

# Off the Shelf

*Galesburg Public Library Newsletter*



The library will  
be closed on July 4  
in honor of  
Independence Day.



## Free Bird Walk

Join us at 7:30 AM on July 9 for a free bird walk with the Galesburg Area Bird Club. We start at Lake Storey's Joe E. Anderson area parking lot. For all ages.

## Barbie Summer

The *Barbie* movie is hitting theaters and Barbie Doll is hotter than ever! Adult fans and collectors of Barbie are invited to the library to talk about the movie and our favorite doll on August 1 at 6:00 PM. Bring a Barbie to show off if you have one.

## Yoga for Teens & Adults

Wednesday, July 5, 4:00 PM  
Wednesday, Aug. 2, 16, & 30, 4:00 PM  
Requires a signed waiver form, and adult permission is required for teens.

## Summer Reading Finale: All-Ages Skating Party!

Let's wind up Summer Reading with a free skating party! Join us from 5:00–8:00 PM on Monday, July 31, at Skate Palace for free roller skating for all ages. The event is open to everyone in the community, but summer reading participants will receive a coupon for a free snack or drink. Summer Reading grand prize winners will be announced at 6:00 PM. No registration required.

## Open Mic Night

**Monday, July 17, 6:00–7:00 PM**

Come sing, play music, tell jokes, recite poetry, or try out whatever other kind of performance you'd like in front of a crowd! Or just come enjoy snacks and refreshments while you watch others perform. Walk-ins will be accepted, but advance signups will get first priority.

## Social Service Help at GPL

Need help with job-seeking, technology, or finding other services available in the Galesburg community? We can help!

Michelle Kim is available on a part-time basis to assist individuals with their job search, resume, and basic technology needs. Michelle has ten years of experience with employment services and career development in various settings. She also manages marketing for a local business and serves as the CSC Foundation Board Secretary.

Jamie Stark serves as Bridgeway's Adult System of Care Coordinator, helping individuals needing assistance in the areas of mental health, substance use, medical, employment, education, housing, and food. Jamie is available at the library at least two days each week to meet with individuals. Please visit the Reference Desk with any questions.

# Children's Events

## Storytime

**Mondays: July 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:00 AM**

Stories, songs, and movement geared toward kids ages 5 and under.

## Bilingual Storytime

**Wednesday, July 5, 11:00 AM**

**Wednesday, Aug. 2, 11:00 AM**

Let's read, sing, and play together in English and Spanish. For kids ages 5 and under.

## My Little and Me Yoga ✓

**Saturday, July 8, noon**

**Saturday, Aug. 12, noon**

Each adult/child pair will enjoy stretching followed by crafts. Mats are encouraged but not required.

## Campfire Sing-Along and S'mores

**Tuesday, July 11, 6:00 PM**

Enjoy a family sing-along around a "campfire" in the library's Storybook Garden, with free s'mores provided by Cornucopia Natural Market and Deli. Free and for all ages.



## Sounds All Around

**Wednesday, July 12, 10:00 AM**

Learn all about how sounds are formed and then make your own map of the sounds around you. For kids ages 5 and up with an adult.

## LEGO Mania

**Thursday, July 13, 4:00 PM**

**Thursday, Aug. 10, 4:00 PM**

Come build with LEGO blocks to your heart's content.

## Voice for the Young Actor Workshop ✓

**Friday, July 14, 11:30 AM**

In this free workshop presented by theater professor Robbie Thompson, young actors will learn techniques to free the natural voice and command attention. No experience necessary — beginners welcome! For kids in grades 4-6.

## Youth Pokémon Players Unite

**Saturday, July 15, 10:00AM–noon**

Bring your Pokémon cards to the library for some friendly competition! Play, trade, and help yourself to free cards. Open to kids ages 12 and under.



## Junior Book Club ✓

**Tuesday, July 18, 4:00–5:00 PM**

For readers making the move from picture books to chapter books! Each read-aloud will be followed by a STEAM activity. We will read *Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea* by Ben Clanton. Limited copies of the book will be available to take home. For kids in grades K-2.

## Pokémon Detective Pikachu: Interactive Movie

**Thursday, July 20, 6:00 PM**

Enjoy a movie in a whole new way with props and interactive fun! Registration required to reserve a props bag. (Rated PG, 104 minutes, Warner Bros.)

## Mikayla Oz Magic Show!

**Friday, July 21, 10:00 AM**

All new magic, all new amazement! Mikayla Oz, current recipient of the International Rising Star of Magic Award, joins us for a family magic show.

## Find Your Voice Storywalk Reception

**Tuesday, July 25, 6:00–7:30 PM at Standish Park**

Join us for snacks and YOUR stories as we celebrate the local young authors and artists who contributed pieces to our Standish Park Storywalk this summer.

## Young Adventurers: D&D for Beginners ✓

**Wednesday, July 26, 6:00–7:30 PM**

Attend a kid-friendly introduction to Dungeons & Dragons! We'll cover the basics of tabletop role-playing games and then play through an adventure. No experience needed! For kids in grades 4-6.

## Let Your Voice Guide Your Vision

**Thursday, July 27, 6:00–7:00 PM**

Kids and teens in grades 6-12 are invited to join us to create a vision board or scrapbook depicting what you envision for yourself in the coming year.



## Adult Events

Copies of book club titles are available for checkout at the library. When meeting at a restaurant, you will order and pay for your own food and drinks.

### Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

**Tuesday, July 11, 1:00 PM upstairs**

**Thursday, July 13, 6:30 PM at Jimmy's Pizza**

In *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan, Andrew collects things left behind by others.

When Andrew bequeaths his estate to his assistant, she attempts to reunite the objects with their owners.



**Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1:00 PM upstairs**

**Thursday, Aug. 10, 6:30 PM at Jimmy's Pizza**

In *Midnight at the Blackbird Café*, Anna Kate heads to Alabama to bury her grandma and finds herself inexplicably drawn to the quirky Southern town that her mother ran away from so many years ago.

### Food for Thought

**Thursday, July 20, 11:30 AM at Cornucopia**

*Listening to a Continent Sing* by Donald Kroodsmas is a birdsong expert's poignant, beautifully illustrated memoir of a bicycle journey across America.

**Thursday, Aug. 17, 11:30 AM at Cornucopia**

In the dystopian novel *Sea Change* by Nancy Kress, ten years after worldwide agricultural collapse, an underground group of scientists might hold the key to rebuilding the world's food supply.

### Buzzwords Book Club

**Thursday, July 20, 6:00 PM**

**at Reserve Artisan Ales**

Chandler Baker's novel *Whisper Network* is a feminist thriller for the #MeToo era.

**Thursday, Aug. 17, 6:00 PM**

**at Reserve Artisan Ales**

In Zoraida Córdova's *The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina*, the Montoyas are a family used to a life without explanations. But at Orquídea's funeral, they are left with more questions than answers.

### Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

**Friday, July 28, 6:00 PM at Hardee's**

*Drunk on All Your Strange New Words* by Eddie Robson is a locked room mystery in a near future world of politics and alien diplomacy.

**Friday, Aug. 25, 6:00 PM at Hardee's**

In *The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper, young Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, immortals who fight to keep evil at bay.

### Adult Coloring

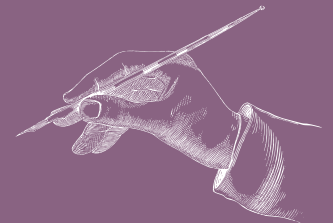
**Monday, July 17, 1:30-3:30 PM**

**Monday, Aug. 21, 1:30-3:30 PM**

### Writer Support Group

**Monday, July 10, 6:00 PM**

**Monday, Aug. 14, 6:00 PM**



### Free Movie

**Friday, July 14, 2:00 PM**

Free showing of the movie *Jesus Revolution*, inspired by a true counterculture movement in the 1970s. (120 min., rated PG-13, ©Lionsgate)

**Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2:00 PM**

Free showing of the movie *Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret*, based on the classic book by Judy Blume. (120 min., rated PG-13, ©Lionsgate)

### Dungeons & Dragons for Adults ✓

**Saturday, July 1, 1:30-4:30 PM (beginners)**

**Saturday, July 15, 1:30-4:30 PM (experienced)**

**Saturday, Aug. 5, 1:30-4:30 PM (beginners)**

**Saturday, Aug. 19, 1:30-4:30 PM (experienced)**

### Movie Club

**Tuesday, July 18, time TBA**

**Tuesday, Aug. 15, 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.

### Mindful Meditation

**Thursday, Aug. 3, 2:00 PM**

Swami Yatidharmananda, a Yogi based in Uttarakhand, India, will share stories, speak about meditation, and lead meditation practice.



# Calendar

July 1, 15	Dungeons & Dragons for Adults
July 5	Yoga for Teens & Adults
July 5	Bilingual Storytime
July 7	Nerf Party in the Park
July 8	My Little and Me Yoga
July 9	Free Bird Walk
July 10	Writer Support Group
July 10	Super Smash Bros. Tournament
July 11	Tuesday Book Club
July 11	Campfire Sing-along
July 12	Sounds All Around
July 13	Thursday Book Club
July 13	Teen Advisory Board
July 13	LEGO Mania
July 13	Squirt Gun Painting
July 14	Free Movie: <i>Jesus Revolution</i>
July 14	Voice for the Young Actor
July 15	Youth Pokémon Players Unite
July 17	Adult Coloring
July 17	Open Mic Night for All Ages
July 18	Junior Book Club
July 18	Movie Club
July 20	Food for Thought Book Club
July 20	Interactive Movie: <i>Detective Pikachu</i>
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July 21	Mikayla Oz Magic Show
July 24	Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
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Aug. 25	Tome Raiders Book Club
Aug. 28	Dungeons & Dragons for Teens



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## Teen Events

### Nerf Party in the Park ✓

Friday, July 7, 2:00–4:00 PM

Participate in a variety of Nerf games at Standish Park. This event requires registration and a signed permission slip.

### Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Monday, July 10, 2:00 PM

Put your skills to the test on the library's Nintendo Switch & find out who's the best player in town!

### Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, July 13 & Aug. 17, 6:00–6:45 PM

### Squirt Gun Painting ✓

Thursday, July 13, 6:45–7:30 PM

Paint whatever you feel like while chowing down!

### Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

Monday, July 24 & Aug. 28, 4:00–6:00 PM

### Let Your Voice Guide Your Vision

Thursday, July 27, 6:00–7:00 PM