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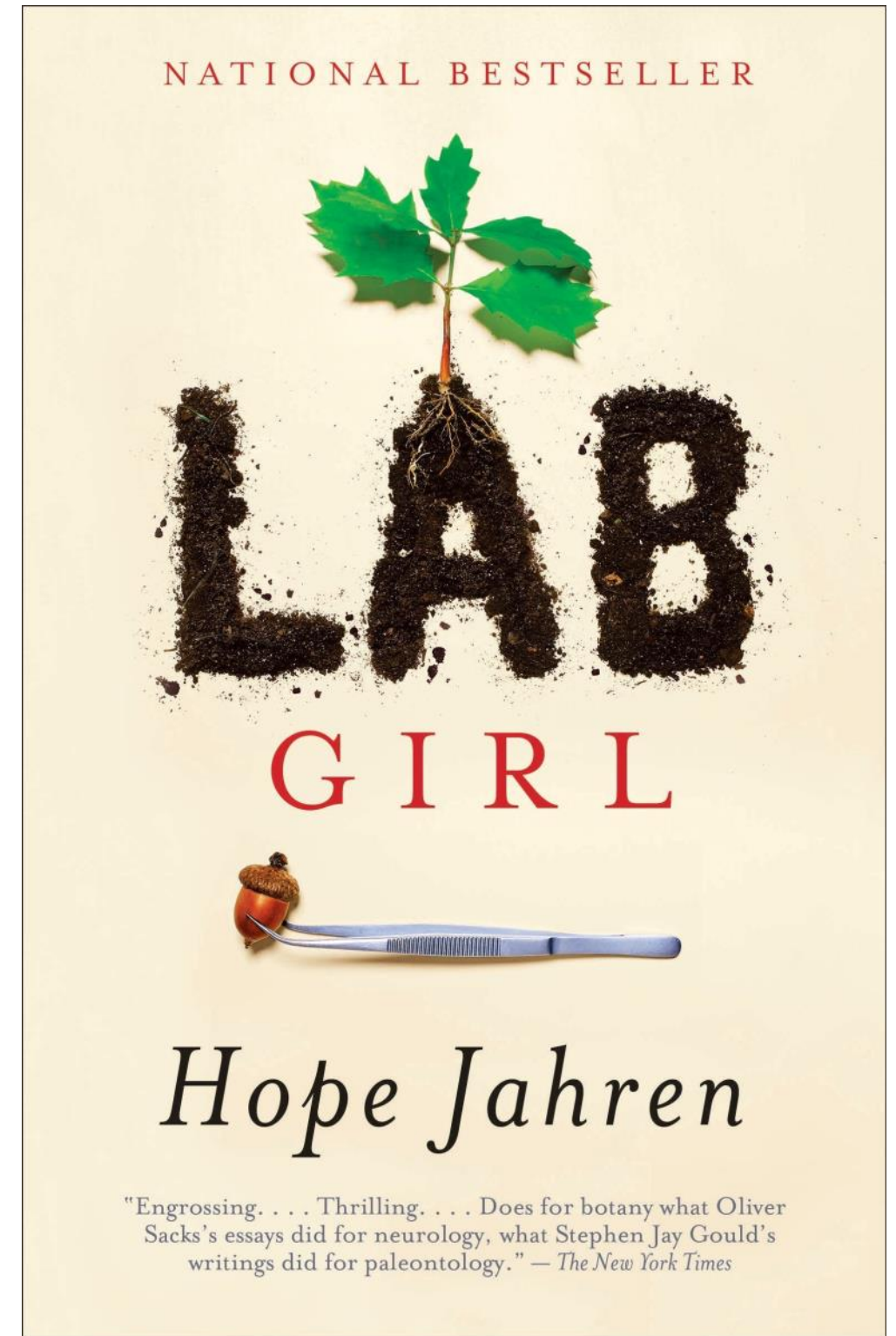


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NEA Big Read

at Galesburg Public Library August 2020



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All events are subject to change. For outdoor events, masks are required when a distance of 6 feet can't be observed. In the event of inclement weather, outdoor events will be moved inside. Masks will be required for all indoor events taking place at the library. The library will provide masks to anyone who does not have one. Most events are open to all ages, but children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

NEA Big Read Kick-Off Event

Saturday, August 1, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Galesburg Public Library Storybook Garden

Kick off the Big Read by helping paint a collaborative mural! Each attendee will receive a canvas with a leaf outline to paint. All paintings will be put together to create a mural that will be displayed in the library. Space is limited, so call 309-343-6118 to reserve a spot! Admission is free for all. Free copies of *Lab Girl* will be distributed to adults while supplies last. Co-sponsored by Art Defined.

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.

Garden Mosaic Stepping Stones

Tuesday, August 4, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library Storybook Garden

Create a beautiful and functional stepping stone to perfectly accent your garden! All supplies will be provided. Free and for all ages. Limited to 20 participants. Call 309-343-6118 or email reference@galesburglibrary.org to sign up. Event will take place outside. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.

Book Discussion: Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas

Thursday, August 6, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a discussion of the teen tie-in graphic novel to the Big Read, *Primates* by Jim Ottaviani and Maris Wicks. Free copies of the book are available while supplies last; call or email to request a copy. For all ages.

Free Bird Walk

Sunday, August 9, 7:30 AM, Lake Storey Park (Meet in the 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. Free!

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*! This book explores the hidden world and many lives of a garden through the course of a year. 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

Join us for a discussion of *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. Please wear a mask.

Book Discussion

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

Join us for a discussion of *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. Pizza from Jimmy's Pizza will be provided. Registration is requested but not required.

Stick Weaving Workshop—FULL

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. Free and for all ages. Limited to 20 participants. Call 309-343-6118 or email reference@galesburglibrary.org to sign up. Event 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: The True Adventures of the Globe-Trotting Botanist who Transformed What Americans Eat* by Daniel Stone. Copies are available on the Hold Shelf for checkout.

Book Discussion

Thursday, August 20, 6:00 PM, Craft Butcher and Deli

Join Buzzwords, our Millennial-aimed book discussion group, for a discussion of *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. The group will meet on the patio at Craft. You will order and pay for your own food. Registration is requested but not required.

Tome Raiders Book Club

Friday, August 21, 6:00 PM, Culver's outdoor patio

Join our sci-fi/fantasy book club for a discussion of *Contact* by Carl Sagan. Copies of the book are available on the Hold Shelf for checkout.

Plant Swap and Tree Seedling Giveaway

Saturday, August 22, 10:00 AM, Galesburg Public Library

Join us for a plant swap! Bring any plants from home that you would like to give a new home, and trade them with other attendees for new plants! All attendees will also receive their own pine tree seedling to take home and plant. Free and open to all ages.

Zoom with Emily Graslie

Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 PM, Galesburg Public Library

Emily Graslie will visit with the Galesburg Public Library via Zoom. Emily is the Chief Curiosity Correspondent at the Field Museum in Chicago, and the co-creator and host of the popular YouTube channel The Brain Scoop. She will give a presentation about the environment and being a woman in science, and answer questions. Snacks will be provided. Free and all are welcome. Please call us at 309-343-6118 or email reference@galesburglibrary.org to register. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Galesburg Public Library.

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, and goodies to enjoy while participating in the Zoom call!

Ink Drawing Workshop—FULL

Wednesday, August 26, 6:30 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. Call 309-343-6118 or email reference@galesburglibrary.org to sign up. Event may take place outside. Masks will be required if it takes place inside. Co-sponsored by the Galesburg Civic Art Center.