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PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE

Join us at the library on Wednesday, December 7, from 2:00-4:00 PM. We will be hosting a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Event in partnership with the VFW. Veterans and community members of all ages are welcome. A brief presentation about Pearl Harbor will be followed by cake and coffee and the opportunity to share memories. We are hoping to videotape the memories for future generations. All ages welcome.



TAX PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Galesburg Public Library needs your help to continue hosting free income tax assistance in 2017! AARP Tax-Aide Program volunteers are needed. Without new volunteers the program will not be able to continue in Galesburg. If you enjoy volunteering and preparing taxes or are interested in learning and are willing to commit several hours per week from February through April, please call Marilyn at 375-6350 or email mandn@grics.net for further information. Training will be offered in Bartonville in January 2017. You don't need tax experience, only a desire to help. Thank you!

FOUNDATION SHIRTS FOR SALE

Galesburg Public Library Foundation T-shirts are available now! They are \$15.00 each, purchased locally, and a beautiful sky blue. Call Terry at 309-221-2084 to purchase, or email foundation@galesburglibrary.org. We will make special arrangements to meet you at the library to sell you your T-shirt. We are trying NOT to put extra work on our fantastic library staff by asking them to do this for us!

DEVICE DROP-IN HOURS

Did you get a new device over the holidays? Were you considering trying out an e-reader or tablet but worried you would need help to get started?

The Reference Desk is happy to help you get acquainted with your new technology in January from 6:00-7:00 PM on Tuesdays and from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon on Wednesdays. No appointment necessary – just drop by the Reference Desk and ask for help.



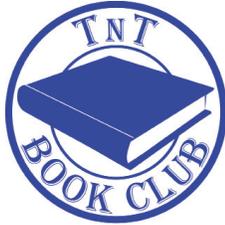
ADULT PROGRAMS

DECEMBER

***Copies of all discussion books are available at the library about one month in advance. Newcomers are welcome.*

Tuesday/Thursday (T n T) Book Discussions **Thursday, December 8, 6:30 PM at Jimmy John's** **Tuesday, December 13, 1:00 PM**

Each chapter in J. Ryan Stradal's debut novel *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* tells the story of a single dish and character, delving into the ways food creates community and a sense of identity.



Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club **Friday, Dec. 16, 6:00 PM at Hardee's**

Discussion of *Howl's Moving Castle*, first book in a magical series by Diana Wynne Jones.

Movie Club

Wednesday, Decemeber 14, 1:30 PM

Free showing of *Florence Foster Jenkins*, starring Meryl Streep. Based on the true story of a socialite who longed to become an opera singer despite her terrible voice. (110 min. long, rated PG-13, ©Paramount)

Tuesday, December 20, TBA

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.

Both the movie and restaurant are pay-your-own-way. Never been to Movie Club? Whether you only see one or two movies a year or you go to the movies every week, you are welcome to join us. Send an email to reference@galesburglibrary.org to be added to the Movie Club's email distribution list.

Keep Calm and Color On

Monday, December 12, 2:00-3:30 PM

Monday, December 12, 6:00-7:30 PM

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

Writer Support Group Party

Thursday, December 1, 6:30 PM

Did you participate in National Novel Writing Month? Did you finish? Come close? Fail miserably? No matter what, come to our celebration and commiseration party. All are welcome.

Author Event

Saturday, December 17, 2:00 PM

Monday, December 19, 6:30 PM

Jim Jacobs (*No Ordinary Season*) and Susan Van Kirk (*Marry in Haste*) will discuss and sign copies of their new books.

JANUARY

Tuesday/Thursday (T n T) Book Discussions

Tuesday, January 10, 1:00 PM

Thursday, January 12, 6:30 PM at Jimmy John's

Helen Macdonald's memoir *H is for Hawk*, which deals with the author's grief after her father's death, was on more than 25 Best Books of the Year lists for 2015. The Tuesday discussion will be followed at 2:00 PM by a documentary about hawks.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Friday, January 27, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

In *The Fold* by Peter Clines, a new device that "folds" dimensions and shrinks distances may make humanity's dreams of teleportation a reality. Scientists insist it is completely safe – but evidence is mounting that this miraculous machine isn't quite what it seems.

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Tuesday, January 24, 1:30 PM

Free showing of *The Light Between Oceans*, in which an Australian couple on a remote island in the 1920s raise a child washed ashore in a lifeboat as their own, despite the husband's misgivings. (132 min., rated PG-13, ©Walt Disney)



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CHILDREN'S EVENTS

DECEMBER

Sensory Saturday

Saturday, December 3, 11:00 AM

On the first Saturday of each month there will be an 11 AM storytime designed for children ages 3-7 who have sensory processing challenges.

JANUARY

January "DIY" for Kids Classes

- **Learn "Nail Art"**

Wednesday, January 11, 6:00 PM

- **Make a cake in a mug**

Monday, January 16, 6:00 PM

- **Make a canvas art snowflake**

Thursday, January 26, 6:00 PM

These classes are for children ages 6-12, and registration is required by signing up in the Children's Room, by email at karen.marple@galesburglibrary.org, or by phone 343-6118.

Learn to Knit or Crochet

Every Tues. night during January from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Just learning or just want to learn a new stitch? All ages are welcome. No registration necessary.

Sensory Saturday

Saturday, January 7, 11:00 AM

On the first Saturday of each month there will be an 11 AM storytime designed for children ages 3-7 who have sensory processing challenges.

Lego Nights

Tuesday, January 10, 4:30-5:30 PM

Located in the Hiler Room. No registration needed - just bring your creativity.

Music Mornings

Saturday, January 21, 10:00 AM

Featuring Dean Petrie, District 205 Fine Arts Coordinator.
"Brass Around the World"



LOCAL HISTORY

BY PATTY MOSHER

Pearl Harbor and its impact on Galesburg

A little before noon on December 7, 1941, Galesburg residents were probably sitting down for Sunday lunch when Pearl Harbor in Oahu was being attacked by 353 Japanese airplanes that were transported to the area by six Japanese aircraft carriers. Within half an hour after the attack, the news was being reported over the air waves to the citizens of the United States. The news had first reached the White House, and President Roosevelt sent his press secretary to deliver the news to the media. In turn, they told the nation. On December 8, the Register-Mail printed the name of the first reported casualty, Private Dean Cebert, who was 23 years old. Galesburg residents began nervously awaiting news of their loved ones not only in Hawaii, but the Philippines and other Pacific islands as well. The attack lasted 90 minutes; when it was over, 2,403 Americans were killed, 1,178 were wounded, 18 ships were sunk or run aground, and the names of local casualties began trickling in day by day.

The day after brought other changes to Galesburg. The Armory building was closed to all civilian activity. Any sports events or shows scheduled to be held there were cancelled. Also, a temporary federal order grounded all airplanes, and pilot licenses were revoked for the time being. Post Office workrooms and offices were also closed to the public until further notice, although the lobby was still open and mail delivery continued as usual. These restrictions gave federal agents time to check the citizenship and political leanings of all who worked for or were part of these agencies or businesses to prevent an attack by a foreign agent posing as an American. Guards showed up at the CB&Q railroad yards, as it was feared that being one of the largest rail-sorting yards in the nation made it more likely to be a target of the enemy.

Local factories were converted to war production, with Admiral's making land mines and naval floats for seaplanes. Gale Products was manufacturing aircraft engines and bomb fuses. Area farmers became leading producers of hemp, which was then turned into rope for use by the Navy. Local citizens also pitched in by donating 5,000 pounds of scrap aluminum, which was used to purify steel and thereby free up pure aluminum for airplane construction. Galesburg did its part to help defend the nation.

Lastly, the day after the attack, a prominent ad in the Register-Mail reminded its readers that war was costly and the government needed citizens to buy war bonds. They cost as little as \$18.95 each, which would be around \$300 today.

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HOURS

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Dec. 24: Closed **Dec. 26:** Closed

Dec. 31: Closed **Jan. 2:** Closed



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TEEN NEWS

Cupcakes and Candy Canes: A Teen Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30-7:30 PM

Come compete in an epic holiday-themed Cupcake War, create an ornament for yourself or to give as a gift, watch (and laugh at) holiday cartoons, drink cocoa, and more. Wear your favorite winter jammies for a chance to win a prize. Open to teens aged 12-18 (or grades 6-12). Registration is required; please call 343-6118 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.

High School Action Committee

Thursday, December 15 & January 19, 6:00-6:45 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.

Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, December 15 & January 19, 7:00-7:45 PM

Calling all teens! Join the Galesburg Public Library Teen Advisory Board (TAB). TAB is an open forum for teens to voice opinions about the library, brainstorm program ideas, help select books, and more. Join us for food and fun. Open to teens aged 12-18 (or 6th-12th grade). New members always welcome!

Chapter Chompers Teen Lit Book Club

Tuesday, December 20, 4:00-5:00 PM

Do YOU love reading YA books? So do we! Come join us to feed your face and your brain at Chapter Chompers, a teen lit book club @ Galesburg Public Library. Each month we'll enjoy a lively discussion of a YA book and pig out on snacks. In December, we'll be discussing *Legend* by Marie Lu. Open to readers of YA books, aged 12 and up. Register at the Reference Desk or call 343-6118 to sign up.