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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

The next Friends of the Galesburg Public Library meeting is September 10 at 6:00 PM. All Friends members and anyone interested in joining the Friends are welcome to attend. The Friends are always looking for new members who are passionate and enthusiastic about supporting the library. They are hoping to fill officer positions for the upcoming year in order to continue providing support for the library's programs and services.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

As the Galesburg Public Library sadly says goodbye to Archivist Patty Mosher, we happily welcome two new librarians to the team! Noelle Thompson, the new Library Director, and Emily DuGranrut, the new Archivist and Reference Librarian, both began their new positions last month and are excited to dig into their roles and meet the community.

Galesburg native Noelle Thompson got her start in libraries while working at Hewes Library at Monmouth College, where she earned her BA in English. She then earned her master's of information science online at Rutgers University. She was previously the director of Lied Scottsbluff Public Library in Scottsbluff, Nebraska before returning to Galesburg with her husband, Robbie, and their daughters, Nimue and Psyche. Stop in and say hello or contact her at noelle.thompson@galesburglibrary.org!

Emily DuGranrut is originally from northwest Ohio. She studied journalism at Ohio University and library and information science at Wayne State University. Prior to moving to Galesburg she worked in the Special Collections and University Archives at Iowa State University. Emily is excited to learn more about Galesburg, its people, and its history. She can often be found reading about history or pop culture, riding around town on her bike, or at the movies. Stop by and share your favorite Galesburg story, or contact her at emily.dugranrut@galesburglibrary.org!

Patty Mosher has worked at the Galesburg Public Library since 1987 and been the Archivist since 2000. She earned her BA in History from Western Illinois University and took archive courses through the Campbell Center for Historic Preservation Studies. A farewell party will be held for Patty on Wednesday, October 2 from 4:00-6:00 PM in the Sanderson Room at the library. The party is open to the public. Stop by and wish Patty a happy retirement!

LIBRARY FOUNDATION DINNER

The Galesburg Public Library Foundation is celebrating 10 Years of the Foundation at their Annual Dinner on Friday, October 4, 2019 at the Galesburg Knights of Columbus Hall. The event will begin at 5:00 PM and will include a dinner buffet, musical entertainment by *Mockingbird*, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$30 each. Contact foundation@galesburglibrary.org to purchase tickets.

MONDAY MOVIES & MORE

Starting this month, the Children's Room and Adult Services will be teaming up to bring you a new craft and movie program! Every session will have a different theme and be open to all ages. Monday Movies & More will happen periodically, alternating afternoons and evenings. Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming sessions. Stop in Monday, September 16 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM for Cartoon Throwback. Watch episodes of some of your favorite cartoons from the '80's, along with crafts and activities.

HUMAN SEARCH

ENGINE

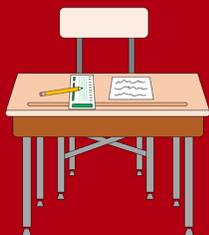
By: Faith Burdick

Question: Why do we return to the same seat or spot repeatedly even though we could sit anywhere?

Answer: Numerous studies have been done in both the U.S. and elsewhere that show this is a very common human behavior. In any classroom setting or other situation in which the same group of people gather regularly for some purpose, most people will choose to sit in the same seat over and over. Social scientists say this is an example of territoriality, and it applies to most animals.

Mosby's Medical Dictionary (Ref 610.3/Mos) defines territoriality as "an emotional attachment to and defense of certain areas related to one's existence. Humans and animals generally establish a claim to or occupy a defined or undefined area over which they can maintain some degree of control." This comforts a person and makes him or her feel less vulnerable.

Temple University professor Ralph Taylor thinks that this behavior may even contribute to more successful learning. Because the person does not have to waste time becoming comfortable and "safe" on a daily basis, it means that more mental energy is available for attending to the business at hand.



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. Sept. 10, 1:00 PM at the library

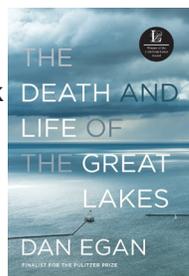
Thur. Sept. 12, 6:30 PM at Jimmy's Pizza

Discussion of *Trooper* by Forrest Bryant Johnson. One beautiful summer day in 1987, desert tour guide Forrest Johnson heard cries of distress. He came upon an orphaned bobcat kitten, desperately in need of help. Forrest took his new feline friend home for a night. That night turned into two nights, and eventually nineteen years. The Tuesday discussion will be followed by a short video.

Food for Thought Book Club

Thur. Sept. 19, 11:30 AM at Craft Butcher and Deli

Death and Life of the Great Lakes by Dan Egan is a landmark work of science, history and reporting on the past, present and imperiled future of the Great Lakes. You will pay for your own food.



Buzzwords Book Club

Thur. Sept. 19, 5:30 PM at Knox County Brewing Co.

Buzzwords is "not your grandmother's book club!" Our new club is designed for people under 40 and over 21, but is open to anyone. Chloe Benjamin's novel *The Immortalists* is a captivating family saga that asks "if you knew the date of your death, how would you live your life?" You will order and pay for your own food and drink.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Club

Fri. Sept. 27, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

In the classic fantasy novel *Silverlock* by John Myers Myers, a shipwrecked American meets up with Robin Hood, Beowulf, Huck Finn, and countless others on the adventure of a lifetime. You will pay for your own food.

Movie Club

Tue. Sept. 17, 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 Culver's Restaurant afterwards for discussion.

Both the movie and restaurant are pay-your-own-way. 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.

Free Movie

Friday. Sept. 13, 1:30 PM

Free showing of the movie *Rocketman*, a biopic that focuses on Elton John's early years and his meteoric rise to fame in the 1970s. (121 minutes, rated R, ©Paramount Pictures)

Other Adult Programs

Free Tai Chi classes

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

Tai Chi is a Chinese art and exercise form that can help improve balance and joint mobility and maybe even help stave off dementia. If you have taken Tai Chi from Xiaoqi Wu before, please join us for 30-minute sessions of the set routine. We may meet outside if the weather is nice. A donation of \$3 is suggested.

Writer Support Group

Mon. Sept 9, 6:30 PM

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

Keep Calm and Color On

Mon. Sept. 23, 2:00-3:30 PM

Join us in adult coloring for relaxation. We'll provide music, drinks, coloring pages, and colored pencils. Free!

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Storytimes:

Weekly storytimes are back starting September 18th!

Toddler Storytime (Wednesdays at 10:00 AM)

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

Preschool Storytime (Wednesdays at 10:45 AM)

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

Other September Events:

Family Story Night

Tues. Sept. 3, 6:00 PM

Bring the whole family to the library for our monthly Family Story Night. This interactive program combines stories, crafts, and activities, all focused on a different theme each month. Come prepared to read and play together. Fun for all ages, from babies to grownups!

Tots and Tunes

Thurs. Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:00 AM

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

Sensory Storytime

Sat. Sept. 7, 11:00 AM

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

Lego Night

Tues. Sept. 10, 4:30-5:30 PM

Come build with Legos!



Kids' Book Club

Thurs. Sept. 19, 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. Sept. 24, 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.

All Ages Events:

Monday Movies & More: Cartoon Throwback

Mon. Sept. 16, 6:00-7:30 PM

Come enjoy episodes of your favorite cartoons from the 80s, along with crafts and activities. Free and open to all ages.

LOCAL HISTORY

BY PATTY MOSHER

Buffalo Bunko

Early in 1901, a young man came to Galesburg and checked himself in at Brown's Hotel located on the southeast corner of Main and Kellogg Street (where the Hill Arcade is today). After settling in, he walked over to the Knox College campus to check out the students. He knew that he could find many young men who might want a job that summer, and he had just the job that he knew they would like to have. They would be guards at the next year's world's fair, the 1902 Pan-American Exposition to be held in Buffalo, New York. Claiming to represent the Merchant's Reference Bureau of Buffalo, all he asked for were their names, addresses and a fee of one dollar per student for registration purposes. That might not sound like much money, but back then \$1 was worth about \$30 today. He told them that there were papers to be signed to secure their job at the fair and they would receive them in the mail soon. The sound of spending the summer as a guard at a world's fair was just too good an offer to pass up. The result was that the "advance agent" as he called himself, signed up quite a large number of male students. When the agent left the campus, he had a tidy sum of money in his pocket.

The next day, word of the agent and the World's Fair jobs had spread around town, and some of the city leaders thought it sounded a bit fishy. So W. A. Armstrong, vice-president of the Second National Bank, offered to wire a bank in Buffalo about the offer of these jobs. The next day he received an answer. There was no such person authorized to work for the fair board. But by then, the young "agent" had high-tailed it out of town. He had told a few of the students at Knox that his next stop was the University of Illinois, but an inquiry there failed to find him. A few of the students remembered that he had played football against Knox with an Iowa college team the year before. So a few days later, after more searching, he was located in that Iowa college town and was returned to Galesburg to face charges. But his father came to the rescue after hearing his son's side of the story - it turned out that he had been buffaloed himself, as he told the Galesburg authorities. He had given a man five dollars of his own money for the job of signing up guards for the fair, and the man he met was probably selling these agent papers all over the country at what would be \$150 today. But because restitution was made to all of the Knox students, the charges were dropped. So far as is known, none of the Knox men ever got jobs at the fair. One worked selling stereoscopic views door-to-door, while another worked on railroad track repair. So even if these jobs were not as appealing or as glamorous as wearing a guard's uniform at a world's fair, they at least earned their wages honestly.

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HOURS

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

Closed: September 2

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TEEN NEWS

Teen Advisory Board

Thurs. Sep. 12, 6:00-6:45 PM

Join the Library's Teen Advisory Board, where you can make YOUR voice heard about the library! You can suggest and vote on future teen events, talk about ways to improve the Teen Scene, and give the library recommendations for new YA books to purchase. Open to teens aged 12-18 or in grades 6-12. New members always welcome!

Bad Art Night

Thurs. Sep. 12, 6:45-7:30 PM

Whether you're a talented artist or someone who can't even draw a straight line, you too can make bad art! Join us for an evening of making the most intentionally terrible art projects we can. Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 6-12. Advance sign-up is required.

Anime Club

Wed. Sep. 25, 4:00-5:30 PM

Looking for a place to share your love of anime and manga? Come to our anime club! Each month we watch and discuss a different anime and do related activities and crafts. Open to teens age 12-18 (or 6th-12th grade). Sign-up not required.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Mon. Sep. 30, 4:00-6:00 PM

Create your own hero and join the adventure! New players always welcome. Advance sign-up required.

