

Off the Shelf

Galesburg Public Library Newsletter



The library will be closed on September 4 for Labor Day.

Yoga for Adults and Teens

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 4:00 PM
Wednesday, Sept. 27, 4:00 PM

Join certified yoga instructor Michelle Johnson of Lavender Lotus Yoga Studio. You will need to sign a waiver form before your first session. Adult permission is required for teens.

Start Your Job Search

Monday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 PM
Thursday, Sept. 21 at 10:00 AM

Need a job but don't know where to start? Our Employment Specialist will take you through the steps to launch your job search. You'll leave with a plan of action and a resume worksheet. Email questions to michelle.kim@galesburglibrary.org.

Career Development Tips

A one-page résumé with relevant details is more effective than a two-page document with repetitive information. Need help? Schedule an appointment with our Employment Specialist. Email: michelle.kim@galesburglibrary.org or Phone: 309-343-6118 ext. 6.

Library Card Sign-up Month

A library card is elemental! Join us during the month of September and let us show you why. Throughout the month, Galesburg community members are encouraged to come to the library and sign up for a library card (ID and proof of address are required when signing up). Lost your card? City residents who already have a Galesburg library card but need a replacement, the fee is waived! Also, each person who signs up for a library card or gets a replacement card will be entered for a chance to win a library themed prize.



With your library card, you have access to games, puzzles, pickleball paddles, disc golf discs, hot spots, cakepans, books, audiobooks, databases, book club kits, museum passes, movies, magazines, and more! Get ready to "Fire up your imagination" or "Dive into a new hobby" with your library card today.

And once you have your card, make sure to stop by the Check-Out Desk to try the new Self-Check Kiosk!

Halloween Costume Drive

The library and the Downtown Community Partnership are collecting new and gently used costumes during the month of September. Please drop off costumes, accessories, masks, and unused makeup to the Check-Out Desk by September 30. Costumes will be distributed at our annual costume giveaway on Saturday, October 7, from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM.



Children's Events

Bilingual Storytime

Wednesday, Sept. 6, 11:00 AM

Let's read, sing, and play together in English and Spanish. For kids ages 5 and under with an adult.

Tunes for Tots

Thursday, Sept. 7, 6:30 PM

Friday, Sept. 8, 10:00 AM

Music, dancing, and stories designed to help your child develop motor and language skills. For kids ages 0-6 and their caregivers.



Toddler Storytime

Mondays at 10:00 AM, starting Sept. 11

Stories, songs, and movement for kids 18-36 months old and their caregivers.

Junior Book Club ✓

Monday, Sept. 11, 4:00 PM

Join us for a fun program designed for readers in grades K-2 who are making the move from picture books to chapter books! Each read-aloud will be followed by a related STEAM activity.

Baby Bounce

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM, starting Sept. 13

Stories, songs, sign language, and bounces for kids ages 0-18 months old and their caregivers.

LEGO Mania

Thursday, Sept. 14, 4:00 PM

Come build with LEGO blocks!

Pageturners Book Club for Kids ✓

Thursday, Sept. 21, 4:00 PM

Come talk about fun novels with other readers your age. For independent readers in grades 4-6.



Percy Jackson Party

Tuesday, Sept. 26, 4:00-6:00 PM

Celebrate the arrival of *Percy Jackson and the Chalice of the Gods* with drop-in activities and crafts. For kids in grades 3-6.

Young Adventurers: Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 6:00 PM

Meet at the library for a kid-friendly introduction to the world of Dungeons & Dragons! No previous experience needed! For kids in grades 4-6.

Latin Music and Dance Celebration ✓

Thursday, Sept. 28, 6:00 PM

Kids ages 5 and up, accompanied by an adult, can hear popular Latin American music and try out salsa, bachata, and merengue steps together.

Teen Events

All events open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12, unless otherwise specified. Want to know whenever there's a teen event going on? Text @teen61401 to 81010 to join our GPL Teen Event Reminders List.

Teen Advisory Board Celebration

Thursday, Sept. 14, 6:00 PM

Talk about teen services at the library with other teens and get free pizza!

Jackbox Party Gaming

Thursday, Sept. 14, 6:45 PM

Participate in a series of group party games using a phone or other electronic device.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens ✓

Monday, Sept. 25, 6:00-7:00 PM

Create your own hero and join the monthly adventure! New players are always welcome.

Yoga for Teens and Adults ✓

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 4:00 PM

See front page for full details.



Adult Book Clubs

All events are subject to change. Copies of book club titles are available for checkout at the library.

Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1:00 PM upstairs

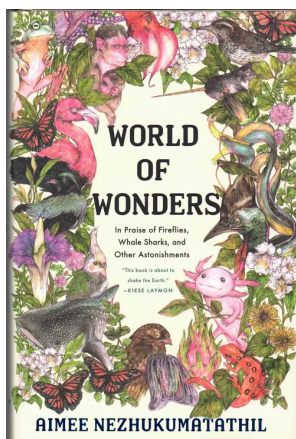
Thursday, Sept. 14, 6:30 PM at Jimmy's Pizza

Patrick Radden Keefe has garnered prizes for his meticulously reported, hypnotically engaging work on the many ways people behave badly. His book *Rogues* brings together a dozen of his most celebrated articles from *The New Yorker*.

Food for Thought

**Thursday, Sept. 21, 11:30 AM
at Cornucopia**

World of Wonders by Aimee Nezhukumatathil is a collection of essays about the natural world and the way its inhabitants can teach, support, and inspire us.



Buzzwords

**Thursday, Sept. 21, 6:00 PM
at Reserve Artisan Ales**

In *The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina* by Zoraida Córdova, a family searches for the truth hidden in their past in a tale of power that is threaded with mystery and magic.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Friday, Sept. 29, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

Neil Gaiman's *Neverwhere* depicts a hidden city under London of monsters, saints, murderers, and angels — a world both eerily familiar and utterly bizarre.

Adult Events

Writer Support Group

Monday, Sept. 11, 6:00 PM

Meet with other writers to hone your skills and give and receive constructive feedback.

Yoga for Teens and Adults ✓

Wednesday, Sept. 13 & 27, 4:00 PM

See front page for full details.

Adult Coloring

Monday, Sept. 18, 1:30-3:30 PM

Join us in adults-only coloring for relaxation.

Movie Club

Tuesday, Sept. 19, time TBA

Meet to watch a new movie at the AMC. Exact time and title will be announced the week before. We'll head to a restaurant afterwards for discussion.

Free Movie

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2:00 PM

Free showing of the movie *Love Again*, in which a woman tries to ease the pain of her fiancé's death by sending romantic texts to his old cell phone number — which has been reassigned to another man. (102 min., rated PG-13, ©Columbia Pictures)

New Reference Staff

Monica Vega is a born-and-raised Galesburg native, although she lived in Florida for 13 amazing years after college. She's been back in the 'Burg since 2004, and for 14 years has worked as a deputy jury clerk at the Knox County Circuit Clerk's Office. In addition to reading, she loves spending time with her niece, being outside, and working out.

Tammy Burkhart, though an Illinois native, lived in Denver for 20+ years. She moved back to her hometown of Galesburg in 2019. In addition to the GPL Reference department, she also works for District #205.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Galesburg Public Library will hold its second social gathering at 5:30 PM, Sept. 13 (the second Wednesday of the month). Join us at 156 E. Main Street to enjoy good company and the new, expanded menu of 156 East restaurant.

Calendar

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sneak Peek: Tour the New Galesburg Public Library Building Site!

We are thrilled to invite you to tour the new Galesburg Public Library building site and share with you the remarkable progress we've made in the construction of our brand new library! This is an opportunity to witness firsthand the transformation taking place as we bring our vision for a state-of-the-art library to life. Our team has worked diligently to create a space that will serve as a hub for knowledge, learning, and community engagement for generations to come.

You can reserve your spot by scanning the QR Code or by calling the Foundation at (309) 343-6118 ext. 101. We are truly excited to share this milestone with you and to offer a glimpse into the Galesburg Public Library's future. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey, and we look forward to seeing you there!

