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April 2016

The Big Read—April Events

*All events are free.

Art Exhibit Opens * Tuesday, April 5 at GCAC

Come view the Galesburg Civic Art Center's collection of Latino American-inspired art. The exhibit will be open until April 15. The GCAC is open Tuesday-Friday 10:30-4:30 and Saturday 10:30-3:00.

Faux Mexican Embroidered Shirts for Teens *Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 PM at GCAC

Come to the Galesburg Civic Art Center to learn how to make faux Mexican-style embroidered shirts using puffy paint. Open to teens 12-18 (or grades 6-12). Please register at the Reference Desk. Paint will be provided, but please bring a plain white t-shirt.

Book Discussion ***** Wednesday, April 6, 12:15 PM at Carl Sandburg College Library

Join us for a discussion of this year's Big Read title, *Sun, Stone, and Shadows*, at Carl Sandburg College Library. The discussion will focus on these specific stories: Chac-Mool, The Night of Margaret Rose, The Mist, Permission Granted, and The Switchman.

Painted Terra Cotta Pot Class * Thursday, April 7, 6:30 PM at GCAC

The Galesburg Civic Art Center and the library have partnered for The Big Read! Come to the Art Center and create your own Talavera-style flower pot! Materials and instruction provided. Please register at the Reference Desk. Open to all ages.

Book Discussion * Tuesday, April 12, 1:00 PM at GPL Join us for a discussion of this year's Big Read title, *Sun, Stone, and Shadows.* The discussion will focus on these specific stories: Chac-Mool, The Night of Margaret Rose, The Mist, Permission Granted, and The Switchman. The discussion will be followed by a movie.

Free Movie * Tuesday, April 12, 2:00 PM at GPL

Come to the library to watch *Frida* (© Miramax Lionsgate, 123 minutes) which stars Salma Hayek as Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. Rated R; not suitable for kids.

Book Discussion ***** Thursday, April 14, 6:30 PM at Galesburg Civic Art Center

Join us for a discussion of this year's Big Read title, *Sun, Stone, and Shadows*. The discussion will focus on these specific stories: Chac-Mool, The Night of Margaret Rose, The Mist, Permission Granted, and The Switchman.

Art Exhibit Closing * Fri., April 15, 5:00-7:00 PM at GCAC

Come to the closing reception for Galesburg Civic Art Center's collection of Latino American-inspired art. Free and open to the public.

Book Discussion ***** Thurs., April 21, 6:30 PM at Iron Spike

Join us for a discussion of this year's Big Read title, *Sun, Stone, and Shadows*. The discussion will focus on these specific stories: Chac-Mool, The Night of Margaret Rose, The Mist, Permission Granted, and The Switchman. Drink and food are pay your own way.

Book Discussion * Friday, April 22, 6:00 PM at Hardee's in Galesburg

The sci-fi/fantasy book club, will discuss "The Fantastic Unreal" section of *Sun, Stone, and Shadows*.

The Big Write Reception ***** Saturday, April 23, 2:00 PM at GPL

Join us for a reception for winners, entrants, friends, family, and the community to celebrate The Big Write, the library's annual creative writing contest.

Refreshments will be served and the winners will have the opportunity to read their entries.

Keep Calm and Color On ***** Monday, April 25, 2:00 PM & 6:00 PM at GPL

Do you like to color? Join us in the new trend of adult coloring for relaxation. We'll provide music, drinks, coloring books featuring Mexico-inspired designs, and colored pencils (donated by Blick Art Materials). Free and open to adults only.

Book Discussion * Thursday, April 28, 11:30 AM at En Season Restaurant

Come to En Season Café for lunch and a discussion of *Planet Taco: A Global History of Mexican Food* by Jeffrey Pilcher. Lunch is pay your own way.

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta * Thursday, May 5 at GPL

The Big Read will end with a fiesta!

10:00 AM – Storytime with crafts & a song (children only) 12:00-2:00 PM – Lunch featuring Mexican food from a local restaurant. First come, first served.

2:30 PM - Movie (Spare Parts, Lionsgate, PG-13) & coloring

6:00 PM – Mexico Lindo Ballet Folklorico will perform

7:00 PM – Teens only Cinco de Mayo Party

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Adult Programs—April

***For additional activities for adults and regular Book Club information, please see The Big Read schedule on page 1 of the newsletter.



Movie Club

The library's movie discussion group will meet to watch a new movie at the AMC Showplace or a new DVD at the library. The exact time and title will be announced the week before. We'll head to Perkins Restaurant afterwards for discussion.

Tuesday, April 19, time TBA.

Library Foundation Dinner

The Galesburg Public Library Foundation is pleased to announce we are hosting our 2nd Annual Dinner at Knox College on Friday, April 15, in The Lincoln Room. Tickets are \$30.00 a person for Knox's fabulous buffet. A table of 6 can be purchased for \$175.00.

The event will begin with a cash bar at 5:30 PM followed by dinner at 6 PM. Live entertainment will be provided by the Dan Leahy trio with Semenya McCord. Contact Foundation@galesburglibrary.org or call Terry Bruner at 309-221-2084 by April 4 to make a reservation.

Spring Book Sale Information

The Friends of the Galesburg Public Library spring book sale is May 20, 21, and 23. The deadline to bring in items for the sale is May 4. Acceptance of donations resumes June 1. Bringing items in early gives the Friends time to sort and organize them for the sale. A big thank you to everyone who donates items and to everyone who shops at the sales.

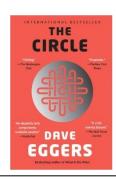
The Friends are also looking for volunteers to help with all stages of the sale. If you have any interest in helping with the book sale, please contact Mark Stegall at 309-368-9740.

New Book Club Kits

Book Club Kits – The library has three new book club kits available for checkout: *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes, *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman, and *The Circle* by Dave Eggers. All three titles are coming out as movies this year, and the kits can be checked out for six weeks by private book clubs.







Human Search Engine by Faith Burdick

Who discovered pi (π) ?

We all learned in school that pi is the number 3.14159265359..., that it is the ratio of the distance around a circle (circumference) to the distance across it (diameter), and finally, that it is an infinite number. One can keep on computing and computing, adding ever more decimal places.

However, as to the question of who discovered pi, the short answer is, nobody knows. When looking into this question, I was stunned to discover that the beginning of math (at least written math) is older than the beginning of written language, and that pi goes far back into that early, early period. Two well-known early thinkers, Aristotle and Herodotus, both held that geometry (pi would fall under this category) existed at

least as far back as ancient Egypt, and perhaps further back. We know that man could figure the area of a circle during that time, since we have found these computations in the old Rhind Papyrus, which dates to about 1650 BCE, and this papyrus references an even older papyrus. Of course, to figure the area of a circle, one must know pi to at least a decimal point or two. Therefore, pi had indeed already been discovered.

Our only improvement as moderns has been in figuring it to a more and more accurate degree and in drawing from the fact of its existence other possible mathematical theories.

For those of you who are fascinated by math and its history, I recommend browsing in the 510 area. The book from which I got this information is *A History of Mathematics* by Carl B. Boyer (510.9/Boy).

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Teen News

High School Action Committee Monday, April 4, 7:00-7:45 PM

Want to deepen your involvement in the library and the community? Join the GPL High School Action Committee (HAC), a service and leadership opportunity just for high school students. HAC members will plan and implement special library projects such as volunteer efforts, library promotions and outreach, and more. Pick up a membership application at the Reference Desk, or simply join us at our next meeting. Snacks provided.

Mexican "Embroidered" Shirts for Teens Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 (Galesburg Civic Art Center) See The Big Read events on page 1 for more information. **Animanga Mania**

Teen Advisory Board Thursday, April 7, 7:00-7:45 PM

Calling all teens! Join the Galesburg Public Library Teen Advisory Board (TAB). TAB is a teen group that meets monthly to plan library programs, services, and collections for young adults. Open to teens aged 12-18 (or 6th-12th grade). New members always welcome!

Goodskills: Beyond the Lemonade Stand Tuesday, April 12, 6:30-7:30 PM

Goodwill Youth Services presents "Beyond the Lemonade Stand," a Goodskills traveling workshop. Come find out the basics of starting and running your own business as a teen and how it can be connected to a future career. Open to youth aged 11-17. Free and no registration is required.

Local History by Patty Mosher

One of the liveliest events in Galesburg's long history took place in 1876. Up until then, Galesburg was a "dry" town, meaning that it was against the city law to procure, make the final decision, and it was put on a ballot. manufacture or even bring into the town liquor of any kind. In fact, the first settlers had to sign a contract agreeing to these terms. If they broke the law, their land would be confiscated. Stagecoach riders were warned by the driver to hide any flasks they might have as it would be hijacked by a city father and promptly poured out onto the ground.

But in 1884, the C. B. & Q. Railroad came to Galesburg. The men building it and the train crews stopping here wanted a place to wet their whistle, and they didn't want lemonade, or sarsaparilla either! They wanted to be able to go into a tavern and quench their thirst after a long trip or days' work in the yard with a beer or something harder. They complained loudly enough that the city decided that they would sell liquor licenses for \$600 for each saloon that wanted to open—

Love Your Library: Teen Service Day Saturday, April 16, 1:00-4:00 PM

Come make difference at Galesburg Public Library! Led by the library's High School Action Committee, teens will participate in a variety of projects to benefit the library and library patrons, including: making cloth beanbags to be used in library outreach programs for patrons with Alzheimer's disease; making decorations and materials for the library's community-wide Cinco de Mayo event; doing cleanup projects inside and outside of the library building; and more. Snacks will be provided. Call 343-6118 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.

Wednesday, April 27, 3:30-4:30 PM

Teens, join us for Animanga Mania Afternoons at Galesburg Public Library!

Chapter Chompers Teen Lit Book Club Wednesday, April 27, 6:30-7:30 PM

Do YOU love reading YA books? So do we! Feed your face AND your brain at Chapter Chompers, a teen lit book club @ Galesburg Public Library. In April, the Chapter Chompers teen lit book club is thrilled to host a Skype discussion of *Sweet Madness* with author Lindsay Currie! The first ten teens who sign up to attend will receive a free copy of the book to keep. Come pig out on pizza and enjoy this opportunity to chat with one of the Teen Scene's favorite authors. Open to readers of YA books, aged 12 and up. Register at the Reference Desk or call 343-6118 to sign up.

that would be about \$17,000 in today's money. A tidy sum to add to the municipal coffers. But voters had to

Tensions were high on Election Day, and both sides were on the stump, plugging away to get the voters out to the polling places. A large crowd comprising both sides of the issue assembled downtown to hear the final tally that night. When it was announced that the whiskey and beer bunch won, the winners began shooting off guns in the air and a lot of hooting and hollering took place in the entire Main Street area. The energized throng began rioting. Onlookers had to dodge the rabble rousers just to get home safely, and the police were called in to try and stop the mob until the furor finally passed. However, businesses and banks stayed closed all the next day in fear that the unruly mob might return. But the ruckus was over, and it is not known that any surge of excitement was seen again until the end of World War I, when spontaneous celebration broke out.

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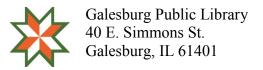
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Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Friday & Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday: Closed

GPL 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.



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Children's Events

Sensory Saturday. April 2 at 11:00 AM (Storytime) and 2:00 PM (Movie).

On the first Saturday of each month there will be an 11 AM storytime and a 2 PM movie intended for children ages 3-7 that have sensory processing challenges, though all children are welcome. This month's theme will be dinosaurs.

Fairy Tea Party. April 9 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM.

Join author Sandra McCone as she introduces her newest book. We will be making fairy dolls, and, of course, tea and cookies will be available. **Registration is required**. You can register for the event in the Children's Room.

Rootabaga Jazz Fest for Kids. April 16 from 10:30 - 11:30 AM.

Children of all ages and families are invited to the fourth annual Rootabaga Kids workshop and performance with Matuto, a New York City-based Brazilian-Bluegrass band. Join us for this interactive and free event. More information is available at www.knox.edu/rootabaga.

2016 Spring Storytimes

Storytimes will be held every week for 10 sessions beginning on February 2 and lasting until April 7. Storytimes will be located in the Hiler Room.

- Toddler/Lapsit (18 months-36 months) Wednesdays at 10:00 AM
- Children 3-7 Years Old Tuesdays at 10:00 AM, Wednesdays at 10:45 AM, and Thursdays at 6:00 PM
- Storytime on Location Friday, April 15 at 10:30 AM (located at the Beanhive)

Tots and Tunes - Thursdays at 10:00 AM (On days District #205 has school)

For children 0-5 years old accompanied by an adult. On days Dist. 205 has school.

Music Mornings - Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 AM

Featuring KGS Young Pianists Competition winners. Event will take place at the Orpheum Theater.