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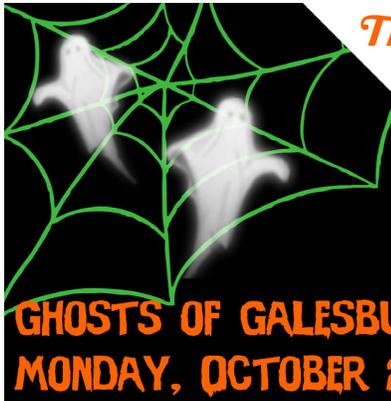
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GHOSTS OF GALESBURG

Join the Galesburg Public Library and the Galesburg Historical Society on Monday, October 24 at 6:30 PM for the Ghosts of Galesburg. Take a walk or a tram ride downtown to visit historic locations and hear actors tell the stories of people from Galesburg's past. Seats on the tram are limited, and tram registration is required. Registration starts October 1.

Please register at the Reference Desk, by calling 309-343-6118, or by emailing reference@galesburglibrary.org. We ask that anyone who can walk please walk instead of taking the tram so that those who can't walk still have an opportunity to attend the program. The tour will leave the library promptly at 6:30 PM.



The Friends of the Library Book Sale

October 21, 22, and 24



**GHOSTS OF GALESBURG
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 6:30 PM**

BREAKFAST CLUB

Join our new discussion group and brunch while you discuss best-selling books. For our first meeting in October, we will be discussing *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman. In the spirit of Halloween, let's dive into Gaiman's best-selling book, which is part horror, part fantasy, and completely mesmerizing. This book is less than 200 pages, so pick it up for a quick, magical read, and join us at the discussion on **Saturday, October 29 at 10:00 AM** at Perkins Restaurant (1850 North Henderson Street).

Copies of the book are available on the Hold Shelf. This discussion group is free to join and everyone is welcome to participate. Brunch is pay-your-own-way.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Galesburg Public Library will have their Fall Book Sale this month. The dates of the sale are Friday, Saturday, and Monday, October 21, 22, and 24. Friday will be the Preview Day for Friends' members, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. On Saturday the sale will run from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and the \$3 bag day will be on Monday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. October 5 is the last day for donating books for this sale; the library will resume accepting donations on November 1.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the sale as well as work during sale hours. Most importantly, we will need volunteers on Monday to pack books in order to clear the Sanderson Room for library use. Please check the Friends' bulletin board next to the elevator and the work room for signup sheets. The volunteer hours will also be posted to the Friends Facebook page. Anyone interested in assisting may contact Mark Stegall at 368-9740.

HUMAN SEARCH

ENGINE



Question: What happened to the monkeys who went into space?

Answer: Monkeys weren't the only animals sent into space by the U.S. and the Soviets. Mice, rats, and many, dogs were also unsung and involuntary heroes.

The first animal was a rhesus monkey named Albert. He and all but three of the 11 following monkeys died. Patricia and Mike were two of these; they became residents of the Washington, D.C. zoo.

Another survivor was Sam. He was recovered safely after his 1959 flight was aborted; in 1960, his mate Miss Sam also flew and came back safe. The two were reunited at their training colony and lived another 22 years.

In 1961, the first chimp went into space. Ham was the trial run for Alan Shepard's flight. Even though there were technical problems and Ham flew faster and higher than planned, splashing down 60 miles from the recovery ship, he did well and survived with no ill effects. Ham also ended up at the zoo, where he lived until 1983! When he died, the Army kept his skeleton to study, but the rest of Ham received a proper burial in front of the International Space Hall of Fame in New Mexico. Another chimp, Enos, orbited Earth in a test run for John Glenn. Enos also survived the flight.

The final monkey in space was Bonnie, who was meant to spend 30 days aloft. Sadly, Bonnie's health deteriorated so badly that he was brought back after only 9 days. Eight hours after his return, he died of a heart attack.

We owe these animals real gratitude; if all of these flights had used humans, there would have been many deaths.

There are very few books on this subject, and most of these are for children. Much of the information was found on the NASA website; there is also information to be found on various Wikipedia articles, but its accuracy was not verified elsewhere.

ADULT PROGRAMS

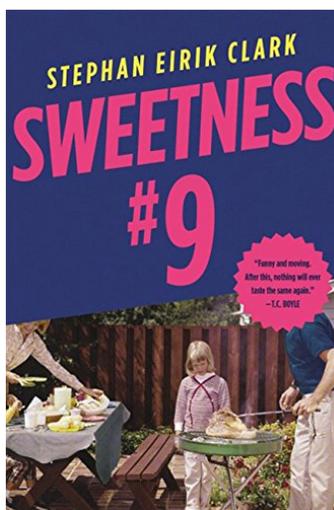
Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

- Tuesday, October 11, 1:00 PM

- Thursday, October 13, 6:30 PM

March 18, 1925. The day begins as any other rainy, spring day in the small settlement of Marah, Illinois. But the town lies directly in the path of the worst tornado in US history, which will descend without warning midday and leave the community in ruins. Based on the historic Tri-State tornado, Kate Southwood's novel *Falling to Earth* follows a man and his young family in the year after the storm.

The Tuesday discussion will be followed by a showing of the History Channel's *Tornado Alley*, which includes coverage of the 1925 Tri-State Tornado.



Food for Thought Book Discussion Thurs., Oct. 27, 11:30 AM at En Season

Stephan Eirik Clark's novel *Sweetness #9*, about America's most popular (and fictional) sweetener, takes a satirical look at food wars and American culture. Funny and imaginative, it questions whether what we eat truly makes us who we are. You will order and pay for your own lunch.

Tome Raiders Book Club

Fri., Oct. 28, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

In *Spellwright* by Blake Charlton, magic is cast by writing out spells. Young Nicodemus is a gifted wizard with a problem – he is dyslexic, and his misspells could prove dangerous, even deadly. The third book in this fantasy series came out in August.

Movie Club

Tuesday, October 18, 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, Oct. 17, 2:00-3:30 PM

Monday, Oct. 17, 6:00-7:30 PM

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!

Apple Tasting

Thursday, October 27, 6:30 PM

Come hear about Roseville's Camp's Orchard, which grows 22 varieties of apples, and taste apples tart to sweet. Apples from the orchard will be available for purchase. The tasting is free. Please register at the Reference Desk.

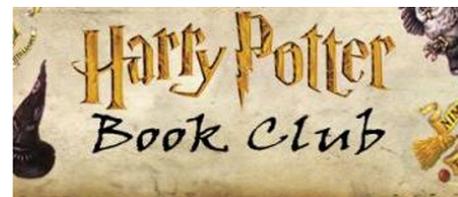
Harry Potter Book Discussions

- 10/6, 6:30 PM: **Order of the Phoenix**

- 10/25, 6:30 PM: **Half-Blood Prince**

- 11/14, 6:30 PM: **Deathly Hallows**

In anticipation of the movie release of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* on November 18, we are discussing all seven books in the Harry Potter series. Discussions started in August and will end in November. All ages of Harry Potter fans are welcome! Don't worry if you missed the previous discussions. Come join us anyway.



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Sensory Saturday

Saturday, October 1

Join us for a sensory-friendly storytime at 11:00 AM and/or a sensory-friendly movie at 2:00 PM. For ages 3-7. Sensory Saturday can be enjoyed by all children but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges.

Curious George 75th Birthday Party

Monday, October 10, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Curious George is celebrating 75 years! Help us celebrate at the library. Drop in to wish Curious George "Happy Birthday!" The man in the yellow hat will be available for pictures. Bring a t-shirt and we will have iron-on transfers available to make a Curious George t-shirt.



Lego Night

Tuesday, October 11, 4:30-5:30 PM

We provide the Legos and you provide the creativity!

Music Morning

Saturday, October 15, 10:00 AM

Join Jill Marasa, music director at Costa Catholic Academy and KGS musician, for an "Introduction to the Orchestra." For children Pre-K through 5th Grade.

Halloween Party

Monday, October 31, 4:00-6:00 PM

Children are invited to come for Halloween-themed food before Trick or Treating. There will be face painting and Halloween games too.



Fall Storytimes

3-7 year old storytimes will be held on Tuesdays at 10 AM, Wednesdays at 10:45 AM, and Thursdays at 6:00 PM; toddler storytimes will be Wednesdays at 10:00 AM.

Tots and Tunes

On Thursdays at 10:00 AM, come for music and fun. For children ages 0-5 who are accompanied by an adult.

LOCAL HISTORY

BY PATTY MOSHER

In early 1902, an ancient disease that has plagued mankind for at least 3,000 years broke out in two Galesburg homes. It is not known how the smallpox virus came to our town.

Dr. F. C. Hall, a physician and the city health commissioner, ordered a strict quarantine to be set up in both homes. In fact, one of the husbands who worked on the railroad came home from a run and found the quarantine sign on the door. He was denied entrance to his house and was ordered to be vaccinated. The police allowed him to sleep in an empty cell.

Before going into either of the houses, the attending physician would remove all of his clothing and put on a rubber coat and other protective garments. Before the spring and summer of that year, the virus had spread to every community in Knox County and other counties as well. The fatalities were few, but the disease left terrible scarring.

Everyone in the county was encouraged to get vaccinated, but there seemed to be a form of apathy among the public. The state board of health was called in and ordered all Galesburg and county students to be vaccinated, but some parents objected to the mandatory shots and removed their children from school.

Five cases were reported in Abingdon, and many public gatherings were cancelled. Churches and schools were closed as well. The exact total of cases was not reported, but it was believed that more than 100 homes were quarantined. Thankfully, as the summer of 1902 passed, the numbers began to fall.

Through the tireless world-wide work of doctors and health workers sometimes going from house to house in third world countries, this disease that killed 30% of its victims was eradicated in 1977 with the last victim reported in Somalia. By the 1980s the virus was reported as no longer naturally occurring in the world, but if you were born before then you probably have that tell-tale mark on your upper arm from receiving a vaccination against the disease that was still ravaging Europe into the late 1950s.

The Galesburg Public Library Foundation is selling Foundation t-shirts for \$15 each. Email foundation@galesburglibrary.org to order yours, and we will meet you at the library to deliver your t-shirt to you. Available in Youth M, L, and XL and Adult S, M, L, XL. Support the Foundation and help us get our message out!

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HOURS

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

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TEEN NEWS

Teens Who Code: A Hands-On Intro to Scratch**Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6:00-7:30 PM**

Teens aged 12-18 (or in grades 6-12): join us upstairs at Galesburg Public Library for a hands-on coding workshop using Scratch, a free web-based programming language. Knox College computer science students will introduce you to Scratch basics, help you set up an account, and get you started on a basic project. Space is limited and registration is required.

Escape the Library!**Saturday, Oct. 15, 1:00-4:00 PM**

Just picture it... you thought you were just dropping by to check out a couple of books, but somehow you and your friends wound up locked in a windowless room upstairs in the library. You have 15 minutes to solve the puzzles, find the clues, and escape... before it's too late. Will you make it out in time? Teams of two or more teens will compete to see who can make it out the fastest. Open to teens aged 12-18 (or in grades 6-12). Please sign up for a time slot.

Chapter Chompers Teen Lit Book Club**Tuesday, October 18, 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.

High School Action Committee**Thursday, October 20, 6:00-6:45 PM**

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. Snacks provided.

Teen Advisory Board**Thursday, October 20, 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. New members always welcome!