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Galesburg Public Library Newsletter

Costume Giveaway

Saturday, Oct. 7, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM

In need of a Halloween costume this year? We've got you covered. Kids can stop by the library on Oct. 7 to find their perfect costume. First come, first served.



Home Ownership: No Experience Necessary

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 6:00 PM

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:00 PM

Thinking of buying a home but unsure of how to get started? Come hear from local real estate professionals over two sessions. They will offer an overview of the entire home buying process and answer your questions. Free, no registration necessary, and you do not have to attend both sessions.

National Book Month

October is National Book Month! We'll be giving away a bag of adult audiobooks and a bag of adult print books. Enter to win at the library or on Facebook by telling us the name of one of your all-time favorite books. Winners will be announced in early November. Look for a display in the library and a post on Facebook.

Two Solar Eclipse Programs

Eclipse Euphoria: How to Enjoy Upcoming Solar Eclipses
Monday, Oct. 2, 6:30 PM

Prepare for an extraordinary celestial spectacle as the U.S. gears up for not just one, but two captivating solar eclipses in the coming year! On October 14, an annular solar eclipse will cross the nation, followed by a truly awe-inspiring event on April 8, 2024 — a total solar eclipse. Learn how to safely observe these natural phenomena in this lecture with Renae Kerrigan, Planetarium Director at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. The program will consist of a 30-minute presentation followed by a Q&A. Open to all ages.

Solar Eclipse Shindig

Saturday, Oct. 14, 11:00 AM

The annular solar eclipse will be happening on October 14, and we should be able to see about half of the sun obscured here in Illinois! Come join us in the Storybook Garden for free eclipse viewers (while supplies last) and STEM activities for kids. Open to all ages.

Ghosts of Galesburg

This Ghosts of Galesburg will look a little different from previous years. On October 30, we'll be celebrating the history of the Mexican boxcar people in Galesburg by featuring six ghosts from that time period. Instead of a walking tour, we'll gather at Taco Hideout (1256 W. Berrien St.) to watch the ghosts tell us a little about their lives. Come grab some delicious dinner beginning at 5:00 PM, and then catch a performance at 6:30 PM or 7:30 PM outside. The first 50 people at Taco Hideout get free chips and salsa! Bring a chair and make sure to dress for the weather.



Children's Events

Toddler Storytime

Mondays at 10:00 AM

Stories, songs, and movement for kids 18-36 months old and their caregivers.

Baby Bounce

Wednesdays at 9:15 AM

Stories, songs, sign language, and bounces for kids ages 0-18 months old and their caregivers.

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Bilingual Storytime

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 11:00 AM

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

Animal Explorers ✓

Thursday, Oct. 5, 4:00 PM

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

Tunes for Tots

Thursday, Oct. 5, 6:30 PM

Friday, Oct. 6, 10:00 AM

Music, dancing, and stories designed to help your child develop motor and language skills. For kids ages 0-6 and their caregivers.

Junior Book Club ✓

Monday, Oct. 9, 4:00 PM

Join us for a fun program designed for readers in grades K-2 who are making the move from picture books to chapter books! Each read-aloud will be followed by a related STEAM activity.

LEGO Mania

Thursday, Oct. 12, 4:00 PM

Come build with LEGO blocks!

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No-Sew Sock Creatures ✓

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 3:00 PM

Make curious creatures out of socks! For kids ages 5 and up.

Ameren Touch-a-Truck

Thursday, Oct. 19, 1:00–2:30 PM

Join us in the library parking lot to see Ameren Illinois gas and electric service trucks up close, and learn about the equipment used by line and gas workers. For kids of all ages with an adult.

Pageturners Book Club for Kids ✓

Thursday, Oct. 19, 4:00 PM

Come talk about fun novels with other readers your age. For independent readers in grades 4-6. Limited free copies of each month's book available.

Creepy Crafting

Friday, Oct. 20, 10:00 AM–Noon

Drop in to make a variety of creepy crafts. For kids ages 5 and up accompanied by an adult.

My Little & Me Yoga

Saturday, Oct. 21, Noon–1:00 PM

Join certified yoga instructor Alyssa Pacheco for 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.

Young Adventurers: Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners

Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6:00 PM

Meet at the library for a kid-friendly introduction to the world of Dungeons & Dragons! No previous experience needed! For kids in grades 4-6.

Fear Factor ✓

Thursday, Oct. 26, 6:00 PM

Join us for an evening of spooky science and disgusting dares. For kids in grades K-6.



Adult 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, Oct. 10, 1:00 PM upstairs

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

The self-appointed mayor of a tiny Italian village is determined to save his hometown no matter the cost in Christine Simon's *The Patron Saint of Second Chances*. In a desperate bid to boost tourism—and revenue—he spreads a “harmless” rumor that movie star Dante Rinaldi will be filming his next project nearby.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

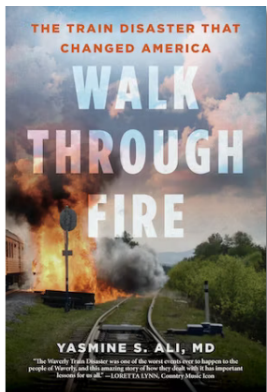
Friday, Oct. 20, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

To get ready for the new prequel movie *Wonka*, we'll read and discuss the original classic – *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl.

Food for Thought

Thursday, Oct. 26, 11:30 AM at Cornucopia

Walk Through Fire by Yasmine Ali is the first book to examine the Waverly train disaster of 1978 in Tennessee, which laid the groundwork for the future of emergency management and disaster.



Adult Events

Writer Support Group

Monday, Oct. 9, 6:00 PM

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

Yoga for Teens and Adults ✓

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 4:00 PM

Join certified yoga instructor Michelle Johnson of Lavender Lotus Yoga Studio. Free.

Adult Coloring

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

Join us in adults-only coloring for relaxation.

Movie Club

Tuesday, Oct. 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 a restaurant afterwards for discussion.

Free Movie

Friday, Oct. 20, 2:00 PM

Free showing of the 2023 live action movie *The Little Mermaid*, based on the classic fairytale. (120 min., rated PG, ©Walt Disney Pictures)



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, Oct. 12, 6:00 PM

Talk about teen services and get free pizza!

Bad Art Night ✓

Thursday, Oct. 12, 6:45 PM

Whether you're actually a good artist or not, have fun making deliberately bad art!

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens ✓

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

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

YA Book Club

Saturday, Oct. 28, 3:00 PM

In *The Sunbearer Trials* by Aiden Thomas, teen demigods compete in a series of challenges to win the honor of replenishing the sun's power — power which comes from the loser's sacrifice.



The Circulation Department welcomes two new shelveers. Dylann Haptonstahl and Keri Jamison have joined the team and both are excited to be working here at the library!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Last Call for Pavers!

The deadline for purchasing a Legacy Paver to support the new Galesburg Public Library is Oct. 31. Don't miss your chance to be a part of something extraordinary and leave a lasting mark on our community. Your support plays a pivotal role in our mission to transform the Galesburg Public Library into an essential hub; a place where knowledge, ideas, and people seamlessly connect, fostering growth and unity.



How to Secure Your Legacy Paver

1. Visit our website at www.thegplf.org/ways-to-give or use the QR code for your paver form.
2. Choose the inscription you'd like on your paver, which can be your name, a dedication, or a message.
3. Make your contribution to purchase your Legacy Paver and support our library's transformation.

Let's build a better tomorrow together through the power of knowledge, community, and your support.