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## THE ART OF GIFT WRAPPING

Do you get frustrated wrapping presents? Bows have you in knots? Join us on Saturday, December 9 at 10 AM for the Art of Gift Wrapping. Bring your gifts and wrapping paper; we will provide you with a brief demonstration on gift wrapping techniques and then answer any questions that you may have while you wrap your own presents. Free and open to all ages; children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



## GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Come join us on Thursday, December 14 between 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM for a gingerbread house decorating extravaganza. We have 100 gingerbread houses ready for you to decorate. We provide the house and candy; you provide the creativity. \$5 per house; **advance registration required in the Children's Room.**

## INTERACTIVE MOVIE NIGHT: ELF

Experience the film *Elf* like you never have before at this all-ages after hours program! Join us on Friday, December 8, to watch the movie and participate with a script, props, and more. Fun for the entire family! Advance signup required. Doors open at 5:45; movie will begin promptly at 6:00 PM. (97 min., rated PG, ©Warner Brothers).



## FRIENDS & FOUNDATION NEWS

The GPL Foundation's 2018 Calendar *Remarkable Women of Galesburg* will be going to press soon and will celebrate the many incredible women who have called Galesburg their home since the city was founded in 1837. To reserve a copy of the calendar, please email [foundation@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:foundation@galesburglibrary.org). The calendars will be available later this year for \$15 (payable at time of pick up).

The Friends of the Library would like to thank all the people who volunteered their assistance at the Friends Book Sale. The hours these wonderful people put into the sale helped to make it a success. We not only had numerous members volunteer but also had employees from Target and a group of football players from Knox College that showed how moving plywood should be done! Thank you all.

We would also remind all that we are having our next meeting on Wednesday, November 29 at 5:30 PM upstairs at the library. We will talk about a number of things that are in the works and discuss how we can make the next book sale an even bigger success. Hope to see you there!

## HOLIDAY HOURS

The Galesburg Public Library will be closed on December 25 and 26 in observance of Christmas. The library will also be closed on January 1 and 2 to celebrate the New Year.



**BYOB Book Club****Mon. Dec. 4, 10:00 AM at the library**

Join a discussion of *A Christmas Promise* by Anne Perry at this new book club for busy adults. While you engage in adult conversation about the book, Children's Room staff will provide a fun activity for children age 4 and older (younger ones are welcome too but will need to be supervised).

**Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions****Tue. Dec. 12, 1:00 PM at the library****Thur. Dec. 14, 6:30 PM at Jimmy John's**

Lillian Boxfish took 1930s New York by storm, becoming the highest paid advertising woman in the country. Now it's the last night of 1984, and Lillian, 85 years old but as sharp and savvy as ever, is on her way to a party. On a walk that takes her over 10 miles, she meets an eclectic array of people, all while reviewing a life of excitement and adversity, passion and heartbreak. If you like, bring a holiday treat to share.

**Food for Thought Book Club****Thur. Dec. 7, 11:30 AM at En Season**

Join a discussion of three seasonal short stories by Truman Capote. You will order and pay for your own food.

**Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club****Fri. Dec. 8, 6:00 PM**

In Logan J. Hunder's hilarious novel *Witches Be Crazy*, beloved King Ik is dead, the royal throne already claimed by an impostor pretending to be Ik's long-lost daughter. With the land's heroic hunks busy drooling all over her, there's only one man left who can save the kingdom of Jenair: rural blacksmith turned innkeeper Dungar Loloth. The meeting will be held at a private residence. Call Jane at the library for the address.

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**Movie Club****Thur. Dec. 21, 1:30 PM**

Free showing of *Victoria and Abdul*. Queen Victoria (Judi Dench) strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk. (112 minutes, rated PG-13, ©Universal)

**Tue. Dec. 19, TBA****Sun. Dec. 31, TBA**

The library's movie group will meet to watch a new movie at the AMC Showplace. The exact time & title will be announced the week before. We'll discuss at Perkins Restaurant afterwards.

**Writer Support Group****Mon. Dec. 11, 4:00 PM**

Meet with other writers to hone your skills and receive constructive feedback. All writers welcome.

**Keep Calm and Color On****Mon. Dec. 18, 2:00-3:30 PM**

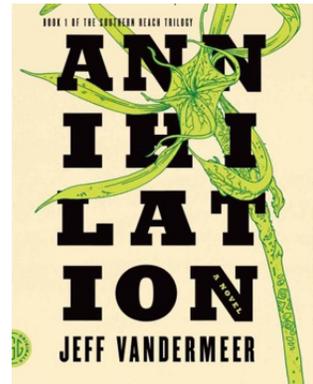
Join us in adult coloring for relaxation. We'll provide music, drinks, coloring pages, and colored pencils (donated by Blick Art Materials). Free!

**Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions****Tue. Jan. 9, 1:00 PM at the library****Thur. Jan 11, 6:30 PM at Jimmy John's**

Isolated by Mexico's deadly Copper Canyons, the Tarahumara Indians have honed the ability to run hundreds of miles without rest or injury. In his riveting book *Born to Run*, award-winning journalist and oft-injured runner Christopher McDougall sets out to discover their secrets. McDougall's incredible story will not only engage your mind but inspire your body when you realize that you, indeed all of us, were born to run. The Tuesday discussion will be followed by an award winning documentary about the Tarahumara.

**Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club****Fri. Jan. 26, 6:00 PM**

Jeff VanderMeer's book *Annihilation* follows an expedition of four women who are known only by their professions: the Psychologist, the Surveyor, the Anthropologist, and the Biologist. They are tasked with exploring, discovering, and (hopefully) delivering data about a mysterious coastal territory called Area X. The movie comes out in February of 2018.



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**Movie Club****Jan. TBA**

Free showing of a movie to be announced in late December.

**Tue. Jan. 16, TBA**

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

**Writer Support Group****Mon. Jan. 8, 4:00 PM**

Meet with other writers to hone your skills and receive constructive feedback. All writers welcome.

**Pinterest Club – DIY Beaded Bookmarks****Thursday, January 25, 6:30 PM**

Learn how to make a beautiful beaded bookmark. Cost is \$2 per person. Please register and pay at the Reference Desk. Open to all ages (younger children may need adult assistance).

**Keep Calm and Color On****Mon. Jan. 29, 2:00-3:30 PM**

Join us in adult coloring for relaxation. We'll provide music, drinks, coloring pages, and colored pencils (donated by Blick Art Materials). Free!

# CHILDREN'S EVENTS

## Toddler Storytime

**Wed. Dec. 6, 10:00 AM**

For ages 18-36 months and their caregivers.

## Preschool Storytime

**Wed. Dec. 6, 10:45 AM & Thurs. Dec. 7, 6:00 PM**

For children ages 3-7.

## Sensory Storytime

**Sat. Dec. 2 & Jan. 6, 11:00 AM**

Open to all children ages 2-7, but designed for children with sensory integration challenges.

## Family Story Night

**Tues. Dec. 5 & Jan. 9, 6:00 PM**

Fun for all ages, from babies to grownups!

## Tots and Tunes

**Thurs. Dec. 7 & 14, and January 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:00 AM**

Singing and dancing for children ages 0-5 with an adult.

## Lego Night

**Tues. Dec. 12 & Jan. 9, 4:30-5:30 PM**

Come build with Legos!

## Kids' Book Club

**Thurs. Dec. 21 & Jan. 18, 4:00 PM**

For independent readers in grades 3-5.

## First Aid for Little People

**Sat. Jan. 13, 10:00 AM**

Children in grades K-5 will learn basic First Aid and safety skills, including how to get help, how to stay calm in an emergency, what to do in case of a fire, and how to stop bleeding. Presented by the American Red Cross Safe Families program. Limited space, registration required.

## Scrubby Bear

**Tues. Jan. 16, 10:00 AM**

Meet Scrubby Bear! Through games and stories, children ages 3 and up (accompanied by a caregiver) will learn the importance of hand washing, proper ways to cover up when sneezing or coughing, and other ways to prevent the spread of germs. Limited space, registration required.

## Music Morning

**Sat. Jan. 20, 10:00 AM**

For children pre-K through 5th grade. This month will feature "Bring on the Brass" presented by Dean Petrie.

## STEM Club

**Tues. Jan. 23, 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM**

Kids ages 5-12 (PreK-Grade 5) will explore topics in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math through hands-on, station-based activities. Signup is required.

# LOCAL HISTORY

BY PATTY MOSHER

Sixty years ago, a yearly tradition began that for many meant a drive north. There was a pageant of light that could be seen from miles away and was anticipated by both young and old. It was the Holmes' annual Christmas light display.

The tradition began in 1956, when farmers Vincent and Bernice Holmes, owners of the Rosymorn farm located between Galesburg and Wataga, put a lighted Santa and his sleigh with 3 reindeer on the roof of their porch "just for fun." The next year, the Holmes placed an elaborate manger scene on their lawn. Over the years it grew until they had over 20 different holiday tableaux displayed around their house. In their nearby field were snowmen, and suspended from the barn was an angel and Santa and his helpers. Eventually, they even had the town of Bethlehem that the couple had purchased from a Galesburg church. They added yellow lights in the windows, and white lights shown between the "buildings" to make it more visible. In all, the Holmes had over 10,000 lights throughout. They eventually added Christmas music played on a record player with speakers set up outside. Bernice said they never heard the cars going by because people drove slowly with a window or two rolled down a little to hear the music playing.

It took the Holmes, with the help of their daughters Rose Marie and Beverly, about 3 weeks to erect and anchor everything down so winter winds wouldn't blow it all away. The lights and music were turned on around dusk and stayed on until about 11PM throughout the holiday season. Mrs. Holmes said they never had any problems with vandals, and everyone really seemed to enjoy it. It was even visible from passenger trains coming from Chicago, and conductors would point it out to riders.

One year they didn't erect it due to President Carter asking everyone to cut back because of the energy crisis. But people told them that "it just wasn't Christmas without it." So they erected it again the next year and continued the tradition for about another 25 years.

Vincent passed away in 1990, but Bernice and her daughter Rose Marie carried on for another 10 years. Bernice passed away in 2007, and the annual trek to Rosymorn Farm was over. But aren't we all the lucky ones to have been there to see it? Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas, everyone!



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## HOURS

### Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

### Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** Closed

**Dec. 25-26:** Closed

**Jan. 1-2:** Closed



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## 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.

## TEEN NEWS

### High School Action Committee

**Tues. Dec. 5 & Jan. 9, 6:00-6:45 PM**

High school students! Come join us in planning fundraising and awareness events to improve the Galesburg Public Library teen experience! This volunteering and leadership opportunity also comes with free snacks! This month's meeting will double as a holiday party, so feel free to come even if you never have before!

### Teen Advisory Board

**Tues. Dec. 5 & Jan. 9, 7:00-7:45 PM**

Join the Library's Teen Advisory Board, an open forum to make YOUR voice heard about the library! You can suggest and vote on program ideas, pitch new ideas to improve the Teen Scene, and help us decide whether new YA books are good enough for the library to buy!

This month's TAB will double as a holiday party, so bring friends! Open to teens aged 12-18 (or 6th-12th grade). New members always welcome!

### Interactive Movie Night: *Elf*

**Fri. Dec. 8, 6:00-8:00 PM**

Experience the film *Elf* like you never have before at this all-ages after hours program! You'll watch the movie and participate with a script, props, and more. Fun for the entire family! Advance signup required. Doors open at 5:45; movie will begin promptly at 6:00 PM. (97 min., rated PG, ©Warner Brothers).

### Anime Club

**Wed. Jan. 24, 4:00-5:00 PM**

Looking for a place to share your love of anime and manga? Come to our anime club! Binge-watch new and classic anime, talk about your favorites, and argue the merits of subtitles versus English dubs. We will have Japanese snacks and other anime-related activities as well, so tell all your fellow otaku! Open to teens aged 12-18 or in grades 6-12.