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CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

The Galesburg Public 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 children in 3rd grade and up. 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 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 4, 2019. 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 27, 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 *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka. 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 2019.

TAI CHI AT YOUR LIBRARY

New! Join Xiaoqu Wu of Eastern Therapeutic Acupuncture, Massage & Wellness Center for free Tai Chi classes at the library. Five months of weekly sessions have been funded by the Galesburg Community Foundation. If the program is successful and continues after the five months are up, a small fee may be charged in the future. Beginner and intermediate classes will alternate. Check with the library in early January for the day and time.



HOLIDAY HOURS

The Galesburg Public Library will be closed on December 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas. The library will also be closed on December 31 and January 1 to celebrate the New Year.



BEST BOOKS OF 2018

It's time for the Best Books of 2018! Visit our display near the Reference Desk to read some of the best books published in the last year. You can also enter to win a prize basket of the best books of 2018. Enter at the Reference Desk by telling us your favorite book you read in 2018, and which prize basket you would like to win. Your favorite book does not have to have been published in 2018.



By: Faith Burdick

Question: What are the non-canonical gospels?

Answer: Let's start with a basic definition of the Bible: a collection of writings that Christians and Jews regard as sacred. These writings are not by one person; they are by various people written over a long period of time. The books accepted by Christians and Jews as legitimate books of the Bible are known as the canon, or the canonical books. Which books these are varies depending on which tradition.

There is a fine listing in World Book under the subject "Bible" of the books that Jews, Protestants, and Roman Catholics each consider canonical. There's a lot of overlap, but there are some differences. The Jewish canon goes so far back that there is no written history of how they came to be regarded as sacred. The Christians accepted the same books but added books about Jesus' life and teachings and, later, correspondence and history of the early church, and some prophetic writings. Dissension about what was orthodox or not in the teachings of the different books led different councils of bishops over a period of three to four hundred years to refine and select the books that were part of the Roman Catholic canon.

Jerome, one of the Bible's major translators for the Catholic church, had from the beginning separated out certain books that were not found in the Hebrew canon as extra-biblical; he labeled them Apocrypha. However, these were still included in the Roman Catholic Bible as canonical. Protestant scholars later objected to this and removed them from the Protestant canon. As a matter of interest, some Protestant bibles do include these non-canonical gospels, but clearly labeled as Apocrypha. If you wish to look at these books on their own, check out the book titled Apocrypha at 229/Bib.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Library Book Clubs

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

Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

Tue. Dec. 11, 1:00 PM at the library

Thur. Dec. 13, 6:30 PM at Jimmy John's
How to Find Love in a Bookshop by Veronica Henry tells the enchanting story of a bookshop, its grieving owner, a supportive literary community, and the extraordinary power of books to heal the heart. If you like, bring a treat to share to the Tuesday meeting. Hot drinks will be provided.

Tue. Jan. 8, 1:00 PM at the library

Thur. Jan. 11, 6:30 PM at Jimmy John's

From the beet fields of North Dakota to the campgrounds of California, employers have discovered a low-cost labor pool made up of transient older adults who have taken to the road in RVs and vans, forming a growing community of nomads. Read about them in *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Club

Fri. Dec. 14, 6:00 PM at a private home

In *Crosstalk* by Connie Willis, something goes wrong when Briddey has a procedure to create an empathetic link with her fiancé. Instead she finds herself hearing the thoughts of the nerdiest tech in her office. Call Jane at the library for the address. We'll share a light meal.

Fri. Jan. 18, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

The End of Eternity is widely regarded as Isaac Asimov's single best science fiction novel and one every sci-fi fan should read. You will pay for your own food.

Movie Club

Tue. Dec. 18, TBA

Tue. Jan. 15, 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.

Mon. Dec. 31, TBA

Looking for a fun but low key way to spend New Year's Eve? Join the library's movie club for an outing to the AMC to see a new movie. The time and title will be announced once the theater posts the schedule. We'll head someplace afterwards for discussion. The movie and restaurant are pay-your-own-way.

Free Movie

Fri., Dec. 7, 1:30 PM

In *Crazy Rich Asians*, New Yorker Rachel Chu accompanies her longtime boyfriend to his best friend's wedding in Singapore and is unprepared to learn that Nick's family is rich – crazy rich. (120 min., rated PG-13, ©Warner Brothers)

Thur., Jan. 3, 1:30 PM

In *The House with a Clock in Its Walls*, a young orphan is initiated into a world of magic and by his eccentric warlock uncle and a matronly witch. For all ages. (104 min., rated PG, ©Universal Pictures)

Other Adult Programs

Keep Calm and Color On

Mon. Jan. 28, 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! (No adult coloring in December.)

Pinterest Club

Thur. Dec. 20, 6:30 PM

Create a fun and colorful vision poster, which summarizes your goals and dreams, to help you stay focused on the things you want to happen in your life. Open to all ages. Free. Call or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.

Thur. Jan. 31, 6:30 PM

Learn to make beautiful marbled stationery using only shaving cream and food coloring! Then use the technique to create unique Valentine's Day cards. \$1 per person. Call or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Storytimes:

Toddler - Wed. Dec. 5 at 10:00 AM

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

Preschool - Wed. Dec. 5 at 10:45 AM & Thurs. Dec. 6 at 6:00 PM

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

Other December Events:

Sensory Storytime

Sat. Dec. 1 & Jan. 5, 11:00 AM

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

Family Story Night

Tues. Dec. 4, 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. Dec. 6, 13, & 20, and January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:00 AM

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

Lego Night

Tues. Dec. 11 & Jan. 8, 4:30-5:30 PM

Come build with Legos!

Kids' Book Club

Thurs. Dec. 20 & Jan. 17, 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.

Book Tasting

Wed., Jan. 2, 3:00 PM

Hungry for something to read? Try our 5-course "tasting menu" of books and discover a new favorite. Open to kids in grades K-5; advance registration required.



STEM Club

Tues. Jan. 22, 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. Sign up is required, and children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

LOCAL HISTORY

BY PATTY MOSHER

Annual Christmas Display

62 years ago a Christmas tradition began, and that meant a drive to the Rosymorn Farm north of Galesburg for a visual treat that delighted thousands of local citizens. It was a pageant of lights that could be seen for miles away, and it was anticipated by both children and adults. In fact, even Amtrak conductors would point out the display to travelers when nightly trains went by. It was the annual Holmes Christmas light display. In 1956, the first year, farmer Vincent Holmes and his wife Bernice put a lighted Christmas decoration on the roof of their porch "just for fun."

The display that first year was Santa, his sleigh and three reindeer. The next year the Homes placed the Santa scene on the roof of the house, and added a manger scene on the lawn with all the characters. The Holmes kept adding more and more until the entire yard and parts of adjoining fields were filled with over 20 different holiday scenes on display.

There was the town of Bethlehem, Santa and his helpers, a leather covered "horse" pulling a full sized sleigh, and angels, just to name a few. Mrs. Holmes said that it was a challenge to get the lights just right in Bethlehem so that passers-by could see them from the road. Christmas music was also part of the experience, with speakers set up for passers-by to hear the records being played inside the house.

It took the family about 6 weeks to erect their entire collection. The displays were wired with about 10,000 lights and each had to be anchored so it wouldn't blow away during winter winds. But with the help of their daughters Rose Marie and Beverly, and from neighbors, they got the pageant of lights put up every year. The lights and music were turned on around dusk and were turned off at about 11:00pm through the New Year. Everyone drove by very quietly with a window or two rolled down to hear the accompanying music. There were never any problems with vandals, people just enjoyed it.

In 1973, the Holmes didn't put up the displays because of a national energy crisis. But people told Bernice "It just wasn't Christmas" without their yearly displays. Bernice told a reporter, "People just won't let us quit." So the next year they put them up again and the Holmes received lots of letters and cards from grateful people. Vincent Holmes passed away in 1990, but Bernice and her daughter Rose Marie continued the tradition of putting up the displays for about another ten years. Bernice passed away in 2007. So the annual trek to the Rosymorn Farm was over, but aren't we all the lucky ones to have seen it?

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HOURS

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Closed: December 24 & 25

December 31 & January 1

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TEEN NEWS

Most teen events require advance registration. All events open to teens aged 12-18 or in grades 6-12. Call 343-6118 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up for all programs.

Teen Advisory Board

Thurs. Dec. 6, 6:00-6:45 PM

TAB Holiday Party

Thurs. Dec. 6, 6:45-7:30 PM

Celebrate the holiday season with food, fun, and games! Open to any teen aged 12-18 or in grades 6-12 who has attended a TAB meeting this year. Sign-up not required.

Free Movie: The Hate U Give

Mon. Dec. 10, 4:00-6:15 PM @ AMC Theaters Galesburg

Join us at Galesburg's AMC Theater for a free private screening of the 2018 film *The Hate U Give*, based on the 2017 novel by Angie Thomas. (133 min., rated PG-13, ©20th Century Fox). Tickets are limited, so advance sign-up is required. You will need to have your own transportation to and from the theater.

Teen Advisory Board

Thurs. Jan. 3, 6:00-6:45 PM

Makey Makey Madness

Thurs. Jan. 3, 6:45-7:30 PM

Experiment with the library's new Makey Makey kit, and try to turn common objects such as bananas, Play-Doh, or other people into keyboards and game controllers!

After-Hours Nerf War

Fri. Jan. 18 6:00-8:00 PM

Hang out in the library after closing and take part in team Nerf battles! A permission slip signed by a parent or guardian is required. No permission slip = no Nerf war!

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Mon. Jan. 21, 4:00-6:00 PM

Join the ongoing epic quest to discover the Lost Mine of Phandelver! New players are welcome.

Anime Club

Wed. Jan. 23, 4:00-5:30 PM