



Off the Shelf

Galesburg Public Library Newsletter



The Galesburg Public Library opened on April 24, and we are thrilled to report a phenomenal first day! Our community's enthusiastic reception highlighted the vital role our library plays in the lives of our residents.

An impressive 1,361 visitors passed through our doors. This bustling activity wasn't just limited to visits; patrons checked out or renewed a total of 1,841 items, demonstrating the community's eagerness to engage with our diverse collection.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible, and remember: your new Galesburg Public Library is here for you to explore, learn, and connect. Come visit us soon!



Grand Opening

Saturday, May 11 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Join us Saturday, May 11 to celebrate the grand opening of the new Galesburg Public Library! The Galesburg Chamber of Commerce will help us mark the occasion with a ribbon cutting, and a free lunch from Hy-Vee will be served. You will have the opportunity to tour the building, participate in a craft led by the Galesburg Community Arts Center, take photos in our photo booth, and meet children's characters Elephant and Piggie.

Construction of the library was made possible by funds administered by the State Librarian and the generosity of local residents, businesses, and library supporters.



Summer Reading

Mark your calendars! Galesburg Public Library's 2024 Summer Reading program kicks off on Monday, June 3 and will run through Saturday, July 27. The theme for this year's program is Read, Renew, Repeat.

Registration for all ages begins on May 27; you may register in person at the library or online through our Beanstack site: galesburglibrary.beanstack.org. For more information on Summer Reading at the library, visit www.galesburglibrary.org/summer-reading. A full list of programs will appear in the June newsletter.



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.

Animal Explorers ✓

Thursday, May 2, 4:00 PM

Come share and learn info on the animal of the month. For kids in grades K-3.

LEGO Mania

Thursday, May 9, 4:00 PM

Come build with LEGO blocks!



Rootabaga Kids

Saturday, May 18, 10:00 AM

Trumpeter Victor Garcia and his Latin Sextet will turn the library into a jazz club for this interactive family friendly event as part of the 44th annual Rootabaga Jazz Festival.

More information at www.knox.edu/jazzyear.



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, May 14, 1:00 PM F&M Bank Room

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

In *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto, a lonely shopkeeper takes it upon herself to solve a murder after she finds a dead man in her San Francisco tea shop.

Food for Thought

Thursday, May 23, 11:30 AM at Cornucopia

A Honeybee Heart Has Five Openings by Helen Jukes is an inspiring portrait of tending to a honeybee hive, capturing the wondrous universe of honeybees and learning a new way of being in the world.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Friday, May 31, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

In *Cold Storage* by David Koepp, bioterror operative Roberto Diaz was assigned to contain an organism capable of extinction-level destruction. He buried it in cold storage deep underground. Now, the specimen has found its way out. Only Diaz knows how to stop it. And his unlikely team of three must figure out how to quarantine the horror and save all of humanity.

Buzzwords

The Buzzwords book club is on hiatus until June.

Adult Events

Adult Coloring

Monday, May 20, 1:30-3:30 PM

Join us in adults-only coloring for relaxation.

Virtual Book Discussion

Thursday, May 23, 6:30 PM

GPL Online Discussion group on Facebook

Join a virtual discussion of *Wild New World* by Dan Flores. The title will be available to download for anyone using the Libby app from May 9-23.

Questions will be posted in the GPL Online Discussion group every few minutes starting at 6:30 PM.

Movie Club

Tuesday, May 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 a restaurant afterwards for discussion.

Free Movie

Thursday, May 30, 2:00 PM

Free showing of *The Color Purple*, a musical adaptation of

Alice Walker's classic novel.

(140 min., rated PG-13,

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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.

Teen Advisory Board Celebration

Thursday, May 9, 6:00-6:45 PM @ Wordsmith Bookshoppe (235 E. Main St)

This month, Teen Advisory Board is meeting at Wordsmith Bookshoppe. In addition to our meeting we will have food and games, and TAB members can pick out books to add to the library collection!

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

Monday, May 20, 4:00-6:00 PM

Join us as we set off on a brand new D&D adventure! New players always welcome.

WELCOME BACK!



Calendar

May 2	Animal Explorers Club
May 9	Lego Mania
May 9	Teen Advisory Board
May 11	Grand Opening
May 13	Junior Book Club
May 14	Tuesday Book Club
May 16	Thursday Book Club
May 18	Rootabaga Kids
May 20	Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
May 20	Adult Coloring
May 21	Movie Club at the AMC
May 23	Food for Thought Book Club
May 23	Virtual Book Discussion
May 27	Closed for Memorial Day
May 30	Free Movie: <i>The Color Purple</i>
May 31	Tome Raiders Book Club



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We will be closed Monday,
May 27 for Memorial Day.



Join an adult book club!

Like to read a mix of fiction and nonfiction?
The Tuesday/Thursday book club might be perfect.

Specifically interested in science fiction and fantasy?
Tome Raiders will be more up your alley.

Food for Thought has you covered if you want to read
about food, climate, and the environment.

Buzzwords is where you want to be if you're seeking the
buzziest titles of the season! (Will resume in June.)



Visit galesburglibrary.org/clubs
for more information!