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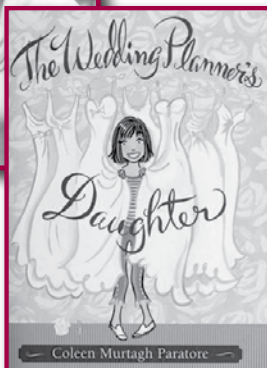
Your Library: Guilderland's Gathering Place

Children's Author Speaks with Children About the Joys of Writing Tuesday, February 21 @ 2 pm

Someone very special is coming to the Guilderland Public Library!

Coleen Murtagh Paratore – author of *26 Big Things Small Hands Can Do*, *The Wedding Planner's Daughter* series, and many other wonderful books for kids – will talk with children and their families about her work, her books, and the joy of writing. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the woman who writes the books you love to read.

If you haven't read Ms. Paratore's books, or would like the chance to read one again, we are offering two book discussions before her visit to GPL: **Sunny Holiday** will be featured on Tuesday, January 17 at 7 pm, and a Mother-Daughter Book Discussion will focus on **The Wedding Planner's Daughter** on Thursday, February 9 at 7 pm. Be sure to stop by the Library and borrow your copies of these very popular titles.



HEARTS TOUCHED WITH FIRE

MAKING SENSE OF THE CIVIL WAR

Local Stops on the Underground Railroad

Thursday, February 23 @ 7 pm

The Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region conducts research about the homes and people in our area connected with the sheltering of slaves fleeing capture on their road to freedom.

Paul Stewart will report on recent discoveries and present basic information about the Underground Railroad in our region. Paul, along with his wife MaryLiz is cofounder of the Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region, Inc., a public history organization dedicated to the research, celebration and preservation of Underground Railroad history.

Don't miss the "Lincoln & Liberty" concert Sunday, February 12. See page 3.

Father Abraham's Boys

Sending Our Sons to War

Thursday, March 22 @ 7 pm

On June 26, 1861, Gustav Schurmann enlisted in the 40th New York Volunteer Infantry with his father. At the end of the Civil War, having fought in ten battles, Gustav mustered out as a sergeant ... at the age of 15.

Young Sergeant Schurmann was just one of the more than 170 New York State children under the age of 15 who fought in the Union Army during the Civil War. In all, more than 33,000 children under the age of 17 served the Northern cause. This seminar discusses a time when America sent its children off to war.

Presenter Michael Aikey is director of the New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center in Saratoga Springs. He has been with the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs since 1996, serving successively as the Director of the New York State Military History Task Force, Librarian/Archivist, Deputy Director and moving to the directorship of the Museum/Research Center in 2002.

Active in history, Mr. Aikey was a founding member of the Capital District Civil War Round Table. He has published articles on military history and is the president of the Capital District Library Council board of trustees.

The Voorheesville Public Library and the Guilderland Public Library have each been awarded a prestigious grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association to produce comprehensive programming about the Civil War. The breadth of programming at the two libraries offers an extraordinary opportunity for the Capital Region community to learn about this seminal time in American history. We encourage you to visit civilwarprograms.blogspot.com for a complete list of programs at each library.



Albany Medical Center's "Health Topics at GPL"

Albany Medical Center's staff is collaborating with GPL's Consumer Health Librarians to bring you a variety of great health programs of value to your whole family.



Stress and Weight

Tuesday, January 17 @ 6:30 pm

Jennifer Lindstrom, MD, Director of Bariatric and Clinical Nutrition at Albany Medical Center, will discuss how exercise and good nutrition can combat stress for people of all ages. This program is for parents AND kids, so bring the family!

New Year, New You

Wednesday, February 29 @ 6:30 pm

Do you have a hard time sticking to your New Year's resolutions? Bianca Schaefer, PhD, Clinical Instructor in the Department of Psychiatry at Albany Medical Center, shares some challenges and strategies for making – and keeping – a commitment to a "new you" this year!

Back Pain

Date To Be Announced

Being told you need back surgery can be a frightening experience. A Pain Specialist at Albany Medical Center will address the causes of back pain and discuss both the surgical and non-surgical options available for treating it.

Family & Caregiver Information Series Presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease

Thursday, January 5 @ 1 pm

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Tips for Effective Communication

Thursday, February 2 @ 1 pm

Recognize barriers; learn tips and strategies for talking to someone with Alzheimer's and other dementia. ®

Validation Theory and Therapeutic Fibbing

Thursday, March 1 @ 1 pm

This interactive class teaches you how to communicate with someone who lives in the past. ®

Understanding and Dealing with Challenging Behaviors

Thursday, April 5 @ 1 pm

Is the behavior dangerous or frustrating? What is causing it? How do you respond? This session provides strategies to help. ®

Recognizing and Coping with Caregiver Stress

Thursday, May 3 @ 1 pm

Follow the Flight Attendants' Rule: Put on your own life vest first so you can better help those around you. ®

To register, call Jamie Mott at 518-867-4999 x 209 or email

jamie.mott@alz.org. A minimum number of attendees are needed to hold programs, so registration is required. In the event of inclement weather, please call the Library at 456-2400 to check for cancellation.

Prepare for Tax Season with AARP's Taxaide Program

The all-volunteer AARP Taxaide Program will provide free tax preparation and e-filing services on Mondays and Saturdays at the Library starting on Monday, February 6, and continuing through Saturday, April 14.

Volunteers are trained and certified in cooperation with the IRS. They prepare personal Federal and New York State tax returns for taxpayers of all ages with low and moderate incomes.

Appointments are necessary; no walk-ins, please. Separate appointments are required for each taxpayer unless filing jointly. Bring a copy of last year's return and all 2011 W-2s, 1099 statements, the purchase date and cost basis for any investments you sold, and supporting documents if you plan to itemize deductions. Bring your checkbook or a blank check if you would like your refund direct deposited, along with some official identification.

Taxaide volunteers cannot do returns with rental income or returns requiring Schedule C to report business returns with a net loss, inventory, employees, or business expenses over \$10,000. If filing a joint return, both taxpayers need to be present except in cases of illness or infirmity.

To make an appointment, call 456-2400 x 7 **starting Monday, January 9 at 10 am. Reservations cannot be taken before then.** ®

Need Fax?

Need to send a fax, but don't have a fax machine at home? Not a problem. Come to the Library and send it from here.

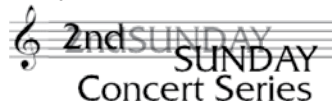
Our easy-to-use fax service takes your debit and major credit card, and offers you the ability to get a fax receipt. So the next time you need to send a domestic or international fax, stop by GPL. The self-service fax machine is right next to the Information Desk.

CREDIT for page 1 photo of Private Gustav Schurmann: from 1862 carte de visite by R.W. Addis; courtesy of William B. Styple.

Second Sunday Concert Series

Concerts start @ 2pm

There's some great free music coming in the 13th season of our Second Sunday Concert series, performances the whole family will enjoy. The performers are diverse and their repertoires varied, so there's something here for everyone. Come to just one, or enjoy them all – but mark your calendars right now so you don't miss out.



Guilderland High School Chamber Choir

January 8



Guilderland Music

For the first time ever we showcase the talent of our own Guilderland High School Chamber Choir, 19 members strong, under the direction of Rae Jean Teeter. The choir will perform works – mostly *a capella* – by Gustav Holst, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and other composers. You'll also hear a special arrangement by GHS alumnus David Scheiber. Someone in the choir is likely your friend, neighbor, or family member – so join us and show them your support.

“Lincoln and Liberty: Songs from the Time of Honest Abe” performed by Lost Radio Rounders

February 12

Lost Radio Rounders are Tom Lindsay and Michael Eck who have been playing Historic American Music together for over 25 years. The duo help us celebrate President Lincoln's birthday with music culled from the Civil War-era songbook. You'll hear guitar and mandolin, along with flashes of dobro, ukulele, strumstick, autoharp and banjo. Eck and Lindsay take this stuff seriously, but they have lots of fun. Singing along is more than welcome.



Mundo Nuevo

March 11



José Cruz, Walter Ramos, Fernando Gomes, and José Meléndez blend vocals with guitar, flute, bongó, and percussion. The quartet will heat things up with their lively repertoire of Cuban, Puerto Rican, Dominican, and Brazilian music – with a dash of what they call “SalSinatra.” Curious to know what that is? Come find out.

Classical pianist Patricia Keyes performs works by Franz Liszt

May 13

Celebrate Mother's Day with a special performance by pianist and Guilderland native Patricia Keyes. Dr. Keyes holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in piano performance from Boston University, was a faculty member at Skidmore College, University at Albany, and College of St. Rose, and is an Artist in Residence at Middlebury College in Vermont. Her career has included concerts in England and Italy and throughout the United States as both a soloist and chamber musician.



“A Tribute to Cole Porter” with Sonny and Perley

June 10



The ever-popular Sonny and Perley (husband and wife Sonny Daye and Perley Rousseau) join with bassist Lou Pappas to pay tribute to Cole Porter's tremendous contribution to musical theater. This delightful concert ends our Second Sunday series on a high note.

Profile on Special Services:

Interlibrary Loan

“If you need it, we can get it.”

While we're proud of the large and varied collection of materials here at the Guilderland Library, it's a simple fact that we can't possibly own everything! Interlibrary loan (“ILL”) is one way to request items not owned by a library in the Upper Hudson Library System. If you're a Guilderland cardholder and there's an obscure book you want that no library seems to own, chances are we can find it.

ILL enables us to reach beyond our local system to obtain books, microform material, even copies of hard-to-find magazine or journal articles.

This is a free service for GPL cardholders. We'll search for the title you want, and request it electronically through the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC for short). If a library is willing to loan, it will send the item to Guilderland and we'll process it for you to check out just as you would our own material.

To learn more about ILL, including what we can't request (things we own, CDs, brand-new titles, etc.) and certain restrictions, visit our ILL webpage at <http://bit.ly/GPL-ILL>. You can use the online request form there. And if you have a card from one of UHLS' smaller libraries that doesn't participate in OCLC, we can help you, too!

Profile on Special Collections:

eBooks for Kids

Among the 7,000 eBooks available for download from the Library are hundreds of titles ideal for even the youngest reader. These range from “unplugged” versions of TumbleBook favorites to audio .mp3 files compatible with the most popular eReaders; many of the TumbleBook titles are now iPad-friendly!

You can access TumbleBook downloads at <http://bit.ly/GPL-Tumblebooks>, and find the other downloadable kids eBooks at <http://bit.ly/GPL-Downloads>.



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Storytime News

Registration begins January 2 for Guilderland Central School District residents and January 5 for non-residents

Registered Storytime for children ages 3 1/2 to 5 has openings for Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Parents may leave their children in the Storyhour Room as a first experience in independence before children start kindergarten or nursery school. With stories, music, dance, crafts and film, kids will enjoy every minute! Starts on January 4. **R**

Toddler Time is for children 19 months to 36 months old and their caregivers. We'll share stories, songs, and activities. Mondays at 10:15 am and 11 am, starting February 6. **R**

Baby Bounce, for children 5 months to 18 months old, takes place at 10:15 am on alternating Thursdays beginning February 9. Parents or caregivers and their babies are invited to come join us for simple stories, music/movement, fingerplays, and plenty of interactive fun. **R**

Drop-in Storytimes provide preschoolers and their caregivers with stories, songs and movement games, crafts, and a film along with a visit from a favorite puppet or stuffed animal. No sign up required. Join us at the following times: Monday at 6:30 pm; Wednesday at 11 am; Thursday at 1 pm; Friday at 10:30 am.

Drop-in Baby Playtime, at 10:15 am on alternating Thursdays beginning January 5. The toy-full Storyhour Room is open for children younger than 18 months and their parents or caregivers.

Drop-in Toddler Playtime for children between 19 and 36 months will be at 10:15 am on Mondays: January 2 & 16, February 20, March 19, and April 9.

Sensory Storytimes are geared to children on the autism spectrum with sensory integration issues and their families. These monthly storytimes feature one or two books, music selections, and art. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm on January 4, February 1 & 29, March 28, and April 25. No registration required.

One-Stop Searching

Finding the book, CD, DVD, eBook, musical score, map, video, serial, journal, or manuscript you want becomes a whole lot easier when you use the Enhanced Search feature on the Library's website.

Type your keyword(s) in the search box, and get results that show every relevant item available to you. This new service, called VuFind, accesses the entire Upper Hudson Library System catalog, or you can narrow your search by library, author, title, format, and more. It even connects to your "My Account" page so you can save your searches.

Go to the Advanced Search link on our home page, and try it out.

