



## Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Our Big Read of *Sun, Stone, and Shadows: 20 Great Mexican Short Stories* will end with an all-day Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at the library! Everything is FREE! See the schedule below:

### 10:00 AM

Storytime with crafts and a song for children

### Noon-2:00 PM

Lunch from Acapulco Restaurant for all ages  
(First Come-First Served)



### 2:30 PM

Movie: *Spare Parts* (©Lions Gate, rated PG-13, 114 minutes)  
& coloring for all ages

### 5:30 PM

Live music by Bits & Pieces Blues Band for all ages



### 7:00 PM

Teens Only Cinco de Mayo Party

## Comicfest



May 7 is Free Comic Book Day, and the library will be hosting a Comicfest from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM and 6:00 - 9:00 PM. Events will include crafts, a costume contest, the Youth Pokémon League, vendors, and a free showing of *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* (©Walt Disney Studios, rated PG-13, 136 minutes) after hours starting at 6:00 PM. Doors open at 5:45 PM; no entry after 6:15 PM. Visit [www.galesburglibrary.org](http://www.galesburglibrary.org) for a complete schedule.

## Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale will be held on Friday, May 20, Saturday, May 21, and Monday, May 23. Friday is the preview night which will run from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM. The preview sale is free for members and \$5 for non-members. On Saturday, the hours will be 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. The book sale will wrap on Monday from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM with a \$3.00 bag sale.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with the sale. Set-up times on Thursday, May 20 will start at 11:00 AM and run until we are finished. Volunteers can choose how long they wish to help but the sign up sheet will have 2-hour slots. If you wish to volunteer there will be a sign-up sheet in the book-sorting room. You can also sign up at the Reference Desk or call Mark Stegall at 368-9740.

## Monthly Calendar (Details Within)

May 5	Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
May 7	Comicfest
May 10	Tuesday Book Club
May 10	Altered Book Workshop
May 10	Lego Night
May 12	Thursday Book Club
May 16	Storytime on Location: Q's Café
May 16	Keep Calm and Color On
May 17	Movie Club
May 18	Police Appreciation Day
May 19	En Season Book Club
May 20	Spring Book Sale: Preview Sale
May 21	Spring Book Sale: Regular Sale
May 21	American Girls Club
May 21	Brick Fix
May 23	Spring Book Sale: Bag Sale
May 23	Early Summer Reading Registration Begins
May 24	Author Program
May 25	Animanga Mania
May 27	Sci-fi/Fantasy Book Club
May 30	Closed for Memorial Day

## Summer Reading

Early registration for the "Read for the Win" Summer Reading Program begins on May 23. Our Summer Reading Program is for all ages with fun events and prizes for children, teens, and adults. Children should register in the Children's Room. Teens and adults should register at the Reference Desk. Look for more information about "Read for the Win" events in our June newsletter. The Summer Reading Program begins on June 6.

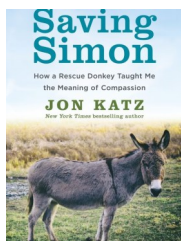


## Adult Programs

### Book discussions

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

In his heartfelt, thoughtful, and inspiring memoir *Saving Simon*, bestselling author Jon Katz tells the story of his beloved rescue donkey and the wondrous ways that animals make us wiser and kinder people.



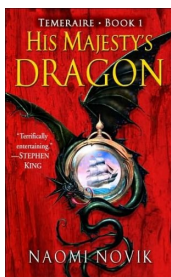
Join us upstairs at the library for a discussion of *Saving Simon*:

**Tuesday, May 10, 1:00 PM**

**Thursday, May 12, 6:30 PM**

The Tuesday discussion will be followed at 2:00 PM by the short documentary *Forgotten: The Plight of the American Donkey*.

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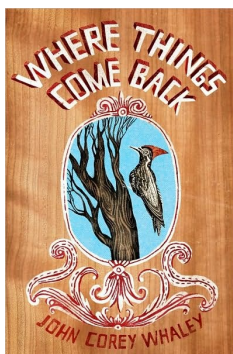
Naomi Novik's historical fantasy Tembraire series is set during the Napoleonic wars with the addition of dragons. The first book, *His Majesty's Dragon*, has been optioned for a movie version by Peter Jackson. The 9<sup>th</sup> and final book comes out in June, and we'll discuss the first book in preparation.

Join the Tome Raiders for a discussion of *His Majesty's Dragon* at Hardee's (913 E. Main):

**Friday, May 27, 6:00 PM**

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In John Corey Whaley's novel *Where Things Come Back*, teenager Cullen Witter is forced to examine everything he thinks about his small Arkansas town when it becomes absurdly obsessed with the alleged reappearance of an extinct woodpecker and his brother goes missing. You will order and pay for your own lunch.



Join a Food for Thought discussion of *Where Things Come Back* at En Season (2900 W. Main):

**Thursday, May 19, 11:30 am**

### 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. If it is playing in Galesburg, we will probably see *Money Monster* starring Julia Roberts and George Clooney.

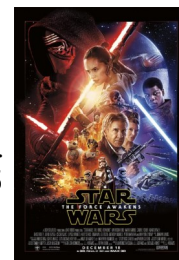
**Tuesday, 5/17, time TBA**

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](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) to be added to the Movie Club's email distribution list.

### Free Movie

*Star Wars: The Force Awakens* (©Walt Disney Studios, rated PG-13, 136 minutes) will be shown upstairs after hours as part of our Comicfest on Free Comic Book Day. Doors open at 5:45 PM; no entry after 6:15 PM. Feel free to come in costume.

**Saturday, 5/7, 6:00 PM**



### Altered Book Workshop



Give new life to old books at this hands-on workshop. We provide the tools, books, and embellishments—you bring the creativity! Free and open to all ages; registration at the Reference Desk encouraged but not required.

**Tuesday, May 10, 5:30-7:30 PM**

### Author program

Tim Pletkovich, author of *Civil War Fathers: Sons of the Civil War in World War II*, will talk about his book and sell and sign copies. *Civil War Fathers* is the story of 8 American families whose fathers fought in the Civil War and whose sons and daughters fought in World War II.

**Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 PM**

### Keep Calm and Color On

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

**Monday, 5/16, at 2:00-3:30 & 6:00-7:30 PM**



## Children's Events

### Thursday, May 5 at 10:00 AM: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Skippyjon Jones

We will read stories, play a game, and make a cape and mask. All children ages 3-7 are invited to attend. Registration is required.

### Tuesday, May 10 from 4:30-5:30 PM: Lego Nights

Join us in the Hiler Room for Lego fun! No registration needed; just bring your creativity.

### Monday, May 16 at 11:00 AM: Storytime on Location at Q's Café

For children ages 3-7. No registration required.

### Wednesday, May 18 from 2:00-4:00 PM: Police Appreciation Day Wednesday

Have a piece of cake and say thanks to our officers by signing a card. There will be stories and badge stickers too!

### Saturday, May 21 from 11:00 AM-Noon: American Girls Club

Maryellen is the newest American Girl. She is an 11-year-old girl living in 1954. Come and experience games, crafts, and food of the 1950s. Registration is required.

## Teen News

### Teens Only Cinco de Mayo Party

#### Thursday, May 5, 7:00-7:45 PM

We're wrapping up this year's Big Read in style with a Cinco de Mayo party! Teens are invited to join us for music, food, games, and a piñata. Free and open to teens aged 12-18 (or grades 6-12). No registration required.

### Brick Fix: a Lego Club for Teens

#### Saturday, May 21, 3:00-4:00 PM

Teen LEGO enthusiasts are invited to show off their own creations from home, free build with the library's bricks, and even participate in themed building challenges. This program is open to ALL teens aged 12-18 (or grades 6-12). Teens with sensory processing difficulties or other special needs are encouraged to join us!

### Animanga Mania

#### Wednesday, May 25, 3:30-4:30 PM

Teens, join us for Animanga Mania Afternoons at Galesburg Public Library! We'll be watching an anime series and drawing manga-style. No registration required – just show up to watch, draw, and snack.

## Human Search Engine by Faith Burdick

**Question:** I've been scraping paint from an old porch, and I have started feeling bad and have a cough. It occurred to me that I might have lead poisoning from lead in the paint. What are the symptoms?

**Answer:** To answer this question, I checked one of my favorite books for medical questions, *The Merck Manual* (616/Mer). This source has an excellent and very succinct article listing the symptoms of lead poisoning for both adults and children and describing the treatment.

Symptoms include: headaches, loss of sensation, weakness, a metallic taste in the mouth, uncoordinated walking, abdominal cramps, bone or joint pain, anemia and, most startling, personality changes. Sometimes kidney damage can occur even without symptoms, which is quite frightening. In children symptoms include: crankiness, lethargy, persistent and forceful vomiting, confusion, sleepiness and, finally, seizures and coma. Some of these symptoms in children are caused by brain damage, which seldom develops in adults with lead poisoning.

A cough does not occur in either of the lists. The cough could simply be the result of breathing in the fine particles from the scraping, which wearing a medical face mask might alleviate. However, you have also mentioned feeling bad, so it cannot hurt to take a test for lead poisoning too. You have nothing to lose by doing so.

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## Hours

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

Monday, May 30: Closed for  
Memorial Day



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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.

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## Local History by Patty Mosher

### The Dandelion Army



One hundred years ago in May 1916, Knox College became overrun with bright yellow dandelion flowers—tens of thousands of them. The college did not want its open green spaces to be dominated by the weed, so they decided to take action, and Dandelion Day was born. The students were given the morning off and given knives and baskets to tackle the dandelion infestation. The students worked in groups to dig up the dandelions before the blooms turned to seeds that would spread and grow even more dandelions the next year. Dandelion Day was not just a day of work, as the students got to enjoy several al fresco breaks with sandwiches, candy, and lemonade furnished by Miss Clara Cater from Whiting Hall. Barrels of free apples were also provided by the college. At the end of the morning, the plucked dandelions were collected and doused with kerosene to form a huge bonfire by "Olaf," the general groundskeeper at the college.

Like Knox College, most of us probably consider the dandelion to be a weed and a nuisance. But surprisingly, dandelions are actually more than just a pesky weed—they are a great source of nutrition, including calcium, potassium, and vitamins A and C. According to the Smithsonian, the dandelion was a common salad green in Europe and was brought to America on the Mayflower to be used in salad, medicine, and dandelion root coffee. Local legend says that the plant was brought to Galesburg by one of the town pioneers, Olmstead Ferris, who valued the plant's nutritional power. So next time you see a dandelion in Galesburg, remember Ferris and appreciate the flower instead of plucking the weed.



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