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TEEN ART FUNDRAISER



A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words
Saturday, February 25, 1:00-3:00 PM

Come see Galesburg teen artists at work, make some art of your own, and support a great cause: teen programs and services at Galesburg Public Library. From 1:00 to 3:00 PM, area high school students will create original works of art while you watch; vote for your favorite with a donation. The artist whose piece generates the most donations will receive a \$25 Target gift card, and all money raised will go toward GPL teen services and programs. There will also be art activities for the entire family to enjoy. This event is co-sponsored by the GPL High School Action Committee and Galesburg Civic Art Center. (Teen artists wanting to participate? Ask at the Reference Desk or email reference@galesburglibrary.org.)

FOUNDATION NEWS



Calendars for Sale

The Galesburg Public Library Foundation still has a few 2017 calendars available for sale at the Circulation Desk at the library and around town at Innkeeper's, The City Clerk's Office/City Hall, The Frameworks, Civic Art Center, Dovetail Rivet Arts, Cooks and Company, Welcome Center, Antique Mall, and other locations. At \$15 this is a great purchase that contains over 20 photos of Galesburg, most not seen for 70 to 100 years!

PINTEREST CLUB

Our new Pinterest Club starts in February! Feeling a little artsy? Come DIY a piggy bank on **Tuesday, February 28 from 6:00-7:00 PM!** Make one bookish or reflective of your personality. The world (or the piggy bank in this case) is your blank canvas so splash some color on it. Registration is required; call 343-6118 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up. Cost per person is \$2 but you get to take a cool piggy bank home at the end of it. Open to all ages. Limited to 30 participants.



Historical Reenactment

Sunday, February 26, 4:00 PM, Central Congregational Church

Join the Galesburg Library Foundation, the Galesburg Historical Society, and 60 Public Square for a historical reenactment of the 50th anniversary of Galesburg's founding. This free program will be presented by several local reenactors in period dress. We will be reenacting the 1887 celebration using historical records and accounts of the original event. Important historical persons from the founding of our city and first church will be presented, such as Knox College President Newton Bateman, George Davis, George Churchill, Mary Allen West, and many other names you will recognize from Galesburg's history.

VINTAGE BOOK SALE



Galesburg Public Library has vintage books for sale as part of our corner book sale. Originally \$3, the price for a vintage book will drop to \$2 in February. These beautiful and colorful books make great gifts (Valentine's Day is coming up) or add some vintage flair to your decor. Get them before they are gone!

HUMAN SEARCH ENGINE



Question: What does "B.C.E." mean?

Answer: Over the course of history, many different cultures have had their own ways of looking at time. Our current dating system is based on one that was invented by the monk Dionysius Exiguus back in 532 A.D. Since he was a Christian, he set the year of Christ's birth as year number 1, anno Domini, or the year of the Lord. We abbreviate that A.D. Years later—1627 to be exact—time before Christ was counted backward and referred to as B.C. We're still using that same system; we're just labeling it differently. Now the year 1 is referred to as A.C.E., After the Common Era, and B.C. is B.C.E., or Before the Common Era.

One might assume that the term Common Era is a modern invention, but not so. Apparently this term was used as early as 1615 in Europe in a book by Johannes Kepler, and in 1635 in England. Jewish academics also used it by the nineteenth century to denote a date in the Western calendar, which differed from the Jewish one.

The use of A.C.E. and B.C.E. is an attempt to be more sensitive to the religions of others, since it does not directly refer to Jesus of Nazareth. It has only been partially successful, however, since some Christians dislike it for that very reason, while some people of other faiths protest that it still bases the dating upon his birth. Something of this sort is very difficult to change because of its long usage and the ensuing confusion that would follow in records.

Interestingly, early Christians opposed A.D. They preferred to date things from the year of the emperor Diocletian, since that was venerated as the "Era of the Martyrs." So calendar controversies are nothing new.

If you want to know practically everything there is to know about our measuring of time, check out the book *Calendars* by David Ewing Duncan at 529.309/Dun.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

Free Movie

Tue., Feb. 7, 1:30 PM

Free showing of *Loving*, about an interracial couple, Richard and Mildred Loving, who married and then spent the next nine years fighting for the right to live as a family in their hometown. (123 min. long, rated PG-13, ©Focus Features)

Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

Thur., Feb. 9, 6:30 PM at Jimmy John's

Tue., Feb. 14, 1:00 PM upstairs

Discussion of *Paris Is Always a Good Idea* by Nicolas Barreau. Rosalie is an artist and proud owner of a little postcard shop. One day an elderly and successful author of children's books comes into her shop and asks her to illustrate his new (and probably last) book. Rosalie is only too glad to accept – but what will happen when a clumsy American professor stumbles into her store with accusations of plagiarism?

The Tuesday discussion will be followed by a short documentary about Paris.

Writer Support Group

Mon., Feb. 13, 4:00 PM

Are you a writer? Join our new monthly support group. Meet with other writers to hone your skills and give and receive constructive feedback. All writers welcome.

Movie Club

Tue., Feb. 21, 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.

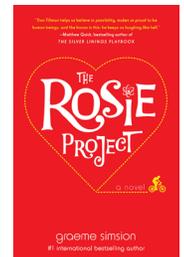
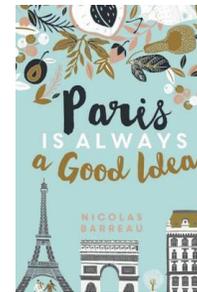
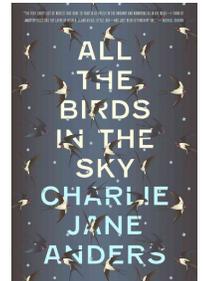
Both the movie and restaurant are pay-your-own-way. Never been to Movie Club? Whether you only see one or two movies a year or you go to the movies every week, you are welcome to join us. Send an email to reference@galesburglibrary.org to be added to the Movie Club's email distribution list.

Tome Raiders

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Fri., Feb. 24, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

Childhood friends Patricia and Laurence didn't expect to see each other again after parting ways under mysterious circumstances during middle school. But now they're adults, and the planet is falling apart around them. Laurence is an engineering genius; Patricia is a graduate of a hidden academy for the magically gifted. Something begun years ago in their youth is determined to bring them together, to either save the world or plunge it into a new dark age. *All the Birds in the Sky* by Charlie Jane Anders is a deeply magical, darkly funny examination of life, love, and the apocalypse.



Breakfast Club

Sat., Feb. 25, 10:00 AM at Perkins

Brunch while discussing best-selling books! With Valentine's Day, February is the month to celebrate all things romance, so pick up this funny, light-hearted novel and join us for the discussion. In *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion, Don Tillman conducts "The Wife Project" to find a suitable wife using a scientific survey, but he finds out that love isn't always logical.

Keep Calm and Color On

Mon., Feb. 27, 2:00-3:30 PM

Mon., Feb. 27, 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!

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Storytimes: Toddler/Lapsit

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

For children ages 18 months-36 months (must be accompanied by an adult).

Storytimes: Children 3-7 years old

Tuesdays 10:00 AM, Wednesdays 10:45 AM, and Thursdays 6:00 PM

For children ages 3-7 who are ready for a group experience on their own.

Sensory Storytime

Saturday, February 4, 11:00 AM

Storytime will be on February 4 at 11 AM. Although it is designed for children who have sensory processing challenges, all children ages 3-7 are welcome.

Make a Candy Bouquet

Monday, February 13, 6:00 PM

We'll supply everything you need to make that special person a beautiful Valentine bouquet. Registration is required in the Children's Room.

Lego Night

Tuesday, February 14, 4:30-5:30 PM

Join the fun in the Hiler Room. No registration needed, just bring your creativity.

Music Mornings

Saturday, February 25, 10:00 AM

Faye Seeman, KGS soloist, will perform "The Harp" in the Sanderson Room.

The Friends of GPL

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be Tuesday, February 7 at 3:30 PM. Officers will be elected. The Spring Book Sale will be May 12-13 and 15. Mark your calendars!

Tax Assistance

AARP representatives will be at the library to assist with taxes starting on Wednesday, February 1 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Appointments must be made in person.

LOCAL HISTORY

BY PATTY MOSHER

Speakeasies in Galesburg

I am amazed at how many "speakeasies" were raided by the police all over Galesburg in the 1920s up until 1933 when prohibition ended. There were many people making liquor in their basements as well as purchasing the real stuff coming down from Canada. There were constant articles about the police raiding home-based taverns on North Street, South Street, and all points east and west. Apparently, some of Galesburg's citizens had a powerful thirst and would go just about anywhere to get a drink and, as need is the mother of invention, some enterprising businessmen were out to help them get it.

Shorty's Place was north of town on what used to be called North Henderson Road, but we know it now as Henderson Street. At that time, everything north of Losey St. was cornfields and small wooded areas, so Ivan "Shorty" Dobson used this area as a covert location off of the road, where he could set up shop for "the sporting gentry." When ready for business, a customer had to go through a heavily-wooded area and then through an actual barricade to enter the establishment. It is not known what kind of liquor was being served (imported or homemade hooch), but every Saturday night there would be a long line of cars heading out to Shorty's Place. Not only was there liquid refreshment to be found there, but a little casino action was going on as well. Shorty had invested in slot machines to add some fun to the place and to make himself a tidy profit as well.

But all of these comings and goings must have attracted attention, or word leaked out, because on June 28, 1930, Knox County officers showed up. They took Shorty into custody as well as an understudy to Shorty. All the liquor and "one-armed bandits" (slot machines) were confiscated, and both men were taken down to the jail. They were both arraigned the following Monday, and since this was their first offence, they were both fined and let go. This is not surprising, since city officials were often "on the take" in illegal ventures of that sort. It is not known what happened to the impounded kegs of beer and bottles of liquor that were taken away by the police. Did they pour them down the drain or have a large toast to their success? We'll never know.



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HOURS

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Feb. 20: Closed



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TEEN NEWS

7th Annual Sweet & Sour Valentine's Day Party

Monday, February 6, 6:30-7:30 PM

Valentine's Day: you either love it, or you love to hate it. Why not do both at the library's 7th Annual Sweet & Sour Valentine's Day Party? Come take part in games & activities, eat sweet 'n sour snacks, and more! Open to teens aged 12-18 (or grades 6-12). Registration is required; call 343-6118 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.

High School Action Committee

Thursday, February 16, 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, February 16, 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, February 21, 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. Open to readers of YA books, aged 12 and up.

