

# Off the Shelf

*Galesburg Public Library Newsletter*

## Children's Events

*Events marked with ✓ require registration.*

### Family Storytime

1st and 3rd Mondays, 6:00 PM

Stories, crafts, activities, and more.

### Young Adventurers: Intro to D&D ✓

Tuesday, April 4, 3:00-5:00 PM

Enjoy a kid-friendly intro to Dungeons and Dragons and play a self-contained adventure. Beginners welcome. Grades 4-6.

### DIY Board Games

Wednesday, April 5, 2:00-4:00 PM

Drop in to make your own board game for your family to enjoy. For kids in grades K-6 accompanied by an adult.

### Minute to Win It Olympics

Thursday, April 6, 11:00 AM

Work your way through a series of challenges to win a prize. For grades K-6 accompanied by an adult.

### Animal Explorers ✓

Thursday, April 6, 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.

### Free Family Movie

Friday, April 7, 10:00 AM

Free showing of *Wreck-It Ralph* (Walt Disney Pictures, 2012).

### Toddler Stay and Play Storytime

Wed., April 12, 19, & 26 at 10:00 AM

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

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## Now available at Galesburg Public Library: Toniebox

The Toniebox is a soft, screen-free speaker for children. Using magnetic figurines called Tonies, toddlers and young children can navigate storytelling and music independently, opening up their world to a library of education and entertainment. This kid-safe media platform is filled with content from trusted partners including National Geographic, Penguin Random House, Disney, and more. The library has three Toniebox kits available, each containing a variety of Tonies to explore. Check one out and bring on-demand, screen-free education to your family!



## Big Read Kickoff: Stir Friday Night

The Galesburg Public Library has once again received the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read grant. This month, we will be hosting many programs around *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu, starting with our Big Read Kickoff at The Orpheum Theatre!

Join us for a free performance by Stir Friday Night, Chicago's longest-running Asian American comedy team! Doors open at 7:30 PM and admission is free. Event is PG-13 and is geared towards adults. This event is made possible through a partnership with the Galesburg Public Library Foundation, as well as a generous donation from a patron.



# Big Read Events

*All events are free. To register, sign up at the Reference Desk, email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org), or call 309-343-6118. Most events are open to all ages, but children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. All events will take place at the library unless otherwise noted.*

## NEA Big Read Kickoff

**Saturday, April 1, 8:00 PM, The Orpheum Theatre**  
Tickle your funny bone with a free performance by a premier Asian-American comedy troupe, Stir Friday Night! PG-13 and geared towards adults.

## Free Bird Walk

**Sunday, April 2, 7:30 AM, Lake Storey**  
Join the Galesburg Area Bird Club for an all-ages walk around Lake Storey to look for local birdlife! Please bring binoculars and dress for the weather.

## Free Tai Chi

**Tue., 4/4, Fri., 4/14, Thur., 4/20, and Wed., 4/26, 9:00 AM**  
Xiaoqi Wu of Eastern Therapeutic will lead an intermediate tai chi routine. Open to all but best for people who have done tai chi before.

## Standish Park Storywalk

**Saturday, April 1—Monday, May 1**  
*The Ugly Vegetables* by Grace Lin will be the featured book on the Standish Park Storywalk in April.

## Ink Bonsai Tree Class ✓

**Thursday, April 6, 6:30 PM**  
Create two-dimensional bonsai with India Inks and careful brushstrokes. All supplies will be provided. Class led by the Galesburg Community Art Center.

## Book Discussion

**Tuesday, April 11, 1:00 PM**  
Join a discussion of *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu.

## Kids' Kickoff: A Taste of China ✓

**Tuesday, April 11, 6:00 PM**  
Join us for a celebration of Chinese treats! We'll sample food from Judy's Cafe, read stories, and make our own felt fortune cookies. For children of all ages accompanied by an adult.

## Book Discussion: Our Wayward Fate

**Tuesday, April 11, 6:00 PM**  
Join an all-ages discussion of our teen tie-in book, *Our Wayward Fate* by Gloria Chao. Free copies of the book are available while supplies last.

## Book Discussion

**Thursday, April 13, 6:30 PM, Jimmy's Pizza**  
Join a discussion of *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu.

## Teen Craft Night: Paper Lanterns

**Thursday, April 13, 6:45 PM**  
Come create a paper lantern craft! Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12. Registration requested.

## Keep Calm and Color On

**Monday, April 17, 1:30 PM**  
Color for relaxation. Colored pencils and themed coloring pages will be provided. For adults only.

## Slip Sgraffito Pinch Pot Workshop ✓

**Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 PM**  
Use a scratching pottery technique with clay and paint to create a work of art! Supplies provided. Class led by the Galesburg Community Art Center.

## Kids' Book Club

**Thursday, April 20, 4:00 PM**  
Open to 4th-6th graders. Read and discuss *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang. Free copies of the book available while supplies last!

## Buzzwords Book Club

**Thursday, April 20, 6:00 PM, Reserve Artisan Ales**  
Join Buzzwords, our Millennial-aimed book group, for a discussion of *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu.

## Free Movie

**Friday, April 21, 2:00 PM**  
Come to the library for a showing of the 2023 Best Picture Oscar winner *Everything, Everywhere, All At Once*. (2 hours, 12 minutes, rated R, ©Lionsgate)

## Tome Raiders Book Club

**Friday, April 21, 6:00 PM, Hardees**  
Join a discussion of *The Paper Menagerie* by Ken Liu. Copies are available for checkout at the library.



### Chinese Theater Shadow Puppetry Class ✓

Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 PM

Create colorful silhouette figures and participate in theatre accompanied by music. Supplies provided. Led by the Galesburg Community Art Center.

### Food for Thought Book Club

Thursday, April 27, 11:30 AM, Cornucopia

Join a discussion of *Beautiful Country* by Qian Julie Wang. Copies available for checkout at the library.

### Yellow Peril Past and Present

Thursday, April 27, 6:30 PM

Artist and storyteller Dr. Ada Cheng will present on the myth of the model minority and the negative impact of stereotypes on Asian Americans. She will also discuss historic laws that have led to the view of Asian Americans as the “other” in this country.

### The Big Write Reception

Saturday, April 29, 2:00 PM

Attend a reception to celebrate winners of The Big Write, the library’s annual creative writing contest.

## Other Adult Events

### Writer Support Group

Monday, April 10, 6:00 PM

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

### Mindful Meditation

Tuesday, April 18, 10:00-10:45 AM

Join a free meditation session, done sitting in a chair. No experience is needed. Led by Gopi Om (Nicole Sopko), who began teaching in 2005.

### Movie Club

Tuesday, April 18, 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 a restaurant afterwards for discussion.

### Adult Yoga

Wednesday, April 26, 4:00 PM

Join certified yoga instructor Michelle Johnson of Lavender Lotus Yoga Studio. Free. Please request a required waiver form at the Reference Desk.

## Children's Events Cont.

### LEGO Mania

Thursday, April 13, 4:00 PM

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

### My Little & Me Yoga

Saturday, April 15, 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 followed by 30 minutes of post-practice crafts and activities. Suggested for children ages 5 and up. Free and registration is requested in the Children's Room.

### Get Charged! Family STEM Night ✓

Wednesday, April 19, 6:00 PM

Learn about electricity and circuits through hands-on activities. For kids ages 5 and up with an adult.

### Bilingual Storytime

Saturday, April 22, 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 aged 5 and under with an adult.

### Passport Club ✓

Tuesday, April 25, 6:00 PM

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

## Bird-Safe Glass

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for donating \$10,000 for the new library. The funds will be used toward special windows with bird-safe glazing to prevent bird collisions. The next Friends meeting is Wednesday, April 12 at 5:30 PM in the Hiler Room.





# Calendar

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April 6	Animal Explorers Club
April 6	Ink Bonsai Tree Class
April 7	Free Movie: <i>Wreck-It Ralph</i>
April 10	Writer Support Group
April 11	Tuesday Book Club
April 11	Kids' Kickoff: Taste of China
April 11	Teen Book Discussion
April 12	Yoga for Adults and Teens
April 12	Friends of the Library Meeting
April 13	LEGO Mania
April 13	Teen Advisory Board
April 13	Teen Craft: Paper Lanterns
April 13	Thursday Book Club
April 14	Break the Silence Discussion
April 14	Free Movie: <i>Love, Simon</i>
April 15	My Little & Me Yoga
April 17	Keep Calm and Color On
April 18	Mindful Meditation
April 18	Movie Club
April 18	Sgraffito Clay Workshop
April 19	Get Charged! STEM Night
April 20	Kids' Book Club
April 20	Buzzwords Book Club
April 21	<i>Everything, Everywhere, All At Once</i>
April 21	Tome Raiders Book Club
April 22	Bilingual Storytime
April 24	Dungeons & Dragons Club
April 25	Passport Club
April 26	Yoga for Adults
April 26	Chinese Shadow Puppetry
April 27	Yellow Peril Past and Present
April 27	Food for Thought Book Club
April 29	Big Write Reception

## Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, April 13, 6:00-6:45 PM

Talk about teen library services and get free pizza!

## Dungeons & Dragons Club

Monday, April 24, 4:00-6:00 PM

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



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## 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.*

### **GJSHS Gay-Straight Alliance Club Partnership Events:**

#### Break the Silence Discussion

Friday, April 14, 4:00-4:30 PM

Teens observing the Day of Silence can break the silence and share their experiences. Open to ages 12-21.

#### Free Movie: Love, Simon

Friday, April 14, 4:30-6:30 PM\*

Free showing of *Love, Simon*. (110 min., rated PG-13, ©Twentieth Century Fox). Open to all ages. \*Movie continues past library closing; attendees must arrive before 5:00 PM.