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# Off the Shelf

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## CALENDAR

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## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LIBRARY

On October 10, once Knox County reached the warning level set by the Illinois Department of Public Health metrics, the Galesburg Public Library stopped taking appointments and paused in-person services. Our work has not slowed, however, and we continue checking out 700 items, answering 450 questions, and running 5-10 programs each week. We understand there is a great need for computer and internet access, so our north vestibule is now equipped with our internet-connected laptop for brief usage and printing; wifi continues to be accessible from Simmons Street, the public parking lot, and the Storybook Garden; and hotspots are available for checkout. We also know there is a great need for human connection, so we encourage you to check out one of our educational kits, board games, or craft kits to enjoy with the people in your household. You may also join an online book club or other virtual event, or call or email us with any questions.

We look forward to reopening our doors and will do so once the county shows a steady decline for two consecutive weeks and meets the target metrics set by the State of Illinois. In the meantime, we are prioritizing our greatest asset — our people. While GPL has a dynamic collection of books and offers useful services, the only invaluable resource is our staff. So much is unknown about the next few months, but we are counting on the employees running the library along with the people we serve to still be around when we reach the other side of this pandemic. Thank you for your patience, encouragement, participation, and support. We value you. We are still here for you.

## GPL REMINDER: MAKE SURE TO VOTE!

The Galesburg Public Library would like to remind everyone who hasn't already voted by mail or by early voting to make sure to do so on November 3. If you are unsure where to go, you can find your polling place at [ova.elections.il.gov](http://ova.elections.il.gov). Early voting is available until November 2 at City Hall's City Election Office. If you have questions about the process, locations, or dates, GPL librarians would be happy to help answer questions at 309-343-6118 or by emailing [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org). Your voice matters!

## GRATEFUL TAKE IT, MAKE IT!

Art is for everyone! Pick up some tempera paint and a paintbrush through curbside and show us how you are grateful this fall. You can paint your gratitude on paper or on the object of your choice (like a rock or a window; probably not on your sibling or your pet). You can work individually or as a family or group. Then email us a photo of your creation. We'll display all the photos in a digital gallery before Thanksgiving, and one lucky person or group will win a \$25 gift certificate to Art Defined. Thank you to Art Defined for the certificate and to Blick for donating the art supplies.



Kits will be available for pickup the week of November 2. Please call 309-343-6118 or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) to reserve a kit.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## Library Book Clubs

Copies of the books are available through curbside checkout. The adult book discussions will be virtual on Facebook or Zoom. Email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) for Zoom info. Log in to Facebook and visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2599070423642738/> to join the group. Copies of the books are available through curbside checkout.

### **Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions**

**Tue. Nov. 10, 1:00 PM on Zoom**

**Thur. Nov. 12, 6:30 PM on Facebook group**

In Diana Biller's novel *The Widow of Rose House*, it's 1875, and Alva Webster is ready for a fresh start. The sudden death of her abusive husband allows her to return to New York, determined to restore a dilapidated mansion and her reputation at the same time. When a haunting at the mansion threatens her plans, she must seek help from the eccentric and brilliant Professor Samuel Moore.

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

**Fri. Nov. 20, 6:00 PM on Facebook group**

While most of the world in *Trail of Lightning* by Rebecca Roanhorse has drowned beneath the sudden rising waters of a climate apocalypse, Dinétah (the former Navajo reservation) has been reborn. The gods and heroes of legend walk the land, but so do monsters—and it is up to one young woman to unravel the mysteries of the past before they destroy the future.

## Movie Club

**Tue. Nov. 17, 6:30 PM**

The library's movie discussion group will watch a movie in our own homes and discuss it on Facebook in the library's GPL Online Book Discussion Group. The title will be announced closer to the date.

## Other Adult Programs

### **Bird Walk**

**Sun. Nov. 8, 8:00 AM**

Need to get out of the house? Join the Galesburg Area Bird Club for a walk at Lake Storey, starting in the Joe E Anderson area. Bring binoculars and a mask, and dress for the weather.

### **Adult Trivia**

Check out our Facebook page every Thursday night between 6:00 and 11:00 PM for a trivia quiz!

### **Recipe club**

The first four Sundays in November we are challenging you to make a recipe and then let us know what you think! Recipes will be posted on Facebook each Sunday. If you would prefer to receive your recipe by mail, please email us at [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) or call 343-6118 and ask to join the Recipe Club. Please provide your mailing address. You can react to the recipe by sending us an email and photo, posting a photo on each Facebook recipe post, calling us and giving us a quick reaction, or mailing us a letter or postcard with your thoughts.

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## CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW AT GPL

Our mission at the GPL focuses on meeting the educational, professional, recreational, and cultural needs of our community, and we are growing our nontraditional resources to fulfill that mission. As those needs grow — while students learn from home, families socially distance, and professionals work remotely — GPL offers enriching materials for cardholders to borrow.

**Hobby Collection:** This new collection is for youth and adults to combat boredom, relieve screen fatigue, and exercise the mind. Included are jigsaw puzzles, a card-making kit, a magic starter kit, and board games. Scattategories, anyone?

**Kids' Kits:** A perfect supplement to at-home or in-school learning, kids' kits are full of hands-on, educational materials. Thank you, Galesburg Public Library Foundation, for funding the newest kits. **STEAM-to-Go kits** are packed with interactive resources teaching science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Kits include Robotics & Coding, Construction & Building, Sound, Music, & Band, and more! **Early Literacy kits** combine story books with brain-boosting activities. Little readers can engage with some of their favorite stories, like *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* and *In the Tall, Tall Grass*. **Discovery kits** are a topical collection of books, games, and activities perfect for curious minds. Learn more about Ancient Egypt, rainforests, or space discovery!

**American Girl Dolls:** Our Melody doll now has two new companions, thanks to the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois Troop #5202 who donated Kit and Luciana, both accompanied by a book, hairbrush, carrying case, and their very own Girl Scout uniforms. Call or email to check out any of our newest items.

# LOCAL HISTORY

## THANKSGIVING EDITION

BY EMILY DUGRANRUT

Thanksgiving is coming up fast, and since I won't be able to get together with my family this year, I thought it would be a good time to test out some different recipes. I went to some of the old cookbooks in the archives to get some inspiration. Here's my Thanksgiving dinner plan:

### Meat Ball Fondue

*From: 150 Years of Cooking at Central Congregational Church*

1 small jar grape jelly  
1 jar Heinz chili sauce  
Meat balls or Smokie Links

Heat jelly and sauce together and dip meat balls or Smokie Links in it.

### Mendoodle

*From: Ladies Aid Society Cookbook, First Methodist Church*

1 lb. beef steak  
½ box spaghetti  
½ dozen tomatoes  
3 onions  
1 tsp. chili pepper

Grind the beef and fry in own juice until cooked through. Cook the spaghetti and tomatoes and onions—mix a tsp. of salt and the chili pepper into the tomatoes. Bake in oven, placing a layer of meat and a layer of spaghetti, tomatoes and onions. Bake one hour slowly.

### Peas Supreme

*From: Favorite Recipes by Knox College Faculty Wives*

1 package frozen peas, thawed  
1 can bean sprouts  
1 small can water chestnuts, sliced  
1 can (6 oz.) mushroom pieces  
1 ½ cans cream of mushroom soup  
1 tablespoon soy sauce  
½ can french fried onions

Drain all vegetables. Combine all ingredients (except onions) in a casserole and bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. Arrange onions on top for the last 10 minutes.

### Pretty Holiday Divinity

*From: A Cappella Cookbook by the Galesburg Community Chorus*

3 cups sugar  
¾ cup light corn syrup  
¾ cup hot water  
¼ tsp. salt  
2 egg whites  
1 package gelatin - red or green  
1 cup chopped nuts  
½ cup flaked coconut

Butter sides of heavy 2-quart saucepan and combine first 4 ingredients in pan. Cook, stirring constantly until sugar dissolves and mixture comes to a boil. Cook to the hard ball stage (250°) without stirring. Remove from heat and cool.

Beat egg whites until soft peaks form, then gradually beat in gelatin until stiff peaks form. Pour hot syrup slowly over the egg white mixture, beating constantly with mixer at high speed. Beat until soft peaks form and mixture starts to lose its gloss.

Stir in nuts and coconut (or add chopped maraschino cherries - very pretty in Green Divinity). Drop by teaspoons on wax paper.

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

### Virtual Storytime

#### Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

Join us on the Galesburg Public Library Facebook page for stories, songs, rhymes, and more. Virtual storytime can be enjoyed by kids of all ages, but is designed with toddlers and preschoolers in mind.

### Animal Explorers Club

#### Take-home kits available beginning Monday, November 9

Become an animal expert in this self-paced, interactive monthly club, open to kids in grades K-6. Club members receive a free take-home kit containing library books on the animal of the month, activities, and more. Club members may also participate in an optional virtual club meeting. Library card and advance registration required.

### STEM To You

#### Take-home kits available beginning Monday, November 16

Pick up a free monthly science experiment you can do in your home. For grades K-6; advance registration required. To learn about or register for this month's kit, contact the Children's Room.

### Kids' Book Club

#### Thursday, November 19, 4:00 PM via Zoom

Fun monthly book club for independent readers in grades 3-6. Contact the Children's Room to register and to receive information on the virtual club meeting.

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## HOURS

To be determined. Please check our Facebook and website for updates to our hours.

**Closing at 5 PM: November 25**  
**Closed: November 26, 27, & 28**

### 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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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## TEEN NEWS

**All events open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12, unless otherwise specified. Call us or email [johnd@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:johnd@galesburglibrary.org) for more information or to sign up for all events. For Zoom events, you will need a free Zoom account and internet connection. Zoom links will be posted on the library website the day of event.**

### **High School Action Committee Online**

**Tues. Nov. 10, 6:00-6:40 PM**

High School Action Committee is a service and leadership opportunity just for high school students! HAC members will plan and implement special library projects such as volunteer efforts, library promotions, fundraisers, and more. Open to teens ages 14-18 or entering grades 9-12. New members always welcome!

### **Teen Advisory Board Online**

**Thurs. Nov. 12, 6:00-6:40 PM**

While the library is closed, join our Teen Advisory Board online! We will meet over Zoom to discuss library services for teens, as well as doing fun activities like trivia games and digital escape rooms. Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12. New members always welcome!

### **Virtual Gaming: Among Us**

**Mon. Nov. 16, 4:00-5:00 PM**

Join us online to play Among Us, the social deduction, secret identity party game. We'll meet up on Zoom to chat as we play. All players must download Among Us, which is free for IOS and Android and available for PC at \$5 on Steam. Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12. Sign up by calling 343-6118 or emailing [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org). The Zoom link will be shared by email before the event.

### **Dungeons & Dragons Club Online**

**Thurs. Nov. 19, 4:00-6:00 PM**

Want to play Dungeons & Dragons from the safety and comfort of your own home? Join the library's online D&D club, 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 a free account on Roll20. Open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12. Call the library or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) for more information.