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## STANDISH PARK STORYWALK

Announcing a brand new reading adventure in downtown Galesburg – the Standish Park Storywalk! Brought to you by Galesburg Public Library in partnership with the City of Galesburg Parks and Recreation Department, Galesburg On Track, and Friends of the Galesburg Public Library, our Storywalk invites you to enjoy books and the outdoors at the same time. Explore beautiful Standish Park while reading a storybook – mounted along the path – as you go. The featured story will be changed out on a regular basis, so be sure to visit often.



## LIFT EVERY VOICE GRANT

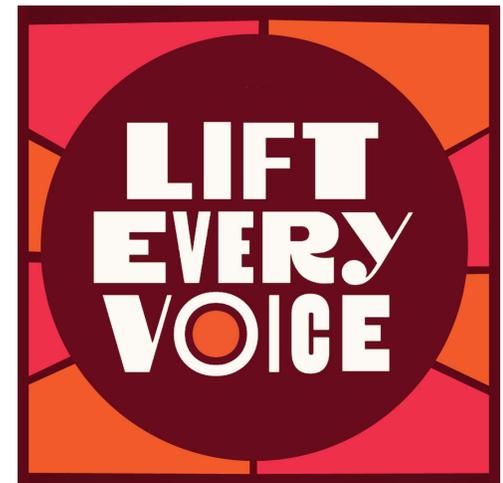
The Galesburg Public Library was one of 49 libraries to be awarded the *Lift Every Voice: Why African American Poetry Matters* grant in 2020. Library of America partnered with the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture to support the grant, which seeks to facilitate a year-long celebration of the African American poetry tradition and support new discussions and explorations of the perspectives it offers, specifically in 2020 America.

The Galesburg Public Library is proud to announce two upcoming virtual programs in coordination with the grant. The first event will be on October 8 at 6:30 PM and will feature Knox College professor Dr. Fred L. Hord. Dr. Hord retired earlier this year after spending several decades at Knox where he taught in the Africana Studies department. Dr. Hord has published several books of poetry himself (with a new one in the works), as well as excelling as a scholar in the field, and will both perform some of his work and speak about the African American poetry tradition, specifically the Black Arts Movement of the 1960s and 1970s.

The library's second program will take place on October 13 at 6:30 PM. Poets Nate Marshall and Raych Jackson will join us on Zoom for a joint program. The two will first have a fireside chat-style conversation about Black poetry and its role on their work and development as artists. Each poet will then take time to perform and discuss some of their work, before a short Q&A session closes out the event.

Both events will take place on Zoom and will also be live-streamed on the library's Facebook page. No sign-up is necessary, and links to attend the program will be made available on our website and social media accounts beforehand, so watch for those. And for those of you interested in reading more, GPL librarians will be creating a few Grab-and-Go bags featuring books of poetry from African American authors to be made available for curbside checkout.

In September, in coordination with the grant, the library gave away 100 copies of Kwame Alexander's poetry picture book *The Undefeated* to Galesburg children at United Way child supper programs. A few copies may still be available; please contact the library if you are interested. Adults can also enter to win a gift basket featuring works from our three speakers. Watch for a Facebook post advertising the giveaway. If you have any questions about the programs, please contact us at [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) or at 309-343-6118.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

## **Library Book Clubs**

If we can safely and legally do so, our October book discussions will take place at the library. (Please bring a mask.) If not, we will hold virtual discussions through Zoom or on Facebook in the library's GPL Online Book Discussion Group. 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. Oct. 13, 1:00 PM upstairs at the library**

**Thur. Oct. 15, 6:30 PM upstairs at the library**

*The Woman's Hour* by Elaine Weiss covers the nail-biting climax of one of the greatest political battles in American history: the ratification of the constitutional amendment that granted women the right to vote.

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

**Fri. Oct. 23, 6:00 PM at the library**

Fifty years after *The Andromeda Strain* made Michael Crichton a household name—and spawned a new genre, the technothriller—the threat returns in *The Andromeda Evolution*, a gripping sequel by Daniel H. Wilson that is terrifyingly realistic and relevant. Please arrive at the Simmons Street library entrance between 5:50 and 6:00 PM. If you like, bring your own food and drink.

## **Movie Club**

**Tue. Oct. 20, 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 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.

## **The Mandalorian**

**Fri. Oct. 30, 7:00 PM on Facebook**

The second season of *The Mandalorian* premieres on the Disney+ channel on Friday, October 30. Stream the episode at home and then join a discussion of the first episode in the Facebook GPL Online Book Discussion group.

You may need to refresh your screen regularly to see new questions, or click on/search for the topic "mandalorian."

## **Other Adult Programs**

### **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 by October 26 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 our Facebook event 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.

# 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, October 12**

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 registration required.

## Kids' Book Club

**Thursday, October 15, 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.

## STEM To You

**Take-home kits available beginning Monday, October 19**

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

# GHOSTS OF GALESBURG GOES VIRTUAL

Ghosts of Galesburg is an annual walking tour presented by the Galesburg Public Library. Every year around Halloween, certain "ghosts" from Galesburg's past return to their old stomping grounds to speak about their lives. This year, the tour will be going virtual, and will feature more ghosts than ever before! We'll be traveling back a century, to 1920, when the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed and women in the country were given the right to vote. Along the tour, you'll hear from women both for and against the suffrage movement, as well as some men who tossed their opinions in the ring.

In order to practice safe social distancing, this year's tour will take place through the app PocketSights. Through the app you will be able to do the tour on your own time. Simply walk or drive along the route and watch videos, browse pictures, and learn all about Galesburg's participation in the suffrage movement. You can also choose to do the tour from your own home! The tour will be live from October 21 to November 4. For more information, visit our Facebook page and search for the Ghosts of Galesburg event, or email [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org).

# LOCAL HISTORY

BY EMILY DUGRANRUT

One hundred years ago, on August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving women in every state the right to vote for the first time.

Illinois, and Galesburg, played an important role in the passing of this amendment. Illinois was the first state to ratify the amendment on June 10, 1919, and the first state east of the Mississippi River to give women the right to vote on a state level, back in 1913.

The Illinois Equal Suffrage Association was the major force behind bringing the vote to Illinois. In October 1912, the IESA held its 44th Annual Convention in Galesburg. It was then that Grace Wilbur Trout of Oak Park was elected president of the IESA, a role she would hold for several years. It was because of Trout's calm, collective leadership that Illinois passed the suffrage amendment easily.

It's important to note that the passage of the 19th Amendment prohibits the government from restricting voting rights on the basis of sex. However, many minorities and underrepresented communities would continue to struggle with voting rights after the passage of the amendment.

If you would like to know more about the suffrage movement in Illinois, I recommend visiting [suffrage2020illinois.org](http://suffrage2020illinois.org). This site, created by the Evanston Women's History Project, includes a timeline, a guide to historical sites, biographies, and resources for teachers to help plan lessons based on suffrage.

If you'd like to know more about the role of Galesburg and Knox County, I will be teaching a class through Carl Sandburg College on October 22 at 6:00 PM. The course, Rocking the Vote: The Suffragettes of Galesburg (and Beyond), will be offered via Zoom through the college. To register, email [community@sandburg.edu](mailto:community@sandburg.edu) or call 309-345-3501.

Lastly, our annual Ghosts of Galesburg walking tour will have a suffrage theme this year. The tour will be going virtual this year through the app PocketSights. For more information on the tour, see the article next to this one!

# FAREWELL, FAITH!

Our Human Search Engine, Faith Burdick, is retiring after 20 years at the Galesburg Public Library. Faith coordinated our magazine and newspaper collections and our volunteers. She enjoys recommending books about music, genealogy, and mystery novels. Enjoy your retirement, Faith!

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## HOURS

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### 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.

## 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 [johnhd@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:johnhd@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 (HAC) Online

**Tues. Oct. 6, 6:00-6:40 PM**

HAC is a service and leadership opportunity just for high school students! Members will plan special library projects such as volunteer efforts, library promotions, fundraisers, and more. Open to teens ages 14-18 or in grades 9-12.

### Teen Advisory Board Online

**Thurs. Oct. 8, 6:00-6:40 PM**

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.

### Chapter Chompers YA Book Club – *August Raven*

**Fri. Oct. 16, 6:00-6:30 PM**

In *August Raven* by local author LeAnn Morgan, 15 year-old Morganna runs away from home to find her father, and ends up joining his pirate crew. Discussion will take place on Zoom. Free copies of the book are available while supplies last. Open to all readers of young adult fiction!

### Q&A with LeAnn Morgan, Author of *August Raven*

**Fri. Oct. 16, 6:30-7:00 PM**

Join us on Zoom for a live Q&A with LeAnn Morgan, author of this month's YA book club title *August Raven*. LeAnn will talk about the writing process and her inspiration for this book, and answer audience questions.

### Dungeons & Dragons Club Online

**Thurs. Oct. 22, 4:00-6:00 PM**

Want to play Dungeons & Dragons from 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.

### Dungeons & Dragons Club

**Mon. Oct. 26, 4:00-6:00 PM**

Create your own hero and join the adventure, in person at the library! Advance registration and masks both required.

### Intro to Media Literacy

**Tues. Oct. 27 4:00-5:00 PM**

Want to learn how to spot good and bad information, and to be able to spot fake news so you aren't fooled? Join us via Zoom to learn about media literacy using the SIFT method. Open to kids and teens ages 10-14 or in grades 5-8.