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EXPANDED LIBRARY HOURS

We are excited to announce that we will resume regular hours starting Monday, May 3: the library will be open 9:00 AM-8:00 PM on Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM on Friday & Saturday, and will be closed on Sundays. Curbside pickup will be available during these hours as well. To keep our staff and our community safe, we must observe capacity limits, so we encourage everyone to call or email in advance to reserve your time. Walk-ins may be accommodated when capacity limits allow. Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth at all times, and only the Simmons Street entrance is open at this time. To browse our shelves, use a computer, read a newspaper, or use any of our other services, please contact us at 309-343-6118 or reference@galesburglibrary.org.

STAFF VACCINATIONS

As of this week, the majority of library staff are fully vaccinated. We are grateful to the scientists and health care workers who have worked tirelessly to keep us safe and reduce the spread of the virus.



DID YOU KNOW...

You can support your library by purchasing library swag? Short-sleeve and long-sleeve shirts and sweatshirts with the library logo start at \$15. Also on sale are four books celebrating local history: *The Best of Galesburg* by Andrea Vitale, *Abraham Lincoln: A Prairie Life* by Elizabeth Van Steenwyk, *Images of America: Galesburg* by Patty Mosher, and *Galesburg, Illinois in Vintage Postcards* by Carley



R. Robison. Would you like to support two downtown organizations at once? Pick up *The Adventures of Orie the Orpheum Mouse* by Naomi Law. Proceeds benefit the library and the Orpheum Theatre! Need something to carry all of those books? Buy a heavy-duty "I Heart My Library" plastic bag for \$.50 or a GPL tote bag for just \$2.

MORE DOMINICAN NOVELS TO CHECK OUT DURING THE BIG READ

- **Dominicana** by Angie Cruz
- **The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao** by Junot Diaz
- **Clap When You Land** by Elizabeth Acevedo
- **The Feast of the Goat** by Mario Vargas Llosa

2021 BIG READ EVENTS



All events are subject to change. Masks are required for indoor and outdoor events. In the event of inclement weather, outdoor events may be moved inside. The library will provide a mask to anyone who does not have one. Tables and groups will be socially distanced at all events. Unless otherwise noted, events are free and open to all ages, but children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Memoir Writing Workshop

Monday, May 3, 6:30 PM, upstairs at GPL

Trying to write a memoir, but don't know where to start? Join the Writer Support Group, and meet with other writers to hone your skills and to give and receive feedback. All writers are welcome, but this meeting will focus on memoir writing.

The Big Read Begins!

Tuesday, May 4, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM, GPL

Stop by the library between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM to pick up a copy of this year's NEA Big Read book, *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez! Bookmarks, Big Read event schedules, and treats will also be available.

Craftivism Cross Stitch

Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 PM, GPL Storybook Garden

Combine crafting and activism with a fun and vocal cross stitch! Choose from different designs that help show off who you are. Limited to 25 participants. Call 309-343-6118 or email reference@galesburglibrary.org to sign up. Event will be outside. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.

Free Bird Walk

Sunday, May 9, 7:30 AM, Lake Storey Park

(Meet in the Joe E. Anderson area)

Grab your binoculars and join the Galesburg Area Bird Club for a free bird walk. Free and open to all ages. No registration required. Please bring a mask. Anyone is welcome to join the group for birdwatching.

Free Children's Book Kits

Monday, May 10

Starting Monday, May 10, call the Children's Room to request a fun kit to keep! Kits will include a copy of the kids' tie-in book to the Big Read, as well as a Dominican Republic-themed craft to do. Kits are limited so registration is required.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, May 11, 1:00 PM, upstairs at GPL

Join us for a discussion of *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. Please wear a mask.

Keynote Lecture: The Many Voices of the Past: Historical Fiction and its Role in Democratizing the Past

Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 PM, Zoom

Join Professor Amy De Farias and the students of Monmouth College HIST 300 "Women in Latin America" course to learn about how works of historical fiction, like *In the Time of the Butterflies*, can give us important information about the past. Contact the Galesburg Public Library to get the Zoom link.

Butterfly Mobile Workshop

Wednesday, May 12, 6:30 PM, GPL Storybook Garden

Create a fun and decorative mobile using paint, yarn, and wooden butterflies! Free and for all ages. Limited to 25 participants. Call 309-343-6118 or email reference@galesburglibrary.org to sign up. Event will take place outside. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.

Book Discussion

Thursday, May 13, 6:30 PM, Wordsmith Bookshoppe

Join us for a discussion of *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. Please wear a mask.

Creating Butterfly Gardens

Saturday, May 15, 10:00 AM, GPL Storybook Garden

Learn how to attract AND grow your own butterflies. Learn about plants that grow well locally and attract butterfly species of Illinois, and which nectar plants bloom in the spring, summer or fall that have the most nectar to give the adult butterflies energy. Find out which plants are host plants to help you grow butterflies through the entire life cycle, right in your yard. Class led by Rhonda Brady, Master Gardener and butterfly conservation specialist. Registration required.

Live Music in the Park

Saturday, May 15, 2:00 PM, Standish Park Arboretum

Join us for a musical celebration of our Big Read book! Chicago Latin Groove, the Midwest's premier tropical music band, will perform in Standish Park! Chicago Latin Groove has been delighting crowds since their inception in 2012. They play a large variety of Tropical music including Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Latin Jazz, and Cha-cha-cha. Bring chairs, a blanket, and a picnic, and get ready to dance the afternoon away! Masks required when not at your seat.

The Monarch Butterfly Migration

Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 PM, GPL Storybook Garden

Learn how our environment and climate have helped to create the unique North American Monarch Migration Phenomena! Rhonda Brady will lead the class.

TEEN NEWS

Virtual Book Discussion

Thursday, May 20, 6:00 PM, Facebook

Join Buzzwords, our Millennial-aimed book discussion group, for a discussion of *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez. The group will meet in the GPL Online Book Discussion group on Facebook. You will need to join the group to participate: <https://rebrand.ly/gpl-buzzwords>.

Tome Raiders Book Club

Friday, May 21, 6:00 PM, GPL Storybook Garden

Join our sci-fi/fantasy book club for a discussion of *The Lost Book of Adana Moreau* by Michael Zapata. Copies of the book are available on the Hold Shelf in the library, or can be requested via curbside pickup.

Zoom with Julia Alvarez

Monday, May 24, 6:30 PM, upstairs at GPL or Zoom

The author of *In the Time of the Butterflies* will visit with the Galesburg Public Library via Zoom! Free and all are welcome. Event can be attended in person or virtually via Zoom. Please register at the Reference Desk.

Book Discussion: *Before We Were Free*

Tuesday, May 25, 6:00 PM, GPL Storybook Garden

Join us for a discussion of the teen tie-in book to the Big Read, *Before We Were Free* by Julia Alvarez. Free copies of the book are available while supplies last; call or email to request a copy. All ages welcome.

Virtual Food for Thought Book Club

Thursday, May 27, 11:30 AM, Zoom

Join us for a discussion of *We Fed an Island: The True Story of Rebuilding Puerto Rico, One Meal at a Time* by José Andrés. Copies are available on the Hold Shelf in the library, or can be requested via curbside pickup.

Butterfly Painting Class

Thursday, May 27, 6:30 PM, GPL Storybook Garden

Julie Davis, an instructor at Blick, will lead attendees in creating beautiful butterfly paintings! Limited to 25 participants. Call 309-343-6118 or email reference@galesburglibrary.org to sign up. Event will take place outside. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.



All events open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12, unless otherwise specified. 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.

High School Action Committee Online

Tuesday, May 11, 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.

Teen Advisory Board Online

Thursday, May 13, 6:00-6:45 PM

Join our Teen Advisory Board online! We will meet over Zoom to discuss library services for teens, as well as play games and socialize.

TAB End-of-Year Celebration at Wordsmith Bookshoppe

Friday, May 14, 6:00-6:45 PM

Celebrate finishing the school year and another year of Teen Advisory Board with a small, socially distanced meet-up at Wordsmith Bookshoppe on Main St. We will have snacks and games, and teens can each pick out a book from the store's selection to add to the library's collection!

Downtown Community Cleanup Volunteer Project

Saturday, May 22, 8:30 AM-noon

Corner of Simmons St. & Kellogg St.

Join the library and Galesburg's Downtown Community Partnership for a volunteer community cleanup project! Volunteers will pick up trash, cover up graffiti, and complete other tasks to make the downtown area nicer for everyone. There will be a prize drawing just for teen library volunteers! We will meet at the corner of Simmons St. and Kellogg St. You do not have to stay the whole time. No sign-up is necessary. Breakfast and cleaning supplies will be provided.

Discussion of *Before We Were Free* by Julia Alvarez

Tuesday, May 25, 6:00-7:00 PM

Join us for a discussion of the teen tie-in book to the Big Read, *Before We Were Free* by Julia Alvarez. Free copies of the book are available while supplies last; call or email to request a copy. All ages welcome.

Dungeons & Dragons Club Online

Thursday, May 27, 4:00-6:00 PM

Want to play Dungeons & Dragons from the comfort of your own home? Join the library's online D&D club, using the platform Roll20! New players always welcome. You will need: a computer with internet access, the ability to voice chat, and a free account on Roll20.

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HOURS

***Limited building capacity*

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Closed: May 31

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.



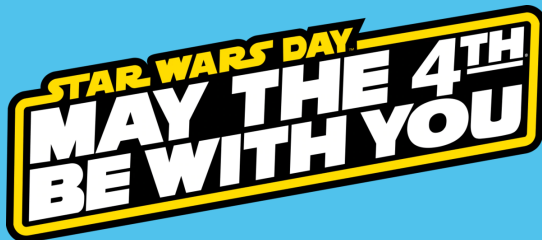
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2021 SUMMER READING AT GPL

Mark your calendars! Galesburg Public Library's 2021 Summer Reading program kicks off on Tuesday, June 1 and will run through Saturday, July 3. The theme for this year's program is Reading Colors Your World. Registration for all ages begins on May 24; you may register in person at the library or online through our Beanstack site: <https://galesburglibrary.beanstack.org>. For more information on Summer Reading at the library, visit www.galesburglibrary.org/summerreading. A full list of programs will appear in the June newsletter.



Celebrate Star Wars Day with Galesburg Public Library on Tuesday, May 4th. Starting at 9:00 AM, we'll be giving away free Star Wars coloring sheets, bookmarks, and buttons in our curbside pickup vestibule and inside the building at our service desks. You can also check out a Star Wars-themed Grab & Go bag of library materials, and attend a virtual discussion of the new Disney+ animated series "Star Wars: The Bad Batch" in the library's GPL Online Book Discussion group on Facebook at 7:00 PM.

