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## VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Join us at the library to celebrate Veterans Day on Saturday, November 11 at 2:00 PM. Local resident Fred Visel, himself a Vietnam veteran, will speak about the Vietnam War. There will be free cake and buttons available while supplies last. There will also be a timeline on display where you can add your name or the names of family or friends who have served in the United States military forces.



## GINGERBREAD HOUSE REGISTRATION BEGINS

Mark your calendars! Gingerbread House Decoration at Galesburg Public Library will be held on Thursday, December 14 from 3:00-7:00 PM, and registration opens on November 11! We've got 100 gingerbread houses, all ready for decorating. We provide the candy – you provide the creativity. Reserve your gingerbread house in person in the Children's Room. The cost is \$5 per house.



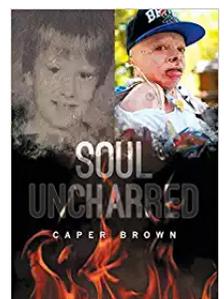
## GPL FOUNDATION NEWS

Andrea Vitale's coffee-table book *The Best of Galesburg* (\$45) and Carley Robison's *Postcards of Galesburg* (\$22) are available for purchase at the Check-Out Desk at the library. Both books are a beautiful tribute to Galesburg and will make lovely holiday gifts. Proceeds from the books benefit the GPL Foundation.

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 fall for \$15 (payable at time of pick up).

## AUTHOR SIGNING

On Tuesday, November 7, local author Caper Brown will be signing and selling copies of his memoir *Soul Uncharred* in the library lobby from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. From the Amazon synopsis: *Do you believe in fate? Do you believe in miracles? Have you ever experienced a tragedy that you thought would never happen in your normal life? Well, it did happen to two boys one day in April 1990. Soul Uncharred is about how those two boys ended up with scars that would never be healed and the results of a decision that would affect them for the rest of their lives.*



## THANKSGIVING HOURS

The Galesburg Public Library will close early – at 5:00 PM – on the day before Thanksgiving, November 22. The library will be closed on Thanksgiving day. On Friday, November 24, the library will be open from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.



# HUMAN SEARCH

## ENGINE



By: Faith Burdick

**Question:** Who is Alessandro Moreschi?

**Answer:** Moreschi is known as "the last of the castrati." The castrati were men who had been castrated before going through puberty in order to be able to sing in a woman's vocal range without reverting to a falsetto. This procedure forever froze the voice in the soprano range; at the same time, for some reason, it led to the development of an unusually large rib cage and, of course, lung capacity. As a result, some of them had very powerful voices with huge vocal ranges. The best of them became famous as singers during the 17th and 18th centuries, somewhat the equivalent of a rock star.

The practice had originated because females were not allowed in church choirs in Italy. The singers in these big cathedrals were usually monks, so the young castrati in the early days would have become monks. Italy at that time was in the midst of a severe economic crisis, and parents probably thought that they were guaranteeing a job for life for their child. By the 18th century, these young men would also have had the option of singing opera; if they became famous, they could even tour internationally.

It is shocking for us today to hear that this practice persisted later than one might have expected. Moreschi actually lived from 1858-1921! He was a member of the Sistine chapel choir between 1883 and 1913. Six recordings of him were even made in 1902-03. The recordings were not very good quality, and by this time Moreschi's voice had reportedly deteriorated a great deal, so we don't really know how he would have sounded in his prime. Needless to say, castration for musical purposes is no longer done; Pope Pius X banned it in 1903.

This information and more related to it is available in the huge, classic *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, located in the reference section at 780.3/New.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

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

## BYOB Book Club

**Mon. Nov. 6, 10:00 AM at the library**

Join a discussion of *The Grownup* by Gillian Flynn 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 by the parent). We will also choose a book to discuss in December.

## Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

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

**Tue. Nov. 14, 1:00 PM at the library**

What makes a stone a jewel? What makes a jewel priceless? And why do we covet beautiful things? In her book *Stoned*, jeweler Aja Raden tells a startling story about our unshakeable addiction to beauty and the darker side of human desire. The Tuesday discussion will be followed by the PBS program *Treasures of the Earth: Gems*.

## Food for Thought Book Club

**Thur. Nov. 16, 11:30 AM at En Season**

Join a discussion of *I Will Send Rain* by Rae Meadows. An Oklahoma family struggles to survive the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. You will order and pay for your own food.

## Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

**Fri. Nov. 17, 6:00 PM at Hardee's**

In Cornelia Funke's fantasy novel *The Thief Lord*, two runaway brothers fall in with a band of thieving orphans in Venice. You will purchase your own food.

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## Movie Club

**Thur. Nov. 16, 1:30 PM**

Free showing of *The Glass Castle*. Based on the best-selling memoir by Jeannette Walls, it chronicles the adventures of an eccentric and resilient family. (127 minutes, rated PG-13, ©Lionsgate)

**Tue. Nov. 21, TBA**

The library's movie group will meet to watch a movie at the AMC Showplace. The exact time & 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](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) to be added to the Movie Club's email distribution list.

## Veterans Day

**Sat. Nov. 11, 2:00 PM**

Fred Visel, himself a Vietnam veteran, will speak about the Vietnam War. There will be free cake and buttons while supplies last. Add your name or the names of family and friends who have served in the United States military to our timeline.

## Altered Books Workshop

**Tue. Nov. 14, 6:00 PM**

Free craft program for teens and adults. Turn an old book into art.

## Writer Support Group

**Mon. Nov. 6, 4:00 PM**

**Mon. Nov. 13, 4:00 PM**

**Mon. Nov. 20, 4:00 PM**

**Mon. Nov. 27, 4:00 PM**

Meet with other writers to hone your skills and receive constructive feedback. The group will meet four times in November because it is National Novel Writing Month. All writers welcome.

## Keep Calm and Color On

**Mon. Nov. 27, 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!

## Pinterest Club

**Thur. Nov. 30, 6:30-7:30 PM**

Make your own tomte ornament. A tomte is a festive gnome-like creature from Swedish folklore. Cost is \$2 per person. Please register at the Reference Desk. Open to all ages.

# CHILDREN'S EVENTS

## **Toddler Storytime**

**Wednesdays at 10:00 AM**

Interactive stories, songs, and movement for children ages 18-36 months and their caregivers.

## **Preschool Storytime**

**Wednesdays at 10:45 AM & Thursdays at 6:00 PM**

Books, crafts, songs, and movement for children ages 3-7.

## **Tots and Tunes**

**Thurs. November 2, 9, 16, and 30 at 10:00 AM**

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

## **Music Morning**

**Sat. November 4, 10:00 AM**

Free introductory music experience for children in PreK through 5th grade. This month will feature "The Trumpet" presented by David Washburn, Knox-Galesburg Symphony soloist.

## **Sensory Storytime**

**Sat. Nov. 4, 11:00 AM**

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

## **Family Story Night**

**Tues. Nov. 7, 6:00 PM**

Bring the whole family to enjoy stories, crafts, and activities. Fun for all ages, from babies to grownups!

## **Lego Night**

**Tues. Nov. 14, 4:30-5:30 PM**

Come build with Legos!

## **Kids' Book Club**

**Thurs. Nov. 16, 4:00 PM**

Fun monthly book club for independent readers in grades 3-5. Ask in the Children's Room for this month's book.

## **Disney Pajama Playgroup**

**Mon., Nov. 20, 6:00 PM**

Wear your PJs to the library and enjoy Disney stories, crafts, and shadow puppet fun. Free and open to kids ages 5 and up. Signup is required.

## **STEM Club**

**Tues. Nov. 28, 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, and children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

# LOCAL HISTORY

BY PATTY MOSHER

Beginning in 1952, a business began that would become one of the longest owned liquor stores in Galesburg. Owned by Louis Zeldes, Louie's Liquors, Inc. would remain in the same location at the southeast corner of East Main and South Chambers Street for the next 25 years. Louis came to America from Russia in 1916 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy soon after becoming an American citizen. He served in World War I, where he was trained in Russia as a tailor. After the war, he bought Bell Clothing Store on S. Seminary Street, but when prohibition was repealed, Louis decided to leave the clothing trade.

Business during the Great Depression was bad, and his wife once said that no one had the money for new clothing, but many still wanted a drink. Apparently Mrs. Zeldes was uncertain about the business at first, feeling that maybe it wasn't genteel enough. But Louis told her that it was an honest way to earn a living and eventually he was able to put both of his children through Yale Law School. Louis began by working at the Hollywood Grill in 1934. Later it became the Sportsman's Club, and through different owners through the years is now the Seminary Street Pub. In 1940 he opened his own package liquor store, Louie's, with a small bar in the back. The building location is now the home of Chez Willy's. During World War II, many soldiers switching trains here heard that Louie's was an honest place and would rush in for a bottle or two. He also got a lot of business from the Army's Mayo General Hospital north of town. And even Louie's son did his share for the war effort by setting up a table in front selling war bonds.

Louis was very active in the local community, believing in giving back to the town he called home. He was a member of the American Legion and received a citation from President Kennedy for 30 years of service as a relief officer for the Legion. He also worked for the Democratic Party of Knox County and was one of the founding members of Temple Shalom. He was an officer for the Jewish Relief Organization for many years. The package liquor store with the small bar was remembered by many loyal customers as a friendly and congenial business that had a respected atmosphere. Regular patrons, many of whom were Louie's friends, would stop in after work each night to have a beer and talk awhile. Louis passed away in 1980, and his daughter said that he thoroughly enjoyed his life and cared about Galesburg and its people.

## **Friends of the Library News**

The Friends of the Library will have a meeting on Wednesday, November 29 at 5:30 pm at the Galesburg Public Library. All current members and anyone interested in becoming a member are invited to attend. There will be a discussion of the October book sale and the election of new officers for the board of the Friends of the Library. Hope to see you there!

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## HOURS

### Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

### Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** Closed

**Nov. 22:** Closing Early at 5:00 PM

**Nov. 23:** Closed

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## 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

### Try Not to Laugh Challenge

**Monday, Nov. 6, 6:30-7:30 PM**

Test your ability to hold in laughter during a series of competitions. Try and keep a straight face while watching funny YouTube videos, and then face off in a joke-telling contest by trying to make your opponent laugh. Don't worry, we'll have jokes ready if you need them! We'll also have snacks and prizes! Open to ages 10-14, or students in grades 5-8.



### High School Action Committee

**Tues. Nov. 7, 6:00-6:45 PM**

Do you want to get more involved in the library and the community? Join HAC, a service and leadership opportunity just for high school students. We'll plan and implement library events, volunteer efforts, media outreach, and more! You can pick up a member application from the Reference Desk, or just come to a meeting to see what it's all about. Also, we have snacks!

### Teen Advisory Board

**Tues. Nov. 7, 7:00-7:45 PM**

Join the Library's Teen Advisory Board, an open forum for YOU to voice opinions about the library, brainstorm program ideas, help select books, and more. Come join us for food and fun on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Open to teens in grades 6-12.

### Chapter Chompers Teen Lit Book Club

**Thurs. Nov. 16, 4:00-5:00 PM**

Join us on the third Thursday of every month to discuss a YA book and pig out on snacks! This month's book is *The Testing* by Joelle Charbonneau. Open to readers ages 12 and up.

### Mock the Movie: The Emoji Movie

**Saturday, Nov. 18, 2:00-3:30 PM**

2017, PG. Join us in relentlessly mocking this film about Gene, a malfunctioning emoji who goes on a quest to "fix" himself to be like other emojis. Accompanying the film will be a roll of your mocking text messages, put on display for all to see! Starring: T.J. Miller, James Corden, and your snarky comments. Open to teens in grades 6-12. No sign-up required.