



# News from the Guilderland Public Library

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## GPL Concert Series

**Caroline Doctorow**

**Sunday, January 8 @ 2 pm**

A chart-topping folksinger and songwriter, Caroline Doctorow has a stirring, gorgeous voice that recalls Judy Collins and Sandy Denny. The daughter of renowned novelist E.L. Doctorow, Caroline has released 11 solo albums; her most recent is "Dreaming in Vinyl," which was #2 on the nationwide Folk Radio hit list. She and her trio will perform their signature bluegrass and American roots music. You can read more about the artist at [www.carolinedoctorow.com](http://www.carolinedoctorow.com). (Snow date: Sunday, January 22 @ 2 pm.)

## Sonny and Perley – A Live Recording Session!

**Monday, January 30 @ 5 pm**

The ever-popular musical performers Sonny and Perley are doing a very special event here at the Library – they're recording an album of live material, with all of us as their audience!



This is a ticketed event for 100 participants; there is a limit of four tickets per person. Please pick up tickets at the Library.

## Cliff Brucker and Full Circle

**Sunday, February 12 @ 2 pm**

Cliff Brucker, jazz drummer and pianist, and his exceptional sextet Full Circle, perform classic jazz standards and original compositions. Individually, the six musicians have performed with both local and legendary jazz artists; together, they recently recorded the eponymous album, "Full Circle," showcasing the uplifting swing and phrasing of saxophonist Leo Russo – "an exceptional and satisfying recording," notes one jazz reviewer.

## Escape the Room – GPL Edition!

**For teens and adults**

**Friday, January 13 @ 4:30 - 5:15 pm, @ 6 - 6:45 pm,  
or @ 7:30 - 8:15 pm**

**Saturday, January 14 @ 11 - 11:45 am, @ 12:30 - 1:15 pm,  
@ 2 - 2:45 pm, or @ 3:30 - 4:15 pm**

**Sunday, January 15 @ 1:30 - 2:15 pm, or @ 3 - 3:45 pm**

Have you and your friends got what it takes to escape the Guilderland Room? You have only 45 minutes! Find the clues to solve the puzzles to earn your freedom. It will take teamwork and wits.



Sign up for one of the 45-minute time slots listed above. You can register as an individual, with a friend or two, or with a larger group of up to six people.

Please arrive on time for your session. Registration is required by each person in your group. Please call 456-2400 x 2 to register.

## The Battle of the Normanskill through African-American Eyes

**Saturday, February 4 @ 10 am**

Join Aaron Mair and learn about the African-American patriots who were part of the 1st Rhode Island Regiment and fought at the 1777 Battle of the Normanskill, right here in Guilderland — the only Revolutionary War battle to be fought in Albany County. Don't miss this very special local history event!

*Aaron Mair is the President of the Sierra Club and an epidemiological-spatial analyst with the New York State Department of Health.*

## All Aboard to 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten!

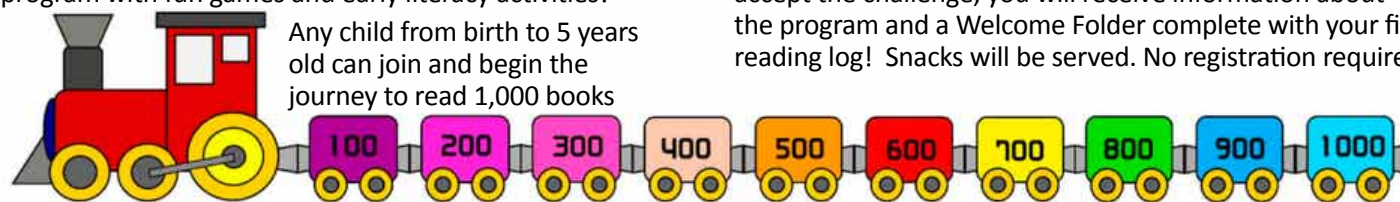
**For children birth to age 5**

**Friday, January 20 @ 11:15 am, in the Helderberg Room**

Join us as we kick-off our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program with fun games and early literacy activities!

Any child from birth to 5 years old can join and begin the journey to read 1,000 books

before entering kindergarten. Caregivers, if you decide to accept the challenge, you will receive information about the program and a Welcome Folder complete with your first reading log! Snacks will be served. No registration required.



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## ADULTS

### CALL 2-1-1 to Make a Tax Appointment!

### AARP TaxAide preparation at the Library begins February 6

#### PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE LIBRARY!

- United Way's 2-1-1 call center opens **Thursday, January 12, at 10 am**, to make a tax appointment.
- Tax preparation appointments are Mondays and Saturdays only, February 6 – April 10. You must have an appointment; no walk-ins.
- We're adding new appointment slots frequently, so call 2-1-1 again if slots are all filled.
- TaxAide volunteers are trained and certified with the IRS to prepare personal Federal and NYS income tax returns.
- Bring:
  - Photo ID; Social Security card for all people listed in the tax return
  - Copy of your 2015 returns
  - All 2016 W-2s and 1099 forms
  - End-of-year brokerage statements
  - All supporting documents for itemized deductions.
- TaxAides cannot complete returns with rental income or Health Savings Accounts, or Schedule C (Business Profit and Loss) if you've had a loss or expenses over \$25K.
- Filing jointly? Both taxpayers need to be present except in cases of illness or infirmity.

All tax appointments are scheduled by dialing 2-1-1.

Phone lines open  
Thursday, January 12, 10 am.

### Pinterest Wins: Home Organization Edition

Thursday, January 12 @ 7 pm

Once a month, we will explore different uses for Pinterest. In January, we tackle home organization! Professional organizer, Julie Ulmer, owner and operator of Minding Your Manor home organization service, will explain how she uses Pinterest to find what works to organize your home. (Snow date: Thursday, January 26 @ 7 pm.) 📞

### Arm Knitting for Adults

Thursday, January 19 @ 6:30 pm OR

Thursday, January 26 @ 2 pm

Learn how to knit without needles! In this program, each person will learn how to Arm Knit an infinity scarf that they will be able to take home. Please bring **two skeins of a size 6 bulky or size 6 Super bulky yarn (no blanket yarn)** in the color of your choice to make your scarf! Please attend only one session. (Recommended brands: Lion Brand: Wool-Ease; Red Heart:Grande) 📞

### Choosing and Using Family History Software

Saturday, January 21 @ 10:30 am

Once you have collected information about your family history, how do you organize and share it all? Professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty will examine the types of genealogy software, compare the features of the major brands, and provide demonstrations of both online and offline programs so you can make an educated decision in preserving your family story! (Snow date: Saturday, February 25.) 📞



### George Washington: Surveyor

Saturday, February 18 @ 2 pm

Join V. Frederick Rickey, retired Professor of Mathematics at the United States Military Academy at West Point, for a talk about the early career of George Washington, particularly his work as a surveyor. Rickey will talk about concepts of algebra and geometry in the 18th century, and will also discuss his good luck in finding portions of Washington's papers in archives not associated with the Library of Congress. He will talk about the importance of working with originals instead of digitized copies – his experience is that the scans don't reveal all details and notes of the originals.

### Documentary Screening:



Saturday, February 4 @ 1 pm

*Band of Sisters* tells the story of Catholic nuns and their work for social justice after Vatican II of the 1960s. In the face of obstacles and threats cast by government agencies, the military, and the hierarchy of their own church, the forward-thinking U.S. nuns are on a mission of love, and it appears that nothing can stop them. 88 minutes.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

#### New Year's

Close at 2 pm, Saturday, December 31

Closed Sunday, January 1, 2017

#### Martin Luther King Day

Closed Monday, January 16

#### Presidents' Day

Closed Monday, February 20

#### Weather Closings and Delays

When the Library's regular hours are adjusted for any reason, our phone message will be updated and an announcement posted on the Library's website and Twitter and Facebook pages; announcements will also be posted on local TV stations and the *Times Union* website.

# ADULTS

## Book Discussions

### Books & Brews

Led by Phil Berardi

Fourth Monday of the Month @ 7:30 pm

January 23, at Albany Ale and Oyster: *The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead

February 27, at Washington Tavern: *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, by J.D. Vance

### Night Owls

Led by Margaret Lanoue

Second Monday of the Month @ 7:30 pm

Fiction and nonfiction selections are discussed with great vitality!

January 9: *Road to Little Dribbling*, by Bill Bryson

February 13: *Everybody's Fool: A Novel*, by Richard Russo

### GPL Page Turners

Led by Beth Rienti

Wednesdays @ 1 pm

A selection of recently published fiction and the occasional nonfiction book.

January 11: *State of Wonder*, by Ann Patchett

February 8: *God Help the Child*, by Toni Morrison

### Great Books

Moderated by Carl Schilling

Thursdays @ 7 pm

Books considered the classics of world literature.

January 5: *Night*, by Elie Wiesel

February 2: *Go Set A Watchman*, by Harper Lee

## Dynamic Medicine: The World According to Homeopathy

Book Talk & Signing

Saturday, January 28 @ 2 pm

Dr. Larry Malerba will talk about and sign copies of his new book – *Dynamic Medicine* – an insider's no-nonsense guide to the mysteries of this 200-year-old healing art and science and the lessons it teaches about health and illness, mind and body, and the dynamic nature of true energy healing. Dr. Malerba, a Guilderland-based homeopathic physician with 25 years experience, is the author of two other books, *Green Medicine* and *Metaphysics & Medicine*. ②

Larry Malerba, DO, DHT is a classical homeopath, osteopathic physician, and educator whose mission is to build bridges between holistic healing, conventional medicine, and spirituality. Dr. Malerba is board certified in Homeotherapeutics and past president of the Homeopathic Medical Society of the State of New York. He has a private practice in Guilderland.



## Flipster Digital Magazines!

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## Computer Coaching @ GPL

Not sure how to use a computer, laptop, or device, or just want to brush up on your existing skills? Do you have an iPad, iPhone, Apple Watch, MacBook, or other device that you need help with? GPL has computer coaches who can meet with you one-on-one. ②

## Drop-in Genealogy Help

Wednesday, January 11 @ 6 pm, and  
Wednesday, February 8 @ 6 pm

Professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty fields questions regarding your search for ancestors. Take a number when you arrive and Lisa will tackle your question in the order in which you arrive.

## DIGITAL PHOTO FORUM

Third Thursdays @ 7 pm

### Sharing Session and film: *History of Photography – the first decade.*

January 19

We'll start the New Year with a sharing session. Bring your best (and worst) holiday photos. We'll celebrate the great ones and learn from the ones that didn't deliver as we hoped. Then, we'll view a 25-minute video on the earliest history of photography. All are welcome!

## Digital Photography 101

February 16

Do you need a hand understanding how to work with your digital camera? Don't know how to download your pictures onto a computer? Haven't a clue how to adjust or edit your photos? This session is designed to help you get going and make the pictures you really want. Professional photographer John Bulmer will provide an orientation to digital photography and then members of the Photo Forum will help you in this hands-on session. Bring your camera. ②



## TEENS & TWEENS

### Second Annual Teen Winter Writing Contest



What's your story? Submit a piece of original writing to the Second Annual Teen Winter Writing Contest!

- Submission categories for grades 6 – 12.
- Winners will receive great prizes, have the opportunity to workshop their writing, and be published in a book!
- Entries are due Monday, February 13 to [TeenWinterWriting@gmail.com](mailto:TeenWinterWriting@gmail.com).
- Reception to celebrate all the submissions on Friday, March 3 at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library.
- Rules and more information at [www.guilpl.org/teens/teenwriting](http://www.guilpl.org/teens/teenwriting)

*The TWW Contest is a collaboration between the Guilderland Public Library and the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library.*

## Winter Programs

### Make Fleece Pet Blankets

Thursday, January 26 @ 6:30 pm

Keep a furry friend extra warm this winter and make them a fleece blanket! You can make a blanket for a pet of your own and as a donation to Guildershaven, a local animal organization. We'll have fleece to choose from or bring your own. Grades 5 – 12. ④

### Let it Snow: A Winter STEAM program

Wednesday, February 22 @ 11 am

Let's enjoy the snow and conduct some experiments and create art around wintry weather. Grades 3 – 5. ④

### Teen & Tween Arm Knitting

Thursday, February 23 @ 6:30 pm

Learn how to knit without needles! In this program, each teen or tween will learn how to Arm Knit their own infinity scarf to take home. Please bring **two skeins of a size 6 bulky or size 6 Super bulky yarn (no blanket yarn)** in the color of your choice to make your scarf! (Recommended brands: Lion Brand:Wool-Ease; Red Heart:Grande.) Grades 5 – 12. ④

### Afternoon at the Movies: *Guardians of the Galaxy*

Thursday, February 23 @ 3 pm

Watch a movie on the big screen and enjoy some popcorn! PG-13; 121 minutes.

### Morning at the Movies: *Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

Friday, February 24 @ 10:30 am

Watch a movie on the big screen and enjoy some snacks! PG; 135 minutes

### TWiin Just Dance Party

Friday, February 24 @ 3 pm

Tweens are invited to a Wii Just Dance party using the popular Wii games on the big screen! We've got the hula hoops, party lights, freeze pops and all we need is you! Grades 3 – 6. ④

## EVERYONE

### Share the Love

Ages 1 – 100!

January 13 through February 10

GPL will supply the materials for you to create fun and fabulous cards that we will deliver to seniors in residence at Our Lady of Mercy Nursing Center (and possibly other facilities) to brighten a senior's Valentine's Day.

If you prefer, make your cards at home and drop them off at the library by Friday, February 10.

### Crafting Chocolates!

Friday, February 10 @ 6:30 pm

We'll supply the chocolate and the candy forms; you'll create some delicious candy treats! Great for Valentine's Day gifts, or just to enjoy yourself! For teens and adults. ② or ④

### Rescuing Raptors

Tuesday, February 21 @ 2 pm

Joyce Perry, of Whispering Willow Wildcare, will be here with her rescued birds of prey to teach us about wild animal rescue. Presentation includes live animals. Please register ALL attendees. ② or ④



### Pinterest Wins: "Gal"entine's Day Edition

Monday, February 13 @ 7 pm

Once a month, we will explore different uses for Pinterest. In February, we are celebrating our gal pals! Bring your squad (mom, daughter, co-worker, next-door-neighbor!) to a night of Valentine's Day-inspired crafting for all ages. There will be a dessert waffle bar! ② or ④

## CHILDREN

### Teen and Tween Lego Club

First Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30 pm  
(January 4 & February 1)

Come to Lego Club! A place for tweens and teens to show off creations from home, or to work on a great project with friends and fellow Lego fans.

### Pete the Cat Snow Daze Party

Tuesday, January 17 @ 6:30 pm

Pete the Cat is back – this time in a "daze" about too many snow "days" off from school. Readers in grades K – 2 can register and stop by the library to pick up a copy of the Pete the Cat Snow Daze book to take home and read before the program. Then they can come to the party and we will talk about the book and share some fun activities. ④

### Take Your Child to the Library Day

All day! Saturday, February 4

Fun activities throughout the library! Go on a scavenger hunt, discover a mysterious new book, write your own fairy tale or superhero story, let the paper fortune teller decide your next book, play a board game together, and so much more! Follow us on Facebook for more details.



### Bear Snores On:

#### Family Literacy with WMHT's Barbara Lukas

Saturday, February 11 @ 10:30 am

Do bears sleep all winter or do they really stay inside their caves and party? Join Barbara Lukas from WMHT and learn about bears in winter and make a fun craft to take home.

Open to kids Pre-K – Grade 1 accompanied by an adult caregiver. ④

(Note: There is no WMHT family program in January.)

### Origami Fun and Folding

Tuesday, February 21 @ 11 am

Learn about origami and then create your own masterpiece – perhaps a paper crane! GPL will supply the paper and fun, you supply the creativity. Grades 2 - 6; parents welcome! ④

### Operation: Obstacle Course

Wednesday, February 22 @ 3:30 pm

Come and be competitively creative in our Operation: Obstacle Course! Kids will be able to race through an obstacle course and even design their own! Grades K - 6. ④

### Merry Mermaid Book & Craft Party

Thursday, February 23 @ 2:30 pm

Books, crafts, and a fun treat! Pre K - 2, with caregiver. ④



### Hosted by Union College's Chemistry Club, Biochemistry Club, and Society of Women Engineers

Monday, February 6 @ 6:30 pm

Our local college science departments will be here with fun hands-on science activities for kids! For children in grades 3 through 5, with their families. ④

### Hosted by Hudson Valley Community College's Biology Department

Monday, March 6 @ 6:30 pm

### SCIENCE FAIR OPEN HOUSE

Monday, April 3 @ 6:30 pm

[Note: No Family Science Night in January]

### GPL Sprouts

January 19: Dinosaur Math

February 16: What's the Matter?

Third Thursday of the Month @ 3:30 pm



GPLSPROUTS

Join us for a fun-filled STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) program!

Lots of hands-on learning for everyone! For ages 4 – 7 with adult caregiver. ④

### Celebrate Dr. Seuss' 113th Birthday!

Thursday, March 2 @ 6:30 pm

Grades K – 3

It's sure to be quite a scene  
When we celebrate that Dr.  
Seuss would be 113!  
We will do crafts galore and  
so much more

You won't want to miss it, of  
that I am sure!



## CHILDREN

### 3 Little Birds: Music, Movement & Storytime

Mondays, January 9 through February 26 , all @ 10:30 am  
(Note: No Storytimes on 1/16 or 2/20 because of school holidays)

Local librarian and former Kindermusik teacher Josalyn Wilder leads this 30-minute program, which brings children ages 5 and under together for a fun and integrated learning experience.

This multi-age class is perfect for families with more than one young child, and accommodates all levels of learning and musical interest.

Join us for movement activities, instrument play, stories and songs. We'll move and groove together while we enhance listening and literacy skills.



### Read to Furry Friends

Tuesdays: January 3 & February 7 @ 6:30 pm, and  
Wednesdays; January 4 & February 8 @ 6:30 pm

New readers – grab your favorite book (or choose one at the library) and come read to GPL's friendly dog and/or cat. Our furry friends are very patient listeners and look forward to listening to you read to them!

### Little Lego

Monday January 9 and February 13 @ 3:30 pm

Use your imagination for some creative play with friends. You can bring your own bricks or use the library's collection. Feel free to bring your own creations for show off; we'll keep them separate from the library supplies. For children in grades K – 3. ④

### Book Buddies

Tuesdays in January (January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31)  
Time slots: 4 pm; 4:30 pm; 5 pm; 5:30 pm

Elementary readers in grades K – 3 can practice their new skills by reading one-on-one with Guilderland High School honor students. Readers need to sign up for a 30-minute session. ④

## First Friday Family Films

Fridays @ 6:30 pm

### *The Secret Life of Pets*

January 6 • Rated PG; 87 min. (2016)

### *The BFG*

February 3 • Rated PG; 117 min. (2016)

## Storytimes



### Baby & Me: Drop-In Storytime

Wednesdays @ 10:30 am

We'll sing, clap, bounce, and listen to nursery rhymes and short stories, and develop early literacy skills! For babies newborn to 24 months and a caregiver.

### Preschool Drop-in Storytime

Tuesdays and Fridays @ 10:30 am

Early literacy skills promote success in school! Join us for stories, songs, and movement. Preschool Storytime is for children ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. Younger siblings welcome!

### Preschool Drop-in Yoga-Inspired Storytime

Second Tuesday of the Month @ 10:30 am  
(January 10 and February 14)

Early literacy skills paired with relaxing movement makes happy kids! Join us for stories, songs, and yoga-inspired movement! For children ages 3 – 5 with a caregiver. Please dress for movement and bring either a yoga mat or a towel.

### Bedtime Drop-In Storytime

Third Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30 pm  
(January 18 & February 15)

Children 2 – 5 years old (with a caregiver) can come in their pajamas and bring a stuffed friend to this cozy storytime just before bed! We'll read stories and rhymes, sing, dance, do a craft, and watch a short video.

### Toddler Time: Drop-In Storytime

Thursdays @ 10:30 am

Toddlers 25 – 36 months (with a caregiver) are invited to join us for a fun filled storytime every Thursday! We will do a variety of activities to encourage early literacy and motor skills including: reading stories, singing, dancing, playing instruments, and creating crafts.

### Saturday Stories

January 28 @ 2 pm: Snow Days! & February 25 @ 2 pm: At the Zoo  
Stories, songs, and crafts for the whole family!

#### AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT STORYTIMES:

If the Guilderland Central School District is closed, or delays classes, Storytimes are not held on that day.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver at all Storytimes.