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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT GPL

Holly Days Parade

Support the Galesburg Public Library and the Galesburg community by attending the Holly Days Parade on Sunday, December 5, at 5:00 PM. The parade runs down Main Street between Chambers and Cherry Streets. Look for library staff, trustees, and volunteers lighting up downtown!



Galesburg Express

All are welcome to the library during the Galesburg Express holiday festival on Saturday, December 11 from 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM. Visit the Teen Advisory Board cheer station, send Santa a postcard, and take a cool green-screen photo! Fun and festive for everyone!

TECH AND JOB ASSISTANCE

Travis Downs has started as a part-time Tech and Employment Specialist to help those who are job searching or hoping to become more proficient with their phone or computer. Travis will be available to help with resume building, finding and filling out job applications, using email and technology, and more. Call the Reference Desk at 309-343-6118 ext. 6 to set up an appointment. Drop-in hours will also be available.

PACK THE BLESSING BOX

The library is currently accepting donations for the Blessing Box located on the Broad Street side of our property. A Blessing Box is a place to donate goods for others in need to pick up anonymously. There are several boxes located throughout Galesburg, all of which take donations from the community and are available and free to anyone. We will be accepting donations at the front desk inside the library through December 29.

Most needed items:

- Toiletries
- Individually wrapped snacks
- Dry pet food
- Shelf safe dry goods
- Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks

JANUARY READING CHALLENGE

Our January Reading Challenge is back! The "New Year, New Books" challenge runs January 1-31 and is open to readers of all ages. Participants can earn raffle tickets to win prizes for every book read during the month of January. Registration opens the week of December 13. Keep an eye out on our website and our Facebook page for all the details!



NEW TEAM MEMBER

Eliza Karlin is our newest shelver and circulation worker! She is currently a senior at Galesburg High School, where she is a drum major for the Marching Streaks, team captain for the Scholastic Bowl team, and the treasurer for the Gay-Straight Alliance. Her favorite color is cyan, and her favorite animal is the capybara, followed by every bird that she's ever seen. Eliza is excited to work at the library!

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

December Events

Free Movie

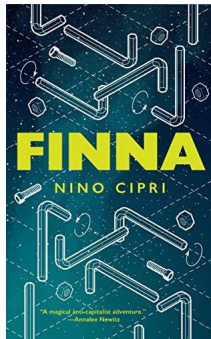
Friday, December 3, 2:00 PM

Free showing of the movie *Jungle Cruise*, starring Dwayne Johnson and Emily Blunt. (129 min., rated PG-13, ©Walt Disney)

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Fri. December 10, 6:00 PM

In *Finna* by Nino Cipri, an elderly customer at a Swedish big box furniture store slips through a portal to another dimension, and it's up to two minimum-wage employees to track her across the multiverse and protect their company's bottom line. The discussion will be held at a private home. Contact the Reference department for the address.



Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

Tue. December 14, 1:00 PM

Thur. December 16, 6:30 PM

Interference by Brad Parks is a heart-pounding thriller that explores the scientific unknown and one woman's efforts to save her husband from its consequences. Discussions held upstairs at the library.

Movie Club

Tue. December 21, 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.

Digital Discourse Discussion

Wednesday, December 29, 7:00 PM on Facebook

Boba Fett has intrigued us since he first appeared in the *Star Wars* universe. This December he gets his own live-action TV series on the Disney+ streaming service. Watch the first episode at home and join an online discussion. You will need to join the GPL Online Discussion group on Facebook to participate in the discussion. Questions will be posted in the group starting at 7:00 pm.

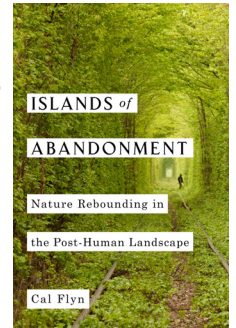
January Events

Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

Tue. January 11, 1:00 PM

Thur. January 13, 6:30 PM

In *Islands of Abandonment*, investigative journalist Cal Flynn visits the eeriest and most desolate places on Earth that due to war, disaster, or economic decay, have been abandoned by humans. Discussions held upstairs at the library.



Free Movie

Friday, January 14, 2:00 PM

Free showing of the movie *Cry Macho*, starring Clint Eastwood as an aging rodeo professional. Based on a book by N. Richard Nash. (104 min., rated R, ©Warner Brothers)

Adult Coloring

Mon. January 17, 1:30-3:30 PM

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

Movie Club

Tue. January 18, 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.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Fri. January 21, 6:00 PM

The Love Proof by Madeleine Henry is a love story about connection, physics, time, and intuition. The author will join us by phone. The discussion will take place at Hardee's.

THANKFUL FRIENDS

Exciting news: The library is now accepting book sale donations! Following the same guidelines as in the past, you may drop off donated books inside the library.

The spring book sale will be May 19-21. All proceeds generated by the Friends book sales are applied towards activities at the library. A heartfelt thank you for your continued support toward success.

Thanks this Thanksgiving: For the return of volunteers.
Wish this Christmas: Many new Friends joining us.
Celebration of 2022 New Year: Opportunities available to support the Friends at Galesburg Public Library.

Verna Treasure,
President, Friends of the Galesburg Public Library.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Gingerbread House Decorating

Tuesday, December 7, 10:00 AM-7:00 PM

The holiday tradition is back! Sign your family up for a one-hour time slot to decorate a gingerbread house with icing and candy. Advance registration is required in the Children's Room and spots are limited. Cost is \$5 per gingerbread house; payment is required in order to reserve a spot. To reserve a spot, contact the Children's Room.

Kids' Book Club

Thursday, December 16, 4:00 PM

Fun monthly book club for independent readers in grades 4-6. In December we'll be discussing the graphic novel adaptation of *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander. Limited free copies of each month's book are available. Advance registration is required in the Children's Room.

Family Storytime

Monday, January 17, 6:00 PM

Kids of all ages, together with their caregivers, are invited to join us for stories, crafts, and activities. No registration required.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesday, January 19 & 26, 10:00 AM

Join us for stories, songs, and more. No registration required. Toddler storytime is designed for children aged 3 and younger, accompanied by a caregiver.

Kids' Book Club

Thursday, January 20, 4:00 PM

Fun monthly book club for independent readers in grades 4-6. Limited free copies of each month's book are available. Advance registration is required in the Children's Room.

Animal Explorers Club

Tuesday, January 25, 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 on the last Tuesday of each month. Advance registration is required in the Children's Room.

BEST BOOKS

GPL has been monitoring the best books of the year, and we are giving away gift baskets to a lucky few people featuring some of the year's best titles! Entering is simple — just tell us the best book you read this year! Enter by emailing us at reference@galesburglibrary.org or by watching for a Facebook post about the giveaway. In your email, just let us know who the entry is for, and which basket you would like! We have baskets for all ages, so everyone is welcome to enter. Winners will be drawn at the end of January.

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 Holiday Party

Thursday, December 9, 6:00-7:30 PM

Celebrate the holiday season with food, crafts, and games! Open to any teen ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12 who has attended a TAB meeting this year. Sign-up not required.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Monday, December 13, 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.

Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, January 13, 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.



DIY Drawstring Bags

Thursday, January 13, 6:45-7:30 PM

Make your own bag to carry dice, snacks, or other small stuff. No sewing skills required! Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12. Advance registration is required.

After-Hours Nerf Lock-In

Friday, January 21, 6:00-8:00 PM

Take part in a Nerf challenge in the library after hours! You can bring your own Nerf gear or use the library's. Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12; however, advance sign-up and a permission slip are required. For more information, call or visit the Reference Desk. If weather forces us to cancel, event will be rescheduled to Friday, Jan. 28 at the same time.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Monday, January 24, 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

Closed: December 23-26

December 30 - January 2

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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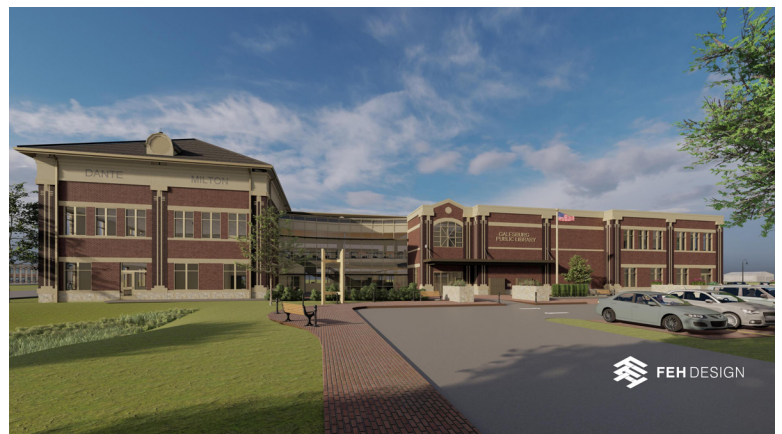
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NEW BUILDING WILL BRING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

One of our priorities at GPL is bringing people together—to share knowledge, debate ideas, celebrate traditions, and tell stories. The new building is being designed to foster these meetings, gatherings, and special occasions. A large community room will allow 500 community members to gather for educational, cultural, recreational, and civic events. The community room and attached kitchenette may be reserved by local groups even when the library is closed. Fully equipped with up-to-date audiovisual equipment and hearing assistive technology, the room will be flexible in its use and accessible to all.

For smaller meetings, conference rooms and a group study room will accommodate groups of eight to twenty individuals. With video conferencing systems and assisted listening capabilities, these spaces will accommodate remote workers, online students, homeschool groups, startup businesses, local book clubs, civic groups, and so many more. Individuals and small groups needing space and equipment to meet virtually with family members, friends, health care providers, counselors, or employers will have the opportunity in these new spaces as well.



The library is receiving a \$15.3 million grant to construct a new building, scheduled to open at the end of 2023. For more details, visit the GPL Foundation website: thegplf.org.