



# Off the Shelf

*Galesburg Public Library Newsletter*

A gingerbread house with white icing decorations and a small figure on top.

## Holiday Closings

The library will be closed  
December 23-26 and  
December 30-January 2.

## Gingerbread House Decorating

Tuesday, December 5  
It's time for the Children's Room  
Annual Gingerbread House  
Decorating event!

Sign your family up for a one-hour  
time slot between 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
to decorate a gingerbread house with  
icing and candy.

Registration is now closed



## Local Author Fair

Free local author fair! Meet local authors, browse their books, and buy signed copies on Saturday, December 2, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Books for kids, teens, and adults will be available. Volunteers will be on hand to provide free gift wrapping.

Some authors may not take credit cards, so we recommend bringing cash or checks.



## Welcome to New Staff

Keri Jamison is a part time shelper and very excited to be a part of the library. Her full time job is a virtual special ed teacher for a school in West Chicago. She lives in Cameron with her husband, daughter, and four cats.

Dylann Haptonstahl is excited to serve the community in a meaningful way as a part-time circulation clerk. Her favorite genres are memoirs and fantasy. Some of her other interests include writing, video games, and puns.

Devin Flanagan is the new bookkeeper at GPL. Devin is also a performing musician and audio engineer, working with others to produce new music. He enjoys building Lego cars and watching the adapted animation One Piece.

Kymorrah Jackson is the newest shelper in the Children's Department. Kymmie is a junior at Galesburg High School, where she keeps busy with Color Guard, Choir, and lots of other activities. In her spare time, she enjoys singing, drinking Diet Coke, and adding to her extensive earring collection.

## Children's Events

### Toddler Storytime

Mondays at 10:00 AM beginning Jan. 8

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

### Baby Bounce

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM beginning Jan. 10

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

### Animal Explorers ✓

Thursday, Dec. 7, 4:00 PM

Thursday, Jan. 4, 4:00 PM

Grab a free take-home explorer kit, then meet to share info on the animal of the month. For kids in grades K-3.

### Tunes for Tots

Thursday, Dec. 7, 6:30 PM

Friday, Dec. 8, 10:00 AM

Friday, Jan. 5, 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.

### Junior Book Club ✓

Monday, Dec. 11, 4:00 PM

Monday, Jan. 8, 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.

### LEGO Mania

Thursday, Dec. 14, 4:00 PM

Thursday, Jan. 11, 4:00 PM

Come build with LEGO blocks!

### Pageturners Book Club for Kids ✓

Thursday, Dec. 21, 4:00 PM

Thursday, Jan. 18, 4:00 PM

Come talk about fun novels with other readers your age. For independent readers in grades 4-6. Limited free copies of each month's book available.

### Young Adventurers: Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners

Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 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.

## 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 Holiday Party

Thursday, December 14, 6:00 PM

Celebrate the holiday season with food, crafts, and games! Open to any teen who has attended a TAB meeting this year.

### Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, Jan. 11, 6:00 PM

Talk about teen services and get free pizza!

### Jackbox Party Gaming

Thursday, Jan 11, 6:45 PM

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

### Dungeons & Dragons for Teens ✓

Monday, Dec. 18, & Monday, Jan. 22, 4:00 PM

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

### YA Book Club

Saturday, Jan. 20, 3:00 PM

In *Vespertine* by Margaret Rogerson, Artemisia defends her convent from possessed soldiers by awakening an ancient spirit called a revenant. In order to control it and defeat the evil threatening her land, she must seek ancient forgotten knowledge from the revenant itself.



## Adult Book Clubs

*Copies of book club titles are available for checkout at the library.*

### Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

**Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1:00 PM upstairs**

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

Nobody ever talks to strangers on the train.

It's a rule. But what would happen if they did?

*Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting* by Clare Pooley explores what happens when an eclectic group of people with almost nothing in common except their commute discover that a chance encounter can blossom into much more.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1:00 PM upstairs**

**Thursday, Jan. 11, 6:30 PM at Jimmy's Pizza**

*Grateful American* is the moving story of how actor Gary Sinise found his life's work: to see that those who defend this country and its freedoms are never forgotten.

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

**Friday, Dec. 8, 6:00 PM at a private home**

In Adrian Tchaikovsky's *And Put Away Childish Things*, Harry has a famous grandmother who wrote beloved children's books set in the delightful world of Underhill. For Harry, the family history seems to be nothing but an impediment...or worse. What if Underhill is real and has been waiting decades for a promised child to visit? And what if it isn't delightful at all? The discussion will be held at a private home. Please contact the Reference department for the address.



**Friday, Jan. 19, 6:00 PM at Hardee's**

An extraterrestrial visitor arrives on Earth in *The Humans* by Matt Haig, and his first impressions of the human species are less than positive. But as time goes by, he starts to realize there may be more to this strange species than he originally thought.

### Food for Thought & Buzzwords

The Food for Thought and Buzzwords book clubs will resume after the move to the new library in the spring.

## Adult Events

### Movie Club

**Tuesday, Dec. 19, time TBA**

**Tuesday, Jan. 16, 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, December 6, 2:00 pm**

Christopher Nolan's *Oppenheimer* stars Cillian Murphy as the American physicist known as the father of the atomic bomb. The movie is three hours long, but there will be a 10 minute break. Rated R for sexuality, nudity, and language. ©Universal Pictures.



**Wednesday, January 17, 2:00 pm**



In *Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny*, daredevil archaeologist Indiana Jones races against time to retrieve a legendary device that can change the course of history. Rated PG-13, 142 minutes, ©Walt Disney.

### Writer Support Group

**Monday, Dec. 11, 6:00 PM**

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

### Adult Coloring

**Monday, Jan 15, 1:30-3:30 PM**

Join us in adults-only coloring for relaxation.

# Calendar

Dec. 2	Local Author Fair
Dec. 5	Gingerbread House Decorating
Dec. 6	Free Movie: <i>Oppenheimer</i>
Dec. 7	Animal Explorers Club
Dec. 7-8	Tunes for Tots
Dec. 8	Tome Raiders Book Club
Dec. 11	Writer Support Group
Dec. 11	Junior Book Club
Dec. 12	Tuesday Book Club
Dec. 14	Lego Mania
Dec. 14	Teen Advisory Board Party
Dec. 14	Thursday Book Club
Dec. 18	Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
Dec. 19	Movie Club
Dec. 20	Young Adventurers D&D
Dec. 21	Pageturners Book Club
Dec. 23-26	Holiday Closure
Dec. 30-Jan. 2	Holiday Closure
Jan. 4	Animal Explorers Club
Jan. 5	Tunes for Tots
Jan. 8	Junior Book Club
Jan. 9	Tuesday Book Club
Jan. 11	Lego Mania
Jan. 11	Thursday Book Club
Jan. 11	Teen Advisory Board
Jan. 11	Jackbox Party Gaming
Jan. 12	After Hours Nerf Lock-In
Jan. 15	Adult Coloring
Jan. 16	Movie Club
Jan. 17	Free Movie: <i>Indiana Jones</i>
Jan. 18	Pageturners Book Club
Jan. 19	Tome Raiders Book Club
Jan. 20	Young Adult Book Club
Jan. 22	Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
Jan. 31	Young Adventurers D&D



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## Illinois Humanities Big Read Discussions

**Wednesday, Dec. 13 & Jan. 24, 6:00 PM at GCAC**

The Galesburg Community Arts Center and the Galesburg Public Library are collaborating with Illinois Humanities on an NEA Big Read around the theme **Reconsidering the American Dream**. *Heartland* by Sarah Smarsh will be discussed on Dec. 13 and Jan. 24 at the GCAC. Galesburg has 10 copies to give away while supplies last, and additional copies are available for checkout.

## Teen After Hours Nerf Lock In

Teens, take part in a Nerf challenge in the library on Friday, January 12 at 6:00 PM! You can bring your own Nerf gear or use gear provided by the library. Advance sign-up and a permission slip are required.