Kids Graphic Novel Club

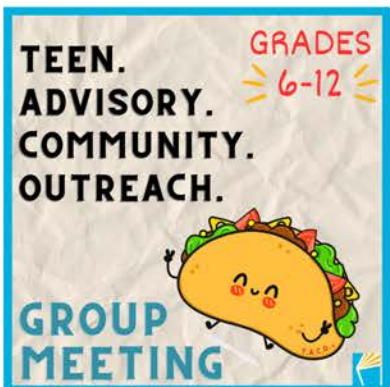
**Monday, Jan. 13
4-4:30pm**

The Kids Graphic Novel Club will meet every other month to ask and answer questions about the book selection, do some fun activities, and meet other graphic novel lovers!

This month's book: *El Deafo* by Cece Bell

Library copies will be held at the Children's Library reference desk. Once you have registered, please stop by the desk and ask for a copy. You will need a valid library card to check the book out.

For grades 3-5 [R]



TEEN ADVISORY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

GRADES 6-12

GROUP MEETING

TACOs Volunteer Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 7 @ 6pm

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

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

CHESS CLUB
 Beginners welcome!
 January 4th
 11:00am - 12:00pm

Drop-In Youth Chess

Saturday, Jan. 4
 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
 JAN 21ST, 3:30 - 5:30PM
 STOP BY ANYTIME

Drop-In Video Games

Tuesday, Jan. 21
 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).

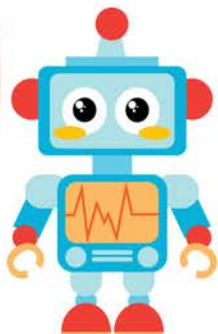
LEGO FREE PLAY
 THURSDAY
 JANUARY 16
 3:00PM - 6:00PM
 DROP IN ANYTIME

LEGO Free Play

Thursday, Jan. 16
 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, Jan 28
 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.

DROP-IN SCIENCE TEST LAB
 Tuesday, January 28
 3:00-5:00pm
 Grades 3-5

GLOW IN THE DARK PLAY ZONE!
 Drop in 4:30-5:30pm
 Thurs. January 2
 Grades K-5

GLOW In the Dark Play Zone

Thursday, Jan. 2
 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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January 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:
January 7, 21, 28

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:
January 8, 15, 22, 29



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:
January 9, 16, 23, 30



Kids Create: Shape Edition
Monday, Jan. 27
5:30-6:45pm

Let's get creative and learn all about shapes together at the Library! Join us for an artsy evening where young minds can explore their imaginations and bring their ideas to life through a variety of creative projects. Discover new skills and make new friends! This program will involve a variety of art supplies, so come prepared to get a little bit messy! [R]

Please note that Kids Create is specifically designed for children in grades K-2 (ages 4-8) with their caregiver.



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ON THE CALENDAR

JANUARY

LIBRARY CLOSED

New Year's Day
Wednesday, Jan. 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, Jan. 20

Happy
New year



American Red Cross: Blood Drive

Tuesday, Jan. 14
1-6pm



SCAN TO
REGISTER

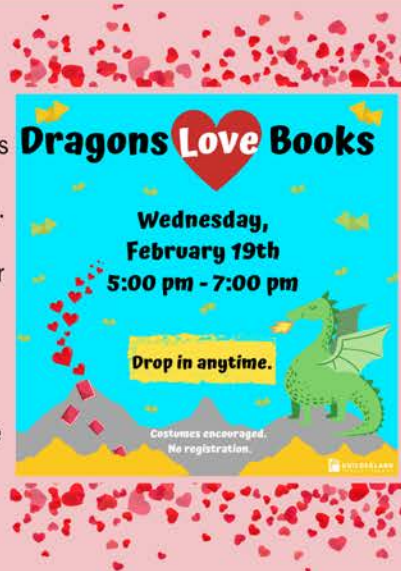


A LOOK AHEAD

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.*



Drop-In Knit & Stitch...Tuesdays @10-11:30am
Seniors ConnectWednesdays @11am

Guilderland GuitarWednesday, Jan. 8
6:30-8pm

Normanskill Strummers.....Thursday, Jan. 16
Ukulele Group 6-8pm

Toastmaster AreaSaturday, Jan. 25
Contest 10am-1pm

January ExhibitFriends of the Pine Bush
Community

GPL Board of Trustees....Thursday, Jan. 16@ 6pm
Monthly Business Meeting

GPL Board of TrusteesTuesday, Jan. 7@ 5pm
Facilities Committee Meeting

GPL Board of TrusteesThursday, Jan. 9
Governance Committee @ 5:30pm
Meeting

GPL Board of TrusteesThursday, Jan. 9
Personnel Committee @ 6:30pm
Meeting