

## The Peace Corps: An Ageless Opportunity

**Wednesday, July 25, 7 pm**

Hey, Boomers! Maybe you wanted to join up in the sixties but missed out – the opportunity still exists. Older Americans today contribute *tremendously* to Peace Corps programs all over the globe. No single group has more to offer in terms of experience, maturity, and demonstrated ability. And for those of a younger generation, in 2006,

*Business Week* named the Peace

Corps one of the best places to launch a career. In 1960 a few Congressmen, including Hubert Humphrey, proposed that Congress create a peace corps. While campaigning for the presidency, John F. Kennedy

declared, "There is not enough

money in all America to relieve the misery of the underdeveloped world in a giant and endless soup kitchen. But there is enough know-how and knowledgeable people to help those nations help themselves." In 1961, JFK established the Peace Corps to promote world peace and friendship.

NYC recruiter Beryl Cheal, 50+, is a recently returned mature volunteer in Moldova. Her slide show presents the Peace Corps through pictures, with discussion about life and work of older volunteers, learning new languages and cultures, sharing personal and professional skills and supporting local people to better their lives. No matter what your age, the Peace Corps offers an exceptional opportunity to put your education, experience, and abilities to work internationally. If you're looking for meaningful volunteerism, register at Reference and join us.

**The Butt Stops Here!**  
**Special Smoking Cessation Program starts July 16.**  
**See page 2 for details.**



## The Anniversary Celebration Continues

The Guilderland Public Library's 50th Anniversary Celebration moves forward a decade! The next event calls back to 1967, when the Library celebrated ten years of service during the Summer of Love.

We'll begin our 1967 retrospective with a concert on Thursday, July 26, at 7 pm, by the Beatles tribute band "Imagining Lennon." Recalling the music and images of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club

Band" – the Beatles' eighth album, released on June 1, 1967 – this concert will delight Beatles fans of every stripe.

In addition to this Thursday evening concert, we'll have a Friday night presentation on the events of 1967, and a movie matinee on Saturday at 2 pm. So unearth your granny glasses and best tie-dye t-shirt, and join the party.

Just a reminder that this 1967-fest is just part of the larger celebration. Save these dates to enjoy our decade-specific occasions

that illustrate how the Library and the Guilderland community have grown over the years.

- ❖ 1977: August 24 & 25
- ❖ 1987: September 28 & 29
- ❖ 1997: October 26 & 27
- ❖ 2057: November 16 & 17

The series will culminate on November 16 & 17 with a "Looking Back, Looking Beyond" weekend that explores where the Library will be in another 50 years.

For details on these Growing for Generations activities, please go to [www.GuilderlandPublic.info/50](http://www.GuilderlandPublic.info/50).



Tom "Lennon" Raider and "Imagining Lennon" will appear in a FREE concert at 7 pm on Thursday, July 26.

## "The Beav" at GPL



Jerry Mathers, star of the '50s television series "Leave It To Beaver" spoke at the Guilderland Public Library to kick-off our 50th Anniversary Celebration.

## Adult Reference

### Consumer Health & Wellness Programs

**The Butt Stops Here!**  
**July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27**  
 6 pm – 7 pm

Are you committed to quit smoking, but haven't been able to do it cold turkey? We can help! We're partnering with Seton Health Center for Smoking Cessation to offer a seven-week class right here at the Library, which became a smoke-free campus in May.

The class, conducted by professional cessation counselors, costs \$35 per person and includes a free workbook and CD, a Carbon Monoxide Screening, giveaways and incentives.

Best of all, you'll get an eight-week supply of nicotine patches or gum, FREE, a savings of more than \$200!

Registration is required; call Adult Reference.



### Learning About Long-Term Care Insurance

Want to prepare for the prospect of needing nursing home and/or home care services in later years? Find out how LTC insurance works at these unbiased informational sessions, offered by insurance specialists from the Albany County Department for Aging.

**Tuesday, August 21, 5:30 pm – 8 pm:** Meet one-on-one with an insurance specialist in a private, half-hour session. Call Adult Reference to reserve your spot.

**Tuesday, September 4, 6 pm – 7 pm:** A general information session on Long-Term Care Insurance. Learn about policy options; ask about ways to protect your assets and resources; be an informed consumer. Registration not required.

### Dollars for Scholars! Saturday, August 18, 10 am

Pierce Mahar of Education Funding Specialists, Inc., will present a college financial planning workshop. Participants will learn strategies for helping their student apply to college; positioning your finances to get merit aid; balancing the cost of education vs. the value of degree earned; minimizing out-of-pocket expenses; and much more. Registration recommended.

For additional information, contact Pierce Mahar at 452-8751 or [www.tuitionrx.com](http://www.tuitionrx.com).

### Jeffrey Berman to Speak on *Dying to Teach*

Wednesday, September 19, 7 pm

*Dying to Teach: A Memoir of Love, Loss, and Learning* is Professor Jeffrey Berman's tribute to his late wife Barbara, who died of cancer at the age of fifty-seven. In this heartfelt work, Dr. Berman, Professor of English at the University at Albany, "affirms the power of writing to memorialize loss and work through grief, and demonstrates the importance of death education: teachers and students writing and talking about a subject that has often been deemed too personal for the classroom."

At the University at Albany, Dr. Berman developed last year's course "Love and Loss in Literature and Life," where students looked at mourning in literature. He has also written *Empathic Teaching: Education for Life and Risky Writing: Self-Disclosure and Self-Transformation in the Classroom*. Professor Berman will read from his book and talk about his experience writing it. Call Adult Reference to register.



### Literary Garden Amphitheater Dedicated to Library Lover



On June 15, Assemblymember Jack McEneny, second from right, and members of his family gathered at the dedication of the Guilderland Public Library's Barbara Rachel Leonard McEneny Community Literary Garden Amphitheater.

To register for any Adult Reference program, call 456-2400 x 7

## Adult Reference

### Join a Book Discussion!

You are welcome to join any group listed. Librarians can assist you in finding a copy of a book. To register, call Adult Reference.

#### International Women Writers – Mondays, 7 pm

7/30 *Mistress: A Novel*, by Anita Nair  
 9/24 *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*, by Lisa See

#### Night Owls – Mondays, 7:30 pm

9/10 *Digging to America*, by Anne Tyler

#### Snoops in the Stacks – Tuesdays, 7 pm

9/11 *All Mortal Flesh*, by Julia Spencer-Fleming

#### Knit One, Read Too – Wednesdays, 2:30 pm

9/5 *Blessings*, by Anna Quindlen

#### Girls Night Out – Thursdays, 7 pm

9/13 *Death by Chick Lit*, by Lynn Harris

## Computer Basics

Wednesdays at 10 am & 11 am

Having trouble navigating the web or getting an email account? Or maybe you can't figure out how to download the photos from the family reunion. We have a volunteer computer coach who will meet with you one-on-one — you decide what you want to learn!



Sessions are for one hour every Wednesday morning at 10 am and 11 am. It's a popular program. **Call Adult Reference for an appointment — no walk-ins, please.**

## Money Talks

Saturdays, September 22, 10 am – 2 pm

Girls Incorporated® of the Greater Capital Region and the Library proudly present: Money Talks – an interactive, experience for moms & their daughters 12 to 14 years old.

Please join us for this financial literacy workshop focusing on listening skills, communication building and fundamental economic and financial concepts, such as saving and investing. Mothers and daughters will have the chance to participate in workshops and work with other mother/daughter pairs. Grow strong, smart and bold together! Registration is on a first come-first served basis and is limited.

To register please contact: Stacy Bold, Director of Outreach at Girls Inc., at (518) 374-9800 x 224, or by email at sbold.gcr@girls-inc.org.

**To register for any Adult Reference program,  
 call 456-2400 x 7**

## Youth Services

### Summer Fun Programs

#### Drop-In Storytime

**Mondays at 6:30 pm, Thursdays at 10:30 am**  
 Beginning July 9 through August 6. Registration is not required.

#### On a Beary, Beary Hot Day

**Special final drop-in storytimes on August 2 and 6**

Come bring your preschooler and relax with us, have a cool drink, and make bear fans to cool your brows! Interactive activities for the busiest child with soothing and exciting stories to hold their interest.

#### Baby Lapsit Storytime

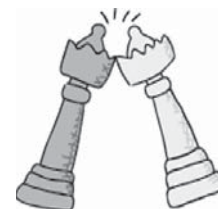
**Tuesdays at 10:30 am**

Starting July 10 through August 7. Registration is required for this special storytime for the very young (ages 6 to 36 months). Activities include: sharing stories, simple songs, fingerplays and rhymes, rhythm sticks, scarves and more! Please call Youth Services to register.

#### Chess Club

**Fridays at 6:30 pm**

Stop by for a fun game of chess. Bring a friend or meet a new one. All ages welcome.



## New Tween Reading Area

We have a great new sitting area for kids ages 9 to 12. The new Tween Reading Area is located in the juvenile paperback section. Check it out! We have very cool furniture, a new carpet, and a CD player. Sit and read, use one of our laptops, or just relax with friends. It's your own little corner of fun!



At the June dedication of the new Tween Reading Area, Senior Library Clerk Marianne D'Amato (l.) looks on as her husband Al D'Amato is thanked by Guilderland Library Board of Trustees President Robert E. Ganz and Library Director Barbara Nichols Randall. Mr. D'Amato's generous donation, in memory of his mother Rose, made the Tween Reading Area possible.

**To register for any Youth Services program,  
 call 456-2400 x 9**

# TEENS

## TEEN CALENDAR

### TREVOR TALKS ABOUT SUMMERTIME FUN!

Hey! We're back with another summer calendar full of events! This year, for no real reason other than it sounds pretty cool, the "theme" for our program is PIRATES VS. NINJAS! Why pirates and ninjas? And, more to the point, *why are they fighting?* Listen: it's not about conflict, but about different personalities coming together and complementing each other nicely (pirates = loud; ninjas = quiet, etc. – see where we're coming from?)

Sign-ups for the teen summer programs began June 18; programs are open to students going into grades 7 through 12 in the fall. When you sign up, you'll also sign up for the reading game, a variation on bingo dubbed P.I.R.A.T. or N.I.N.J.A. Read during the summer, fill out slips (these take one minute, *tops!*), get the P.I.R.A.T. or N.I.N.J.A. bingo cards stamped, and win prizes. Very simple!

The Teen Calendar of Events is to the right. Call or stop by the library to sign up for these exciting events! And remember, you can e-mail me at [oakleyt@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:oakleyt@uhls.lib.ny.us).

~ Trevor

### MAGIC: THE GATHERING GAME NIGHTS

Wednesdays, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, and 15,  
6 pm – 8:30 pm

We have the space for you to play! GPL staff members and friends run this weekly Magic: The Gathering fantasy trading-card game event.

Bring your decks and face off against other MtG gamers! Don't have cards, or want to try different decks? The library owns several MtG decks for you to use. No registration is required for this program. Just show up!



### Library Awards Scholarship

Kimberly Hinman, a recently graduated senior from Guilderland High School, received the Library's Toi Curtis Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$250.00.

In a letter of thanks to Library Director Barbara Nichols Randall, Principal Michael M. Piccirillo noted that "Your support of Guilderland High School ... is greatly appreciated. Without the support of our community it would be difficult to provide the excellent opportunities for our students to pursue their goals and dreams."

The Toi Curtis Scholarship is granted annually by the Library's Board of Trustees. For information about this program, call 456-2400 x 12.

### July

- 7/17 PIRATES VS. NINJAS INVENT-A-SPORT\*: When we meet, we'll first set out creating our (non-contact!) sport in a brainstorming session. Once we get the game mapped out and some rules on paper, we'll head outside and play the game! 3 pm – 7 pm
- 7/19 DIET COLA & MENTOS CANNON\*: Celebrate chemistry in action, as we explore what reactive substances lie in simple mints and soda. 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- 7/24 MYSTERY POCKET-BOOKS\*: Apply your creative talents to make these beautiful, yet easy, "pocket"-books! 7 pm
- 7/26 BOOK DISCUSSION: KIKI STRIKE: INSIDE THE SHADOW CITY, BY KIRSTEN MILLER\*: Life will never be the same for Ananka Fishbein after she ventures into an enormous sinkhole near her New York City apartment! 7 pm – 8 pm
- 7/27 FIMO FLOWERS\*: Use FIMO clay to make and bake flowers! Roll and shape the materials into flower shapes. Then we'll bake the clay and make pins or magnets. (Program open to fall grades 6 – 8) 3:30 pm
- 7/31 G-FAN MINI CON 2007: Ultra-people unite! This evening is all about classic Japanese monster movies! We'll watch movies and bond over giant, fire-breathing lizards of destruction! 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

### August

- 8/1 BOOK DISCUSSION: VAMPIRATES: DEMONS OF THE OCEAN, BY JUSTIN SOMPER\*: Twins Connor and Grace never dreamed that there was any truth to the Vampirate shanty their father sang to them before he died, but that was before the two were shipwrecked and separated from each other. 3 pm – 4 pm
- 8/2 BOOK DISCUSSION: IN DARKNESS, DEATH, BY DOROTHY AND THOMAS HOOBLER\*: Samurai Lord Inaba has been murdered in his sleep. This is a case for Judge Ooka, Japan's own real-life Sherlock Holmes. And, of course, for his 14-year-old apprentice, Seikei. 7 pm – 8 pm
- 8/17 FINAL DAY FOR P.I.R.A.T. AND N.I.N.J.A. GAME PIECES

\* Registration required.

To register for any Teen program, call 456-2400 x 40

## Youth Services

### Get a Clue @Your Library Summer Reading Club 2007

We offer so many wonderful things to do at the Library through our Summer Reading Club. Check out these terrific programs and performers. Registration is not required for the following:

#### Sylvia's Magic Trunk Friday, July 13, 2 pm

Professional ventriloquist Sylvia Markson will delight you with her comical cast of wise-cracking characters. You'll meet a hilarious, hip Latin opossum; watch a mysterious picture come to life; see an overweight genie; and enjoy many more outrageous surprises. Young and old will light up with this fabulous 45-minute variety show. [www.themagictrunk.com](http://www.themagictrunk.com)

#### Reading is Magic with Jim Snack Friday, July 20, 2 pm

Children love magic, and they will have a great time at this 40-minute show packed with audience participation. Magician and motivational speaker Jim Snack encourages students to discover their own magic in books. All ages.  
[www.jimssnack.com/readingismagic.htm](http://www.jimssnack.com/readingismagic.htm)



#### Sing a Story/Read a Song, with Nan Hoffman Thursday, July 26, 2 pm

Singer and storyteller Nan Hoffman entertains audiences of all ages with a variety of humorous songs, folk songs, and ballads. She accompanies herself on the guitar, autoharp, and other instruments. The audience is invited to join in the singing. All ages.

#### Laughter is the Best Medicine, with Robert Rivest Friday, August 3, 2 pm

"Laughter is the Best Medicine" is a collection of Robert Rivest's most humorous and heart-warming mime stories. It's simply a fun way to bring the whole community together through smiles, giggles, and roaring laughter. A student of Marcel Marceau, Robert trained for over ten years with internationally renowned masters of mime, dance, theater, and improvisation. Today Robert Rivest is one of the most prolific mime artists. All ages.  
[www.rivestmime.com](http://www.rivestmime.com)

**Don't Forget! Reading Records are due  
Friday, August 3!**

### Things to Remember About the Summer Reading Club

- ❖ You may register anytime during the Summer Reading Club program.
- ❖ Read books that you like and record them in your reading record.
- ❖ Come and enjoy our many special programs.
- ❖ When you visit the library, guess how many "poppers" are in the jar; if you guess the correct number, you can win a prize on August 9.
- ❖ Reading records should be turned in by Friday, August 3.
- ❖ Pick up your reading records, certificates, and prizes on Thursday, August 9 between 11 am and 7 pm in the Normanskill Room.
- ❖ On Thursday, August 9 at 2 pm, in the Helderberg Room, we will show our JUST FOR THE RECORD slide show where you can view all of the fun things we did during summer reading club.



## Storytime News

#### Fall Into Preschool Storytimes

Fall Storytimes begin the week of October 1 and follow the Guilderland School District calendar. When school is not in session, storytimes are cancelled.

We offer a range of storytimes to meet different needs. Choose one that's right for you.

#### Drop-In Storytimes

Registration is not required. These storytimes are for preschool children and their caregivers. Stories, songs, flannel boards, music, and crafts are part of the fun.

- ❖ Mondays at 6:30 pm
- ❖ Thursdays at 10:30 am and 1 pm
- ❖ Fridays at 10:30 am

#### Registered Storytime

Registration will begin on September 1. Once you are registered, you are set for the season. These storytimes are for preschool children ages 3 ½ to 5. The children attend storytime without their caregivers. There is a limit of 15 children per storytime.

- ❖ Tuesdays at 10:30 am
- ❖ Wednesdays at 10:30

#### Lapsit Storytime

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- ❖ Mondays at 10:30 am

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## Summer Screenings @ the Library!

Get out of the heat and cool off at the Library with a good movie. All films start at 2 pm in the Helderberg Room.

- ❖ July 18: **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**  
(PG - 13) 157 minutes
- ❖ July 24: **Charlotte's Web**  
(G) 113 minutes 2006 version
- ❖ August 1: **Flushed Away**  
(PG) 86 minutes
- ❖ August 8: **Happily N'Ever After**  
(PG) 87 minutes



## Test Prep Strategy Session

Tuesday, September 11, 7 pm

Taking the PSAT, SAT I, SAT II and/or any other standardized tests this year? Gain some insight and think like the people who create the tests. The guest speaker is Steve Abelson, President and Founder of Abelson & Associates Test Preparation. Get off the couch and get the edge on standardized tests this evening!

To register, please call Adult Reference at 456-2400 x 7.

## Museum Pass Program Expanded to "The Clark"

The Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute is the latest museum to join the Museum Pass Program. Giving you free access to "The Clark" as well as the Albany Institute of History and Art and the Shaker Museum in Pittsfield, a limited number of passes are available to Guilderland residents with a valid library card on a first-come, first-served basis.

To find out if a pass is available for checkout that day, call 456-2400 x 8.

Passes are available thanks to the generosity of the museums participating in this program.

### Summer Hours

Monday thru Friday: 10 am - 9 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday: Closed

**Labor Day Weekend: Closed**

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