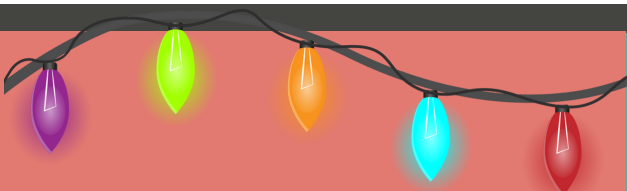




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Galesburg Public Library Newsletter



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and Dec. 30-Jan. 2.
Happy holidays!!

Holly Days Parade

Spot the library in the Holly Days parade as the community celebrates Merry Movies on Main. The parade runs from the corner of Main & Chambers to the County Courthouse on Sunday, December 4, at 5:00 PM.

Galesburg Express

All are welcome to the library during the Galesburg Express holiday festival on Saturday, December 10 from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM. Take your photo with Santa and let the Teen Advisory Board warm your heart with their cheer station. Craft holiday cards for our friends in assisted living facilities and browse holiday books, films and more!

New Library News

After 15 years of dedicated work, community support, and generous donations, the Galesburg Public Library now has the funding needed to complete its new project. Construction on the new library is scheduled to be complete in early 2024. To learn more about the mission of the Galesburg Public Library Foundation, the new library building, or how you can donate, visit thegplf.org.

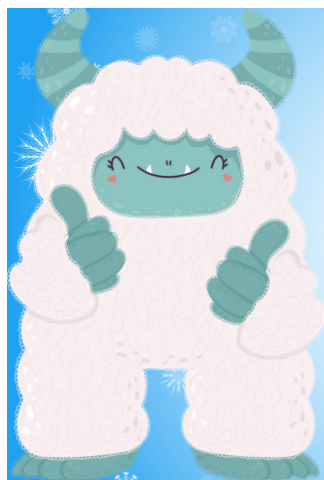
January Reading Challenge

Our January Reading Challenge is back! The challenge, called "New Year, New Books," 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. New this year: every participant who reads at least one book receives a free movie night bundle containing popcorn and a digital movie code! Pre-registration opens the week of December 19. Keep an eye out on our website and our Facebook page for all the details!

New Yoga Program

The library is excited to be introducing a new monthly program, My Little and Me Yoga. Join certified yoga instructor Alyssa Pacheco on January 14 from noon-1:00 PM for an hour of movement and fun. Each adult/child pair will enjoy 30 minutes of stretching followed by 30 minutes of crafts and activities. Suggested for children aged 5 and up, and all levels of yoga experience are welcome! Mats are encouraged but not required. Free and registration is requested in the Children's Room.

Watch for our Best Books of the Year
giveaway beginning in January!



**DO YOU HAVE LIBRARY
BOOKS THAT ARE
HO-HO-HO-VERDUE?**

Make our book drop yetis
happy by returning your
FA-LA-LA-LA-LATE items
this December!

Children's Events

Animal Explorers ✓

Thursday, Dec. 1, 4:00PM

Thursday, Jan. 5, 4:00 PM

Pick up a free take-home explorer kit, then meet to share info on the animal of the month. For kids in grades K-3.

Gingerbread House Decorating ✓

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2:00–7:00 PM

Sign your family up for a one-hour time slot to decorate a gingerbread house with icing and candy. Advance registration required and space is limited. Cost is \$5 per house and must be paid in person.

LEGO Mania

Thursday, Dec. 8, 4:00 PM

Thursday, Jan. 12, 4:00 PM

Build with LEGO blocks on a monthly theme.

Kids' Book Club ✓

Thursday, Dec. 15, 4:00 PM

Thursday, Jan. 19, 4:00 PM

December discussion of *Spy School: the Graphic Novel* by Stuart Gibbs. January novel TBA. For grades 4-6.

Flashback Family Favorites

Tuesday—Friday, Jan. 3–6, 10:00 AM

Join us for a nostalgic trip to the movies! We'll show a favorite family film from decades past each morning, accompanied by a craft. Cast your vote in the Children's Room by December 10 to help choose the movies. Free and open to all ages.

Passport Club ✓

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 6:00 PM

Explore a new culture each month and get your passport stamped. For grades K-6 with an adult.

Toddler Stay and Play Storytime

Wednesdays starting Jan. 25, 10:00 AM

Stories, songs, and movement for kids 18-36 months old. Storytimes last roughly 25 minutes and are followed by age-appropriate art or playtime.

Bilingual Storytime

Saturday, Jan. 28, 11:00 AM

Did you know that hearing stories and songs in two languages can give your brain a boost? Let's read, sing, and play together in English & Spanish.

Winter Birding ✓

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 4:00 PM

Learn how birds deal with cold temps, then make a suet treat to take home to them. Presented in partnership with University of Illinois Extension.

Teen Events

All events open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12, unless otherwise specified. Want to know whenever there's a teen event going on? Text @teen61401 to 81010 to join our GPL Teen Event Reminders List.

Teen Advisory Board Holiday Party

Thursday, Dec. 8, 6:00-7:30 PM

Celebrate the holiday season with food, crafts, and games! Open to any teen who has attended a TAB meeting this year.

Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:00-6:45 PM

Talk about teen services at the library with other teens and get free pizza! win prizes!

Jackbox Gaming Party

Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:45-7:30 PM

Participate in a series of group party games using a phone or other electronic device.

After Hours Nerf Lock-In ✓

Friday, Jan. 20, 6:00-9:00 PM

Take part in a Nerf challenge in the library after hours! You can bring your own Nerf gear or use the library's. Permission slip are required.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Monday, Dec. 12, 4:00-6:00 PM

Monday, Jan. 23, 4:00-6:00 PM

Create your own hero and join the monthly adventure! New players are always welcome.



Adult Events

Book Clubs

All events are subject to change. Copies of book club titles are available for checkout at the library.

Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1:00 PM upstairs at the library

Thursday, Dec. 15, 6:30 PM at Jimmy's Pizza

In *The Secret of Snow* by Viola Shipman, meteorologist Sonny Dunes is being replaced by a computer, so she leaves California for her home state of Michigan and all things winter.



Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1:00 PM upstairs at the library

Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:30 PM at Jimmy's Pizza

Pump: A Natural History of the Heart by Bill Schutt is a journey into the heartbeat of life on Earth.

Buzzwords

Thursday, Jan 19, 6:00 PM

at Reserve Artisan Ales

Discussion of *The Cherry Robbers* by Sarai Walker.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Friday, Dec. 16, 6:00 PM at a private home

Join a discussion, meeting at a private home, of Christopher Moore's comic novel *The Stupidest Angel*, a "heartwarming tale of Christmas terror." Contact the Reference Desk for the address.

Friday, Jan. 27, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

Join a discussion of the fantasy novel *Dragons of Deceit* by Margaret Weis and Tracy Hickman. Free copies of the book available while supplies last.

Food for Thought

Food for Thought will resume in February 2023.

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. Search for them in the library catalog using "lamp" as the title, or ask for one at the Reference Desk.

Local Author Fair

Saturday, Dec. 3, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM

Free local author fair! Meet local authors, browse their books, and buy signed copies. Books for kids, teens, and adults available. Free gift wrapping by volunteers. Some authors may not take credit cards, so we recommend bringing cash or checks.

Writer Support Group

Monday, Dec. 12, 6:00 PM

Monday, Jan. 9, 6:00 PM

Movie Club

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 6:30 PM

In December the Galesburg Public Library movie club outing will be different: we will go to the Orpheum Theater to see *Christmas on the Air: A Live Radio Play*. Tickets are \$10. We will meet in the lobby at 6:30 PM and sit together.

Tuesday Jan. 17, time TBA

Meet to watch a new movie at the AMC. Exact time and title will be announced the week before. We'll head to Culver's afterwards for discussion.

Free Movie

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2:00 PM

Free showing of *The Woman King*. Inspired by true events, Viola Davis stars in an action-packed story of an all-female unit of warriors determined to defend their nation. (135 min., rated PG-13, ©Sony)

Friday, Jan. 20, 2:00 PM

Free showing of *Top Gun: Maverick*, starring Tom Cruise. (131 min., rated PG-13, ©Paramount)

Adult Coloring

Monday, Jan. 16, 1:30-3:30 PM

The Bad Batch Discussion

Thursday, Jan. 5, 7:00 PM

Stream the first episode of *The Bad Batch* season 2 at home on Disney+ and join a discussion in the [Facebook GPL Online Discussion](#) group. You will need to join the group to participate. Questions will be posted starting at 7:00 PM. Refresh your screen regularly to see new questions.

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	Storytimes Begin
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Jan 31	Winter Birding



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Pack the Blessing Box!

The library is currently accepting donations for the Blessing Box located on Broad Street. 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 free to anyone. We will be accepting donations at the front desk inside the library through December 29. Suggested donations include: shelf-safe dry goods, individually wrapped snacks, toiletries, dry pet food, hats, gloves, scarves, and socks.

Friends of the Library News

The Friends of the Galesburg Public Library are taking a break over the holidays and will resume activities in 2023. No donations are being accepted at this time. We thank all who contributed to the October book sale, which raised \$1,978.51. All funds are used to support the library, and at the November 2 meeting the Friends voted unanimously to use \$10,000 of the funds for a bird-safe window in the new library.

New members are always welcome. Brochures and applications are available at the library.