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# Off the Shelf

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## COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE: FINANCIAL AID

On Tuesday, October 19, Lisa Hanson from the Financial Aid Office at Carl Sandburg College will talk about the process of applying for college financial aid and answer audience questions. The event will be from 6:30 - 7:30 PM upstairs at the library. High school students, parents, and college-bound adults are all welcome to attend! Due to limited seating, advance registration is recommended. Call the Reference Desk at 309-343-6118 ext. 6 to register.

## NEW BUILDING UPDATE

Two years from now, we will be in the process of moving into a new building!

### What's happening now?

The bids we opened in July were higher than we hoped, due mainly to material cost increases related to the pandemic. The library board rejected all bids, and we're working with our architects to revise some of the designs and lower costs. We hope to award a bid to a general contractor this fall and begin construction next spring.

### Will the new building be smaller than previously planned?

Nope! None of the changes to the design impact the function of the spaces or reduce the square footage.

### Have you started fundraising?

We are in the quiet stage of fundraising right now. That means we are cultivating donors, pursuing public and private funding, and preparing for a public campaign to meet our goal of raising \$3.75 million. Thanks to a number of generous donors, we have raised nearly \$800,000, and we plan to kick off a public fundraising campaign this winter.

### How can I learn about the features of the new building?

Visit the Galesburg Public Library Foundation website to read all about the features of the new building: [thegplf.org](http://thegplf.org).

### What names were selected for the building?

This summer, we conducted a survey to select the twelve writers' names that would be carved on the outside of the building. We received over 300 responses with some thoughtful, valid suggestions of individuals who should be commemorated. We also received insightful feedback from some of you requesting that we not include



permanent names of individuals on the outside of the library. The library belongs to the whole community, and carving a limited number of author names in stone is antithetical to our vision and purpose. After discussing the concept with our architects, we found that lowering the roof, swapping stone banding for brick, and eliminating the option for carved names was an economical edit to our designs.

The names that were suggested will instead be moved to the interior of the building to be featured in displays, timelines, photo collages, and other less-permanent exhibits, allowing us to provide context and appreciation for the individuals you've asked us to remember and celebrate. We thank each of you who gave feedback, made suggestions, and held us accountable to our mission and values.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

All events are subject to change. Masks are required for indoor 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.

## ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Copies of the books are available for checkout at the library.

### **Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions**

**Tuesday, October 12, 1:00 PM location TBD**

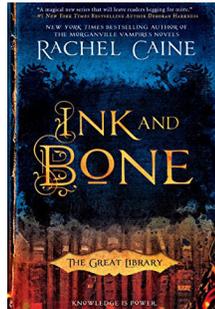
**Thursday, October 14, 6:30 PM location TBD**

*The Greatest Beer Run Ever* by John "Chick" Donohue and J. T. Molloy is a wildly entertaining, feel-good memoir of an Irish-American New Yorker and former U.S. Marine who embarked on a courageous, hare-brained scheme to deliver beer to his pals serving in Vietnam in the late 1960s. Soon to be a major motion picture. Whether the discussions are virtual or in person will be determined later; please contact the library for more information.

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

**Friday, October 22, 6:00 PM location TBD**

In *Ink and Bone*, author Rachel Caine rewrites history, creating a dangerous world where the Great Library of Alexandria has survived the test of time and is now a powerful presence in every major city that governs the flow of knowledge to the masses. The personal ownership of books is forbidden, and those who control the Library believe knowledge is more valuable than human lives....



## OTHER ADULT PROGRAMS

### **Writer Support Group**

**Monday, October 4, 6:30 PM**

Meet with other writers to hone your skills and give and receive constructive feedback. All kinds of writers welcome.

### **Movie Club**

**Tuesday, October 19, time TBA**

If the AMC is open, the library's movie discussion group will meet to watch a new movie at the AMC Showplace. The exact time and title will be announced the week before. We'll head to Culver's afterwards for discussion.

### **Adult Coloring**

**Monday, October 18, 1:30-3:30 PM**

Join us in adult coloring. We'll provide music, drinks, coloring pages, and colored pencils. Free! For adults only.

### **Intro to Media Literacy**

**Wednesday, October 20, 6:30-7:30 PM**

Separating good information from bad can be difficult. Learn how to separate fact from fiction so that you aren't fooled. Advance registration is required; please sign up by calling 309-343-6118 or emailing [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org).

## ALL AGES MOVIE

### **Movie Club**

**Free Movie**

**Monday, October 11, 2:00 PM**

Free showing of the movie *Cruella*, a live action movie starring Emma Stone as a young Cruella de Vil. (134 min., rated PG-13, ©Walt Disney) Open to all ages.



## FRIENDS BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Galesburg Public Library fall book sale will take place October 14, 15, and 16. The sale will be in the Sanderson Room upstairs at the library, and masks will be required. The sale runs from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday night. The evening sale is free for Friends of the Library members, or \$5 per person for non-members. Or join the Friends group at the door and receive free entry! The sale runs from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Friday and continues on Saturday at 9:00 AM with a \$3 bag sale until 11:00 AM, and a \$1 bag sale until 1:00 PM. There is no entrance fee Friday or Saturday. The library is not taking book donations at this time. Happy shopping and reading!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you tech-savvy and enjoy helping others? Become a Tech Tutor today! Tech Tutors work one-on-one with patrons to provide help with cell phones, computers, and tablets. Tech Tutor volunteers must be extremely patient, as they assist patrons who have little or no experience with electronic devices. Volunteers must have experience with Windows, Android, or Apple products. Interested? Contact Payton Dowell at 309-343-6118 ex. 6 or [payton@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:payton@galesburglibrary.org).

## NEW TEAM MEMBER!

The Galesburg Public Library has a new Circulation Clerk, Jane Breslin! Jane began with us as a shelver in 2018 while she was attending Galesburg High School. She has since graduated with an Associate in Arts degree from Carl Sandburg College. You may have seen her and her ferret, Cooper, on our Facebook page. When she's not at the library, she's taking care of various pets, reading, playing video games, drawing, painting, and sewing.

# CHILDREN'S EVENTS

## Storytime

**Wednesday, October 6, 13, 20, and 27**

**10:00 AM: Toddlers (18-36 months)**

**10:45 AM: Preschool (3-6 yrs)**

Join us for stories, songs, and more. No registration required.

## Tween Crafternoon

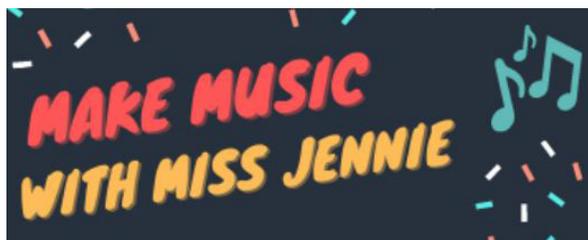
**Tuesday, October 5, 4:00-6:00 PM.**

We've got tables overflowing with arts and crafts supplies, and they're calling your name! Come and get artsy with paints, ribbons, beads, and more. Open to grades 4-6; no registration required.

## Make Music with Miss Jennie

**Thursday, October 14, 10:00 AM**

Join Miss Jennie outside in the Storybook Garden to craft a simple instrument and then make music together. Open to ages 0-5. Advance registration is required in the Children's Room.



## Kids' Book Club

**Thursday, October 21, 4:00-5:00 PM**

Fun monthly book club for independent readers in grades 4-6. In October and November we'll be discussing *Scratch Scratch* by Lindsay Currie. Limited free copies of each month's book are available. Registration is required; contact the Children's Room for more info or to sign up.

## Animal Explorers Club

**Tuesday, October 26, 4:00-5:00 PM**

Become an animal expert in this interactive monthly club, designed for kids in grades K-3. Participants in the Club receive a free take-home kit containing library books on the animal of the month and an explorer guide, then meet to share info and enjoy activities as a group on the last Tuesday of each month. Advance registration is required in the Children's Room.

## Make a Monster!

**Thursday, October 28, 6:00-7:00 PM**

Learn about the science and history behind famous mixed-up monsters, and craft a mixed-up monster of your own. Open to grades K-6. Advance registration required in the Children's Room.

# TEEN NEWS

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.

## Teen Advisory Board

**Thursday, October 14, 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 help find other ways to make teen services at the library better. This month we will meet in the Hiler Room off the Children's Room.

## Teen Game Night

**Thursday, October 14, 6:45-7:30 PM, Hiler Room**

Drop in to play card games and board games with other teens! Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12. Call the Reference Desk at 309-343-6118 or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) to sign up.

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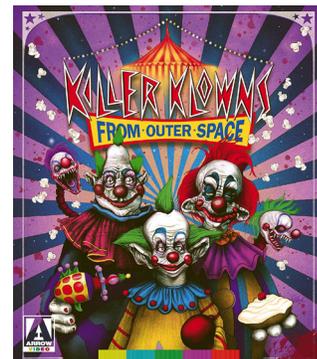
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## Free Movie: *Killer Klowns from Outer Space*

**Thursday, October 21, 6:00-7:30 PM**

Free showing of the cult classic movie *Killer Klowns from Outer Space*, a sci-fi horror/comedy about alien clowns that attack a small town. (88 min., rated PG-13, ©Warner Bros.)



## Dungeons & Dragons Club

**Monday, October 25, 4:00-6:00 PM**

Create your own hero and join the all-new adventure, in person at the library! New players are always welcome. Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12. Advance registration is required, so sign up at the Reference Desk or by calling 309-343-6118.

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## HOURS

### 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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# GHOSTS OF GALESBURG

Ghosts of Galesburg is an annual walking tour presented by the Galesburg Public Library and the Galesburg Historical Society. Every year around Halloween, certain "ghosts" from Galesburg's past return to their old stomping grounds to speak about their lives. This year, the in-person tour will return! Join us on Monday, October 25 at 6:30 PM to take a stroll through downtown and meet six of these historical figures. A small number of seats will be available on the tram for those unable to walk the tour. Seats are limited, and advance registration is required. Registration will begin October 1. Make your reservation by calling the Reference Desk at 309-343-6118.

Can't make it to the in-person tour? A virtual version will be available again this year! It will be available October 26-November 8 on our website. Visit [galesburglibrary.org](http://galesburglibrary.org) for more information on the virtual tour!

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of Galesburg*

