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GPL NOW OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

We are thrilled to welcome you back in the building and thank you for your patience as we adapt to the new conditions necessary to keep our community healthy. We will continue allowing checkouts exclusively through our contactless curbside service, and now you may schedule an appointment to use some of our in-house services. Those services include access to the public computers, microfilm readers, and printers/copy machines; faxing, scanning, and notary public services; test proctoring; and browsing newspapers and magazines. Browsing for books and movies is off limits at this time, but we are happy to locate materials for you.

Appointments are limited to fifty minutes and five slots at a time. This will allow us to monitor the number of people in the building at any given time, enforce social distancing guidelines, and continue providing access to those who need it. We ask that anyone with an appointment arrive promptly at their scheduled time at the front doors on Simmons Street. Face coverings are required at all times while in the building for both staff and library users over two years old, and children under 12 should be accompanied by a supervising adult at all times. The children's room is open and the staff looks forward to seeing our littlest patrons again, but toys and puzzles will not be available for playing at this time.

To schedule an appointment, call or email the library. Remember to keep an eye on our website and facebook page for frequent updates, virtual programming events, and book recommendations. We miss you and look forward to seeing you all again!

BIG READ KICKOFF EVENT

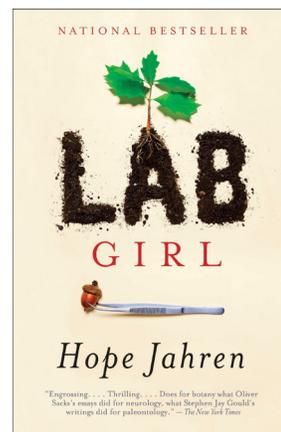
Kickoff Collaborative Painting

Saturday, August 1, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Galesburg Public Library Storybook Garden

In partnership with Art Defined, the library will give each attendee a canvas with a leaf outline to paint however they want. All paintings will be put together to create a mural that will be displayed in the library. Painting will take place in the Storybook Garden at the library. Tables will be spaced apart. Openings available every half hour. Free for all ages - children need to be accompanied by an adult.

If you would prefer to do your painting at home, we have a limited number of take and make kits! The paints and paintbrushes will be yours to keep, but we do ask that you return your painting so that we can include it in our mural! Call to request a kit.



We're participating in the

HY-VEE REUSABLE BAG PROGRAM

When you buy the \$2.50 red My Heart Reusable Bag this month, we will receive a \$1 donation.



BIG READ EVENTS

All events are free. Call 309-343-6118 or email reference@galesburglibrary.org to sign up for all events. Most classes have limited space, so be sure to call to reserve a spot! For outdoor classes, in the event of rain, class will be inside, and masks will be required.

Discussion of *Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas*
Thursday, August 6, 6:30 PM
Galesburg Public Library or virtual

Join us for a discussion of the teen tie-in graphic novel to the Big Read, *Primates* by Jim Ottaviani and Maris Wicks. Open to all ages. If we can safely do so, we will meet at the library; otherwise, we will hold a virtual discussion online. Free copies available while supplies last.

Free Bird Walk
Sunday, August 9, 7:30 AM
Lake Storey Park, Joe E. Anderson Area

Join the Galesburg Area Bird Club on a bird walk through Lake Storey Park! Dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them. For all ages!

Free Kids' Book and Activity
Monday, August 10, 12:00 noon

Starting August 10, kids can request a free copy of *Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt* by Kate Messner, our kids tie-in book to *Lab Girl*! Copies of the book will also come with an at-home activity that you can do in your very own yard! We have a limited number of books, so give us a call starting Monday, August 10, to reserve a book and activity kit to be picked up via curbside pickup! Limit of one book per family.

Free Adult Coloring Book
Monday, August 10, 12:00 noon

Starting August 10, adults can request a tree and flower themed coloring book to help relax and get in touch with nature! We have a limited number of coloring books, so give us a call starting Monday, August 10 to reserve a coloring book to be picked up at other Big Read events or via curbside pickup! Limit of one per household.

Book Discussion
Tuesday, August 11, 1:00 PM
Galesburg Public Library

Discussion of *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren.

Book Discussion
Thursday, August 13, 6:30 PM
Galesburg Public Library Storybook Garden

Discussion of *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. Pizza from Jimmy's Pizza will be provided. Registration is requested.

Stick Weaving Workshop
Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 PM
Galesburg Public Library Storybook Garden

Come learn how to create a beautiful decoration using just twigs, yarn, and other found materials! All supplies will be provided. For all ages. Class will take place outside. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.

Food for Thought Book Club
Thursday, August 20, 11:30 AM | Location TBD

Join us for a discussion of *The Food Explorer* by Daniel Stone. Copies are available for checkout.

Discussion of *Lab Girl*
Thursday, August 20, 6:00 PM | Location TBD

Join Buzzwords, our Millennial-aimed book discussion group, for a discussion of *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren.

Tome Raiders Book Club
Friday, August 21, 6:00 PM | Location TBD

Join our sci-fi/fantasy book club for a discussion of *Contact* by Carl Sagan. Copies of the book are available for checkout. Please check back closer to the event to find out the location.

Tree Planting and Plant Swap
Saturday, August 22, 10:00 AM
Galesburg Public Library Storybook Garden

The Galesburg Parks and Recreation Department will be planting a tree at the library! The tree planting ceremony will be followed by a plant swap. Bring any plants you would like to rehome, and trade them for new plants. All attendees will receive their own tree seedling to take home and plant!

Zoom with Emily Graslie
Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 PM
Galesburg Public Library or Zoom

Emily Graslie is the writer, co-creator, producer, and host of the popular YouTube channel *The Brain Scoop*, the Chief Curiosity Correspondent at the Field Museum, and host of the PBS series, *Prehistoric Road Trip*! She will join us via Zoom to discuss being a woman in the field of science and environmental conservation. You may attend in person or via Zoom.

The first 25 people to sign up for this event will receive a free activity bag, which will include everything needed to make a dinosaur succulent planter, as well as goodies to enjoy while participating in the Zoom call!

Ink Drawing Workshop
Wednesday, August 26, 6:30-7:30 PM
Galesburg Public Library

Create beautiful outdoor pictures using ink drawing techniques. All supplies will be provided. Free and for all ages. Limited to 20 participants.

MORE ADULT PROGRAMS

Movie Club

Tue. August 18, TBA

The library's movie discussion group will either meet to watch a new movie at the AMC or watch a movie in our own at homes and discuss it on Facebook in the library's GPL Online Book Discussion Group. The exact venue, time, and title will be announced at a later time.

Tai Chi

Tuesdays at 9 AM

A four-week beginner class of Tai Chi will be offered in August, each Tues. at 9 AM. We may meet outside. Please wear a mask.

HUMAN SEARCH ENGINE



By: Faith Burdick

Census or Bust!

This census may be the most important one in a long while! As we all know, the entire U.S. has been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Businesses, families, and local governments are struggling everywhere. Here in Galesburg, it seems particularly hard and frustrating. It seemed that we were just beginning to climb out of the hole into which we had fallen beginning in the 1980s, when so many factories left the 'Burg. Then along came this virus and all the hardship it has entailed, cancelling much of our progress.

This is a huge reason for YOU to make sure that you fill out YOUR census! The higher and more accurate our local count, the more money we will receive from the federal government, since these dollars are based on the size of our population. What we get or don't get will affect our schools—how much we get for classroom technology, after-school programs, school lunch assistance, teacher training, and special education classes.

We all know the shape that some of the highways and bridges are in here in Illinois. Our census response decides how many dollars we get to help with those repairs, too! Federal money to help our hospitals with COVID-19 supplies is dependent on how many people answer the census. And these are only some of the many ways answering or not answering the census can help or hurt us.

Finally, not just economics is involved, but also how many representatives from Illinois in the House of Representatives will make our voices heard at the national level. So get online or grab that census form and fill it out! If doing it yourself makes you anxious, call the Census Bureau and complete your census with the help of a Census Questionnaire Assistance Representative (1-844-330-2020). However you do it, get'er done! You count!

LOCAL HISTORY

BY EMILY DUGRANRUT

If you've been following our Facebook page for the last few weeks, you've probably noticed our #FlashbackFriday Local History Edition, where we explore the different streets and landmarks that bear the names of Galesburg's historical figures. From Hiram Huntington Kellogg to Mary Allen West, we've covered many of the most prominent figures in local history during our #DigDeeper Summer Reading Program. However, there were a few names we didn't get to feature:

Mary Ann Bickerdyke | Bickerdyke cared for soldiers during the Civil War. She washed clothes, cooked meals, and nursed many soldiers back to health. All this was against regulations that forbade women from being near the battlefield. When officers complained about her presence, she stood up to them and continued her work. She was eventually hired by General Grant to serve on the U.S. Sanitary Commission and help improve nursing care to the soldiers. After the war, she worked to help Union veterans receive their fair pay. Bickerdyke's body was returned to Galesburg after her death and she is buried in Linwood Cemetery. A monument to her stands in front of the Knox County Courthouse, and the bridge connecting Seminary and Kellogg is named after her.

Edward Beecher | Beecher was born in New York in 1803. He was a Congregationalist pastor and moved to Illinois in 1830 to become president of Illinois College. He became pastor of the First Congregational Church in Galesburg in 1855 and served there until 1873. Beecher Chapel, which used to stand where the Galesburg Public Library is today, was named after him. He was also a Trustee of Knox College and brother to writer Harriet Beecher Stowe.

Carl Sandburg | Sandburg's name is, of course, everywhere, because of the impact he had on our city. Sandburg was born and raised in Galesburg and attended Lombard College. He went on to become a Pulitzer Prize winning poet and biographer, musician, and journalist. He was also a humanitarian and journalist, known for his writing on the 1919 Chicago Race Riots. Sandburg's birthplace on Third Street is a museum and local landmark.

Aline Shotts | Shotts was a Galesburg resident who, with her husband, operated the East Losey Street Market for 10 years. The Shotts couple made the market a safe haven for local children, to the point where they couldn't always pay their bills because they were giving so much to the children for free. She served on the Galesburg City Council from 1979 to 1982. In the 1970s, Shotts noticed the wooden bridge on Farnham Street was in disrepair. She noted how dangerous the bridge was for the children walking to school every day, and advocated for its reconstruction. Years later, in 2018, the bridge was rebuilt again and named after Shotts.

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TEEN NEWS

All teen events open to teens aged 12-18 or entering grades 7-12. Email our Young Adult librarian at johnd@galesburglibrary.org to sign up or for more information.

Graphic Novel Book Discussion: Primates Thurs. Aug. 6, 6:30-7:30 PM

Join us for a discussion of the graphic novel *Primates* by Jim Ottaviani and Maris Wicks. Open to all ages. If we can safely do so, we will meet at the library. Otherwise, we will hold a virtual discussion online. Call 309-343-6118 or email reference@galesburglibrary.org for details and to request a free copy of the book while supplies last.

Teen Advisory Board Online Thurs. Aug. 13, 6:00-6:40 PM

While the library is closed, join our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) online! We will meet over Zoom to discuss library services for teens, as well as socializing and doing fun activities like trivia games and digital escape rooms. TAB looks great on college applications!

Dungeons & Dragons Club Mon. Aug. 24, 4:00-6:00 PM

Create your own hero and join the adventure in person at the library! New players are always welcome. Open to teens ages 12-18 or entering grades 7-12. Advance registration is required, so sign up at the Reference Desk or by calling 343-6118.

Dungeons & Dragons Club Online Thurs. Aug. 27, 4:00-6:00 PM

Want to play Dungeons & Dragons from the safety and comfort of your own home? The library's D&D club is moving online while the library is closed, using the platform Roll20! You do not need prior experience with either D&D or Roll20 to join, but you will need: a computer with internet access, the ability to voice chat, and an account on Roll20. Open to teens ages 12-18 or entering grades 7-12. Space is limited, so email johnd@galesburglibrary.org for more information or to sign up.