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# Off the Shelf

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## CALENDAR

- June 1 Summer Reading Begins!
- June 1 Sidewalk Obstacle Course
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Storytime Stroll - June 1, 15, 29

Family Art Afternoons - June 7, 14, 21, 28

## SUMMER READING AT GPL

Summer Reading for all ages kicks off on Tuesday, June 1st and lasts for five weeks, ending with a grand finale on Saturday, July 3rd. We've got programs, prizes, and more for everyone from babies to adults, and participants can choose to join in the fun virtually or in person (or both!).

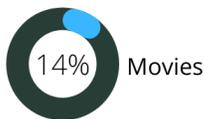
**Adults:** Did you know that the Galesburg Public Library has a summer reading program for adults? We do! Get a free book just for signing up. You can participate by using a paper log or online. Complete the reading goals and receive a \$5 gift card to Innkeeper's, our program's sponsor, and raffle tickets to win gift baskets. Receive extra raffle tickets for attending adult programs.

**Teens:** Teens aged 13 through 18 (or those entering 8th grade and up) are invited to participate in this year's teen summer reading program! Get a free book just for signing up. Read or listen to books and complete other challenges for entries to win one of our gift baskets, including book bundles and other prizes from our sponsors like Cooks & Company!

**Kids:** Children aged 0-12, you can earn big prizes just by keeping track of the time you spend reading or being read to. Reach your reading goals and you'll receive prize coupons from our sponsors, a free book to keep, raffle tickets for our end-of-summer grand prize drawings, and more! When you're not busy reading, you can join us for a variety of fun summer activities, including outdoor storytimes, family art afternoons, group strolls through our Standish Park Storywalk, and more. All programs are free but some require registration in the Children's Room.

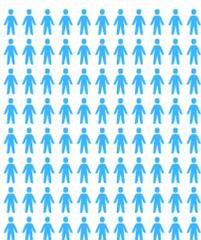
Readers of all ages can sign up in person at the library or register online at [www.galesburglibrary.org](http://www.galesburglibrary.org). Click on "Summer Reading" under the Events and Programs tab. The summer reading program concludes on Saturday, July 3rd. For more information, contact the Galesburg Public Library at (309) 343-6118, visit our Facebook page, or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org).

## MARCH & APRIL AT A GLANCE



13,768 items checked out

2,913 visitors



49 programs



863 curbside users

## CURRENT SAFETY GUIDELINES

The library is open for regular hours, and appointments are no longer necessary. To continue protecting the health and safety of library staff and visitors, we will monitor and enforce capacity limits, so computers, microfilm readers, and seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please keep visits to one hour to give everyone an opportunity to use the library. We serve patrons of all ages and are committed to making the library a safe place for everyone; therefore, we ask all library visitors over the age of 2 to wear a mask. Thank you for observing public health recommendations and respecting the guidelines of the Galesburg Public Library.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

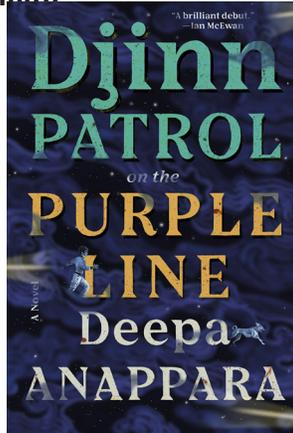
All events are subject to change. Masks are required for indoor and outdoor events. In the event of inclement weather, outdoor events may be moved inside. The library will provide a mask to anyone who does not have one. Tables and groups will be socially distanced at all events.

## Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

**Tue. June 8, 1:00 PM at the library**

**Thur. June 10, 6:30 PM at Wordsmith**

Nine-year-old Jai watches too many reality police shows, thinks he's smarter than his friend Pari (even though she gets better grades), and considers himself to be a better boss than Faiz (even though Faiz is the one with a job). When a classmate goes missing, Jai decides to use the crime-solving skills he has picked up from TV to find him. *Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line* by Deepa Anappara is based on a true story.



The Tuesday discussion will take place in person in the library's upstairs meeting room. The Thursday discussion will take place at Wordsmith Bookshoppe (235 E. Main St.). Both will be socially distanced events and require masks.

## Buzzwords Book Discussion

**Thur. June 17, 6:00 PM in the Storybook Garden**

For the first eighteen years of her life, Rose Gold Watts believed she was seriously ill. Turns out her mom was just a really good liar. After serving five years in prison for Munchausen syndrome by proxy, Patty gets out with nowhere to go and begs her daughter to take her in. The entire community is shocked when Rose Gold says yes. But Rose Gold has waited such a long time for the mother who made her suffer to come home.... Join a discussion of *Darling Rose Gold* by Stephanie Wrobel in the library's Storybook Garden. Feel free to bring your own food.

## Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

**Fri. June 18, 6:00 PM in the Storybook Garden**

In a color-coded caste society of the future, Red slaves labor under the surface of Mars while the decadent Gold ruling class lives above in luxury. Inspired by a longing for justice and driven by the memory of lost love, Darrow, a Red, will stop at nothing to bring down his enemies...even if it means he has to become one of them to do so. Join a discussion of *Red Rising* by Pierce Brown in the library's Storybook Garden. Feel free to bring your own food.

## Food for Thought Book Club

**Thur. June 24, 11:30 AM in the Storybook Garden**

Complete with recipes, *Save Me the Plums* by Ruth Reichl is a personal journey of a woman coming to terms with being in charge and making a mark, following a passion and holding on to her dreams – even when she ends up in a place she never expected to be. Join a discussion of *Save Me the Plums* in the library's Storybook Garden. Feel free to bring your own food.

## Bird Walk

**Sun. June 13, 7:30 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.

## Adult Coloring Returns!

**Mon. June 21, 1:30-3:30 PM**

Join us in adult coloring for relaxation. We'll provide music, drinks, coloring pages, and colored pencils. We'll also have a free suncatcher craft you can make or take home as a kit. Request a kit in advance by contacting [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) or calling (309) 343-6118 and choosing 6. Free!

## NEW LIBRARIAN!

Payton Dowell is a native of Monmouth. She studied English and museum studies at the University of Iowa, where she also worked in Special Collections. Payton went on to earn her master's degree in library and information science at the University of Illinois. She enjoys knitting and reading historical fiction or graphic novels. Payton also enjoys traveling and admiring nature's beauty. Stop by and say hello or contact her at [payton@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:payton@galesburglibrary.org)!

## RIVER BEND FOOD BANK SNAP ASSISTANCE

Need to apply for SNAP but have questions? Stop by the library to receive one-on-one assistance from River Bend Food Bank. They will be here on the following dates:

- **June 1 from 9:00–11:00 AM**
- **June 22 from 1:00–3:00 PM**



**RIVER BEND  
FOODBANK**

# CHILDREN'S EVENTS

## Storywalk Strolls

**Tuesday, June 1, 15, & 29, 6:00-7:00 PM**

Come visit our Storywalk in downtown Standish Park. Pick up a craft or activity from library staff in the Standish Park Gazebo, then walk the Storywalk! We'll feature a new story in the Storywalk each session. No registration required. Masks required to enter the gazebo; please observe physical distancing while enjoying the storywalk.

## Outdoor Storytimes

**Every Wednesday in June, 10:00 AM**

Join us for storytime outside in the Storybook Garden! We'll share stories, rhymes and songs geared toward kids aged 5 and under and their families. For everyone's safety, we'll be wearing masks (everyone aged 3 and up) and observing physical distancing; please bring a blanket or chairs to set up your spot. No registration required. Storytime will not be held in the event of inclement weather.

## Virtual Storytimes

**Every Wednesday in June, 6:00 PM**

Tune into the library's Facebook page for storytime fun you can enjoy from the comfort of your own home.

## Family Art Afternoons

**Every Monday in June, 1:00-4:00 PM**

Come create with us! Each week we'll offer a collection of themed craft projects. Masks are required and physical distancing will be observed. Reservation is required; call (309) 343-6118 to sign up for your one-hour reserved crafting table! (Prefer an at-home option? Call (309) 343-6118 and request this week's Family Art Take Home Craft.)

# ALL-AGES EVENTS — FANDOM FRIDAYS

**Every Friday in June, plus Friday, July 2, 2:00-3:30 PM.**

Join us outside in the Storybook Garden for crafts, activities, and more, all centered around a different fandom each week. Masks required for everyone aged 3 and up. Fandom Fridays are open to fans of all ages, including adults. Fandoms celebrated include:

- June 4: Muppets
- June 11: Marvel
- June 18: Looney Tunes/Space Jam
- June 25: Star Wars
- July 2: Minions

# TEEN NEWS

*All events open to teens ages 13-18 or in grades 8-12, 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.*

## Sidewalk Obstacle Course

**Tuesday, June 1, 10:00-11:30 AM**

Kick off summer reading by helping to design an obstacle course outside the library using sidewalk chalk. While you're there, stop by the summer reading table to sign up, and take part in our other summer reading kickoff activities! Open to teens ages 13-18 or entering grades 8-12. To sign up, call the Reference Desk at (309) 343-6118 or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org).

## Teen Advisory Board

**Thursday, June 10, 6:00-6:45 PM**

Join the Library's Teen Advisory Board, where you can make YOUR voice heard about the library! You can suggest and vote on future teen events, talk about ways to improve the Teen Scene, and give the library recommendations for new YA books to purchase. Weather permitting, we will meet outside in the library's Storybook Garden on the Cherry St. side of the building.

## Squirt Gun Painting

**Tuesday, June 22, 2:00-3:30 PM**

Make cool artwork using paint-filled squirt guns! We will meet in the library's Storybook Garden on the Cherry St. side of the building. This is fun but messy, so wear clothes you can afford to get paint on. Open to teens ages 13-18 or entering grades 8-12. To sign up, call the Reference Desk at (309) 343-6118 or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org).

## Dungeons & Dragons Club Online

**Thursday, June 24, 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, even if you're new to D&D and Roll20. You will need: a computer with internet access, the ability to voice chat, and a free account on Roll20. Call the library or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) for more information or to sign up.

## Nerf Party in the Park

**Saturday, July 3, Noon- 2:00 PM**

Join us at Standish Park for an outdoor Nerf challenge! You can bring your Nerf gear or use the library's. Open to teens ages 13-18 or entering grades 8-12. To sign up, call the Reference Desk at (309) 343-6118 or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org). Advance sign-up and permission slip are required.

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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

## 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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# THANKS TO THE G.L. VITALE FAMILY FOUNDATION

Thank you to the G. L. Vitale Family Foundation for granting the GPL Foundation \$150,000 to help construct the Children's Room in the new library building. The funds will be used for a creative play space to be named the G. L. Vitale Family Foundation Discovery Area. The Discovery Area will feature interactive toys for hands-on learning, sensory friendly lights and flooring, a reading bench for children and their grown-ups to enjoy stories together, and a topsy-turvy reading house inspired by Carl Sandburg's *Rootabaga Stories* book cover.

Andrea Vitale, President of the G. L. Vitale Family Foundation, feels particularly connected to the children's library: "The naming opportunity is perfect since I spent so much time in the children's section when my three children were small." In addition to the Discovery Area, the new children's library will also include study rooms, family restrooms, a nursing room, and a large programming room.

The grant will help launch the Building a Library—Connecting a Community capital campaign. A campaign committee of community volunteers has been organized. The Galesburg Public Library was awarded a \$15,300,000 grant from the Illinois State Library to construct a new

building. As part of the grant requirement, the library is responsible for raising a match of approximately \$5,000,000 locally. The Galesburg Public Library Foundation has received \$1 million over the last seven years from donors and bequests specifically for a building; these funds and additional pre-construction expenditures can be used for the match. The total campaign goal for private support is \$3,750,000. According to Heather Sipes, Executive Director of the Galesburg Public Library Foundation, "The G. L. Vitale Family Foundation understands the importance of community support for this project. We are thrilled to partner with them in making the new library a reality."

