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# Off the Shelf

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## GREEN SCREEN PHOTOS FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS!

**Saturday, Nov. 27, 1:00-4:00 PM**

**Monday, Nov. 29, 4:00-7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, Nov. 30, 4:00-7:00 PM**

Sign up for a 15-minute session in front of our Green Screen. Your photo will be taken by library staff and sent to you via email after the session. Choose from several available background options, both silly and serious. Free; one session per family or individual. Register in the Children's Room starting November 1.



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to the Friends of the Library, the many volunteers, and all of you who shopped at the fall book sale. The Friends raised \$1,442.75, which will be used to support library programs and services. If you would like to get more involved with the Friends of the Library, join us for a general meeting on Wednesday, November 3 at 5:30 PM at the library. New officers will be elected. Any member of the Friends who is dedicated to the library and is interested in a leadership role is encouraged to run for one of the open positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. For more information about the Friends of the Library, email [friends@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:friends@galesburglibrary.org) or give us a call at (309) 343-6118 and choose #9.

## HOT SPOTS FOR CHECK-OUT

Did you know the library has hot spots for checkout? A hot spot lets you access the internet from home or elsewhere. Hot spots check out for two weeks. Galesburg Public Library patrons can place a hold through the online library catalog, or ask at the Check-Out Desk for more information.



## Library Card Sign Up Month

### SIGN UP MONTH OVER THE YEARS

This year, we had nearly **tripled** our usual September library card sign-ups.

### OUTREACH

We could not have gained so many new users without the community's help and partnerships. Email [library@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:library@galesburglibrary.org) if you'd like to set up an outreach opportunity!

### 2021 SO FAR

730 new users since January 1



**274**

new library cards

**10**

outreach stops

**4.3%**

increase in current users

# ADULT PROGRAMS

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

**Tue. November 9, 1:00 PM, upstairs at the library**

**Thur. November 11, 6:30 P, upstairs at the library**

The *Talented Miss Farwell* by Emily Gray Tedrowe tells the story of a rich but mysterious art collector who is actually the treasurer of a small town in Illinois embezzling money to fund her collection.

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

**Fri. November 26, 6:00 PM at Hardee's**

In *QualityLand*, author Marc-Uwe Kling introduces the best country on Earth, where a universal ranking system determines the social advantages and career opportunities of every member of society and the foolproof algorithms of the biggest company in the world know what you want before you do and conveniently deliver it to your doorstep before you even order it. What could possibly go wrong? The discussion location will be announced closer to the date.

### **Digital Discourse Book Club**

**Thursday, November 18, 7:00 PM on Facebook**

Get comfortable in your own home and join an online book discussion in the GPL Online Discussion group. *Five Total Strangers* by Natalie D. Richards is a thriller about a terrifying road trip in a snowstorm. Digital copies of the book will be available for checkout as part of Overdrive's Big Library Read through ADML, the Libby app, or the Overdrive app from November 1-15. You will need to join the GPL Online Discussion group to participate in the discussion. Questions are posted in the group during the discussion.



## MOVIE CLUB

### **Free Movie**

**Friday, November 5, 2:00 PM**

Free showing of the movie *Stillwater*, which stars Matt Damon as the American father of a young woman charged with murder in France. (140 min., rated R, ©Focus Features)

**Tue. November 16, time TBA**

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**

**Mon. November 1, 6:30 PM**

Meet with other writers to hone your skills and give and receive constructive feedback. All kinds of writers are welcome. This will be the last meeting until February.

### **Adult Coloring**

**Mon. November 15, 1:30-3:30 PM**

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



## NEW TEAM MEMBER

Lily Lauer is new to the library and is super excited to be on staff in the Reference Department. She graduated from Knox College with degrees in English literature and creative writing. Lily practices letterpress at a studio here in town where she sets and prints type by hand. In her free time, she especially loves to read poems and literary fiction.

## LIGHT THERAPY

A lack of daylight can affect our mood during the winter months. To give your mood a boost, check out a light therapy lamp at the Galesburg Public Library. Search for them in the library catalog using "lamp" as the title, or ask for one at the Reference Desk.

# CHILDREN'S EVENTS

## Storytime

**Wednesday, November 3, 10, & 17**

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

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

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



## Maker Mondays

**Monday, November 1, 8, 15, & 22, 4:00-6:00 PM**

Drop in for free crafting time! Each week we'll provide a different collection of arts and crafts supplies — your only limit is your imagination! Free and open to kids in grades K-6. No registration required.

### Weekly themes:

- November 1: Tape-a-Palooza
- November 8: Wrap it Up!
- November 15: Beads & Buttons
- November 22: Paper Power

## Chemistry Together

**Tuesday, November 9, 6:00 PM**

Kids and their accompanying adults are invited to work together on two fun and simple science experiments. Free and open to children of all ages and their grownups. Advance registration is required in the Children's Room.

## Kids' Book Club

**Thursday, November 18, 4:00 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. Advance registration is required in the Children's Room.

## Family Reading Night

**Thursday, November 18, 6:00 PM**

Come enjoy stories, activities, and crafts. Family Reading Night is sponsored by the Illinois Secretary of State and the Illinois Center for the Book. Free and no registration required. Open to kids of all ages and their caretakers.

## Animal Explorers Club

**Tuesday, November 30, 4:00 PM**

Become an animal expert in this interactive monthly club, designed for kids in grades K-3. Participants 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.

# 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 Book Discussion: Five Total Strangers

**Thursday, November 11, 5:00-5:45 PM**

In the YA thriller *Five Total Strangers* by Natalie D. Richards, a group of college students carpool home after their flight is canceled by a snowstorm. However, something isn't right and soon it's clear that the blizzard isn't the only danger they face. The library has a few free copies to give away to teens while supplies last; the book will also be available to check out as either a paper or digital copy. Giveaway copies are for teens, but all ages may attend the discussion.

## Teen Advisory Board

**Thursday, November 11, 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.

## Copycat Art Night

**Thursday, November 11, 6:45-7:30 PM**

Put your own personal spin on famous works of art by using them as inspiration, or try to recreate them yourself! Whether you're a talented artist or a complete newbie, you can have fun remaking an art classic! Advance registration is required.



## Dungeons & Dragons Club

**Monday, November 22, 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.

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## HOURS

**Monday - Thursday:**

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

**Friday & Saturday:**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** Closed

November 24: Closing at 5:00 PM

November 25: 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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## 60TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Join us on Wednesday, November 3, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our current building's dedication, as we remember the past and look towards the future of Galesburg Public Library. Renderings and images of the new building will be revealed. Stop by any time from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM to share your memories of the current library and your wishes for the new building. At 2:00 PM we will share the exciting features of the new building and information on the capital campaign. There will be a short Q&A session after the presentation. All are welcome.

The library is currently accepting bids for construction of the new building. Bids are due on November 19. To learn more about the project, visit [thegplf.org](http://thegplf.org).

