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GHOSTS OF GALESBURG

On October 21 at 6:30 PM, take a walk or tram ride downtown to visit historic locations and hear actors tell the stories of people from Galesburg's past. Tram seats are limited, and tram registration is required. We encourage people who can walk to walk. This free event is sponsored by the Galesburg Public Library and the Galesburg Historical Society. Tram registration starts on October 1.

Ghosts of Galesburg



Monday October 21 6:30 pm

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale will be on October 18, 19, and 21. On Friday, October 18, from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM, members of the Friends are invited to preview the sale. Nonmembers may pay \$5 or join the Friends for admission. On Saturday, October 19, from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, entry is free for all. The sale concludes on Monday, October 21, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM with a \$3 bag sale.

The Friends have stopped accepting donations for this book sale. Donations will resume on Wednesday, November 6.

"CHECK OUT" THE KNOX-GALESBURG SYMPHONY

Galesburg Public Library cardholders may enter a drawing to win a Guest Pass to any of the Knox-Galesburg Symphony concerts during the 2019-20 season.

Limited Guest Passes will be available to each of this season's five concerts. Each Guest Pass entitles the bearer to up to six free tickets to a selected concert. "I'm very excited that the Knox-Galesburg Symphony has partnered with the Galesburg Public Library to let people 'check out' Galesburg's incredible orchestra," says Symphony executive director Lucas Wood. Guest Passes must be redeemed at The Orpheum Theatre box office by the day before the show.

To be eligible to win a Guest Pass, you must be a Galesburg Public Library cardholder in good standing. You can enter to win a pass to any of the five concerts. Names will be drawn one month before each concert. For more information or to enter the drawing to receive a Guest Pass, please call 343-6118 or visit the Reference Desk.

NEW GPL LIBRARIAN

Kayla Kuffel grew up in Kewanee, where she got her first taste of library work as a page at KPL. She graduated summa cum laude with a BA in English from St. Ambrose University, where she worked as a library student worker.

While earning her MLIS from Dominican University, she worked as a library assistant at Kewanee High School. After earning her Master's, she spent a year as a reference librarian at Illinois Central College. She's excited to spend her next chapter with Galesburg Public Library!

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. Oct. 8, 1:00 PM at the library

Thur. Oct. 10, 6:30 PM at Jimmy's Pizza

Discussion of *Harry's Trees* by Jon Cohen. Harry works for the US Forest Service. When his wife suddenly dies, he is unable to cope. He quits his job and makes his way to the remote woods of the Endless Mountains in Pennsylvania, determined to lose himself. But fate intervenes in the form of a determined girl named Oriana. *Harry's Trees* is an uplifting story about the redeeming power of friendship and the magic to be found in life's surprising adventures.

Food for Thought Book Club

Thur. Oct. 17, 11:30 AM at Craft Butcher and Deli

Discussion of *The End of Ice* by Dahr Jamail. After a decade overseas as a war reporter, Jamail returned to America to renew his passion for mountaineering. He found that the slopes he had once climbed had been irrevocably changed by climate disruption. In response, he embarked on a journey to discover the consequences of the loss of ice to nature and to humans. You will pay for your own food.

Buzzwords Book Club

Thur. Oct. 17, 5:30 PM at Knox County Brewing Co.

Buzzwords is a new book club designed for people over 21 and under 40, but it is open to anyone. Dave Cullen's *Columbine* is the definitive account of the Columbine massacre, its aftermath, and its significance, from the acclaimed journalist who followed the story from the outset. You will pay for your own food and drink.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Fri. Oct. 25, 6:00 PM at Hardee's

Discussion of the science fiction novel *One Way* by S.J. Morden. Stranded on Mars with seven other convicts, one man must fight for survival on a planet where everyone's a killer. You will pay for your own food.

Movie Club

Free Movie

Friday. Oct. 14, 1:30 PM

Free showing of the movie *Yesterday*, about a struggling musician who is the only person in the world to remember the Beatles. (116 minutes, rated PG-13, ©Universal)

Tue. Oct. 15, 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.

Other Adult Programs

Free Tai Chi classes

Tuesdays at 9 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. Oct. 7, 6:30 PM

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

Keep Calm and Color On

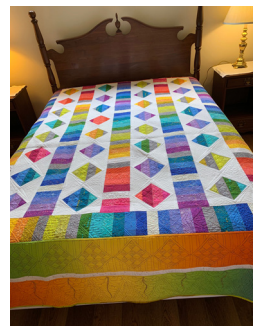
Mon. Oct. 28, 2:00-3:30 PM

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



LIBRARY FOUNDATION RAFFLE

The Galesburg Public Library Foundation is raffling off a beautiful quilt, and it could be yours! Raffle tickets are \$1 each, and you can purchase as many as you like. The quilt was designed, pieced together, and quilted by members of the Piecemakers Quilt Guild. The drawing will be held on December 10, 2019. Pick up your ticket at the library Circulation Desk.



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Storytimes:

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 Children's events:

Money-Minded Storytime

Tues. Oct. 1, 10:30 AM

Storytime highlighting money basics like saving and spending, presented by the office of the Illinois State Treasurer.

Family Story Night

Tues. Oct. 1, 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. Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 10:00 AM

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

Read, Make, Vote: Monarch Readers Club

Thurs. Oct. 3, 6:00 PM

Together as a group, we'll read picture books from the Monarch Award (IL K-3 Reader's Choice Award) list, enjoy crafts and activities, and cast our votes for favorite book of the year. Registration required; call 343-6118 to sign up.

Sensory Storytime

Sat. Oct. 5, 11:00 AM

Open to all children ages 3-7, but designed for children with sensory integration challenges.

Technology Together

Mon. Oct. 7, 14, 21, and 28, 5:30 PM

Families are invited to share a meal at the library before exploring safe & educational preschool and school-age apps and digital tools together as a family. Registration is required; call 343-6118 to sign up.

Lego Night

Tues. Oct. 8, 4:30-5:30 PM

Come build with Legos!

Kids' Book Club

Thurs. Oct. 17, 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. Oct. 22, 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Kids ages 5-12 (Grades K-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.

Grossology for Kids

Thurs. Oct. 24, 6:00 PM

Icky, disgusting challenges for the bravest of kids. Open to kids in grades K-5. Registration required; call 343-6118 to sign up.

LOCAL HISTORY

BY EMILY DUGRANRUT

October is upon us, which means the spooky Halloween season is officially here. Stores are full of pumpkins, the movie theater has a full slate of scary movies, and local children (and some adults) are picking out costumes for trick-or-treating and parties. It turns out, Halloween in Galesburg hasn't changed that much over the years.

In 1963, those trick-or-treaters might have stopped by Ray's Hobby Shop on North Cherry Street, which promised "Galesburg's most complete line of Party Make-up Materials."

In 1954, West Theater was the place to be for Halloween horror movies. You could see a double feature of *Werewolf in London* and *The Invisible Ray* for just 30 cents!

Go back to any year and you're sure to find an exciting masquerade party. At the Arcade Roof Garden in 1932, the "Hallowe'en Masquerade Carnival Dance" featured Jack Wedell's Orchestra and \$35 in prizes. In 1954, you could stop by the Eagles Home to dance until 1 a.m. to benefit the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund.

It wouldn't be Halloween without a few pranksters. In 1946, area service clubs tried to prevent pranks by holding a citywide party at the Galesburg Armory. It featured live music and prizes for the best costumes. According to party officials, 2,500 kids attended and ate over 4,000 hot dogs.

Nowadays, the businesses have changed and the prices have gone up a bit, but enthusiasm for some fun will never go away.

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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

Teen Advisory Board

Thurs. Oct. 10, 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!

Cupcake Wars

Thurs. Oct. 10, 6:45-7:30 PM

Put your creativity to the test against other teens in the ultimate cupcake decorating competition! We will make Halloween-themed cupcakes as well as whatever designs you want. Winners will be chosen by other teens, and will receive a prize! Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 6-12. Advance sign-up is required.

Zombie Apocalypse Preparedness Course

Tues. Oct. 22, 6:00-7:00 PM

Would you be able to survive a zombie apocalypse or some other disaster? Come get survival tips from a member of the Galesburg Police Department to better your chances against the walking dead or other calamity. Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 6-12. Sign up at the Reference Desk or by calling 343-6118.



Dungeons & Dragons Club

Mon. Oct. 28, 4:00-6:00 PM

Create your own hero and join the adventure! New players are always welcome. Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 6-12. Advance registration is required, so sign up at the Reference Desk or by calling 343-6118.