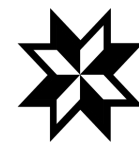


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February 2012

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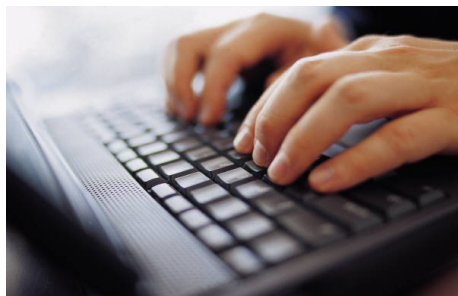


**Galesburg Public
Library Mission
Statement**

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.

**The library will be open
Presidents' Day
Monday, February 20.**

Tech Tutors



Want to be more tech-savvy? Throughout the month of February, the library will again offer free computer assistance through Tech Tutors, a service for senior citizens and other adults who are looking to learn or improve computer skills. The Galesburg Public Library Tech Tutors are trained teens and young adults who volunteer their time to provide one-on-one computer training and technical assistance at the library in a

relaxed, pressure-free environment. Tech Tutors are available to teach a variety of topics, including using a computer keyboard and mouse; creating and using an email account; using the internet; searching and applying for jobs online; utilizing ebook readers; and much more.

All Tech Tutors services are provided by appointment only. To make an appointment or to learn more information, contact the Reference Desk at 343-6118.

Author Presentation

On Tuesday, February 28, at 6:30 p.m., Owen Muelder will do a presentation on his newest book, *Theodore Weld and the American Anti-Slavery Society*, followed by a book signing. The program, which will take place upstairs at the library, is free and open to the public. Owen Muelder is director of the Underground Railroad Freedom Center at Knox College.

Digital Book Demo and Q&A



Two informational sessions on the Alliance Digital Media Library, the library's digital download service, will be held on Thursday, February 23, at 2:00 and 6:30 p.m. The sessions will cover information to be aware of if you are considering buying a digital reader for yourself or someone else. The sessions will also include brief

demonstrations of the Alliance Digital Media Library website. The sessions will last no more than an hour. No registration is necessary.

For more information, call 343-6118 and select 6 for Reference. You can also email the Reference Desk at reference@galesburglibrary.org.

Human Search Engine by Faith Burdick

According to the U.S. government, when did World War II end? I've heard it wasn't the date we usually think of.

You heard correctly. Most of us think of World War II as ending on May 8, 1945, when Germany's surrender was announced and VE (Victory in Europe) Day was declared. Celebrations broke out across Europe and the U.S. Remember the picture of the sailor kissing the girl?

But according to the government, the end of the war did not actually occur until after the Nuremberg War Trials, which themselves took 4 years. According to the website www.u-s-history.com, the U.S. "formally ended hostilities" with Germany on Oct. 19, 1951 and with Japan on April 28, 1952. Of course, by this time we were already involved in the undeclared Korean War, which in many ways seemed almost a continuation of World War II.

An awesomely complete but condensed version of the war and its aftermath can be found in the Macropedia section of the Encyclopedia Britannica under International Relations—20th century. There are also any number of books on all aspects of the war in the 940.53 area of the nonfiction book stacks.

Teen News by Melinda Jones-Rhoades



Thursday, February 2, 7:00-7:45 p.m. Teen Advisory Board. Calling all teens! Join the Galesburg Public Library Teen Advisory Board. We'll meet upstairs at the library. Come and make your mark on the library by helping us plan upcoming programs for teens. New members always welcome!

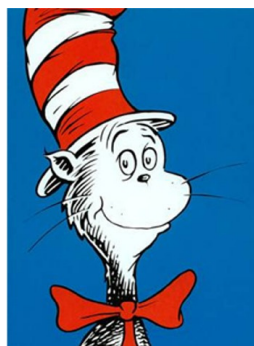
Monday, February 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sweet & Sour Valentine's Day Party. Valentine's Day: you either love it, or you love to hate it. Why not do both at the library's 2nd annual Sweet & Sour Valentine's Day Party? Come to

the library to decorate broken heart cookies, make your own valentines (or anti-valentines), "vandalize" the covers of romance novels, play games, and more! Open to teens aged 12-18 (or grades 6-12). Registration is required; call 343-6118 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up.

Tuesday, February 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Chapter Chompers Teen Book Club. Young adults aged 12 and up are invited to join us for Chapter Chompers, a book club designed just for you! We'll talk about books you love to read, do book-related activities, and pig out on snacks. On Feb. 21, we'll be discussing *Into the Wild (Warriors #1)* by Erin Hunter. Copies of the book will be available at the Check-Out Desk about a month in advance. No need to register in advance; just show up to chat and chomp!

Wednesday, February 29, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Animanga Mania. Teens, join us for Animanga Mania Afternoons! We'll be watching an anime series and hosting an open-draw session upstairs in the Sanderson Room. You can even cosplay if you want! No registration required.

Children's Room



Tuesday, February 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Lego Mania. Come to the Hiler Room and build, build, build! All ages welcome.

Thursday, February 16, 5:00-6:00 or 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dine with Cat in the Hat. A meal of sandwiches, chips, carrots, punch, and cake will be provided as well as face-painting, crafts, stories, and your picture taken with The Cat in the Hat. Registration fee of \$1 can be paid in the Children's Room.

Tuesday, February 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Book Bites. Children aged 8-11 will have an opportunity to share a book they have read based on monthly theme. In February the theme is "candy." Visit the Children's Room if you need reading suggestions!

Local History by Patty Mosher, Library Archives



Galesburg Club

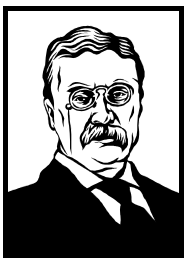
On March 9, 1885, fifty Galesburg businessmen came together to organize a club that would “encourage the introduction of manufacturers and other interests in Galesburg for the prosperity of our city as well as social enjoyment.” What began as a small group of men meeting in a second floor building downtown became a significant element in the business and social community of Galesburg.

Although the membership was small at first, as Galesburg grew, the club grew and drew new members who were prominent businessmen, industrialists and leaders in Galesburg. They continued to meet in rented rooms downtown for the next 26 years. But by 1911 they had constructed a magnificent, three-story building that stood on the northwest corner of Prairie and Ferris streets. The building itself cost \$90,000 to construct (about \$20 million in today’s money) and on opening day, the men decided to have “a jollification meeting and celebration.” So at 7 p.m. on February 28, 1911, the entire membership met at the old club rooms and then marched down Main Street to their splendid new building. Refreshments were served, speeches given and a male quartet entertained the members.

No doubt, many business deals were struck at the club, but it was also a place for social gatherings. Many grand balls and receptions were held at the club with luxurious carriages pulling up to the entrance to drop off ladies in their resplendent gowns and the men in formal attire. Brilliant lights sparkled through the windows greeting those arriving at the lavishly decorated rooms, with hired orchestras providing music. Once inside you would enter the lobby which had a terrazzo floor and sumptuous dark wood wainscoting and beams throughout. The lobby also had two wooden phone booths and a clerk’s desk. There was a main dining room and two private dining rooms. Each table was covered with a white tablecloth, with fresh flowers in the center. Small chandeliers hung from the ceiling. The club also included a main lounge that was fitted out with overstuffed leather chairs for those wanting to read in quiet and peaceful surroundings. A large enclosed porch, known as the sun parlor, was furnished with wicker furniture. It offered a fine view of Galesburg’s citizens passing by. Also in the building were a bowling alley, billiard room, and card-playing room. Fifteen bedrooms were available for members wishing to spend a night or reside at the club.

By the 1960s the building was beginning to show its age, and it was sold and demolished in December 1964 with plans to build a hotel on the property. Due to various circumstances that dream never came to fruition. It remains an open grassy area surrounded by buildings and parking lots.

Presidents’ Day Program



Get swept up in the excitement of Teddy Roosevelt’s campaign for president with historical reenactor Darrel Draper on Monday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. His program places the audience in the year 1912 to hear about Roosevelt’s life and achievements up to that date. Draper is one of the most requested speakers in the Nebraska Humanities Council’s Speakers Bureau Program.

The 45-minute program is free, open to the public, and appropriate for adults and kids age 10 and older.

Odds & Ends

Radio Personalities. Listen to library staff members talk about upcoming library programs and events on **WGIL-1400 AM on Tuesday, February 7 at 8:30 a.m.** and on **WAIK-1590 AM on Monday, February 27 at 8:45 a.m.**

Doll enthusiasts are invited to the library on **Tuesday, February 7, at 6:30 pm** to watch *French Fanfare* (©UFDC), a DVD of beautiful antique Bru and French fashion dolls with expert commentary by Jim Fernando.

Music Morning. On **Saturday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m.**, Maury Cohn, KGS soloist, will present “The Cello” upstairs at the library. Free!



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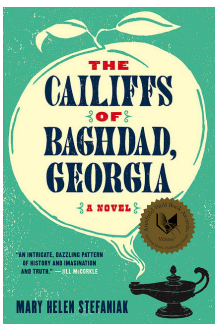
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Book Clubs



In February, the Tuesday and Thursday Book Clubs will discuss the novel *The Cailiffs of Baghdad, Georgia* by Mary Helen Stefaniak. Narrator Gladys Cailiff is eleven years old in 1938 when a new schoolteacher turns Threestep, Georgia upside down. Miss Grace Spivey is a well-traveled young woman who believes in field trips, Arabian costumes, and reading aloud from her ten-volume set of *One Thousand Nights and a Night*. The real trouble begins when she decides to revive the annual town festival as an exotic Baghdad Bazaar.

The Thursday group will meet at the Beanhive Coffeehouse on Thursday, February 9, at 6:30 pm. The Tuesday group will meet upstairs at the library on Tuesday, February 14, at 1:00 pm. Author Mary Helen Stefaniak will join the group by phone at 2:00 pm following the February 14 discussion.

The library book clubs are open to all. Newcomers are welcome! Copies of the books are available at the Check-Out Desk about one month in advance.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club

The library is starting a new science fiction and fantasy book club. An exploratory meeting to discuss when and where to meet will be held at the library on Monday, January 30, at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested but cannot attend, please contact Jane at the Reference Desk (343-6118 or jane.easterly@galesburglibrary.org). **One lucky person in attendance will win a basket of books!**

Movie Club

The Movie Club will meet the evening of Tuesday, February 21, for a pay-your-own-way viewing of a new movie at the AMC Showplace or a viewing of a new DVD at the library. The exact title and time will be announced the week before. We'll head to Perkins Restaurant afterwards for discussion. Send an email to reference@galesburglibrary.org to be added to the Movie Club's email distribution list. **Newcomers are always welcome.**

Free Movie

The movie *The Big Year* (©20th Century Fox), based on the book by Mark Obmascik, will be shown at the library on Wednesday, February 1, at 5:30 pm. The movie did not play at the Galesburg theater and comes out on DVD on January 31. It stars Steve Martin, Owen Wilson, and Jack Black. Free!