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NEW STAFF MEMBER

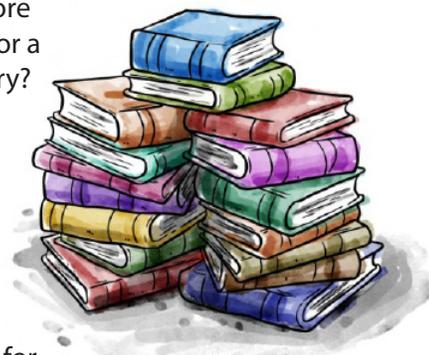
Say hello to our new Reference Librarian and Volunteer Coordinator, Kate Lawson. Kate is originally from Illinois and began working in libraries at the Leslie F. Malpass Library in Macomb. She studied history at Western Illinois University and library and information science at Wayne State University. Prior to working at the Galesburg Public Library, she was a professor at a private college.

Her favorite books are memoirs and she just finished listening to the audiobook *My Fight / Your Fight* by Ronda Rousey. Kate will also oversee our magazine and newspaper collection.



JANUARY READING PROGRAM

Attention book lovers of ALL ages! Did you score some new books over the holidays? Looking for a stack of new reads to check out from the library? Either way, winter is a perfect time to cozy up by a fireplace and lose yourself in a book with our January Reading Challenge.



Participating is simple: log each book you finish between January 1-31. Each book you log (up to a maximum of 10 books) earns you a raffle ticket to enter into our ticket drawings for a variety of fun gift baskets. There are baskets for kids, teens, and adults, so get the whole family involved! Winners will be drawn and notified the afternoon of Monday, February 1, so make sure to get your raffle tickets in by noon that day. Sign up and participate through Beanstack (<https://galesburglibrary.beanstack.org>) or contact the library at 309-343-6118 to receive a paper reading log.

BEST BOOKS 2020

2020 has looked quite a bit different for all of us, but some things stay the same: GPL has once again been monitoring the best books of the year, and we have created a guide for all your catch-up reading needs. We will once again be giving away gift baskets to a lucky few of you, some of them featuring copies of some of the year's best titles, and maybe a few other goodies, too. Entering is simple — just tell us the best book you read this year! Enter by emailing us at reference@galesburglibrary.org or by watching for our Facebook post promoting the giveaway. In your email or comment, tell us who the entry is for, and which age group basket you would like!

We will have baskets for adults, teens, and kids, so everyone is welcome to join in. Library staff will also be putting together some grab 'n go bags of the year's best books, including genre-specific options. Winners will be drawn toward the end of January. Until then, happy reading!

LIGHT THERAPY & SELF CARE

The lack of daylight can affect our mood during the winter months, and we are happy to announce we now have light therapy lamps available for checkout for one week. We will also be distributing a limited number of self-care kits in January, containing things to improve your mood and health.



The kits will be available for pickup the week of January 25. Call 309-343-6118 or email reference@galesburglibrary.org to reserve a kit for pickup. Thank you to the Galesburg Community Foundation for funding our self-care items.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Join the GPL Online Book Discussion Group on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2599070423642738>.

Tuesday/Thursday Book Discussions

Tue. Jan. 12, 1:00 pm by Zoom

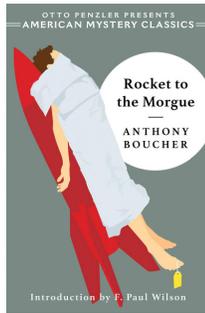
Thur. Jan. 14, 6:30 pm on Facebook

In *How to Be Fine: What We Learned from Living by the Rules of 50 Self-Help Books*, Jolenta Greenberg and Kristen Meinzer describe what they learned from deep dives into a variety of self-help books. From diet and productivity to decorating to social interactions, they tried it all, recording themselves along the way. They provide a humorous and insightful look into what advice works, what doesn't, and what it means to transform yourself. Books are available through curbside pickup. Email reference@galesburglibrary.org for the Zoom link.

Tome Raiders Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club

Fri. Jan. 22, 6:00 PM on Facebook

Anthony Boucher's classic *Rocket to the Morgue* is a locked room mystery set in the Golden Age of science fiction. The heir to a legendary science fiction writer is stabbed nearly to death and can thwart the would-be murderer only by investigating the strange, idiosyncratic world of science fiction in its early days.



Movie Club

Tue. Jan. 19, 6:30 pm

Watch a movie at home, then discuss it on Facebook in the library's GPL Online Book Discussion Group. The movie title will be announced at a later time.

Adult Trivia

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

Bird Walk

Sun. Jan. 10, 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. Come see what birds hang out in Illinois all winter. Bring binoculars and a mask, and dress for the weather. For all ages.



Writer Support Group

Mon. Jan. 6, 6:30 pm

Meet with other writers over Zoom, to hone your skills and give and receive constructive feedback. All kinds of writers are welcome. Email reference@galesburglibrary.org for the Zoom link.

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.

Blessing Box: Galesburg's newest Blessing Box has been installed at the library by community volunteers! The Blessing Box is on the west side of the library; you can find it on Broad Street, just south of Simmons. The Blessing Box can be used by anyone; please give as you're able and take what you need.

Laptops and Hot Spots: The library now has two laptops available for checkout, as well as mobile hot spots. Both items check out for one week at a time, with the option to renew if no one else is on hold. Holds for electronics cannot be placed online, so give us a call at 309-343-6118 or email us at reference@galesburglibrary.org to place a hold!

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. Scattegories, 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!

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Animal Explorers Club

Take-home kits available beginning Monday, January 11

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, January 18

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.

LIVE Virtual Storytime

Wednesday, January 20 & Wednesday, January 27, 10:00 AM via Zoom

Join Miss Hillary and Miss Melinda for live stories, songs, and movement, all via Zoom. Pre-registration for each session is required; registered participants will receive Zoom call-in information prior to the program. Virtual storytime is designed for toddlers and preschoolers accompanied by an adult.

Kids' Book Club

Thursday, January 21, 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.

LOCAL HISTORY

BY EMILY DUGRANRUT

In September, the GPL archives launched our Flickr page: [flickr.com/GPLArchives](https://www.flickr.com/photos/GPLArchives/). Since then, we've been hard at work adding more photos from the archives' collection to the site so people anywhere in the world can see and share them. Right now there are almost 2,000 photos on the site, and more are being added every day. Here's a small sample of some recent photos added to the collection.



A group of people posing in front of the Wolf Covered Bridge in the 1930s.



The interior of the Carnegie library in Galesburg, circa 1902. The upper floors of the building were made of glass to let light through.



Local author Martin Litvin poses with a cat, circa 1980.

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HOURS

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

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

All events open to teens ages 12-18 or in grades 7-12, unless otherwise specified. Call us at 309-343-6118 or email 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. Jan. 12, 6:00-6:45 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! Event will be over Zoom.

Teen Advisory Board Online Thurs. Jan. 14, 6:00-6:45 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. New members always welcome!

Virtual Board Gaming

Mon. Jan. 18, 4:00-5:00 PM

Join us online to play card and board games through boardgamearena.com! We'll meet up and chat on Zoom.

The Zoom link will be shared by email before the event. Requires a free Zoom account and free Board Game Arena account.

Dungeons & Dragons Club Online

Thurs. Jan. 28, 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.

**DUNGEONS
& DRAGONS CLUB: ONLINE**