

# Off the Shelf

*Galesburg Public Library Newsletter*

## AARP Tax Program

AARP Tax-Aide Program representatives will be at the Galesburg Public Library for the 2022 tax filing season. Certain tax returns are out of scope for the program, and taxes will be prepared only with an appointment. Appointments are made in person at the library with an AARP representative. Please do not call the library for an appointment. Appointments can be made on **Monday, January 30, from 1:30-3:30 PM** and most Tuesday afternoons between 1 PM and 4 PM, including February 7, 21, and 28.

## Loving Bottoms

The Galesburg Public Library has partnered with Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank to provide patrons with period products. To receive a kit, simply ask one of our friendly employees at the Check-Out desk, and we will discreetly provide you with a set of prepackaged items provided by Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank. We are also accepting diapers of all sizes, as well as period product donations.



## New Library Hire

Please join us in welcoming Cindy Roach to the GPL Circulation Department! Cindy is a Galesburg native who recently retired from CUSD #205 after 33 years as a middle school science teacher. She has always been a reader, a gift from her mother, who always had 2 books going at the same time. Welcome, Cindy!

## Show Your Love for the Library!

The entire month of February is **National Library Lover's Month**, so it's the perfect time to show some love for Galesburg Public Library and your favorite librarians!



SHARE YOUR  
LIBRARY STORY

This month, the Foundation wants to hear your stories. By sharing your experiences and memories, you show how libraries strengthen communities. We would love to collect and share these stories to learn how the library's resources and staff have



helped enrich minds, fuel learning and growth, spark imagination and ideas, build community and connections, and achieve goals. Scan the QR code to share your story or pick up a form at the Circulation desk.

## Love Your Library Teddy Bear Workshop

**Thursday, February 23, 5:30-7:30 PM**

Make a new stuffed friend and support the Galesburg Public Library Foundation at the same time! Make and personalize your own brand-new 15-inch teddy bear by hand-stuffing it, adding accessories, and placing a wish star inside. You'll also receive a birth certificate for your new friend, enjoy a snack, and listen to a story together. Cost is \$25 per child. All proceeds benefit Galesburg Public Library Foundation. To sign up, contact the Children's Room at 309-343-6118.



# Children's Events

## Toddler Stay and Play Storytime

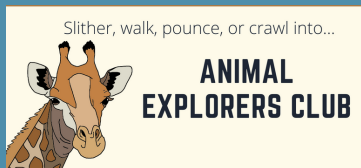
Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

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

## Animal Explorers ✓

Thursday, Feb. 2, 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.



## Family Storytime

1st and 3rd Mondays beginning Feb. 6, 6:00 PM

Bring the whole family for stories, crafts, activities, and more.

## Tiny Art Show Kickoff

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Stop by the Hiler Room to create a tiny masterpiece, then come back and see your artwork on display in our Tiny Art Show throughout the month of March. You can also pick up a take-home kit in the Children's Room starting February 8.

## LEGO Mania

Thursday, Feb. 9, 4:00 PM

Build with LEGO blocks on a monthly theme. For kids of all ages with an adult.

## My Little & Me Yoga

Saturday, Feb. 11, Noon-1:00 PM

Join certified yoga instructor Alyssa Pacheco for an hour of movement and fun. Each adult/child pair will enjoy 30 minutes of stretching together followed by 30 minutes of post-practice crafts and activities. Suggested for children ages 5 and up. Free; registration requested in the Children's Room.



## Fourth Annual Valentine Dance Party ✓

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 6:00 PM

Tots and caregivers, put on your party clothes and come wiggle, sing, and dance with us. For kids ages 0-5. Free.

## Kids' Book Club ✓

Thursday, Feb. 16, 4:00 PM

Discussion of *Glitch* by Laura Martin. For grades 4-6.

## Bilingual Storytime

Saturday, Feb. 25, 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 and Spanish. Geared toward kids ages 5 and under with an adult.

## Passport Club ✓

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6:00 PM

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



# 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

Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:00-6:45 PM

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

## Sweet & Sour Valentine's Day Party

Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:45-7:30 PM

Take part in a variety of activities and games both celebrating and ridiculing Valentine's Day.

## Dungeons & Dragons Club

Monday, Feb. 27, 4:00-6:00 PM

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



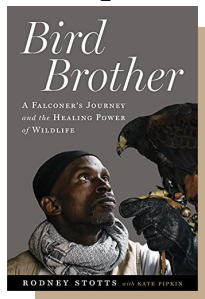
# Adult Events

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

## Food for Thought

Thursday, Feb. 9, 11:30 AM at Cornucopia

In *Bird Brother*, Rodney Stotts shares his remarkable journey to becoming a conservationist and one of America's few Black master falconers. Stotts offers a testament to the healing power of nature.



## Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1:00 PM upstairs

Thursday, Feb. 16, 6:30 PM at Jimmy's Pizza

Diane Wilson's novel *The Seed Keeper* tells the story of Rosalie Iron Wing, who grew up on her father's stories of the origins of the Dakota people until she is sent to live with a foster family. Years later, Rosalie confronts her past and learns what it means to come from women with souls of iron.

## Buzzwords

Thursday, Feb. 23, 6:00 PM

at Reserve Artisan Ales

Discussion of *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich, in which a formerly incarcerated bookseller is haunted from November 2019 to November 2020 by an annoying ghost. She must solve the mystery of this haunting while trying to understand all that occurs in Minneapolis during a year of grief, isolation, and furious reckoning.

## Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Friday, Feb. 24, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

Tempest Landry, an African American in *The Tempest Tales* by Walter Mosley, is "accidentally" killed by a cop. Denied access to heaven because of a few minor transgressions, Tempest refuses to go to hell. Stymied, Saint Peter sends him back to Harlem, where a guiding angel tries to convince him to accept Saint Peter's judgment.

## Battling the Aging Brain

Wednesday, Feb. 1, noon and 1:00 PM

Join Matthew Breaux from Humana Health to learn about changes to your brain as you age and tips to keep your mind healthy.

## Boost your Digestion

Wednesday, Feb. 8, noon and 1:00 PM

Matthew Breaux from Humana Health will explain how digestion works, common digestion problems, and tips to boost your digestive health.

## Adult Coloring

Monday, Feb. 13, 1:30-3:30 PM

Join us in adults-only coloring for relaxation.

## Writer Support Group

Monday, Feb. 13, 6:00 PM

Meet with other writers to hone your skills and give and receive constructive feedback.

## Drop-in SNAP Assistance

Tuesday, Feb. 14, 10:00 AM – noon

Stop by to receive one-on-one assistance applying for SNAP benefits from River Bend Food Bank. Free and confidential.

## Fall Asleep Stay Asleep

Wednesday, Feb. 15, noon and 1:00 PM

Matthew Breaux from Humana Health will share tips to relax and get more restful sleep.

## Movie Club

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 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.

## Share Your Life Story: Writing Workshop ✓

Begins Monday, Feb. 27, 10:00 AM

Have you wanted to write your life story, but don't know where to start? Sign up for this seven-week workshop through the U of I Extension! Call the Reference Desk to sign up by February 23.

## Meditation Practice

Tuesday, February 28, 10:00 AM

Please join a meditation session with Gopi Om (Nicole Sopko), who has been teaching since 2005.

# Calendar

February 1	Battling the Aging Brain
February 2	Animal Explorers
February 2	<i>Do the Work</i> Discussion
February 4	Free Movie: <i>Stateville Calling</i>
February 7	Tiny Art Show Kickoff
February 8	Boost Your Digestion
February 9	Food for Thought Book Club
February 9	LEGO Mania
February 9	Teen Advisory Board
February 9	Sweet & Sour Party
February 11	My Little & Me Yoga
February 13	Adult Coloring
February 13	Writer Support Group
February 14	Drop-in SNAP Assistance
February 14	Tuesday Book Club
February 14	Valentine Dance Party
February 15	Fall Asleep Stay Asleep
February 16	Kids' Book Club
February 16	Thursday Book Club
February 20	Free Movie: <i>Till</i>
February 21	Movie Club
February 23	Teddy Bear Workshop
February 23	Buzzwords
February 24	Tome Raiders Book Club
February 25	Bilingual Storytime
February 27	Dungeons & Dragons Club
February 27	Life Story Writing Workshop
February 28	Passport Club
February 28	Meditation Practice



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## Black History Month

Join us in celebrating Black History Month, in partnership with the NAACP Galesburg, upstairs at the library.

### Free Documentary: *Stateville Calling*

**Saturday, February 4, 2:00 PM**

*Stateville Calling* is an Emmy-nominated documentary exploring parole reform and the struggle of aging incarcerated people in Illinois. Followed by a discussion with Illinois Prison Project ambassadors, who share their direct experience of incarceration and their work to reform the criminal legal system in Illinois.

### Black History Month Discussion

**Thursday, February 2, 6:30 PM at the library and Thursday, March 2, 6:30 PM at the library**

Join two discussions of *Do the Work*, which challenges readers to think critically and act effectively. This interactive workbook gives readers a hands-on understanding of systemic racism and how we can dismantle it. Please purchase your copy online or at Wordsmith Bookhoppe.

### Free Movie: *Till*

**Monday, February 20, 2:00 PM**

Inspired by the true story of Mamie Till Mobley and her relentless pursuit of justice for her 14 year old son Emmett. (130 min., rated PG-13, ©MGM)