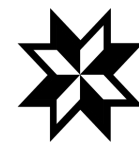


# Off the Shelf



February 2010

**Galesburg  
Public Library**  
40 E. Simmons St.  
Galesburg, IL 61401  
(309) 343-6118  
[www.galesburglibrary.org](http://www.galesburglibrary.org)

## Hours of Operation

*Monday - Thursday:*  
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
*Friday & Saturday:*  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
*Sunday:* Closed



## Galesburg Public Library Mission Statement

To serve the community as a general center of information, and to provide opportunity and encouragement for people to use its services and materials to meet their educational, personal, professional, recreational and cultural needs.

## Downloadable Books



The library's new downloadable audio and e-book service is now up and running. The Alliance Digital Media Library replaces My Media Mall. It has 40 participating public libraries in central Illinois and is a contracted service with OverDrive, Inc., a provider of digital media content.

To check out items, you will need a valid Galesburg Public Library card, a computer, an Internet connection and free software available on the Alliance Digital Media Library website. Once downloaded, digital titles can be enjoyed on your computer or transferred to a supported device. Go to [www.overdrive.com](http://www.overdrive.com) to see a current list of compatible devices. Some audio titles can also be burned to CD to enjoy in the car, at home or on the go with portable CD players. At the end of the fourteen day lending period, titles will automatically expire and are returned to the collection.

Visit [www.galesburglibrary.org/adml.html](http://www.galesburglibrary.org/adml.html) for more information or [alliance.lib.overdrive.com](http://alliance.lib.overdrive.com) to start checking out titles. Please let us know if there are additional titles you would like to see in the digital collection. Our email address is [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org), or you can fill out a suggestion form on the Alliance Digital Media Library site once you have logged in.

## Big Write

Don't forget to enter the library's annual creative writing contest!

We are accepting short stories, manga/graphic short stories and poetry/song lyrics from adults and those in high school, middle school and 3rd through 5th grade. Prizes will be awarded to up to three winners in each age group and category.



**The submission deadline is Monday, March 1.** Materials may be emailed to [bigwrite@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:bigwrite@galesburglibrary.org), dropped off in person at the library or mailed to Writing Contest, Galesburg Public Library, 40 E Simmons St., Galesburg, IL 61401. Electronic submissions are preferred. For more details, pick up a flyer at the Reference Desk or visit [www.galesburglibrary.org](http://www.galesburglibrary.org).

## Big Read is Coming



In March, 2010, Galesburg and surrounding communities will begin reading *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. Set in the late 1800s, this classic tells the story of Antonia Shimerda, a young girl just arrived from Bohemia to the Nebraska prairie. The challenges and rewards of her new life are narrated by Jim Burden, the grandson of settled Americans, who is Antonia's childhood friend and adolescent admirer. Tales of harsh winters, simple pleasures and ultimately the difference in how outsiders are treated are beautifully portrayed in this classic story of the immigrant experience.

The Big Read will kick off on March 6, 2010 at the Sandburg Mall in conjunction with the Annual Galesburg Home Show. At noon, come to the center court of the mall for a performance by guitarist Barry Cloyd and free copies of *My Antonia* and other Big Read materials.

Many of the Big Read activities will be held in conjunction with the Carl Sandburg Festival for the Mind. Visit the Galesburg Public Library's website ([www.galesburglibrary.org](http://www.galesburglibrary.org)) for more details on the many activities planned. Please contact Jill Gray at (309) 343-6118 with any questions about the 2010 Big Read, including opportunities to volunteer or to host your own book discussion.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

## Teen News by Kari Smith, Young Adult Librarian

**Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Make a Candy Bouquet** - Join us on **Tuesday, February 9 from 6:30 -7:30 p.m.** to make a candy bouquet in time for Valentine's Day! Take an hour to create a sweet treat for a special person in your life. Free and all supplies provided but limited to 15 participants. To sign up, call 343-6118 or stop by the Reference Desk. Make a great candy bouquet for V-day on Tuesday, February 9!

**Tuesday, February 2, 7 - 7:30 p.m. - Teen Advisory Board** - Calling all teens! Join the GPL Teen Advisory Board. We'll meet at Kaldi's, 124 E. Simmons St., from 7 - 7:30 p.m. on February 2 to plan programs and more. Hope to see you there!

**Wednesday, February 24, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Animanga Mania** - Teens, join us for Animanga Mania Afternoons at Galesburg Public Library! On February 24, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., we'll be watching an anime series and drawing manga-style. No registration required. Just show up to watch and draw!

## Children's Room

**Come learn about your heart during February.** The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will sponsor a traveling display to learn all about your blood and how it works. Come in anytime and have fun with this interactive display.

**Thursday, February 11, from 6 - 7 p.m. Family Activity Night** - Come make sweet treats for Valentine's Day. Create candy kiss "rosebuds" and a candy wreath. **Registration of \$1 is due by February 4.**

**Monday, February 15, 10 a.m. - Presidential Dogs** - Come learn about some of the dogs that presidents have owned. Irish Wolfhounds and a German Shepherd will be visiting.



**Dine with the Cat in the Hat on Tuesday, March 2,** Dr. Seuss' birthday. Get your \$1 tickets in the Children's Room for either the 5 p.m. or the 6:30 p.m. session. Tickets are limited to 100 for each session, so get yours early.

# Tax Help

Monmouth College student volunteers trained by the IRS will provide free tax assistance and prepare simple U.S. federal tax returns for individuals with income below \$50,000. Volunteers will be on site at the **Galesburg Public Library from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the following Saturdays: February 6 and 20; March 20; and April 10.** Tax services are available on a first come, first served basis. Last customer is served at 3:30 p.m.. For questions regarding this service, you may call Monmouth College Professor Peterson at (309) 457-2365 or email her at vita@monm.edu.

Individuals should bring the following to a VITA session:

- **Knowledge of receipt of the \$250 Economic Recovery Payment in 2009.**
- **Identification** (such as a driver's license).
- **Social security cards for each person listed on the return (includes taxpayer, spouse, and all dependents). *This is required.***
- **All documentation on income such as W-2s and 1099s.**
- **Last year's return.**
- Voided check (**no deposit slips**) if the taxpayer wishes direct deposit of the refund. If the direct deposit is to a savings account, a **document** that indicates the number. This is also a must. The account must be in the taxpayer's name.
- All information related to deductions and credits such as medical expenses, real estate taxes, mortgage interest, education expenses and charitable expenditures. It's important that taxpayers bring in their **property tax statements** which should have the property tax index number on them. This is required on the Illinois return for the first time.
- Social security number or tax identification number of all daycare providers if dependent care credit is desired.
- Tax-free childcare benefits provided through an employer.
- Divorced couples: If the non-custodial parent is taking the dependent exemption, bring form 8332 signed by the custodial parent (for divorces or separations in 2009) or copy of applicable pages of divorce agreement or form 8332 (for divorces or separations prior to 2009).
- Information on contributions to Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs).
- For stock transactions: **purchase date and cost basis** as well as sale date and sale price (**note that VITA will not prepare a complex Schedule D**).
- For the Homebuyer's Credit, a copy of the binding contract/settlement statement. This must be filed with the return. The return cannot be e-filed.

Other items taxpayers need to know or be aware of when they come to the VITA site:

- **Both spouses must be present if they are going to e-file a joint return.**
- Are you being claimed as a dependent on someone else's return?

Tax preparation help will also be available from 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Warren County Library in Monmouth the following Saturdays: February 13 and 27; and March 27.

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## Odds & Ends

### Radio Personalities

Listen to library staff members talk about upcoming library programs and events on **WGIL-1400 AM** on **Tuesday, February 2 at 9:15 a.m.** and on **WAIK-1590 AM** on **Monday, February 22 at 8:45 a.m.**

### Music Morning

On **Saturday morning, February 27, at 10 a.m.**, Russell Peterson will present a program about the saxophone. All are welcome to come learn about this versatile instrument.



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## Book Clubs

The **Tuesday Book Club** will discuss *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak on **Tuesday, February 9, at 1:00 p.m.** at the library. Set in Germany during World War II, *The Book Thief* is narrated by Death and tells the story of an illiterate girl scratching out a meager existence for herself who begins to steal books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares the stolen books with neighbors as well as the Jewish man hidden in her basement. This is an unforgettable story about the ability of books to feed the soul.

The discussion will be followed at 2:00 p.m. by the movie *Miracle at Midnight* (©Disney), which tells the uplifting true story of a Danish family who risked their lives to save thousands of their Jewish countrymen from the Nazi concentration camps. Everyone is welcome to come watch this inspiring 90-minute movie.

We are all familiar with Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865), and *Through the Looking-Glass* (1872), because of movies (a new one comes out this March) and the way the book's language and imagery have crept into our culture. Take a fresh look at the source with the **Thursday Book Club** at our discussion on **February 11, at 6:30 p.m.** at Kaldi's Coffeehouse.

**The library book clubs are open to all. New members are welcome. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk about one month before discussion.**

## Movie Club

The Movie of the Book Club will meet the evening of **Tuesday, February 16**, for a pay-your-own-way evening viewing of a new movie (with literary ties, if one is playing) at Showplace 8. The title and time will be announced about a week before. Whatever movie we see, we'll have a fun time discussing it at Perkins Restaurant afterwards.

## Meeting Room

The library offers two meeting spaces for educational, civic, cultural and public information meetings. To reserve a meeting room, a representative of the group **must** complete a reservation form available at the Circulation Desk. Groups are responsible for advance preparations, set-up and clean up. No kitchen facilities are available, but food and beverages may be served. Use of the library for fundraising or any commercial business purposes is not allowed. Rooms may only be used during regular library hours.

A new meeting room reservation form is now available. The form provides a list of equipment available and includes information that can be conveyed to people who call with inquiries. More information regarding meeting room reservations is found in the meeting room policy available at [www.galesburglibrary.org](http://www.galesburglibrary.org), or a copy may be obtained at the Circulation Desk.