

Off the Shelf

Galesburg Public Library Newsletter

Good Luck and Well Wishes



Join us on Thursday, February 29 as we celebrate the building we've called home for over 60 years and look forward to opening our new building! There will be activities and photo opportunities throughout the day, with a grand closing ceremony from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Check Out Changes

Some of our collections will begin to move during the month of February. The below dates indicate the last date each collection will be available for checkout (all dates are projected and subject to change):

- Wednesday, Feb. 14: DVDs
- Saturday, Feb. 17: Young Adult books
- Monday, Feb. 19: Children's Collections
- Saturday, Feb. 24: New Materials
- Tuesday, Feb. 27: Audiobooks
- Wednesday, Feb. 28: Paperbacks, Graphic Novels, Manga

Service Changes

As our new building nears its opening date, you will see some changes in our current building. Thank you for your patience as we temporarily reduce services and begin to pack and move our collections and supplies. All dates are projected and subject to change.

Holds

The option to place items on hold has been paused until we reopen in the new building this spring. Any items currently on hold must be picked up by **Saturday, February 3**.

Due Dates

Items checked out in February will not be due until April 15. You are welcome to return them sooner, and our current book drop will be open until mid-March.

Temporary Closure

The library will be closed starting March 1. During this closure, you will be able to access our digital databases and ebooks with your library card. Our phones will be unavailable, but you may contact us by email at reference@galesburglibrary.org or through Facebook Messenger. Keep an eye on our website, our Facebook page, and the April newsletter for information about the opening of the new building.

Thank you for all of the love and support you've shown us in the current building. We look forward to seeing you in our new space this spring!



Children's Events

Toddler Storytime

Monday, Feb. 5 & Feb. 12 at 10:00 AM

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

Baby Bounce

Wednesday, Feb. 7 & Feb. 14 at 9:15 AM

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

Animal Explorers ✓

Thursday, Feb. 1, 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

Friday, Feb. 2, 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, Feb. 12, 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, Feb. 8, 4:00 PM

Come build with LEGO blocks!

Pageeturners Book Club for Kids ✓

Thursday, Feb. 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.

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, Feb. 8, 6:00 PM

Talk about teen services and get free pizza!

Sweet & Sour Valentine's Day Party

Thursday, Feb. 8, 6:45 PM

Take part in a variety of activities and games both celebrating and ridiculing Valentine's Day.

YA Book Club: Discussion of *The Screaming Staircase*

Saturday, Feb. 17, 3:00 PM

Lucy Carlyle joins Lockwood & Co., a ghost hunting organization run by teens. After a case goes disastrously wrong, Lucy and her partners, Lockwood and George, must investigate one of the most haunted houses in England to clear their names and save their jobs. Copies of the book are available for check out on the book club shelf.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens ✓

Monday, Feb. 26, 4:00-6:00 PM

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



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, February 13, 1:00 PM upstairs

Thursday, February 15, 6:30 PM at Jimmy's Pizza

The Two Lives of Sara by Catherine Adel West is a story of hope, resilience and unexpected love about a young mother from Chicago who finds refuge and friendship at a boarding house in 1960s Memphis, Tennessee.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Friday, February 23, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

In *This Is How You Lose the Time War* by Amal El-Mohtar, a time agent finds a letter among the ashes of a dying world. It reads: Burn before reading. Thus begins an unlikely correspondence between two rival agents trying to secure the best possible future for their warring factions. What began as a taunt grows into something more. Something epic and romantic. Something that could change the past and the future.

Food for Thought & Buzzwords

The Food for Thought and Buzzwords book clubs are on hiatus until after the move to the new library in the spring.

Adult Events

Adult Coloring

Monday, Feb. 19, 1:30-3:30 PM

Join us in adults-only coloring for relaxation.

Illinois Humanities Big Read Discussions

Wednesday, February 21, 6:00 PM GCAC

Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 PM GCAC

The Galesburg Community Arts Center and the Galesburg Public Library are collaborating with Illinois Humanities on an NEA Big Read. Join discussions of *Infinite Country* by Patricia Engel at the GCAC. You do not have to attend both discussions.

Movie Club

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 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

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2:00 PM

Free showing of *A Haunting in Venice*, based on a mystery by Agatha Christie. (Rated PG-13, 104 min., ©20th Century Fox)



Black History Month Presentation

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2:00 PM

Illinois Road Scholar Karen Anderson will present *More Than a Color: The Marginalization of African Beauty Through History*, taking participants on a walk-through of history and telling the stories of women who have helped redefine beauty. Anderson is an artist, writer, photographer, publisher, and filmmaker. Presented in partnership with the NAACP Galesburg and through the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. Free.

Open Mic Night for Teens and Adults

Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:00-7:30 PM

Come show off your music, poetry, or other performance art, or be part of the crowd! Advance sign-ups will get first priority to perform, but walk-ins are accepted as well.

Library From Home

Welcome, Kanopy!

Stream movies and television shows on demand on your favorite device with Kanopy. Get started with your library card number and pin, then create an account with your email address and a password. Visit galesburglibrary.kanopy.com to get started, or download the Kanopy app.

Ancestry Library Edition

Access Ancestry Library Edition from home during the month of March. Check out Ancestry and our other digital resources at galesburglibrary.org/databases.

Calendar

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Feb. 26	Dungeons & Dragons for Teens
Feb. 29	Good Luck and Well Wishes
Mar. 1	Library closed until further notice
Mar. 20	Ill. Humanities Big Read at GCAC



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Transform Our Library Gardens!

Landscaping Fundraiser Launch: In collaboration with our community, we are initiating a special fundraising campaign dedicated to enhancing the landscaping of our new library surroundings. The Construction Grant has propelled us forward, giving us our beautiful new building and covering the basics of grass seed and trees. However, we aspire to go beyond and create a vibrant outdoor space that serves as a retreat and gathering space.

Our target is \$40,000 to bring this vision to life and create a dynamic outdoor space. A generous community member has created a matching grant opportunity and pledged to match every dollar raised, up to \$20,000, amplifying the impact of your contributions.

How You Can Help: Your support will help us create a versatile outdoor oasis. Every donation, regardless of size, makes a meaningful impact. Contributions can be made online at givebutter.com/rootedingenerosity or through the QR code, or they can be mailed directly to the library. Thank you!

