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# Off the Shelf

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## FINE FORGIVENESS

What better way to enter the New Year than to start with a clean slate—no overdue fines! The library will wipe all standing overdue fines on Black Friday, November 29. If you have overdue items, return them between November 29 and December 30 and fines will be removed as well! The library currently only assesses fines for new books, AV items, and equipment. Overdue fines will resume accumulating on January 2.

While we forgive fines, we are asking the public to pay it forward by donating nonperishable food items, unopened toiletries, and quarters this holiday season. Items will be distributed to local service organizations or kept at the library and made available to patrons in need. If you would like to make a donation, please bring items to the Check-Out Desk.



## CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

The Galesburg Public Library is accepting entries for the Big Write, the library's annual creative writing contest. Short stories, poetry, and song lyrics are being accepted from adults and children in 3rd grade and up. Cash prizes of \$10-\$25 will be awarded to up to three winners in each age group and category. Submission guidelines and details can be found at [www.galesburglibrary.org](http://www.galesburglibrary.org) under the Events & Programs tab and at the Reference Desk. The deadline is midnight on Monday, March 2, 2020. A reception for winners, entrants, friends, family, and the community will be held on Saturday, April 25, at 2:00 pm at the library.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Galesburg Public Library, the Big Write is part of Galesburg Public Library's NEA Big Read of *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. Big Read activities will take place in April 2020.

## MONDAY MOVIES & MORE

Join us on Monday, January 6 from 1:30-3:30 PM for Monday Movies & More! Enjoy a free showing of the 2019 film *Pokémon Detective Pikachu* (Rated PG, 104 minutes, ©Warner Bros.) and make Pokémon-themed crafts. Event is free and open to all ages. Monday Movies & More happens periodically and alternates afternoons and evenings. Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming sessions in February and April.

## BEST BOOKS OF 2019

It's time for the Best Books of 2019! Visit our display to read some of the best books published in the last year. You can also enter to win several prize baskets of the best books of 2019. Look for more details online and in the library on how to enter the raffle.

### YOUR COLLECTION @ YOUR LIBRARY

Do you have a special collection you want to show off?

Whether you collect Legos or Funko Pops, action figures or memorabilia, we'd love to display your collection for one month in the locked curio cabinet in the Galesburg Public Library lobby. Please ask for an application at the Reference Desk or the Children's Desk.

By: Faith Burdick

**Question:** "I've heard that Bethlehem is holy to both Christians and Muslims. How can that be true, since Muslims don't believe in Jesus?"

**Answer:** Bethlehem is indeed holy to both religions. It may be a surprise to many people, but a devout Muslim reveres Jesus as a major prophet, and that is one of the reasons that both a mosque and a church are located close to the site where Jesus was said to have been born. Rick Steves, who hosts the famous travel show on PBS, asked the imam of this mosque about this. "He explained, 'Bethlehem is holy for Muslims as well as Christians. For Muslims, Jesus is a major prophet. We also revere Mother Mary. In fact, an entire chapter in the Quran is named for her.'"

Although Muslims do not think of Jesus as God, both religions revere the Old Testament of the Bible, which means that they read and study many of the same stories and have more religious beliefs in common than one might think. For answers to questions about the similarities and differences between the two religions, I highly recommend the book *Islam: What Non-Muslims Should Know* by John Kaltner (297/Kal).



# 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. Dec. 10, 1:00 PM at the library**

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

Book discussion of *Dear Mrs. Bird* by A.J. Pearce. A typist working for an advice columnist in 1940 London goes against the orders of her boss and responds to the most difficult letters.

### Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

**Fri. Dec. 13, 6:00 PM at Hardee's**

Discussion of *All Systems Red* by Martha Wells. In a corporate-dominated spacefaring future, teams sent on planetary missions are accompanied by security androids, for their own safety. But when contracts are awarded to the lowest bidder, safety isn't a primary concern. You will pay for your own food.

### Buzzwords Book Club

**Thur. Dec. 19, 6:00 PM at Knox County Brewing Co.**

In *Seven Days of Us* by Francesca Hornak, the entire Birch family is under one roof for Christmas for the first time in years. But daughter Olivia has been treating an epidemic abroad and must stay in quarantine for a week – along with her entire family. Buzzwords is designed for people under 40, but it is open to anyone. You will pay for your own food and drink.

### Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

**Tue. Jan. 14, 1:00 PM at the library**

**Thur. Jan. 16, 6:30 PM at Jimmy's Pizza**

Discussion of *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts, a novel that tells the story behind The Wonderful Wizard of Oz through the eyes of author L. Frank Baum's wife Maud. Please note that this is the third Thursday, not the second Thursday.

### Buzzwords Book Club

**Thur. Jan. 23, 6:00 PM at Knox County Brewing Co.**

In *Girls Burn Brighter* by Shobha Rao, Poornima and Savitha, poor but ambitious girls, bond over wanting to escape their small Indian village. But when an act of

cruelty drives one away, the other leaves everything behind to find her friend. You will pay for your own food and drink.

### Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

**Fri. Jan. 31, 6:00 PM at Hardee's**

In *Midnight Riot* by Ben Aaronovitch, Peter Grant dreams of being a detective in London's police force. His ability to speak with the dead draws the attention of DCI Nightingale, who investigates crimes involving magic and the uncanny. You will pay for your own food.

## Movie Club

### Monday Movies and More

**Mon. Dec. 2, 5:30 PM**

Free showing of *How to Make an American Quilt* and related crafts for all ages. Tickets for the beautiful quilt being raffled off by the library's Foundation will be on sale. (Rated PG-13, 117 minutes, ©Universal)

**Tue. Dec. 17, TBA**

**Tue. Dec. 31, 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 out to a restaurant afterwards for discussion.

### Free Movie

**Thur. Jan. 16, 1:30 PM**

Free showing of *Judy*, starring Renee Zellweger as Judy Garland. (Rated PG-13, 118 minutes, ©Lions Gate)

**Tue. Jan. 21, 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 out to a restaurant afterwards for discussion.

## Other Adult Programs

### Keep Calm and Color On

**Mon. Jan. 27, 2:00-3:30 PM**

Adult coloring for relaxation. We'll provide music, drinks, coloring pages, and colored pencils (donated by Blick Art Materials). Free! (No adult coloring in December.)

# CHILDREN'S EVENTS

## Storytimes:

### **Family Story Night**

**Tues. Dec. 3 & Jan. 7, 6:00 PM**

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

### **Toddler Storytime**

**Wed. Dec. 4, 10:00 AM**

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

### **Preschool Storytime**

**Wed. Dec. 4, 10:45 AM**

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

## Other December/January Events:

### **Tots and Tunes**

**Thurs. Dec. 5, 12, & 19, and Jan. 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:00 AM**

Singing and dancing for kids age 0-5 accompanied by an adult.

### **Read, Make, Vote: Monarch Readers Club**

**Thurs. Dec. 5 & Jan. 2, 6:00 PM**

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. Dec. 7 & Jan. 4, 11:00 AM**

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

### **Lego Night**

**Tues. Dec. 10 & Jan. 14, 4:30-5:30 PM**

Come build with Legos!

### **Kids' Book Club**

**Thurs. Dec. 19 & Jan. 16, 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.

### **Technology Together**

**Mon. Jan. 20, 5:30-6:30 PM**

Families are invited to explore safe, fun, and educational apps and digital tools together with guidance. Registration required; call 343-6118 to sign up.

### **STEM Club**

**Tues. Jan. 28, 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 EMILY DUGRANRUT

## **The Spotlight Incorporated**

"The Spotlight Incorporated" was a weekly magazine published "in the interest of lovers of motion pictures and other amusements." We have issues from April and May 1915, but it looks like the magazine was started even earlier. Each issue was about 15 pages and included articles about the film industry, listings of movies playing at local theaters, advertisements for local businesses, editorials, and behind-the-scenes photos from productions. In a few issues, samples of sheet music were included that you could then mail to the publisher to get a discount on the full score.

Silent film stars such as Mae Marsh and Charlie Chaplin were featured in the magazine. One issue had an in-depth article about what the actors are actually saying when they move their mouths in silent films.

The magazine cost just five cents per issue, or you could purchase a subscription for 50 cents per year. It was printed by Wagoner Printing Company and edited by Leigh Metcalfe.

Unfortunately, our issues of the magazine are in very fragile condition and difficult to read. There also isn't much information about the publication online, so I'm not sure if it was published after 1915. If you know any more about "The Spotlight", stop by the library or send me an email at [emily.dugranrut@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:emily.dugranrut@galesburglibrary.org)!



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

The Friends of the Galesburg Public Library Book Sale in October added \$2,232.26 to the group's coffers. Thank you to all who helped with the sale or contributed by purchasing books. These funds are used to supplement many different programs at the library, including books, prizes and refreshments for the various reading programs.

A regular schedule of meeting times was unanimously approved. Meetings will be four times a year at 5:30 PM on the second Wednesday of the month. Meeting dates for 2020 will be April 8, June 10, Sept. 9 and Nov. 11. If you are interested in becoming a Friend, you can join anytime at the library and become part of the exciting changes that are in store for the coming year. Ask at the Check-Out Desk for details.

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## HOURS

### Monday - Thursday:

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

### Friday & Saturday:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** Closed

**Closed: December 23, 24 & 25  
December 31 & January 1**

## GPL MISSION STATEMENT

To serve the community as a general center of information, and to provide opportunity and encouragement for people to use its services and materials to meet their educational, personal, professional, recreational, and cultural needs.



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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.**

### Teen Advisory Board

**Thurs. Dec. 12 & Thurs. Jan. 9, 6:00-6:45 PM**

Teen Advisory Board is where teens make YOUR voices heard about the library! You can vote on and help plan future teen events, discuss improvements to the teen area and book collection, and get free pizza and volunteer hours in the process! New members always welcome!

### TAB Holiday Party

**Thurs. Dec. 12, 6:45-7:30 PM**

Celebrate the holiday season with food, crafts, and games! Open to any teen who has attended a TAB meeting this year. Sign-up not required.

### Dungeons & Dragons Club

**Mon. Dec. 16, 4:00-5:30 PM**

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

### DIY Paracord Bracelets

**Thurs. Jan. 9, 6:45-7:30 PM**

Create a cool and stylish bracelet out of paracord, a material used everywhere from parachutes to equipment harnesses to the Hubble space telescope!



### After-Hours Nerf Lock-In

**Fri. Jan. 17, 6:00-8:00 PM**

Take part in a steampunk-themed Nerf challenge in the library after hours! You can bring your own Nerf gear or use the library's. Advance sign-up and a permission slip are required. If weather forces us to cancel, event will be rescheduled to Friday, Jan. 31 at the same time.

### Dungeons & Dragons Club

**Mon. Jan. 27, 4:00-6:00 PM**

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