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NEW TEAM MEMBER!

Alicia Olejniczak is our newest reference assistant! Alicia is originally from Des Plaines, Illinois. She graduated from Knox College in 2021 with a major in international relations and a double minor in journalism and Spanish. She loves to read thrillers, and her favorite video game is Skyrim. She is also trilingual and has been vegetarian for 5 years. Welcome, Alicia!

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 3-9 marks the 64th anniversary of National Library Week, and we hope you'll celebrate with us. The annual celebration began in 1958 when the National Book Committee pledged to combat the decline of reading and celebrate the freedom to read in communities throughout the country. This year's theme, "Connect with Your Library," emphasizes the versatile offerings of libraries and the core theme of connection achieved through library services.

Here are the ways you can connect with us this National Library Week:

- Sunday, April 3: Kick off the Big Read with Black Hawk Performance Company at The Orpheum Theatre. Pick up a FREE copy of *An American Sunrise* while you're there.
- Monday, April 4: The Top Ten Frequently Challenged Books of 2021 is released. Celebrate the freedom to read by checking one out from the library.
- Tuesday, April 5: Wish a staff member a "happy National Library Workers Day!"
- Wednesday, April 6: Celebrate National Library Outreach Day by following us on social media—Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or TikTok—so you can keep up with where we are in the community.
- Thursday, April 7: Attend the groundbreaking ceremony and reception; then tell your local leaders what the library means to you on Take Action for Libraries Day.
- Friday, April 8: Take the Kahoot quiz on Facebook or in the library to test your GPL knowledge.
- Saturday, April 9: Sign up to be a volunteer; pick up an application at the Reference and Information Desk, or fill one out at www.galesburglibrary.org.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Join us in celebrating the start of construction of the new library by attending the groundbreaking ceremony at 4:00 PM on Thursday, April 7. The ceremony will be held at the new building construction site on the corner of W Main and S Academy Streets. Ceremony speakers include representatives from the library and the Galesburg Public Library Foundation, Mayor Peter Schwartzman, and Secretary of State Jesse White.

Following the ceremony, all are invited to a reception at the current library. The library will provide refreshments, giveaways, and activities for all ages, including a construction activity, "Building Challenge Accepted," for children, teens, and families. Adults and families may drop in between 4:30 and 6:30 PM to take part in the fun. Visitors will learn more about the plans for the new building and ways to get involved in the construction project.

The library has received \$15.3 million from the Illinois State Library through the Public Library Construction Act Grant. The grant covers 75% of qualifying construction expenses, and the library is responsible for raising the remaining funds locally. Since kicking off our capital campaign last year with a goal to raise \$3.75 million, the library has raised over \$3 million and expects to surpass our goal soon.

BIG READ EVENTS

All events are free. To register for events, sign up at the Reference Desk, or by calling 309-343-6118 or emailing reference@galesburglibrary.org. Masks are encouraged for events taking place at the library. Most events are open to all ages, but children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

NEA Big Read Kickoff

Sunday, April 3, 2:00 PM, The Orpheum Theatre

Join us for a free musical performance by Black Hawk Performance Company of Chicago. Doors open at 1:30 PM and admission is free for all. Event is for all ages. Free copies of *An American Sunrise* and *Cheyenne Madonna* will be distributed to adults while supplies last. This event is made possible through a generous donation from a patron.

Standish Park Storywalk and Kids Book Giveaway

Friday, April 1—Sunday, May 1

Enjoy the weather getting warmer by taking a stroll through Standish Park while reading a story! *Jingle Dancer* by Cynthia Leitich Smith will be the featured book on the Standish Park Storywalk and will be up all month long! A very limited number of free copies of *Jingle Dancer* will also be given away in the Children's Room starting Friday, April 1. Limited to one per household.

Watercolor Sunrise Class

Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Make a beautiful watercolor sunrise painting. All supplies will be provided. For all ages. Registration required. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Community Art Center.

New Library Groundbreaking

Thursday, April 7, 4:00 PM, Future Site of the Galesburg Public Library

Join us at the future site of the Galesburg Public Library for the official Groundbreaking Ceremony, followed by refreshments at the library. Poetry from *An American Sunrise* will be read to commemorate the groundbreaking.

Black Out Poetry

Monday, April 11, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Create poetry that is also artwork by blocking out text on pages from recycled books! For all ages. Registration requested.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 12, 1:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a discussion of *An American Sunrise* by Joy Harjo.

Book Discussion

Thursday, April 14, 6:30 PM, Jimmy's Pizza

Join us for a discussion of *An American Sunrise* by Joy Harjo.

Teen Craft Night: Pop-Up Poetry Cards

Thursday, April 14, 6:45 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Come create a pop-up card that includes a poem! Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12. Registration requested.

Musical Presentation: Journeying Through the American Indian Way of Life

Saturday, April 16, 2:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a presentation by Kim Sigafus, an award-winning Ojibwa author. Kim will talk about the tribes that once inhabited Illinois, and will sing and drum! Free and open to all ages. Registration requested. Funded through the Illinois Humanities Road Scholar program.

Keep Calm and Color On

Monday, April 18, 1:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Color for relaxation. Colored pencils and Native American-themed coloring pages provided. Free! For adults only.

Book Discussion: *Two Roads*

Tuesday, April 19, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a discussion of the teen tie-in book to the Big Read, *Two Roads* by Joseph Bruchac. Free copies of the book are available while supplies last; call or email to request a copy. All ages welcome.

Craft Drop In at Carl Sandburg

Wednesday, April 20, 2:00-4:30 PM, CSC Library

Join Carl Sandburg College Library for a collage poetry event! Drop in the library between 2:00-4:30, or request a to-go kit. All materials supplied by the Sandburg Makerspace. Registration required. To register for the event, visit www.sandburg.edu/libraryevents.

Integrated Word Weaving Craft

Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us to create and use word ribbons in this simple poetry weaving project! All supplies will be provided. For all ages. Registration required. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Community Art Center.

Kids' Book Club

Thursday, April 21, 4:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Open to 3rd-5th graders. Read and discuss *Ancestor Approved* by Cynthia Leitich Smith. Free copies of the book available in the Children's Room while supplies last.

Virtual Book Discussion

Thursday, April 21, 6:00 PM, Facebook

Join us for a comparative discussion of *An American Sunrise* by Joy Harjo and *Cheyenne Madonna* by Eddie Chuculate. The group will meet in the GPL Online Book Discussion group on Facebook.

Tome Raiders Book Club

Friday, April 22, 6:00 PM, Hardees

Join our sci-fi/fantasy book club for a discussion of *The Only Good Indians* by Stephen Graham Jones. Copies of the book are available for checkout on the Hold Shelf in the library.

Book Discussion: *Cheyenne Madonna*

Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a discussion of the Big Read tie-in book, *Cheyenne Madonna* by Eddie Chuculate. Free copies of the book are available while supplies last; call or email to request a copy.

Food for Thought Book Club

Thursday, April 28, 11:30 AM, Cornucopia

Join us for a discussion of *Our History is the Future: Standing Rock Versus the Dakota Access Pipeline, and the Long Tradition of Indigenous Resistance* by Nick Estes. Copies are available for checkout on the Hold Shelf in the library.

Printmaking Workshop

Thursday, April 28, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Carve your own block and use it to create relief prints of you hard work! All supplies will be provided. For all ages. Registration required. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Community Art Center.

The Big Write Reception

Saturday, April 30, 2:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a reception for winners, entrants, friends, family, and the community to celebrate The Big Write, the library's annual creative writing contest.

OTHER ADULT EVENTS

Writer Support Group

Monday, April 4, 6:30 PM

Meet with other writers to hone your skills and give and receive constructive feedback. All kinds of writers are welcome. In the meeting room off the Children's Room.

Free Movie

Wednesday, April 13, 2:00 PM

Free showing of the movie *West Side Story*. An adaptation of the 1957 musical, *West Side Story* explores forbidden love and the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds. (156 min., rated PG-13, ©Twentieth Century Fox)

Movie Club

Tuesday, April 19, time TBA

Join us 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.

OTHER CHILDREN'S EVENTS

All Ages Family Storytime

Monday, April 4 and Monday, April 18, 6:00 PM

Bring the whole family for stories, crafts, activities and more. No registration required.

Toddler Storytime

Wednesday, April 6 & Wednesday, April 13, 10:00 AM

Kids aged 18-36 months and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs, and fun. No registration required.

Spring Break Maker Madness

Monday, April 11 through Friday, April 15, 10:00 AM - Noon

Drop in for free crafting time every weekday morning during Galesburg D205's Spring Break. Each day we'll provide different arts and crafts supplies. Your only limit is your imagination! No registration required. Open to kids in grades K-6.

Life-Size Games for Tweens

Monday, April 11, 2:00-4:00 PM

Ever tried playing a Jenga game that's taller than you are? Compete against your friends in a variety of giant games and win prizes. Registration required. Open to kids in grades 4-6.

Animal Explorers Club

Tuesday, April 26, 4:00 PM

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

OTHER TEEN EVENTS

All events open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12. 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, April 14, 6:00-6:45 PM

Join the Library's Teen Advisory Board, where you can make YOUR voice heard about the library! Suggest and vote on future teen events and help find other ways to make teen services at the library better.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Monday, April 25, 4:00-6:00 PM

Create your own hero and join the all-new adventure! New players are always welcome. Advance registration is required.

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Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

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NEA BIG READ KICKOFF: BLACK HAWK PERFORMANCE COMPANY

Come kick off the 2022 NEA Big Read with a free musical performance at the Orpheum Theatre! Black Hawk Performance Company from Chicago will perform music, drumming, storytelling, and flute playing. The event is on Sunday, April 3, at 2:00 PM. It is free and open to all ages, and is made possible through a generous donation from a patron. Free copies of this year's Big Read book, *An American Sunrise* by Joy Harjo, will be given away at the event, as well as copies of the Big Read tie-in books while supplies last. The NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

The Black Hawk Performance Company seeks to honor the ground they dance on, Mother Earth, and the many tribes who have made Illinois their home. They share their native cultures with the general public through many tribal songs and dances that enrich their lives as tribal people. The performance company has performed for thousands of Illinois children and families since it was founded in 1984. The Black Hawk Performance Company provides an outlet for experienced American Indian talent to share native cultures with the general public, and provides a way for young Native youth to learn to celebrate the many tribal songs and dances that enrich their lives as tribal people. Members of the BHPC speak five different native languages and present oral history, storytelling, flute playing, and traditional and modern music in their presentations. The BHPC is the oldest and largest American Indian dance company in Illinois. It is sponsored by the American Indian Association of Illinois in Chicago.

