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THE BIG WRITE

The library is accepting entries for The Big Write, the library's annual creative writing contest. Short stories, poetry, and song lyrics are being accepted from adults and those in high school, middle school, and 3rd through 5th grade. Cash prizes of \$10-\$25 will be awarded to up to three winners in each age group and category. Submissions do not have to be written exclusively for The Big Write, and writers who live outside Galesburg and the Knox County area are welcome to submit entries. Submission guidelines and complete details can be found at www.galesburglibrary.org under the Events & Programs tab and at the Galesburg Public Library's Reference Desk.

The submission deadline is midnight on Monday, March 5. Materials may be emailed to bigwrite@galesburglibrary.org, dropped off in person at the library, or mailed to Writing Contest, Galesburg Public Library, 40 E. Simmons St., Galesburg, IL 61401. Electronic submissions are preferred. Contest winners only will be notified in April, and a list of winners will be available at the library. A reception for winners, entrants, friends, family, and the community will be held on Saturday, April 21, at 2:00 PM at the library. Refreshments will be served and the winners will have the opportunity to read their entries.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Galesburg Public Library, The Big Write is part of Galesburg Public Library's NEA Big Read of *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengestu. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. Big Read activities will take place in April 2018. For more information about The Big Write or the NEA Big Read, call 309-343-6118 or email reference@galesburglibrary.org.

I-CASH PROGRAM

The Illinois State Treasurer's Office connects people with their cash and other assets through the I-Cash program. You will be able to speak with a representative from the office of the Illinois State Treasurer on Thursday, March 15 at the library from 5:00-6:30 PM. There will be a presentation at 6:30 PM. Visit icash.illinois.gov for more information about the I-Cash program.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library has changed its meeting schedule to meet every two months, and the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21 at 5:30 PM at the library. We will discuss revising our current bylaws, which were last reviewed and changed in 2012. We hope to make them more accurately reflect our organization's mission and goals. We seek suggestions from every member and would ask you to look over the by-laws at www.galesburglibrary.org. Suggestions will be discussed at the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please consider emailing your suggestions to dianelouisedooley@gmail.com. We aim to make the Friends a more efficient and vibrant organization.



Best Books for the Train - Novels Under 200 Pages

Recommended by: Luke (Reference)

- ***The Awakening***
by Kate Chopin
- ***Down and Out in the Magic Kingdom***
by Cory Doctorow
- ***Fever Dream***
by Samanta Schweblin
- ***Our Souls at Night***
by Kent Haruf
- ***The Sense of an Ending***
by Julian Barnes

HUMAN SEARCH ENGINE

By: Faith Burdick

Question: What is misophonia?

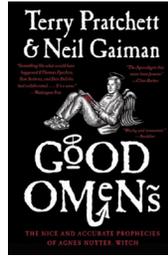
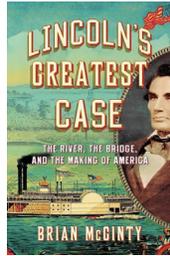
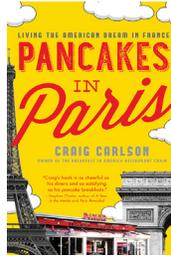
Answer: Misophonia is not very well known and has been very little studied. It is also known as selective sound sensitivity syndrome. People who have this condition may feel anxiety, dislike, or even unreasonable rage at the sound of an ordinary noise that most people wouldn't even notice, such as chewing or breathing. The specific noise triggers the "fight or flight" response in the sufferer.

In a recent British study, MRI results showed that people with misophonia have more myelin than other people. Myelin is the fatty substance that insulates our nerves. It is unknown why these people have more myelin and how it affects their condition.

There are some clinics in the U.S. that treat this condition, usually with white noise and cognitive behavioral therapy. If you or someone you know has this condition, you might go online to the Misophonia Association website (<https://misophonia-association.org>). You'll find information about it and links to some clinics.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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



BYOB Book Club

Mon. Mar. 5, 10:00 AM at the library

Join a discussion of *Pancakes in Paris* by Craig Carlson. 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).

Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

Thur. Mar. 8, 6:30 PM at Jimmy John's

Tue. Mar. 13, 1:00 PM at the library

In 1856, the steamboat Effie Afton barreled into a pillar of the Rock Island Bridge, changing the course of American transportation history. Dramatically reenacting the Effie Afton case—complete with a young Abraham Lincoln's soaring oratory—*Lincoln's Greatest Case* by Brian McGinty tells us how a sensational trial propelled a self-taught lawyer and a future president into the national spotlight. Celebrate the Illinois Bicentennial by reading a book about Illinois history.

Food for Thought Book Club

Thur. Mar. 29, 11:30 PM at Buenos Aires Bakery Cafe

We'll start off the year with a classic book of literary nonsense that includes a tea party and items labelled Eat Me and Drink Me – *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll. Since En Season has closed, we'll meet at Buenos Aires Bakery Cafe (1488 N. Henderson Street).

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Fri. Mar. 30, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

Discussion of *Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett, about a fussy angel and a fast-living demon who are not looking forward to the coming Rapture. You will order and purchase your own food.

Writer Support Group

Mon. Mar. 12, 4:00 PM

Are you a writer? Meet with other writers to hone your skills and give and receive constructive feedback. All writers welcome.

Free Movie

Wed. Mar. 14, 1:30 PM

Free showing of *The Darkest Hour*, starring Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill. (125 min. rated PG-13, ©Focus Features)

Movie Club

Tue. Mar. 20, 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. Send an email to reference@galesburglibrary.org to be added to the Movie Club's email distribution list.

Keep Calm and Color On

Mon. Mar. 19, 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. Mar. 29, 6:30-7:30 PM

Make an adorable hummingbird ornament out of a peanut! Cost is \$1 per person. All supplies will be provided. Please register and pay at the Reference Desk. Open to all ages, but younger children may need adult assistance.



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Storytimes:

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Interactive stories, songs, and movement for children ages 18-36 months with an adult.

Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:45 AM

& Thursdays at 6:00 PM

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

Other March Events:

Tots and Tunes

Thurs. Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 10:00 AM

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

Sensory Storytime

Sat. Mar. 3, 11:00 AM

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

Family Story Night

Tues. Mar. 6, 6:00 PM

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

Lego Night

Tues. Mar. 13, 4:30-5:30 PM

Come build with Legos!

Kids' Book Club

Thurs. Mar. 15, 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. Mar. 27, 10:00 AM & 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

Intoxicating shenanigans around Galesburg

While looking through old Galesburg Post newspapers from 1930 on microfilm, I was amazed at how many speakeasies were being raided by the police all over Galesburg. Apparently, some of Galesburg's citizens had a powerful thirst and would go just about anywhere to get a drink. As need is the mother of invention, some enterprising businessmen were out to help quench Galesburg's thirst.

One place that came into existence was Shorty's Place located north of town on what used to be called North Henderson Road (now Henderson Street). At that time everything north of Losey Street was corn fields and small wooded areas. So it was to this place that Ivan "Shorty" Dobson went looking for a covert location off of the road where he could set up shop for "the sporting gentry." Once found and ready for business, you had to go through a heavily wooded area and then through an actual barricade to enter. It is not known what kind of liquor was being served or if it had been brought in or was homemade hooch. Every Saturday night there would be a long line of cars heading out to Shorty's place. Not only was there liquid refreshment to be found there, Shorty had invested in slot machines to add some fun to the place and to make himself a tidy profit as well.

But all of these comings and goings must have attracted attention or word leaked out because on June 28, 1930, Knox County officers showed up. They took Shorty into custody along with his handyman/understudy. All the liquor and slot machines were confiscated, and both men were taken down to the jail. They were both arraigned the following Monday, and since this was their first offence, they were both fined and let go. It is not known what happened to the impounded kegs of beer and bottles of liquor that were taken away by the police. Did they pour them down the drain or have a toast to their success? And what about the money in those slot machines? We can only guess.

New Outdoor Book Drop

Have you noticed our new outdoor book drop yet? We now have one unit that holds audiovisual and print materials. Thank you to the Galesburg Public Library Board for the purchase of the new book drop.

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HOURS

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Closed: Wednesday, March 7

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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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TEEN NEWS

Teen Advisory Board

Thurs. Mar. 1, 6:00-6:45 PM

Join the Library's Teen Advisory Board, an open forum to make YOUR voice heard about the library! You can suggest and vote on program ideas, pitch new ideas to improve the Teen Scene, and give the library recommendations for new YA books to purchase. Open to teens aged 12-18 (or grades 6-12). New members always welcome.

Anime Club

Wed. Mar. 28, 4:00-5:00 PM

Looking for a place to share your love of anime and manga? Come to our anime club! Binge-watch new and classic anime, talk about your favorites, and argue the merits of subtitles versus English dubs. We will have Japanese snacks and other anime-related activities as well, so tell all your fellow otaku! Open to teens aged 12-18 (or grades 6-12).

After School Craft: Pokémon Terrariums

Wed. Mar. 14 @ Lombard

Thurs. Mar. 15 @ Churchill

Join us right after school to craft your own scene of a Pokémon in its natural habitat or engaged in battle, all inside a small glass jar! Registration is required, so head to your school library to sign up!



Slime Factory

Tues. Mar. 27, 6:00-7:00 PM

Love the feeling of slime oozing between your fingers or seeing how far you can stretch it? Come make slime with us at the library! Open to teens aged 12-18 (or grades 6-12). Registration is required; call 343-6118 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.