

News from the Guilderland Public Library

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The Budget Issue

Summer Reading Club Registration and Ice Cream Sundaes! The 2017 Summer Reading Club!

Thursday, June 29 @ 6:30 pm

We're planning a wonderful summer here at GPL packed with activities, crafts, programs and, of course, books!

Starting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 29, we'll be ready to sign you up for the special events taking place during the summer.



Be sure to join us for a build-your-own ice cream sundae party to kick-off the festivities!

And look for our soon-to-be-published Kids and Teens brochures highlighting all the program details for the summer. We'll be

sending them home from school and we'll also have copies available throughout the Library.

CALLING ALL TEEN VOLUNTEERS!

If you're looking for a super-great summer volunteer opportunity, please see page 5 for information on signing up to be a Summer VolunTeen! You'll be asked to attend a mandatory training session (there's one for a parent/guardian as well!)

Join us to say, "Happy Birthday, GPL!"

Tuesday, June 6 @ Noon

Come to GPL to celebrate its 25th "Birthday!" It was on June 6, 1992, that the Guilderland Public Library opened in its current home at 2228 Western Avenue. A lot of changes have happened over the years, and this little celebration is a way to show how we have grown.



We're going to have cake, SnoCones, and fun. Join us!

The Proposed 2017/2018 Budget

The Library's Board of Trustees has approved a 2017/2018 operating budget of \$4,038,583. This is based upon a tax-levy of \$3,689,217. Details of the budget are on page 2.

As always, our primary goal is to maintain the level of service you expect while keeping the physical plant in good repair. And it is this latter challenge that this budget addresses. While efficiencies in operations and staffing result in level or minor increases in expenditures, it's the building itself where we must direct resources. We have devoted increased funds to Properties by reallocating funds from Physical Plant operations.

Three major projects were completed last year: repair of the unsafe loading dock, replacement of the roof, and installation of energy-efficient lighting. But as with any quarter-century old building, additional work is needed. Anticipated Gifts and Grants for 2017/2018 total more than \$282,000; this grant money will help pay for replacing major components of the decades-old, inefficient HVAC system.

As for the increase in Professional Services, the interior design of the library is more than two decades old. Staff has done what it can to arrange the interior for maximum customer convenience, but assuring the interior can meet the community's needs for the next 25 years is going to take some expert help. The Board has hired the firm of Butler, Rowland & Mays to evaluate the interior layout, and develop a long-range plan that will meet this service goal.

We, your elected representatives, propose this budget and urge you to vote on May 16 at your local elementary school.

Respectfully submitted,

The Trustees of the Guilderland Public Library

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| Barbara Fraterrigo | <i>Appointed Treasurer</i> |
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IN MEMORIAM

David Avery Bosworth, Jr.

October 10, 1947 – April 18, 2017

A scant few days after the board met to approve the budget, Trustee David Bosworth suddenly passed away. A board member since 2013, Mr. Bosworth had lately been meeting some health challenges, but always with a grin and an "I'll be fine."

We mourn his loss, and offer his family and friends our heartfelt condolences.



Remember to vote on the Library's Proposed 2017/2018 Budget on Tuesday, May 16, from 7 am to 9 pm, at your local Elementary School.

The Proposed 2017/2018 Library Budget

INCOME ESTIMATES					
	Budget 2016/2017	Estimated 2017/2018			
Fines and Fees	\$35,000	\$35,000			
Interest	\$2,500	\$8,500			
Copier	\$7,000	\$7,000			
Book Sales	\$10,000	\$14,000			
Non-Resident Fees	\$2,500	\$2,500			
Gifts and Grants	\$1,500	\$282,366			
TOTAL	\$68,500	\$349,366			

ESTIMATED TAX RATES Per \$1,000 Value Within the Library District		
Town of Guilderland		
2016/2017 actual: \$1.1520		
2017/2018 estimated: \$1.1753		
Town of Bethlehem		
2016/2017 actual: \$1.0137		
2017/2018 estimated: \$1.0342		
Town of New Scotland		
2016/2017 actual: \$1.0137		
2017/2018 estimated: \$1.0342		
Town of Knox		
2016/2017 actual: \$1.6350		
2017/2018 estimated: \$1.6681		

EXPENSES			Budget 2016/2017	Proposed 2017/2018
Library Materials	\$365,000	Books, ebooks, audio, video, databases		
Programming & Planning	\$38,000	Programming, Programming supplies, Planning, Volunteer recognition		
Salaries & Benefits	\$2,484,227	Salaries, Benefits, Unemployment		
Human Resources	\$17,500	Staff training and development, Staff recruitment, Employee Assistance Program, Board development		
Equipment	\$17,500	Leases, Repairs/Service, Purchase		
Business Operations	\$130,608	Supplies, Printing, Marketing/Advertising, Postage, Insurance		
Professional Services	\$117,000	Attorney, Auditor, Payroll service, UHLS Library, Membership Organizations		
Technology/Communication	\$59,500	Computer/printer replacement, Computer parts & supplies, Technology software, IT Maintenance, Telecommunications		
Physical Plant	\$149,500	Utilities, Maintenance Supplies Contractual Services, Water/Sewer Tax, Repairs/Equipment		
Properties	\$287,997	Capital Improvements, Refunds on Tax Assessment		
TOTAL	\$3,666,832	\$4,038,583		
Minus Income Estimated	(\$68,500)	(\$349,366)		
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$3,598,322	\$3,689,217		

**Public Comment Session: Thursday, May 11 at 6:30^{PM}
At the Guilderland Public Library, Tawasentha Room**

**Budget Vote and Election of Three Trustees
Tuesday, May 16, 2017, from 7^{AM} to 9^{PM}
At your Local Elementary School**

Candidates for the Library Board of Trustees



Kaitlin Downey

Ms. Downey is married and has been a Guilderland resident since July 2016. She works for the Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene on a grant to reduce heroin and opioid use in New York State. She attended high school at Hadley-Luzerne, graduating with a Regent's diploma with high honors, and then earned a BA in Math from SUNY Plattsburgh. She will shortly graduate from Southern New Hampshire University with a Master's Degree in Public Health.

She is a member of Sigma Alpha Pi, the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Ms. Downey's statement: "I am interested in becoming a Library Trustee because I am committed to lifelong learning. The library is an entity which enables learners of all ages to engage in cultural enrichment, and serves as a community-gathering place. I have loved reading since I was a child and I have worked to pass the gift of reading on to others throughout my life. I have collected and donated hundreds of books to send to soldiers serving overseas and participated in book donations for various groups. As a new resident of Guilderland, I am looking to get involved and give back to my community."



Peter Hubbard

Mr. Hubbard is married and has two children, both of whom attend Guilderland Elementary School. He is employed by the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. A graduate of Guilderland High School, he has earned an Associate's Degree from Hudson Valley Community College with a focus on Human Services, and completed a Bachelors of Arts Degree at the University at Albany, SUNY, with a major in Psychology and minor in Sociology. He and his family attend Christ the King Church in Guilderland.

Mr. Hubbard's statement: "I would first like to thank the residents of the Town of Guilderland for allowing me opportunity to serve them as a current board member. Having been a lifelong resident of Guilderland, I was looking for a way to give back to my community. As a board, we are always looking for ways to make the library experience enjoyable. I have enjoyed collaborating with Assemblymember Patricia Fahy and Senator George A. Amedore, Jr., as well as the Upper Hudson Library System and Guilderland School District to secure and work with funding to improve structural aspects of the library. It has truly been an honor to work with a very talented, dedicated and hard-working group of board members and an exceptional library staff. I'm asking for your support as I run for reelection."



Nareen Luz Rivas

Ms. Rivas is married and has two boys; one attends Guilderland Elementary School while the younger goes to preschool at the Guilderland YMCA. She holds a BA in English Literature from SUNY Oswego and a Master's Degree in Special Education from CUNY, The City College of New York. For the past five years she has worked as a stay-at-home mom, but before that she had a nine-year career as a teacher in New York City, working in special education. Her last position was an Evaluation Coordinator, Early Intervention, for the Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

Ms. Rivas' statement: "Whenever I moved to a new city, I always tried to get to know my local library, and I did the same thing when I moved to Guilderland. Not only was I happy to find this library offers so many wonderful books, but it also offers a wonderful sense of community. The staff works tirelessly to offer programs and resources that are engaging, fun, educational, and thought-provoking.

"As a Trustee, I would be able to give back through an institution that plays a vital role in its community. As a lifelong reader, and educator, the library to me is a place that offers not only books, but also computers, tax forms or a quiet place to study ... resources that help a community thrive, and I would like to be a part of that."

Annual Report 2016

"It was a fantastic year for GPL!" exclaimed Guilderland Public Library Director Tim Wiles, when asked to sum up 2016. "Program attendance was up 48% over the previous year, we held 13% more programs, and ... my favorite stat: We had a 23% jump in the number of young readers in the Summer Reading Club! Plus, we got a new roof."

Those statistics are a reflection of the innovative and captivating programs the library's Programming and Public Services Department created in 2016. Among them:

"The Teen Winter Writing Contest," in which young authors and poets were encouraged to submit original writings for a chance to win prizes, and be published in a book, was hugely successful. The program proved so popular, and the entries so outstanding, that every entry was published.

"Albany Distilling: A Spirited History" was a talk – and tasting! – hosted by the Albany Distilling Company that explored the rich tradition of spirits in the Capital Region. Participants over age 21 were able to sample Ironweed whiskey, which pays tribute to the William Kennedy novel of the same name.

Concerts, as always, were very popular, with performances by The Finger Lakes Guitar Quartet, The Electric City Chorus, and The Sonny & Perley Trio attracting crowds well in excess of 100, straining the capacity of the library's largest meeting room, with some concert-goers sitting in the hallway.

One program that had an immediate, practical, and lasting benefit to the community was April's "Drug Take-Back Day." The library and the Guilderland Police Department teamed up to use the library's parking lot as a collection point for this nationwide, one-day collaborative effort between the DEA and state and local law enforcement agencies. The goal: To remove

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potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. Just drop them off; no questions asked.

It was unknown how successful Drug Take-Back Day would be. The worries were misplaced: More than 800 pounds of controlled, non-controlled, and over-the-counter medications were collected and turned over to the authorities for destruction.

The program was so well-received that GPL and GPD held another in October; this collection day brought in 700+ pounds of medications.

Recognition

In May, at its annual dinner, GPL received the Upper Hudson Library System Board of Trustees' 2015 Adult Program of the Year Award. GPL's innovative and extraordinarily popular



Librarians Ann Wemple-Person (l.) and Kristina Ronald flank author Craig Gravina during "Hudson Valley Beer."

program – "Hudson Valley Beer: From Hops to Home" – featured an unprecedented beer tasting in a library.

The two librarians behind the inspiration for the program – Kristina Ronald and Ann Wemple-Person – revealed that what started as the casual remark, "Hey, let's have some beer at the Library," sparked a more serious, "Hey, why not?"

discussion that evolved into "Hudson Valley Beer," a four-part, powerhouse program.

A New Collection

The library launched "GPL Gadgets," a collection that gives customers the ability to borrow GoPro cameras, metal detectors, WiFi hotspots, fishing rods, folding tables, bake ware, and similar items that patrons would love to use, but might not want to own. Another popular item is a collection of Birthday Backpacks; these give parents an assortment of themed items and activities to create fun little parties!

Library Foundation Events

The Foundation had two signal events in 2016. In September it held a very successful fund-raising Gala at the Albany Country Club. The Gala was a celebration of the library, and honored the Robinson family – owners of Robinson's Hardware -- for their many years of service to the community.

This was followed in November when Mets former star pitcher, television commentator, and acclaimed author Ron Darling spoke as part of the Foundation's Carol J. Hamblin Notable Author Speakers Series. An author's reception at the library opened the evening, but the author talk was so

popular – more than 500 attendees -- that the Foundation held the talk in the "Cafetorium" of the nearby Farnsworth Middle School. (Thanks go to Farnsworth's Principal – and Foundation Vice President -- Michael Laster.)

Promotion and Marketing

Promoting library events and services took a marked turn to the electronic. Gone are mailed print newsletters; library promotion is now done primarily through email, social media, third-party event websites, and columns in local newspapers.

A new device has dramatically improved the library's visibility and program attendance: A digital sign on Western Avenue. The sign was underwritten by a grant from the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust, and support from Mrs. Patricia Bult, and the Guilderland Library Foundation.

One Building, 25 Years

As to the new roof: The library is marking a quarter-century in its current building, and the roof was beginning to show its age. Thanks to grants from State Senator George A. Amedore, Jr. and the Upper Hudson Library System, customers, staff, and the collections are now safe from leaks from above.

Finally...

The Library Staff, Board, and Foundation are all taking a hard look at the library. We have a great building, but recognize the need for better flow and space utilization. By this time next year, we hope to report on many improvements.



Baseball star Ron Darling spoke to a packed house at Farnsworth Middle School for a Library Foundation Notable Author Event.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Memorial Day Weekend

Closed Saturday, May 27; Sunday, May 28; and Monday, May 29

Staff Development Day

Closed Wednesday, June 14

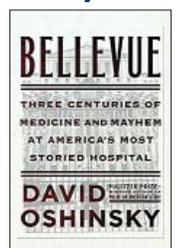
Independence Day

Closed Tuesday, July 4

Book Talk & Signing by Pulitzer-Prize Winning Author Dr. David Oshinsky

Thursday, June 22 @ 7 pm

David Oshinsky, whose *Polio: An American Story* was awarded a Pulitzer Prize, turns his attention to *Bellevue*, in which he chronicles the history of America's oldest hospital and in so doing also charts the path of American medicine from quackery and butchery to a professional and scientific endeavor.



ADULTS



GPL Concert Series

All concerts are on Sundays at 2 pm

Josée Vachon

May 14: Folksongs from Québec and Acadia (Cosponsored by the Library and the Fédération Franco-Américaine du NY)

Jim Gaudet and the Railroad Boys

June 4: Local favorites perform their signature mix of bluegrass/folk/country/Americana music!



"Game of Thrones: Trivia" ... is Coming

Monday, May 22 @ 7 pm

Rally your bannermen and sign your House up for Game of Thrones trivia! Celebrate the upcoming 7th season of GoT by competing in several grueling rounds of trivia based around the hit HBO TV show (not the books - sorry guys!)

Teams are limited to 5. Only one member of your team needs to register. If registering online, please indicate in the notes field how many people will be on your team. ②



Overdrive Office Hours

By appointment

Wednesday May 10; 24; June 7; 21; July 12 @ 2 pm - 4:15 pm

Want to get free library books or magazines on your iPhone or Kindle? Ask us how! Sign up today for a one-on-one session with a librarian expert. Please bring your library card and your device to the appointment. ②



Devices we can help you with: Android tablets • iPhone or iPad • Kindle and Kindle Fire • Laptops • Nook

Pinterest Wins: Event Planning Edition!

Thursday, May 25 @ 7 pm

May's Pinterest Wins will conquer event planning! Pinterest is full of ideas for planning weddings, showers, graduation parties, and birthdays. Let's try some ideas for invitations and favors. ②



GPL Photo Forum

Third Thursday of each month @ 7 pm

All are welcome to meet with interested photographers for tips and improvement.

- **May 18: Guilderland High School** photography students share their work.
- **June 15: Learn about the Schenectady Photographic Society.** Sean Sullivan will share the history and activities of this esteemed group.

Drop-in Genealogy Help with Lisa Dougherty

Wednesday May 10 & July 12 @ 6 pm

Professional genealogist Lisa Dougherty fields questions regarding your ancestors and gives guidance for further research. Questions are taken in order of arrival. No session in June.



HEY TEENS!

We Need Your Help this Summer!

Summer VolunTeen Information and Sign-up

Monday, June 26 @ 7 pm, or Tuesday, June 27 @ 7 pm

Be a VolunTeen at the Guilderland Public Library this summer! VolunTeens must be going into Grades 8 - 12 in the Fall and must attend ONE of these two information sessions. ④



Attention, Parents and Caregivers:

Parent Information Session for VolunTeens

Monday, June 26 @ 7 pm, or Tuesday, June 27 @ 7 pm

If you want all your questions answered about GPL's Summer VolunTeen Program and GPL's expectations for you and your teen, this optional session is for you. ②

ADULTS

Mindfulness for Adults: A Four-Part Series

Tuesdays, May 16, 23, 30, and June 6 @ 6:30 – 8 pm

Jennifer Mandato, Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction teacher, returns to present another four-part guided mindfulness meditation practice, which includes gentle yoga. Bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and an (optional) meditation cushion and wear comfortable clothing. Please plan to attend all four sessions. ②



Summer Dining with Diabetes: A CDPHP Program

Presenter: Linda Crowley, MS, RD, CDN

Tuesday, June 6 @ 6 pm

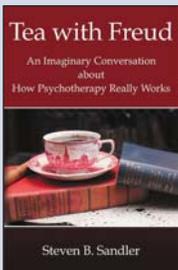
Vacation time often means eating out more than usual, and today's lifestyles often lead to quick meals and take-out foods. Learn tips for dining out, including how to understand menu lingo, and make meals away from home part of your healthy diet.

This program includes instruction and a simple food demonstration. **When registering, please let us know whether you have any food allergies.** ②

Tea With Freud

Book Talk and Signing with author Steven B. Sandler, MD
Wednesday, June 7 @ 6:30 pm

Why are you so worried and anxious? Why are you so relentlessly critical of yourself? Why do you repeatedly get involved with the wrong people? Can psychotherapy help with these matters? Join Steven B. Sandler, MD, a psychiatrist at Albany Medical Center, as he offers an inside look behind the doors of the psychotherapist's office, and into common emotional problems and their treatment. You'll get to watch a video of a typical psychotherapy session (using an actor as a patient). Sandler will discuss this book, and will sell and sign copies. (Books are \$16 each, payable by check or cash.)



Introduction to Qigong: A CDPHP Program

Presenter: Rich Goodhart

Saturdays, June 10 and 17 @ 11 am – Noon

Join this class and awaken your body and mind! Qigong, of which Tai Chi is a form, is a vast collection of ancient Chinese practices that include graceful, meditative movements designed for the cultivation of vital energy, self-healing, and deep mindfulness. Instructor Rich Goodhart is a Qigong and Tai Chi instructor with a background in meditation and yoga. He has been on the faculty of the Omega Institute since 1997 and also taught at the Kripalu Center in Lenox, MA. Please plan to attend both sessions. ②

Make a Difference in Someone's Life, Become a Volunteer Tutor!

Literacy New York Tutor Training

Saturday, May 20 @ 10 – 11:30 am: Orientation session

Saturday, June 24 @ 10 – Noon: Post-training session

Literacy New York Greater Capital Region is looking for volunteer tutors to teach Basic Literacy or English language skills to adults! Prospective volunteers should plan to attend both the Volunteer Orientation and Post-Training sessions.



The Volunteer Orientation will give you a brief overview of our organization and the programs we offer and introduce you to our online training program. We will meet again in the Post-Training session once you have completed your online training. In this session, we will review the material from the online training and prepare you for meeting with your learner.

For more information, or to register, please contact Christina Darling, Literacy New York Program Coordinator. Email cdarling@literacynycap.org, or call (518) 631-2926



Check out the new GPL Gadgets Nook!

Our expanding collection of GPL Gadgets are now housed in the

brick corner within the Library, near the self-checkout machine and our DVD collection. You'll find museum passes, GoPros, WiFi hotspots, pre-loaded Kindles, metal detectors, and more – all available to check out! If you have an idea for a gadget, fill out a suggestion card!

Crochet 101: The Basics

Thursday, May 18 @ 6:30 pm

Learn the basics of crochet! We provide the crochet hooks and yarn. ② and ④

Arm Knitting for All

Thursday, June 8 @ 6:30 pm

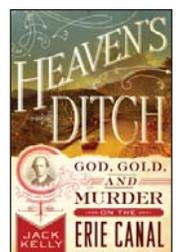
In this class, you'll learn how to "arm-knit" – without needles! – an infinity scarf to take home. Please bring two skeins of any color size 6 bulky or size 6 super bulky yarn (no blanket yarn). Recommended brands: Lion Brand: Wool-Ease, Red Heart: Grande. ② and ④

Save the date!

Heaven's Ditch

Saturday, July 1 @ 2 pm

July 2017 marks the 200th Anniversary of the building of the Erie Canal! On Saturday, July 1, Jack Kelly, author of the acclaimed new book *Heaven's Ditch: God, Gold, and Murder on the Erie Canal*, will be here for a book talk and signing!



ADULTS

Book Discussions

Books & Brews

Fourth Monday of the Month @ 7:30 pm Led by Phil Berardi
No meetings over the summer; we reconvene in September.

May 22, at O'Slattery's Irish Restaurant & Pub, Delmar:
A Gentleman In Moscow, by Amor Towles.

Night Owls

Mondays @ 7:30 pm • Led by Margaret Lanoue

Fiction and nonfiction selections are discussed with great vitality!

May 9: **Grunt: The Curious Science of Humans at War**, by Mary Roach

June 12: **Marriage of Opposites**, by Alice Hoffman

July 11: **Hamilton**, by Ron Chernow

GPL Page Turners

Wednesdays @ 1 pm • Led by Beth Rienti

A selection of contemporary fiction and nonfiction books.

May 10: **The Guest Room**, by Chris Bohjalian

June 21: **The Oregon Trail**, by Rinker Buck

American Perspectives

Thursday @ 7 pm • Led by Maura Lynch

May 25: **Hillbilly Elegy**, by J.D. Vance

Great Books

Thursdays @ 7 pm • Moderated by Carl Schilling

May 4: **Fences**, by August Wilson

June 1: **Childhood's End**, by Arthur C. Clarke

8 Borders, 8 Days

A film by Guilderland's Amanda Bailly

Tuesday, June 13 @ 7 pm

Amanda Bailly, a young filmmaker from Guilderland, will screen her documentary about a single mother of two from Syria who decides risking their lives in a raft is safer than staying behind on land. This film is an immersive experience of their eight-day journey to safety. Q&A session follows.

GPL Pops-Up at Lupine Fest!

Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center
195 New Karner Road

Saturday, May 20, 10 am – 4 pm

Take a walk on the wild side and celebrate the local wildlife at the Pine Bush. There will be wildlife workshops, nature walks, games, crafts, vendors and more! Need a library card or help downloading library e-books? Stop by our tent and we'll gladly help.



youth programs

Fantastic Finger Gymnastics!

A new finger gym will be available each week in the Children's Department for preschoolers to practice their fine motor skills in preparation for going to kindergarten!

Fancy Nancy Tea Party

Friday, May 12 @ 4 pm

Join us in a party that is just "Très Magnifique!" Dress up in your fanciest clothes – tiaras, tutus, boas, or bows – for a Fancy Nancy Tea Party with fancy crafts, tea, and some delectable treats!

Kids in grades K - 2 are cordially invited and must bring a guardian. **Please list any food allergies in the notes field when registering.** ④



Read to Furry Friends

Tuesdays: May 2, June 6 @ 6:30 pm

Wednesdays: May 3, June 7 @ 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 dog and not-so-furry hairless cat are very patient listeners and look forward to listening to the stories you read to them!

Family Literacy with WMHT's Barbara Lukas

Mother's Day Special

Saturday, May 13 @ 10:30 am

Just in time for Mother's Day, Barbara Lukas of PBS station WMHT presents a program about plants and will read books about growing vegetables and flowers. We will then go out to the library garden and plant a flower and vegetable to give to Mom on her special day.



Bugs, Bugs, Bugs!

Saturday, June 10 @ 10:30 am

Read books about bugs, watch a DVD, and create an amazing buggie craft to take home!

Note: Both programs Pre-K – Grade 1, accompanied by an adult caregiver. ④



First Friday Family Films

Fridays @ 6:30 pm

Moana

May 5 • Rated PG; 90 min. (2016)

Sing

June 2 • Rated PG; 108 min. (2016)

youth programs

3 Little Birds: Music, Movement & Storytime

Mondays: May 8, 15 & 22 @ 10:30 am

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.



Drop-in Musical Mystery Storytime

Monday, June 1 @ 10:30 am

Local singer-songwriter and librarian Tor Loney will lead toddlers and preschoolers through an exciting music and movement storytime.

You'll listen to stories, dance, sing along while Tor plays his guitar, try out different instruments and more. Children ages 2 – 5 with adult caregiver.



GPL Sprouts Plant Power!

Thursday, May 18 @ 3:30 pm

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

Lots of hands-on learning for everyone! For PreK – 2nd Grade with an adult caregiver. ④



Sgt. Pepper's Beatles-Themed Musical Storytime!

Thursday, June 1 @ 6 pm

Join musical librarian Tor Loney for a special one-hour Beatles musical storytime in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the release of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. With a little help from our friends, we will read, sing, dance and play along to songs from this and other classic Beatles albums. Event will be followed by a family craft activity where we will make a Yellow Submarine.



Yellow Submarine Factory

Thursday, June 1 @ 7 pm

Build your own Yellow Submarine that really works and you can take home! We will provide tools, supplies, and guidance – and a pool to test your sub!

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. **Last date: May 24.**

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! **Last dates: Friday, May 19; Tuesday, May 23.**

Preschool Drop-in Yoga-Inspired Storytime

Second Tuesday of the Month @ 10:30 am

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. Dress for movement and bring either a yoga mat or a towel. **Last date: May 9.**

Bedtime Drop-In Storytime

Third Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30 pm

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. **Last date: May 17.**

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. **Last date: May 25.**

Saturday Stories

Who Lives in a Pond?

May 20 @ 2 pm

Stories, songs, and crafts for the whole family!

May 20 is the last date.

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.