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## COMICFEST VENDORS AND HOSTS NEEDED!

On May 5 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the Galesburg Public Library will host a Comicfest. If you are an artist, author, craftsperson, gamer, or similar and might be interested in having a booth or hosting an event at our Comicfest, please contact library Reference staff at 309-343-6118 or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org). There is no cost to have a table at Comicfest, but space is limited.

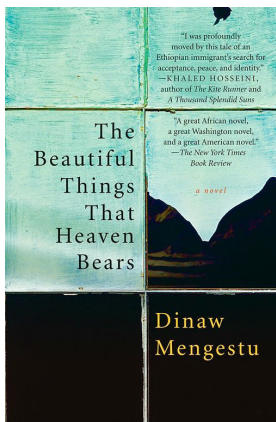
## BIG READ KICK-OFF EVENT

Kick off the NEA Big Read at the Orpheum Theater on Saturday, April 7 with a free performance by Ayodele Drum and Dance of Chicago. Doors open at 1:30 PM and admission is free for all. Free copies of *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengestu will be distributed while supplies last. This event is made possible through generous donations from a patron and the Friends of Galesburg Public Library.



## SKYPE EVENT WITH BIG READ AUTHOR DINAW MENGESTU

Dinaw Mengestu, the author of *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears*, will visit with Galesburg Public Library via Skype on Monday, April 30 at 6:30 PM. He will talk about his novel and answer questions from those in attendance. Ethiopian coffee (from Innkeeper's Coffee), snacks, and bread (from Buenos Aires Bakery Café) will be provided. Free and all are welcome. Please register at the Reference Desk. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Galesburg Public Library.



# THE NEA BIG READ EVENTS

## **B.Y.O.B. Book Club**

**Monday, April 2, 10:00 AM, Galesburg Public Library**

Join our new adult book club to read and discuss *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengestu. Those attending the discussion can ask for an advance copy of the book. The discussion will be led by retired Carl Sandburg College professor Norm Burdick.

## **NEA Big Read Kick-Off Event**

**Saturday, April 7, 2:00 PM, The Orpheum Theatre**

Kick off the NEA Big Read with a free performance by Ayodele Drum and Dance of Chicago. Doors open at 1:30 PM and admission is free for all. Free copies of *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* will be distributed while supplies last. This event is made possible through generous donations from a patron and the Friends of Galesburg Public Library.

## **Drum Circle for Kids**

**Monday, April 9, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library**

Celebrate the spirit of community with music! Join Justin Mooney of Moon Dog Drum House for a drum circle. Open to children and families. Free!

## **Book Discussion**

**Tuesday, April 10, 1:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library**

Join us for a discussion of *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengestu. Those attending the discussion can request a copy of the book at the Reference Desk.

## **Free Documentary**

**Tuesday, April 10 at 2:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library**

Free viewing of *God Grew Tired of Us*, which explores the true stories of African refugees in America (rated PG, 90 min., © National Geographic Films).

## **Immigration Panel**

**Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library**

Listen to immigrants and those who work with immigrants speak about the immigration experience.

## **Book Discussion**

**Thursday, April 12, 6:30 PM, Jimmy John's**

Join us for a discussion of *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengestu. Those attending the discussion can request a copy of the book at the Reference Desk.

## **DIY Rope Basket**

**Monday, April 16, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library**

Learn how to make your own rope basket! All supplies will be provided. Free and for all ages. Limited to 30 participants. Please sign up at the Reference Desk. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.

## **Book Discussion**

**Wednesday, April 18, 12:20 PM, Carl Sandburg College Library**

Join us for a discussion of *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengestu. The discussion will be led by Professor Anthony Law.

## **Kids' Book Club**

**Thursday, April 19, 4:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library**

Open to 3rd-5th graders. Read and discuss *One Good Thing about America* by Ruth Freeman. Free copies of the book are available in the Children's Room. Supplies are limited, so get your copy soon!

## **Tome Raiders Book Club**

**Friday, April 20, 6:00 PM, Hardee's**

Join our sci-fi/fantasy book club for a discussion of *The Girl in the Road* by Monica Byrne. Copies of the book are available for checkout on the Hold Shelf.

## **The Big Write Reception**

**Saturday, April 21, 2:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library**

Join us for a reception for winners, entrants, friends, family, and the community to celebrate The Big Write, the library's annual creative writing contest.

## **Free Movie**

**Tuesday, April 24, 1:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library**

Free showing of *The Good Lie* starring Reese Witherspoon as a woman who helps Sudanese immigrants adjust to their new life in America (rated PG-13, 110 min., © Warner Bros.).

## **Graphic Novel Discussion and Doodling**

**Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library**

Join us for a discussion of the graphic novel *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan. Free copies will be available in a limited supply at the Reference Desk! Doodle your own life story or your feelings about the book while we discuss. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.

## **Carl Sandburg Festival**

**Wednesday, April 25–Saturday, April 28**

One of Galesburg Public Library's partners for the NEA Big Read, the Carl Sandburg Festival celebrates Sandburg's legacy and the art of writing. Visit [www.sandburg.edu/festival](http://www.sandburg.edu/festival).

## **Food for Thought Book Club**

**Thursday, April 26, 11:30 AM, Buenos Aires Bakery Cafe**

Join us for a discussion of *Yes, Chef* by Marcus Samuelsson, a native Ethiopian and famous chef. Copies of the book are available for checkout on the Hold Shelf.

# CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Storytimes:

## Toddler Storytime

**Weds. April 4 & 11, 10:00 AM**

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

## Preschool Storytime

**Weds. April 4 & 11, 10:45 AM**

**Thurs. April 5 & 12, 6:00 PM**

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

*Other April Events:*

## Tots and Tunes

**Thurs. April 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:00 AM**

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

## Family Story Night

**Tues. April 3, 6:00 PM**

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

## Sensory Storytime

**Sat. April 7, 11:00 AM**

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

## Drum Circle

**Mon. April 9, 6:00 PM**

Celebrate the spirit of community with music! Join Justin Mooney of Moon Dog Drum House for a drum circle.

## Lego Night

**Tues. April 10, 4:30-5:30 PM**

Come build with Legos!

## Rootabaga Kids

**Sat. April 14, 10:00 AM**

Rootabaga Kids is a free, family-friendly event featuring the critically acclaimed 10-piece band based in Chicago IL, Greg Ward & Ten Tongues. More info at [www.knox.edu/jazzyyear](http://www.knox.edu/jazzyyear).

## Kids' Book Club

**Thurs. April 19, 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. April 24, 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.

## Pinterest Club: DIY Woven Bracelet

**Thursday, April 26, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library**

Learn how to make a woven bracelet using finger-weaving! Free and for all ages. Please sign up at the Reference Desk. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.

## Keep Calm and Color On

**Monday, April 30, 2:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library**

Color for relaxation. African-themed coloring pages and colored pencils will be provided. Free! For adults only.

## Book Discussion

**Monday, April 30, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library**

Join us for a quick discussion of *The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears* before meeting the author via Skype at 6:30 PM.

## Skype with Dinaw Mengestu

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# OTHER ADULT PROGRAMS

## Book Discussion

**Wed. April 25, 6:00 PM**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the library will co-host a discussion of *Where People Like Us Live* by Patricia Cumbie with CASA of West Central Illinois. Teens and adults are welcome. Copies of the book will be available on the hold shelf about one month in advance.

## Movie Club

**Tue. April 17, 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.

## Writer Support Group

**Mon. April 9, 4:00 PM**

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

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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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## 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.

## OTHER TEEN EVENTS

### Teen Advisory Board

**Thurs. Apr. 5, 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. Apr. 25, 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 age 12-18 (or grades 6-12).

## Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

The Friends annual Spring Book Sale is scheduled for May 11, 12 and 14, with initial setup on Thursday afternoon. In an attempt to lessen the load on our volunteers, we are seeking multiple people to take on one organizational aspect of the sale. Please consider taking on such a task by volunteering to assist in chairing the volunteer committee, being the go-to person for one of the sale days, supervising the setup or takedown of the books, or just offering to help in any of the initial activities. There are people who have done these jobs before who would be glad to answer questions and give advice to those willing to take on a bigger role in the sale. The more people who volunteer to assist in this endeavor, the more successful and fun the sale will be. Please email Diane Dooley, President at [dianelouisedooley@gmail.com](mailto:dianelouisedooley@gmail.com) for details as to how you can help. Thank you!