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WESTERN ILLINOIS LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE LUNCH

The Illinois Library Association sponsors regional legislative events to provide library trustees, directors and staff, local leaders, and library supporters an opportunity to meet with area legislators and speak with them firsthand about issues affecting local libraries. You are invited to attend the 2019 Western Illinois Library Legislative Lunch on Monday, February 4 at the Galesburg Public Library. Doors will open at 11:30 am, and lunch will be available at that time. The program will begin at 12:00 noon and conclude at 1:30 PM. The price for the event is \$25 per person. Register at <https://www.ila.org/events/legislative-meet-ups>.



NAACP CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Galesburg Public Library and the Galesburg NAACP will celebrate Black History Month during the month of February. Black History Month will kick off on Saturday, February 2 at 2:00 PM with a viewing of the PBS documentary *American Creed*. *American Creed* explores whether a unifying set of beliefs can prove more powerful than the issues that divide us. The viewing will be followed by a discussion facilitated by retired Carl Sandburg College professor Wendel Hunigan.

On Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30 PM, there will be a book discussion at the library of the bestselling book *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, now also a powerful movie. The library will hold another book discussion on Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30 PM of former first lady Michelle Obama's riveting memoir *Becoming*. Limited copies of both books will be available for checkout at the library's Circulation Desk.

AARP TAX ASSISTANCE

AARP Tax-Aide Program representatives will be at the Galesburg Public Library this tax filing season. Volunteers will be available to prepare and review a limited number of 2018 tax returns. Taxes will only be prepared with an appointment. Representatives will be at the library on Friday, February 1 from 12:30 - 3:30 PM to schedule appointments. Appointments must be made in person at the library. A complete list of available appointments can be found at the Reference Desk.



Faith's (Reference Department) Favorites of 2018

- ***The Lost Landscape: A Writer's Coming of Age*** by Joyce Carol Oates
- ***The Seed Underground: A Growing Revolution to Save Food*** by Janisse Ray
- ***The Brontes*** by Juliet R.V. Barker
- ***Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad*** by M.T. Anderson

HUMAN SEARCH



By: Faith Burdick

Question: What Civil War battles were fought in Illinois?

Answer: The short answer is none. However, that does not mean Illinois was not heavily involved in the war. After the defeats of Bull Run and Wilson's Creek, so many volunteers signed up that the state was actually unable to handle the numbers; as a result, many ended up fighting under the banner of another state. Some examples of the enthusiasm to serve: almost all of the 9th Missouri regiment was made up of Illinois men. Also, at that time Henderson County only had a population of 9,499, but 1,157 men served—over 10% of the population! And, sadly, a large number of the dead at Shiloh were Illinois men.

Training went on all over the state. One camp was at the fairgrounds in Peoria, while by war's end, Camp Douglas in Chicago had become one of the largest POW camps in the Union. And southern Illinois boasted one of the most important sites in the nation. Cairo is the southernmost city in Illinois and stands at the confluence of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, making it an ideal supply depot and staging site for the frequent raids that General Grant sent into Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee. He was actually headquartered in the St. Charles Hotel in Cairo. Cairo's Camp Defiance helped to turn the tide of the war toward the Union! Go find the fascinating book at 973.7473/Hic, *Illinois in the Civil War* by Victor Hicken, and settle in for an interesting weekend of winter reading.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Library Book Clubs

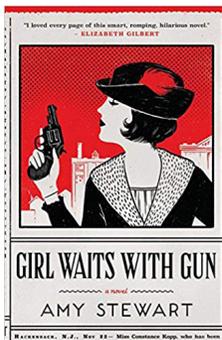
Copies of all discussion books are available at the library about one month in advance. Newcomers are welcome.

Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

Tue. Feb. 12, 1:00 PM at the library

Thur. Feb. 14, 6:30 PM at Jimmy John's

Amy Stewart's novel *Girl Waits with Gun* is based on the forgotten true story of one of the nation's first female deputy sheriffs. We'll talk to the author via Skype first at the Tuesday meeting, then discuss the book.



Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Club

Fri. Feb. 22, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

Binti by Nnedi Okorafor is a fantasy novel that reflects the author's West African and American heritage. You will pay for your own food.

Food for Thought Book Club

Thur. Feb. 28, 11:30 AM at Craft Butcher and Deli

When the lights go out one night, no one panics. Not yet. The lights always come back on, don't they? But across Europe, controllers watch in disbelief as electrical grids collapse. *Blackout* by Marc Elsberg is a terrifyingly plausible thriller. You will pay for your own food.

Movie Club

Free Movie

Fri. Feb. 8, 1:30 PM

Free showing of the movie *First Man*, about Neil Armstrong's historic walk on the moon. (141 minutes, rated PG-13, ©Universal)

Tue. Feb. 19, TBA

The library's movie discussion group will meet to watch a new movie at the AMC Showplace. The exact time and title will be announced the week before. We'll head to Perkins Restaurant afterwards for discussion.

Both the movie and restaurant are pay-your-own-way. Never been to Movie Club? Whether you only see one or two movies a year or you go to the movies every week, you are welcome to join us. Send an email to reference@galesburglibrary.org to be added to the Movie Club's email distribution list.

Other Adult Programs

Tai Chi

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Join Xiaoqi Wu of Eastern Therapeutic Acupuncture, Massage & Wellness Center for free Tai Chi classes. Five months of weekly sessions have been funded by the Galesburg Community Foundation. If the program is successful and continues after the five months are up, a small fee may be charged in the future. Beginner and intermediate classes will alternate weeks. February will start with a beginner class on 2/5.

Writer Support Group

Mon. Feb. 4, 6:30 PM

Meet with other writers to hone your skills and receive constructive feedback. All kinds of writers are welcome.

Keep Calm and Color On

Mon. Feb. 25, 2:00-3:30 PM

Join us in adult coloring for relaxation. We'll provide music, drinks, coloring pages, and colored pencils (donated by Blick Art Materials). Free!

Pinterest Club

Thur. Feb. 28, 6:30 PM

Make a colorful confetti bowl using a balloon and Mod Podge. Open to all ages. \$1 per person; please register at the Reference Desk.



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Storytimes:

Toddler - Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Interactive stories, songs, and movement storytime for children ages 18-36 months and their caregivers.

Preschool - Wednesdays at 10:45 AM & Thursdays at 6:00 PM

Books, crafts, songs, and movement for children ages 3-7.

Other February Events:

Sensory Storytime

Sat. Feb. 2, 11:00 AM

Open to all children ages 2-7 but designed for children with sensory integration challenges.

Family Story Night

Tues. Feb. 5, 6:00 PM

Bring the whole family to enjoy stories, crafts, and activities. Fun for all ages, from babies to grownups!

Tots and Tunes

Thurs. Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:00 AM

Singing and dancing for children ages 0-5 accompanied by an adult.

Lego Night

Tues. Feb. 12, 4:30-5:30 PM

Come build with Legos!

Valentine Dance Party!

Tues. Feb. 12, 6:00 PM

Tots and caregivers: put on your party clothes and come wiggle, sing, and dance the night away at a library dance party! Open to children ages 0-5 accompanied by a caregiver. Registration is requested; please sign up in the Children's Room.



Kids' Book Club

Thurs. Feb. 21, 4:00 PM

Fun monthly book club for independent readers in grades 3-5. Ask in the Children's Room for this month's book.

STEM Club

Tues. Feb. 26, 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Kids ages 5-12 (PreK-Grade 5) will explore topics in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math through hands-on, station-based activities. Signup is required, and children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

LOCAL HISTORY

BY PATTY MOSHER

February 4 is Jayhawker Day

Have you ever heard about the perils encountered by Galesburg and Knox County residents who had contracted gold fever? You may have heard about the Comstock Lode in Northern California and the forty-niners panning the rivers for gold. The Jayhawkers were one of those groups. On February 4, 1849 a contingent of 36 men, a woman and two children loaded their wagons and headed west to find their fortunes.

At the outset, they jokingly nicknamed themselves "The Jayhawkers" although we are not sure why. But the Galesburg group led by Capt. Asa Haynes was destined to take a wrong turn that would have major consequences as they headed for the treasure fields of California.

At the end of 6 weeks, they reached Council Bluffs, IA, a journey that takes about 5 hours today by car. There they crossed the Missouri River by ferry, landing in Nebraska, and headed into unknown country. They had many hardships on a journey of almost 2,000 miles, including Native Americans stampeding their cattle. When they reached Salt Lake City, instead of taking the Oregon Trail as most others did, they had heard talk of a shorter southern route and decided that would be best. But when they got there they found themselves looking at the trackless desert wastes of Death Valley.

They headed in and were lost for weeks. They ran low on food and water and were exhausted from the terrible heat. The desert ultimately took 3 lives. But those who survived finally walked out of the desert into the verdant green of the San Francisquito Valley in February, 1850. There they found a stray steer, killed it and had a feast. The next day they saw a large ranch, and the people there helped the travelers and gave them more food and water, even though the Jayhawkers had killed a steer from their herd.

Some of the Knox County men found great fortunes in the gold fields and stayed in California. But others, like John B. Colton, son of Galesburg's first shopkeeper Chauncey Colton, had little to show for the arduous journey. In 1873, Colton had the idea of holding reunions for the Jayhawkers that would continue until the last person passed away. The last reunion was held on Feb. 4, 1908 at the home of Julia Brier in Lodi, CA in 1908. She was 94 years old. We know this story thanks to the diary of Capt. Asa Haynes. But many wished he had written down an explanation for the group's nickname. Happy Jayhawkers Day!

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HOURS

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

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TEEN NEWS

Most teen events require advance registration. All events open to teens aged 12-18 or in grades 6-12. Call 343-6118 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up for all programs.

D&D 101: Dungeon Mastering for Teens

Tues. Feb. 5, 6:00-7:30PM

You've created awesome characters and played them on epic adventures. Now become the Dungeon Master, run a whole Dungeons & Dragons game, and take your friends on a wild journey of adventure! Learn how to design encounters, plan out an adventure, and craft an unforgettable game! Presented in partnership with Galesburg Parks & Recreation and For the Win Games.

Teen Advisory Board

Thurs. Feb. 7, 6:00-6:45 PM

Join the Library's Teen Advisory Board, an open forum to make YOUR voice heard about the library! You can suggest and vote on program ideas, pitch new ideas to improve the Teen Scene, and give the library recommendations for new YA books to purchase. New members always welcome!

Fandom Trivia

Thurs. Feb. 7, 6:45-7:30 PM

Put your fandom knowledge to the test in this team-based trivia game covering various fandoms. We will have questions on a wide variety of fandoms, so whatever you're passionate about, we will try to cover it! Advance registration is not required.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Mon. Feb. 25, 4:00-6:00 PM

Join the ongoing epic quest to discover the Lost Mine of Phandelver! New players are welcome, even if you've never played before. Advance registration is required.

Anime Club

Wed. Feb. 27, 4:00-5:30 PM

Looking for a place to share your love of anime and manga? Come to our anime club! Binge-watch new and classic anime, talk about your favorites, and argue the merits of subtitles versus English dubs. We will have Japanese snacks and other anime-related activities as well, so tell all your fellow otaku!