



CALENDAR

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CHANGES AT GPL

There have been some personnel changes at Galesburg Public Library. Karen Marple has retired, and Melinda Jones-Rhoades has taken her place as the Children's Room Supervisor. John Discroll has replaced Melinda as the Young Adult Librarian. John hails from the Chicago area where he previously worked at Schaumburg and Carol Stream Public Libraries. John likes to read sci-fi/fantasy, historical fiction, YA literature, and graphic novels. He also enjoys video games, board games, and movies. Stop by the Reference Desk to meet John and welcome him to the library and Galesburg community.

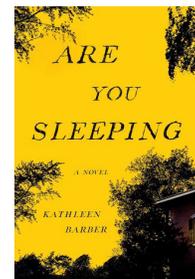
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Off the Shelf

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AUTHOR KATHLEEN BARBER

On Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 PM, Galesburg native Kathleen Barber will be at the library to discuss, sell, and sign copies of her new thriller *Are You Sleeping* upstairs at the library. The book is about a mega-hit podcast that reopens a long-closed murder case—and threatens to unravel the carefully constructed life of the victim's daughter. The fictional town in the book is based on Galesburg.



LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and the Galesburg Public Library is celebrating our patrons in a number of ways starting September 5.

- Show your Galesburg Public Library card to a library staff member at the Check-Out Desk, in the Children's Room, or at the Reference Desk to be entered to win one of three gift baskets. View the baskets in the curio cabinet near the water fountain. Winners will be randomly chosen on October 2.
- All overdue fines on Galesburg Public Library items owed by Galesburg residents will be waived, so if overdue fines are keeping you from using the library, come on in!
- If you are a Galesburg resident and you don't already have a library card, you can register to win by signing up for a library card at the Check-Out Desk. You'll need a valid photo ID and proof of Galesburg residence.
- If you've lost your valid Galesburg Public Library card, you can receive a replacement for free at the Check-Out Desk.
- If you have Galesburg Public Library items that are greatly overdue, return them at the Check-Out Desk and your overdue fines will be removed.
- A new three-day grace period for overdue items starts September 5.

FREE MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

Thur. Sept. 21, 1:30 PM

Free showing of *The Big Sick*, a romantic comedy in which a Pakistani-American man falls for a white woman. Together they overcome illness and cultural differences. (119 min., rated R for language, ©Lions Gate).

Wed. Sept. 27, 5:30 PM

Free showing of *Wonder Woman*, one of the biggest movie hits of 2017. (141 min., rated PG-13, ©Warner Brothers).

HUMAN SEARCH

ENGINE

Question: Do ants sleep?

Answer: Apparently they do, according to various sites on the internet. I found different amounts of times that ants sleep depending on the species of ant, but they all do sleep in short bursts of about 6-8 minutes. However, worker ants get much less sleep than the queens. A worker ant may sleep a total of only 12 minutes in a 24-hour period, while the queens of some species have been observed to sleep as much as 9 hours! Some scientists think that this is why workers only live between 2 days and 2 weeks, while the queen may live from 5 to more than 20 years in protected circumstances. This worker sleep schedule means that there are always workers awake to take care of any emergency that may arise.

Scientists have also observed antenna movement in sleeping ants that might be similar to the rapid eye movement during our sleep cycle. There is speculation that ants may even dream!

Although I was unable to find sleep information in any of our books on ants, I did find all sorts of other facts, some rather startling. For example, did you know that some species employ strategies worthy of a Napoleonic general in their ant wars? The researchers observed these in great detail, as well as hunting tactics, migration processes from one nest to another, and building and harvesting techniques of different species. I was surprised to learn that one species builds its nest in trees made of leaves woven together. In another species, the workers actually form huge chains to build a living shelter from their own bodies! For a plethora of fascinating facts about ants, check out the library books located at 595.796.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

Tue. Sept. 12, 1:00 PM

Thur. Sept. 14, 6:00 PM

Galesburg native Kathleen Barber's new thriller *Are You Sleeping* is the talk of the town. We will discuss *Are You Sleeping* in September and are fortunate to be hosting the author at the library after the Thursday discussion. Please note that the Thursday discussion will start at 6:00 PM this month.

Food for Thought Book Club

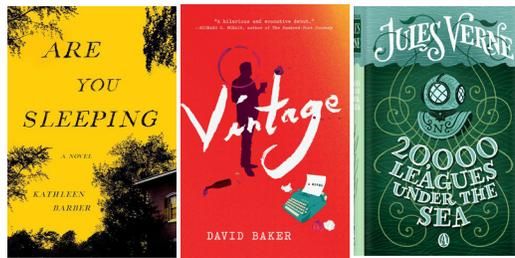
Thur. Sept. 21, 11:30 AM at En Season

Join a discussion of David Baker's humorous foodie novel *Vintage*, about a desperate search for a bottle of wine stolen during World War II. You will order and pay for your own food.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Fri. Sept. 29, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

Discussion of one of the great adventure classics of all time – *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne. You will purchase your own food.



Movie Club

Tue. Sept. 19, TBA

The library's movie discussion group will meet to watch a new movie at the AMC Showplace. 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. Email reference@galesburglibrary.org to be added to the Movie Club's email distribution list.

Energy Program

Tue. Sept. 5, 10:00 AM

Free informative program by Ameren Illinois covering energy saving tips, storm preparation, and information about how Ameren Illinois crews respond to outages.



Writer Support Group

Mon. Sept. 11, 4:00 PM

Are you a writer? Join Lizzie's Writers Group, our monthly writer support group. Meet with other writers to hone your skills and give and receive constructive feedback. All writers welcome.

Keep Calm and Color On

Mon. Sept. 25, 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!

Star Trek Discovery

Mon. Sept. 25, 6:30 PM

Come discuss the September 24 premiere of the new Star Trek show on CBS. New and long-standing Star Trek fans alike are welcome. Whether you loved it or hated it, let's talk about it! For adults and teens.

Altered Books

Tue. Sept. 26, 6:00-7:45 PM

Free altered book workshop for teens and adults focusing on folded book art.

Pinterest Club

Tue. Sept. 28, 6:30-7:30 PM

Make an out-of-this-world galaxy jar. All supplies will be provided. Open to all ages. \$1 per person. Registration is required at the Reference Desk prior to the event.



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Regular weekly storytimes for toddlers and preschoolers will begin again in October. Until then, take a look at all that's happening in the Children's Room!

Sensory Storytime

Sat. Sept. 2, 11:00 AM

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

Family Story Night

Tues. Sept. 5, 6:00 PM

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

Tots and Tunes

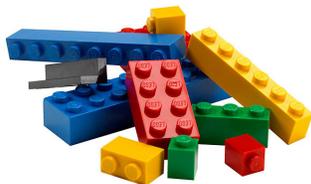
Thurs. Sept. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:00 AM

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

Lego Night

Tues. Sept. 12, 4:30-5:30 PM

Come build with Legos!



Troll Salon

Mon. Sept. 18, 6:00 PM

Make an appointment with your own "personal stylist" and create a fancy troll updo. Open to all ages; registration required in the Children's Room.



Kids' Book Club

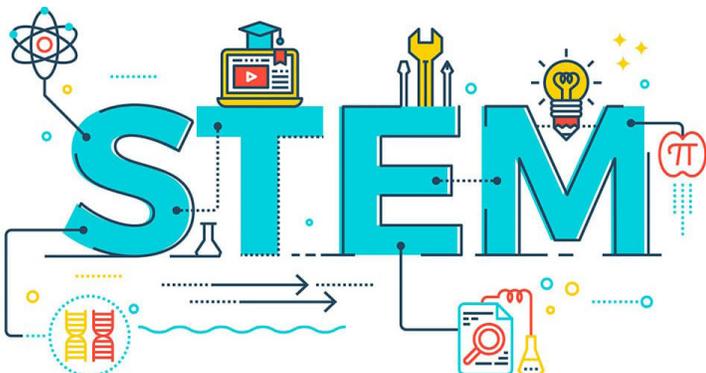
Thurs. Sept. 21, 4:00 PM

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

STEM Club

Tues. Sept. 26, 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 the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



LOCAL HISTORY

BY PATTY MOSHER

Mall Memories-Eating High on the Hog

At the Sandburg Mall 40 years ago, on the weekend of September 6-7, 1977, Knox County Pork Producers and Porkettes were grilling some of the leanest cuts from 60 butchered hogs, which meant one thing: pork chop sandwiches. The grills placed end to end measured out to a total of 36 feet and were placed out on the mall parking lot for weekend pork fest. They needed 1,500 pounds of charcoal, but that wasn't all. Underneath each of the grills on the parking lot were asbestos pads (who knew?) and six inches of sand on top of them to catch grease spills and splatters. The price of a sandwich and a drink was \$1.00, but don't get excited by that seemingly low price; that would be about \$4.00 today. During those two days, twenty men were needed to grill the 4,000 pork chops that were stored in two refrigerated trucks. Also needed were ten men to carry those chops from the refrigerated trucks over to the sizzling grills. One poor man was needed to stoke the fires and keep them hot, but hopefully they were taking turns with that job.

The purpose of grilling all of that meat was, of course, to promote pork, but there were added attractions that weekend. Carol Moffitt showed how to cook a pork roast in one of the newly affordable microwave ovens. There were meat cutting demonstrations, meat raffles, and a pig skin "craft" demonstration showing how to make purses, jackets, etc. out of tanned pig leather. Also, the 1977 Pork Queen, Miss Betsy Holt, made her first appearance there after being chosen as queen at the Pork Pageant at the Sheraton Motor Inn the previous Monday night. One other item that was available for tasting was a pork cake. Having basically the same ingredients as an old-fashioned fruitcake, it called for 1 pound of finely chopped salted pork fat, 2 cups of brown sugar, 1 cup of molasses, 3 eggs, 5 cups of flour, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, raisins, dates and citron. The mixture was then poured into a well-greased 10-inch-tube shaped pan and baked for 4 hours in a 250 degree oven. If you would like to have the recipe, it is widely available on the internet.

GPL Foundation News

The Galesburg Public Library 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. Email foundation@galesburglibrary.org to reserve a copy of the calendar, which will be available later this fall. The price for the calendars is \$15.00 each, and the amount is payable when you pick up your calendar.

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HOURS

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Labor Day (Sept. 4): Closed



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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

Tues. Sept. 5, 6:00-6:45 PM

HAC is on Tuesdays now... at least for the moment. Do you want to get more involved in the library and the community? Join the library's High School Action Committee (HAC), a service and leadership opportunity just for high school students. As part of HAC, you'll plan and implement library events, volunteer efforts, media outreach, and more! 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. Sept. 5, 7:00-7:45 PM

Calling all teens! TAB is on Tuesdays now... at least for the moment. Join the library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB), 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. Open to teens aged 12-18 (or 6th-12th grade). New members always welcome!

Board Game Club

Wed. Sept. 13, 4:00-5:00 PM

Come to the library's board game club to battle giant monsters over the Tokyo skyline, loot priceless artifacts from an island sinking into the sea, or blast wizards in a duel to the death with over-the-top crazy spells! Open to teens aged 12-18 (or entering grade 6 and up). Call 343-6118 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.

Chapter Chompers Teen Lit Book Club

Thurs. Sept. 21, 4:00-5:00 PM

Calling all teen readers: Chapter Chompers is back! Each month we'll discuss a YA book and pig out on snacks. This month, rather than having a specific book, we'll talk about our favorite reads over the summer, as well as picking our book for next time. Open to readers of YA books, aged 12 and up.

***Please see the Adult Programs section for other fun activities that are also open to teens.*