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NEA BIG READ EVENTS - MARCH

NEA Big Read Kick-Off: Galesburg's Dead Poet Society Friday, March 3, 6:00 PM (doors open at 5:45 PM)

Hear famous poets of the past, including Emily Dickinson, talk about their lives and read one of their poems aloud. This event is perfect for fans of Ghosts of Galesburg! Free and for all ages. The Kick-Off is the first opportunity to pick up a copy of this year's NEA Big Read book *Profound by Accident: Galesburg Reads Emily Dickinson*. This book is special to Galesburg and is also a coloring book. You will definitely want to pick up a copy while supplies last.

"The Myth of Emily Dickinson"

Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 PM

Dr. Rob McClure Smith, professor of English at Knox College and author of *Seductions of Emily Dickinson*, will separate myth vs. fact in Dickinson's life.

The Big Write Deadline

Wednesday, March 8, 11:59 PM

Submissions for our annual creative writing contest are due by the end of the day.

Book Discussion of *White Heat*

Thursday, March 9, 6:30 PM, Jimmy John's

Librarian Faith Burdick will lead a discussion of *White Heat: The Friendship of Emily Dickinson and Thomas Wentworth Higginson* by Brenda Wineapple.

Book Discussion of *White Heat*

Tuesday, March 14, 1:00 PM

Librarian Faith Burdick will lead a discussion of *White Heat: The Friendship of Emily Dickinson and Thomas Wentworth Higginson* by Brenda Wineapple. The discussion will be followed by a short program about Dickinson.

Tea Party

Saturday, March 18, 2:00 PM, Galesburg Civic Art Center

Participate in a proper tea similar to what Dickinson would have experienced. Register at the Reference Desk.

Letter Writing Workshop

Monday, March 20, 6:30 PM

Emily Dickinson was an avid letter writer. You can learn to love writing letters too! Help us write letters to send to the troops through Operation Gratitude. Free and for all ages.

Book Discussion of *Nobody's Secret*

Tuesday, March 21, 4:00 PM

Feed your face AND your brain at Chapter Chompers, our young adult book club. *Nobody's Secret* by Michaela MacColl is a mystery featuring a fifteen-year-old Emily Dickinson. Snacks will be provided! Open to readers of YA books, aged 12 and up. Register at the Reference Desk. Free copies are available at the Reference Desk while supplies last.

Art After Dark: Embroidery

Thursday, March 23, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Civic Art Center

Cross-stitch a simple design. Please register with the Galesburg Civic Art Center. Space is limited to 20 participants. Previous cross-stitching experience is not necessary.

Keep Calm & Color On: Adult Coloring Program

Monday, March 27, 2:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Now that you have your copy of *Profound by Accident: Galesburg Reads Emily Dickinson*, come color it at the library. Other coloring pages and colored pencils (donated by Blick Art Materials) will be provided. Free! For adults only.

Pinterest Club: Tiny Terrariums

Tuesday, March 28, 6:00 PM

Get that green thumb ready because it is time to make your own tiny terrarium. Registration is required at the Reference Desk. Cost per person is \$2, but you get to take an adorable tiny terrarium home at the end. Open to all ages.

Big Read for Kids

Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 PM

Children ages 8-12 are invited to join the Children's Room for poetry fun. Cut out magnetic words and make your own poem. A metal tin can be decorated to store the magnetic words. Registration is required in the Children's Room.



NEA BIG READ EVENTS - APRIL

Big Read Book Discussions of *Profound by Accident: Galesburg Reads Emily Dickinson*:

- **Wednesday, March 29, 12:15 PM, Carl Sandburg Library**
- **Tuesday, April 11, 1:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library**
- **Thursday, April 13, 6:30 PM, Jimmy John's**

Discussions of Emily Dickinson's poetry will take place three times during March and April. Some poems will be read aloud. Free copies are available at the library.

Local Poet Monica Berlin

Saturday, April 1, 2:00 PM

Monica Berlin, a working poet and English professor at Knox College, will read and host a Q&A about her work and process.

Poetry Workshop Series: Frugal Poets' Guide to Life

Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 PM

Are you interested in writing poetry? Join poet Cynthia Gallaher for a discussion of her book *Frugal Poets' Guide to Life: How to Live a Poetic Life, Even If You Aren't a Poet*.

Poetry Workshop Series: Blackout Poetry

Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 PM

Librarian Beth Buck, your favorite queen of altered books, is back to show you how to repurpose old book pages into blackout poems. Open to all ages.

Big Read Poetry Crafts for Little Kids

Thursday, April 13, 6:30 PM

Children ages 3-7 are invited to read the book *Emily and Carlo* and make several crafts relating to the book. Registration is required in the Children's Room.

Poetry Workshop Series: Book Spine Poetry

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 PM

Who can make the best poem out of library book spines? Join our Book Spine Poetry contest to find out! You can work alone or as a team to find books in our collection and stack them so they form a poem out of the titles on the spine. Prizes will be awarded to the best poems. Free and for all ages.

Art After Dark: Bound Book

Thursday, April 20, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Civic Art Center

Make a small book or "fascicle" just like Dickinson made for her poetry. Please register with the Galesburg Civic Art Center.

Free Movie: *A Quiet Passion*

Friday, April 21, 7:00 PM, Orpheum Theatre

In *A Quiet Passion* (© Hurricane Films/Courtesy of Music Box Films, Rated PG-13, 125 minutes), Cynthia Nixon portrays Emily Dickinson in this brand new movie about Dickinson's life. Admission is free and doors open at 6:30 PM.

The Big Write Reception

Saturday, April 22, 2:00 PM

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.

Earth Day Program

Saturday, April 22, 9:00-11:00 AM

Dickinson loved gardening, so celebrate Earth Day by learning more about plants and starting seeds! Trees4Galesburg and Knox County Master Gardeners will answer questions and have hands-on activities. There will also be a Seed Library (on loan from Warren County Public Library) for "checking out" seeds.

Keep Calm & Color On: Adult Coloring Program

Monday, April 24, 2:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Now that you have your copy of *Profound by Accident: Galesburg Reads Emily Dickinson*, come color it at the library. Other coloring pages and colored pencils (donated by Blick Art Materials) will be provided. Free! For adults only.

Poetry Workshop Series/Pinterest Club: Paint Chip Poetry

Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 PM

The Pinterest Club is joining forces with the Poetry Workshop Series. Challenge yourself to write a poem using paint chips. Let your creativity get colorful! Free and for all ages. Paint chips donated by Olson's Paint Spot and Sherwin-Williams.

Book Discussion of *The Gardens of Emily Dickinson*

Thursday, April 27, 11:30 AM, En Season Restaurant

The Gardens of Emily Dickinson by Judith Farr explores Dickinson's interest in gardening. Join us for a discussion and lunch at En Season Restaurant. Lunch is pay-your-own-way.

Book Discussion of *Lexicon*

Friday, April 28, 6:00 PM, Hardee's

Join Tome Raiders, the sci-fi/fantasy book club, for a discussion of *Lexicon* by Max Berry, a thriller in which "poets" are taught to use words to manipulate others. Food is pay-your-own-way.

Poetry Slam for Teens

Saturday, April 29, 10:00 AM

Hear middle school students share their original poetry at this fun and informal poetry slam. Prizes will be awarded to top performers. Free, open to the public, and snacks provided. No registration is needed to attend as an audience member.

Book Discussion of *Milk and Honey*

Saturday, April 29, 10:00 AM, Perkins Restaurant

Celebrate National Poetry Month by joining the Breakfast Club for brunch and discussion of the bestselling poetry book *Milk and Honey* by Rupi Kaur. Brunch is pay-your-own-way.

Carl Sandburg Festival

April 27-29

One of Galesburg Public Library's partners for the NEA Big Read, the Carl Sandburg Festival annually celebrates Sandburg's legacy and the art of writing. This year the festival will feature poet Christina Lovin, live music, a poetry slam, and more! Visit www.sandburg.edu/festival for a full schedule and more information.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Storytimes: Toddler/Lapsit
Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Storytimes: Children 3-7 years old
Tuesdays 10 AM, Wednesdays 10:45 AM, and Thursdays 6 PM

Pete the Cat Activities
Friday, March 10, 3:00 PM

Staff from the Orpheum will be reading *Pete the Cat* stories. Children can make a paper vest with button and a story bracelet, and enjoy *Pete the Cat* cookies. Registration required.

What Can I Do on March 17?
Friday, March 17, 11:00 AM - Noon

It's St. Patrick's Day, and we are going green! Recycling that is. Come to the library and make a no-sew tote bag and a piggy bank from a recycled bottle. Registration is required.

Beauty and the Beast (©Disney)
Wednesday, March 29, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

There will be tea and cookies during the movie. If you want, dress in your party clothes for a fun afternoon.

LOCAL HISTORY

BY PATTY MOSHER

Before I went to college and began working in the library, I was hired to be the manager of a small shop at the Sandburg Mall before the grand opening. Flowerama was a straight shot from the K-Mart entrance, which was still to come. The days before the big opening, I found myself and the staff unpacking box after box of merchandise, getting the plants ready and pots put away, and making up terrariums that were so popular.

I remember there was a big party the night before the opening. All employees were invited, from the anchor store managers to the part-time clerks. There were also a large number of city big shots there and everyone was having a good time. A band played music, people were dancing and there was delicious finger food catered in from one or more of the Mangieri brothers. There was an open bar and most of the people who didn't have to open a store early the next morning were filling up. I settled for a diet drink of some sort.

The grand opening of the mall was on October 1, 1975, and it was almost total chaos in our store. We were selling a dozen roses for \$1, as I remember. It was a way to get customers in the door who would hopefully buy more items. I was behind the cash register with a long line of people waiting to pay, when I saw a woman put an entire cactus garden in her purse! I couldn't get to her before she ran for it, as there were just too many people. But I remember thinking that I hoped she would get some good jabs from those cactus plants. The rest of the morning was fun. The Galesburg High School band was there to play before the ribbon cutting, and cartoon characters were walking around. When we each took a break, we went into the back room and collapsed while digging into a big box of Karmelkorn from across the hall. It was all so new and exciting despite all of the hard work. Years later I found an article in which Mayor Cabeen claimed that the mall would be closed in 30 years. He wasn't off by much.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club
Friday, Mar. 24, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

In *Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency* by Douglas Adams, the legendary author boggles the mind with an unbelievable story of ghosts, time travel, eccentric computer geniuses, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the end of the world, & missing cats.

Food for Thought Book Club
Thursday, Mar. 30, 11:30 AM at En Season

We'll start off the year with a classic novel about the magic of gardens and the outdoors – *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. You will order and pay for your own food.

Movie Club
Wednesday, Mar. 15, 1:30 pm

Free showing of *Jackie*, which takes place in 1963 in the days following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. First Lady Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy (Natalie Portman) copes with grief, change and scrutiny in the immediate aftermath of JFK's death. (100 min. long, rated R, ©20th Century Fox)

Tuesday, Mar. 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.

Writer Support Group
Monday, Mar. 13, 4:00 PM

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

Author Presentation
Tuesday, Mar. 14, 6:30 PM

Russ Fry will discuss a true story of prejudice, compassion, revenge, and justice. In 1832, in retaliation for an attempt by drunken militia men to kill the peaceful Chief Tama, several Meskwaki shot and scalped 23-year-old William Martin near Little York, Illinois in Warren County.

Friends of the Library Announcements

The Friends of the Library are happy to announce their new officers:

President - Tim Gray
Vice President - Diane Dooley
Secretary - Laurie Muelder
Treasurer - Ariel Mackey

The Friends are also looking for more volunteers and would love to have your help! If interested, please contact Tim Gray at 773-203-9727 or at tmgray@gmail.com.

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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

Thursday, March 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, March 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, March 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. In March we'll be discussing *Nobody's Secret* by Michaela MacColl, the YA companion novel for our 2017 Big Read. Teens will receive a free copy of the book when they sign up. Open to ages 12 & up. Register at the Reference Desk or call 343-6118 to sign up.

Pajama Storytime for Teens

Thursday, March 30, 6:30-7:30 PM

Who says storytime is just for little kids? Put your homework stress on hold, throw on your jammies, and come to the library for an hour of throwback fun. You'll listen to storybooks, enjoy milk and cookies, make a craft, and maybe even dance the Hokey Pokey. Free books for every teen who attends. **Open to teens aged 12-18 (grades 6-12); call 343-6118 to sign up.**