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# Off the Shelf

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## WELCOME BACK!

While the library never really closed, we did have to place in-person services on hold for a while, and now we are thrilled to open our doors again! To observe social distancing guidelines and give everyone an opportunity to visit the library, we are only open by appointment for the time being. Appointments may be made for 25- or 50-minute time slots for all services, including browsing and checkouts, computer use, copying and faxing, notary visits, and librarian assistance. We will all wear masks properly, and we ask that anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 stay home. If you are unable to come in, curbside service is still available, and all of our programs are virtual or occurring through contactless take-home kits. Give us a call or send us an email to sign up for an appointment!

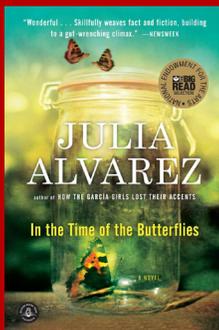
## THE BIG WRITE

Entries are now being accepted for the Big Write, the Galesburg Public Library's Annual Creative Writing Contest. Submissions are grouped into four levels: adult, high school, middle school, and 3rd-5th grade. Three categories of submissions are being accepted: short stories, poetry/song lyrics, and essays (adults only). The submission deadline is March 29 at 11:59 PM. Visit [www.galesburglibrary.org](http://www.galesburglibrary.org) for complete rules, or pick up a copy in the library's vestibule.



## BIG READ 2021 UPDATE

If you've been looking for information about this year's NEA Big Read but haven't found anything, fear not! The Big Read will indeed happen this year, although it may not look like it has in past years. We have made the decision to move the 2021 Big Read to May, rather than April, when it has traditionally taken place. This will allow us to move many events outdoors and give us time to plan a safe and fun Big Read. Copies of the book, *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez, will be given out for free starting in early May, at the library and at several restaurants around town. If you would like free copies of the book for a book club, please give Eileen a call at 309-343-6118 ext. 6. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more information as it becomes available.



## VIRTUAL OPEN MIC NIGHT

Are you missing open mic nights from before the pandemic? Have you picked up a new instrument or talent while in quarantine? Have you written a poem you would like to share? Galesburg Public Library is hosting a virtual open mic night in March and we are currently taking submissions!



Please email [openmic@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:openmic@galesburglibrary.org) with your MP4 submission of five minutes or less. Open to all ages for an all-age audience. Submissions due by March 6. Date of the show to be determined. Performances will be shared to the Galesburg Public Library's social media pages, so there will be many ways to watch. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more details!

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Library Book Clubs

Copies of the books can be requested through curbside pickup or at the Checkout Desk. Join the GPL Online Book Discussion Group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2599070423642738>.

### Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

**Tue. Mar. 9, 1:00 pm by Zoom**

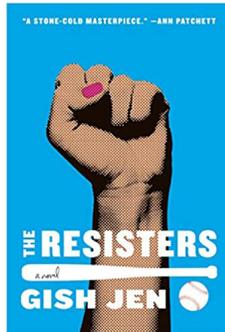
**Thur. Mar. 11, 6:30 pm on Facebook**

*Running with Sherman* by Christopher McDougall is a heartwarming story about training a rescue donkey to run one of the most challenging races in America, and, in the process, discovering the life-changing power of the human-animal connection. Books are available through curbside pickup. Email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) for the Tuesday Zoom link.

### Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

**Fri. Mar. 19, 6:00 PM on Facebook**

*The Resisters* by Gish Jen is an audacious wonder of a novel about baseball and a near-future America divided into the haves and have-nots and surveilled by a Big Brother that is part artificial intelligence, part internet, and oddly human. Books are available through curbside pickup.



## Other Adult Programs

### Writer Support Group

**Mon. Mar. 1, 6:30 pm**

Meet with other writers over Zoom to hone your skills and give and receive constructive feedback. All kinds of writers are welcome. Email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) for the Zoom link.

### Bird Walk

**Sun. Mar. 14, 8:00 am**

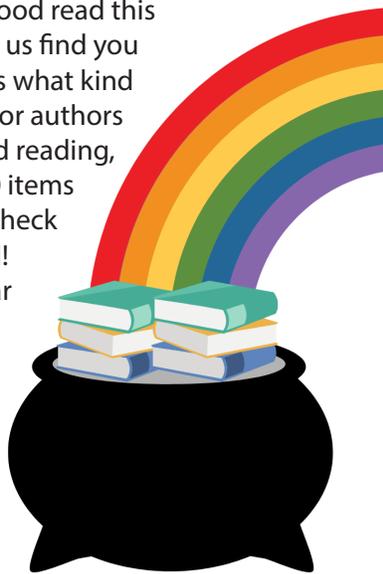
Need to get out of the house? Join the Galesburg Area Bird Club for a walk at Lake Storey, starting in the Joe E Anderson area. Come see what birds hang out in Illinois all winter. Bring binoculars and a mask, and dress for the weather. For all ages.

## COFFEE TABLE BOOKS

We have removed about 400 oversized coffee table books from our collection to make space for newer titles. These books will be available outside the vestibule by the parking lot starting March 1 when the weather cooperates. Please help yourself. You may take them for free or make a donation (\$1 per book is suggested) inside the vestibule if you like.

## GET LUCKY WITH A GOOD BOOK

Hoping to get lucky with a good read this month? Give us a call and let us find you the perfect books! Just tell us what kind of books you are looking for or authors and genres you have enjoyed reading, and we will pick out up to 10 items for you, wrap them up, and check them out to your library card! This can be done with regular books, large print books, audio books, Playaways, or DVDs; just be sure to specify which ones you are interested in. Get your lucky pot of gold today by calling us at 309-343-6118 and choosing extension #6, or by emailing us at [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org).



## GETTING TOGETHER WHILE APART

A local patron reports that he and his wife took a winter stroll through Standish Park and enjoyed the Storywalk's featured story, *William's Winter Nap* by Linda Ashman and Chuck Groenink. They enjoyed it so much, in fact, that they requested a copy through the library, checked it out curbside, and read it to their grandkids over Zoom! We love hearing stories of books bringing you together when you can't physically BE together. Please check out the Standish Park Storywalk, and give us a call to request your own Zoom-worthy read!



# CHILDREN'S EVENTS

## Animal Explorers Club

**Take-home kits available beginning Monday, March 8**

Become an animal expert in this self-paced, interactive monthly club, open to kids in grades K-6. Club members receive a free take-home kit containing library books on the animal of the month, activities, and more. Club members may also participate in an optional virtual club meeting. Library card and advance registration required.

## Virtual Storytime

**Wednesday, March 10 & Wednesday, March 24, 10:00 AM**

Join Miss Hillary and Miss Melinda on the library's Facebook page for virtual stories & fun!

## STEM To You

**Take-home kits available beginning Monday, March 15**

Pick up a free monthly science experiment you can do in your home. For grades K-6; advance registration required. To learn about or register for this month, contact the Children's Room.

## Kids' Book Club

**Thursday, March 18, 4:00 PM via Zoom**

Fun monthly book club for independent readers in grades 3-6. Contact the Children's Room to register and to receive information on the virtual club meeting.

# LOCAL HISTORY

BY EMILY DUGRANRUT

The Galesburg Public Library is excited to partner with the Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association to offer the program "Carl Sandburg: Poet, Politician, and Prophet." The program will take place over Zoom and will be taught by Lawrence Webb. Webb is an ordained Baptist minister and an emeritus professor at South Carolina's Anderson University, and has been a Carl Sandburg scholar for nearly 40 years. He has published eight books, and his ninth, coming later this year, is on Sandburg. The program will draw from the manuscript of this book and focus on Sandburg's poetry.

The program will take place on March 23 at 6:30 PM on Zoom. For more information, or the link to the program, check the library's Facebook page or website, or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org).



## Library Chicken

Looking for an easy and delicious dish to warm up with? This recipe was very popular with the library staff during the early 1990s. Reference Librarian Mary Vacek brought it to a staff potluck and took home a clean pan. None of us knew the original name of the recipe so we just called it The Library Chicken recipe. Enjoy! - Nancy Terpening

### Library Chicken

8 boneless, skinless chicken breasts	¼ c. dry white wine (can use chicken broth)
8 slices Swiss cheese	1 c. herbed stuffing mix, crushed
1 can cream of chicken soup, undiluted	¼ c. butter, melted

Arrange chicken in a greased 9 x 13 pan. Top with cheese slices. Combine soup and wine, stirring well. Spoon sauce evenly over chicken and sprinkle with stuffing mix. Drizzle butter over crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-55 minutes. Serves 8.

This is very simple and can easily be increased or decreased according to number of people being served.

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## HOURS

To be determined. Please check our Facebook and website for updates to our hours.

### 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.



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## TEEN NEWS

**All events open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12, unless otherwise specified. Call us or email [johnd@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:johnd@galesburglibrary.org) for more information or to sign up for all events. For Zoom events, you will need a free Zoom account and internet connection. Zoom links will be posted on the library website the day of event.**

Want the library to tell you whenever there's a teen event going on? Join our GPL Teen Event Reminders list to get messages sent right to your phone! Text @teen61401 to 81010 and you'll get text reminders whenever there's a teen event at the library or online.

### **High School Action Committee Online Tues. Mar. 9, 6:00-6:45 PM**

High School Action Committee is 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, fundraisers, and more. Open to teens ages 14-18 or entering grades 9-12. New members always welcome!

### **Teen Advisory Board Online Thurs. Mar. 11, 6:00-6:45 PM**

While the library is closed, join our Teen Advisory Board online! We will meet over Zoom to discuss library services for teens, as well as doing fun activities like trivia games and digital escape rooms.

### **Dungeons & Dragons Club Online Thurs. Mar. 25, 4:00-6:00 PM**

Want to play Dungeons & Dragons from the safety and comfort of your own home? Join the library's online D&D club, using the platform Roll20! You do not need prior experience with either D&D or Roll20 to join, but you will need: a computer with internet access, the ability to voice chat, and a free account on Roll20.

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