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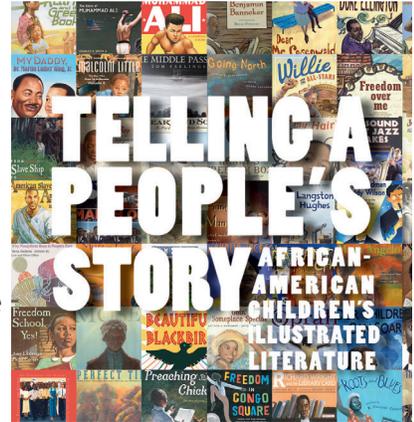
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TRAVELING EXHIBIT AT GPL

Galesburg Public Library will host the traveling panel exhibit *Telling A People's Story: African-American Children's Illustrated Literature*. The installation is the first major museum exhibition of its kind, featuring more than 130 pieces of art produced for book illustrations by over 30 artists. The 12-panel exhibition takes visitors through a chronological journey of Black history, displaying illustrations from over 90 children's books that are centered on everything from slavery to the Civil Rights era to modern life. Featured artists include Caldecott medalists and honorees like John Steptoe, Leo and Diane Dillon, Javaka Steptoe, Jerry Pinkney and E.B. Lewis.



Telling A People's Story is on display in the library's Eila Hiler Room from September 1 through 30, and is open to the public Monday-Thursday from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, and Friday and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Visitors of all ages are invited to explore the exhibit. Copies of many of the books featured in the exhibit will be available for onsite reading, and visitors will have the opportunity to participate in interactive activities related to the exhibit's content. For more information, please contact Melinda Jones-Rhoades at (309) 343-6118 or children@galesburglibrary.org.

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Guess what we're celebrating in September? If you guessed National Potato Month, you're right, but it's also Library Card Sign-Up Month! This year we're going to visit different places in the community where you can sign up for a library card (or bring your friends to get library cards). Just a few of the places you can catch us include in front of Carriage House for First Friday, at Burke Cleaners on September 12 from 9:00 AM until noon, and the Farmer's Market on September 25. Signing up for a library card earns you a ticket for a prize, and if you already have a card, stopping in and showing your card at the Check-Out Desk gets you a ticket, too! Keep an eye on our front window near the Simmons Street entrance because everyone who signs up for a library card is invited to decorate a leaf that will help a tree grow in the window. You won't beLEAF what you can do with your library card!

HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE

The Galesburg Public Library is partnering with the Downtown Community Partnership of Galesburg, Galesburg Parks and Recreation, and Mel Foster Co. to host a Halloween Costume Drive. Donors may bring new or gently used youth costumes to the library throughout the month of September. Costumes will be distributed to children and families at Standish Park on Saturday, October 9. For more information, call or visit the library.

SUMMER STATS JUNE & JULY AT A GLANCE



MOST POPULAR BOOK

The Four Winds
by Kristin Hannah

MOST POPULAR MOVIE

Raya and the Last Dragon

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

Tue. Sept. 14, 1:00 PM at the library

Thur. Sept. 16, 6:30 PM location TBD

Author Judy Prescott Marshall will join us by Zoom at 1:00 PM on 9/14 to talk about her new book *Still Crazy*. Free copies of her book are available while supplies last. The Tuesday meeting will take place in person in the library's upstairs meeting room. You can also join the Zoom at home or live on facebook; email reference@galesburglibrary.org if you would like to attend via Zoom link. The location of the Thursday discussion will be announced closer to the date.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Fri. Sept. 24, 6:00 PM location TBD

One of the oldest legends of a school for witchcraft and wizardry is the story of the Scholomance, a hidden institution, where the students are cloistered for years, never seeing the sun while learning the darkest of arts. In *A Deadly Education*, the first book in a magical series, Naomi Novik imagines her version of the Scholomance. The discussion location will be announced closer to the date.

NAACP Discussion

Thur. Sept. 9, 6:30 PM

Join a discussion of *The Conductors* by Nicole Glover, a blend of history, mystery, and magic set just after the Civil War. Presented in partnership with the NAACP Galesburg branch.

Movie Club

Free Movie

Wed. Sept. 8, 2:00 PM at the library

Free showing of the movie *News of the World*, based on the book by Paulette Jiles. War veteran Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd embarks on a new mission five years after the conclusion of the Civil War: he goes from town to town to share news from around the world. At one of his stops, he meets Johanna, a 10-year-old girl who has been living with the Kiowa people for the last six years, and is asked to return her to her aunt and uncle. Starring Tom Hanks. (118 min., rated PG-13, ©Universal Pictures)

Tue. Sept. 21, 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.

Writer Support Group returns!

Mon. Sept. 13, 6:30 PM

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

Senior Fraud Prevention

Wed. Sept. 15, 2:00 PM

Deputy Jacque Dare of TRIAD Knox County will provide information on fraud prevention for seniors. Reduce your chance of becoming a victim. Free.

Adult Coloring

Mon. Sept. 20, 1:30-3:30 PM

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

NEW LIBRARIAN!

Anne Giffey hails from southwest Wisconsin, but has lived in Galesburg for over two decades and now considers it home. She received her master's degree in library and information science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has worked in several capacities in libraries (circulation, interlibrary loan and instruction). When not at work, she can be found walking, running and riding through her neighborhood, sometimes stopping to take photographs. Anne is excited to join the GPL staff and can be reached at anne@galesburglibrary.org.

FREE VIRTUAL HISTORY PROGRAM

Join us on Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 PM for a free virtual program on the Chicago and Peshtigo Fires, which took place 150 years ago. The Western Springs (Illinois) Deputy Fire Chief will moderate a discussion between a Peshtigo Fire Museum historian and a curator from the Chicago History Museum. While the Great Chicago Fire is better known, the Peshtigo Fire is the deadliest wildfire in recorded history, with over 1,500 lost lives and 1.2 million acres of destroyed land.



A LIVE VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 'GREAT FIRES'
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 • 7:00 PM

Register here:

<https://forms.gle/wqHLbzJgjewhN48p7>

Join the webinar through this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87057238612>

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Outdoor storytime

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 22, & 29

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

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

Join us outside in the Storybook Garden for stories, songs, and more. Bring a blanket or chairs. No registration required.

Make Music with Miss Jennie

Thursday, September 16, 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.

Kids' Book Club

Thursday, September 16, 4:00-5:00 PM

Fun monthly book club for independent readers in grades 4-6. 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.

Elephant Appreciation Day

Wednesday, September 22, 5:00-7:00 PM

Drop in for crafts and activities celebrating elephants. Can't make it to the program? Stop by the Children's Room anytime during the day to grab free temporary tattoos and bracelets. Open to kids of all ages. No registration required.

Animal Explorers Club

Tuesday, September 28, 4:00-5:00 PM

Become an animal expert in this interactive monthly club, designed for kids in grades K-3. Participants can 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 on the last Tuesday of each month. Advance registration is 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, September 9, 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.



Craft-a-Pult Challenge

Thursday, September 9, 6:45-7:30 PM

Build a catapult out of household materials, then test your aim in a series of challenges! Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12. Call the Reference Desk at 343-6118 or email reference@galesburglibrary.org to sign up.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Monday, September 27, 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.

FOUNDATION SPOTLIGHT: PENNY WAGHER

Meet Foundation donor and Galesburg Public Library Supporter Penny Wagher.

What motivates you to stay involved in our work?

Our library provides so much more than just books. I am amazed at how creative the staff is, coming up continually with new ideas, even a valentine blind date book to take and keep. Our library is really the backbone of our town and provides a safe place for many folks to spend a good portion of their day. How can someone not support them with their time and money?

What are your hopes for the new library?

I hope that many people continue to use the new library and the new resources that will be available and maybe folks that have never used the library will now find a great source of enjoyment. We have long needed a community center and I hope that the library will be able to meet some of those needs also.

To read more about Penny's inspiration for support and memories of the library, visit <http://thegplf.org/penny-wagher/>.



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HOURS

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Closed: September 6

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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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The board of the Friends of the Galesburg Public Library is grateful to all its members and everyone else who has continued to show their support for the library during this pandemic. Your donations have helped pay for several extras at the library, including the purchase of children's books and the prizes for the creative writing contest.

The main source of income for these expenditures is the Friends book sales, and good news for book lovers, a book sale is planned for Thursday, Oct. 14 through Saturday, Oct. 16. Book sales don't just spring up like mushrooms, though. Volunteers are needed to help set up the room on Thursday and to help take down everything on Saturday afternoon. Volunteers will also be needed to work a two-hour shift during the sale hours, which will be 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Friday, and 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday. Anyone who wants to help can contact the secretary, Christine Sackey, at cmsackey8@gmail.com.

Volunteers are also needed to serve on the board and help shape the direction and activities of the Friends during the coming year. An election for board members will be held Nov. 3 at 5:30 PM at the library. The four board positions are president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. A treasurer is urgently needed as the current treasurer has said she will

not run again. Anyone who has questions about one of these positions or who is interested in running for the board can contact secretary Christine Sackey or contact Library Director Noelle Thompson at the library.

NEW GPL DATABASES

AtoZ Food America

AtoZ Food America will satisfy your craving for all sorts of food facts. You can browse recipes by state, watch how-to videos, and even find historical information on canned food labels! Where will AtoZ Food America take your taste buds?

LingoLite

Voulez-vous parler français? Do you want to speak French? Spanish? Farsi? Our new database LingoLite can help with that! LingoLite offers a variety of vocabulary and pronunciation tutorials in 30 languages!

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