



Off the Shelf

Galesburg Public Library Newsletter

Library Holiday Hours

The library will close early at 5:00 PM on November 22.

The library will be closed on November 23 for Thanksgiving.



Friends of the Library

Saturday, November 4
3:00 PM-4:00 PM

The Friends of the Library invite you to join them for Cookies & Coffee. Come meet the people who organize the book sales and learn more about this organization that helps and supports activities offered by our lovely local library. Come meet some wonderful Friends and join in the celebration!

Book Lovers Day

Saturday, November 4
9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

November 4 is Book Lover's Day, which is a great day to kick back and relax with a good book. We will be giving away free books for all ages in the library lobby while supplies last.

Suzanne Collins Book Giveaway

Friday, November 17, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Are you excited for *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* movie? This *Hunger Games* prequel is being released in theaters on November 17. To celebrate, we are giving away free copies of the second and third books in the series while supplies last. (Sorry, you'll have to find your own copy of book one *The Hunger Games*.)



Open Mic Night

Tuesday, November 7, 6:00 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. You can also just come enjoy snacks and refreshments while you watch others perform. Walk-ins will be accepted, but advance signups will get first priority.



Children's Events

Toddler Storytime

Mondays through Nov. 20, 10:00 AM

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

Baby Bounce

Wednesdays through Nov. 22, 9:15 AM

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

Bilingual Storytime

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 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, Nov. 2, 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, Nov. 2, 6:30 PM

Friday, Nov. 3, 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, Nov. 13, 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

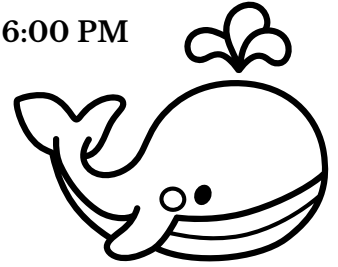
Thursday, Nov. 9, 4:00 PM

Come build with LEGO blocks!

Blue Whale Festival

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 4:00–6:00 PM

Drop in for free STEM activities in celebration of the largest animals on Earth! Recommended for kids ages 6-12.



Pageturners Book Club for Kids ✓

Thursday, Nov. 15, 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.

My Little & Me Yoga

Saturday, Nov. 11, 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, Nov. 29, 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.



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, Nov. 14, 1:00 PM upstairs

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

An NPR best book of 2022, *How to Keep House While Drowning* by KC Davis speaks to how overwhelmed many of us feel. Keeping up with chores can seem like a full-time job. Even if you are managing your own housekeeping chores, this book can help you better understand friends and family who are struggling.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

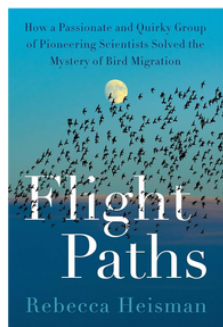
Friday, Nov. 17, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

Read and discuss *Mickey7* by Edward Ashton before the movie version of this space adventure (starring Robert Pattinson) comes out in 2024.

Food for Thought

Thursday, Nov. 30, 11:30 AM at Cornucopia

Join a discussion of *Flight Paths* by Rebecca Heisman. This will be the last Food for Thought discussion until the new library opens in the spring.



Adult Events

Writer Support Group

Monday, Nov. 13, 6:00 PM

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

Adult Coloring

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

Join us in adults-only coloring for relaxation.

Yoga ✓

Mondays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:00 PM

Join certified yoga instructor Michelle Johnson of Lavender Lotus Yoga Studio for four weeks of beginner yoga. Free. Bring a mat if you have one.

Free Movie

Friday, Nov. 10, 2:00 PM

Free showing of the summer's smash hit, the live action movie *Barbie*. (114 min., rated PG-13, ©Warner Brothers)



Movie Club

Tuesday, Nov. 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.

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, Nov 9, 6:00 PM

Talk about teen services and get free pizza!

Candy Sushi ✓

Thursday, Nov. 9, 6:45 PM

Make "sushi" out of candy, sweets, and snacks... and then eat it! Please notify library staff of any food allergies when signing up.

YA Book Club

Saturday, Nov. 18, 3:00 PM

In *Scythe*, by Neal Shusterman, society has conquered death. Now, two teens must become apprentice Scythes, the people tasked with ending lives to keep the population under control.



Dungeons & Dragons for Teens ✓

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

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

Calendar

Nov. 1	Baby Bounce
Nov. 1	Bilingual Storytime
Nov. 2	Animal Explorers Club
Nov. 2 & 3	Tunes for Tots
Nov. 4	Book Lovers Day
Nov. 6	Yoga for Adults & Teens
Nov. 6	Toddler Storytime
Nov. 7	Open Mic Night
Nov. 8	Blue Whale Fest
Nov. 9	Teen Advisory Board
Nov. 9	Lego Mania
Nov. 9	Candy Sushi
Nov. 10	Free Movie: <i>Barbie</i>
Nov. 11	My Little & Me Yoga
Nov. 13	Adult Coloring
Nov. 13	Writer Support Group
Nov. 13	Yoga for Adults & Teens
Nov. 13	Junior Book Club
Nov. 14	Tuesday Book Club
Nov. 16	Thursday Book Club
Nov. 16	Pageturners Book Club
Nov. 17	Suzanne Collins Book Giveaway
Nov. 17	Tome Raiders Book Club
Nov. 18	Young Adult Book Club
Nov. 20	Yoga for Adults & Teens
Nov. 21	Movie Club
Nov. 23	LIBRARY CLOSED
Nov. 27	Yoga for Adults & Teens
Nov. 27	Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
Nov. 29	Young Adventurers D&D
Nov. 30	Food for Thought Book Club



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Welcome to Our New Librarian

The Reference Department is pleased to welcome a new librarian! Emma Cork obtained her MLIS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She looks forward to serving the community and presenting the 2024 Community Read.

