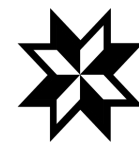


Off the Shelf



January 2012

**Galesburg
Public Library**
40 E. Simmons St.
Galesburg, IL 61401
(309) 343-6118
www.galesburglibrary.org

Hours of Operation
Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday:
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed



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.

Library will be
closed

**Saturday,
December 31**

**Monday,
January 2**

Friends of the Library

A message from the Friends of the
Galesburg Public Library:



Do you value our public library? Do you benefit from library activities and services? If yes, then please consider joining the Friends of the Galesburg Public Library and SAVE: Support, Advocate, Volunteer and Encourage library use. Our publicly-funded library serves everyone who lives, visits, or works in the Galesburg area. Your annual donation to the Friends provides financial support for the library and communicates that you

believe in the value of the library and love the library for the many services it provides. You will find a membership form on page 3 of this newsletter. Complete the form and either leave the information, along with your membership dues, with someone at the Check-Out Desk or mail the form to the library in care of the Friends.

Thank you for your interest in the Galesburg Public Library.

GPL — More Than You Think



Test out the newest library gadgets and gizmos at our Q's Café Technology Petting Zoo! On Wednesday, January 18, library staff will be at Q's from noon-1:00 p.m. with audiobooks, video players, ereaders, and more. Did you get an ereader as a holiday gift? Learn how to download free ebooks from the Alliance Digital Media Library. Audiobooks more your speed? Discover Playaways, preloaded audiobook players available for check out at the library.

Q's Café is located at 319 East Main Street.

Stop by, grab a bite, and get a hands-on look at the latest library technology.

Facebook & Twitter



Did you know Galesburg Public Library is on Facebook and Twitter? "Like" Galesburg Public Library on Facebook to check out our latest events, photos, and new books at the library. We also have the Galesburg Public Library Teen Scene, a Facebook page just for teens! For access to the most up-to-date library news and programming, follow us on Twitter @GalesburgPL.



Human Search Engine by Faith Burdick

The vet says my dog has PRA. What is that?

PRA is progressive retinal atrophy. It's an inherited disease in which the retinas in the dog's eyes gradually become non-functional. That means that, unfortunately, your dog is slowly going blind. Sad as this is, at least there is no pain involved, and the process is gradual enough that it gives both dog and owner time to adjust.

The first signs are usually night blindness and an increase in "eye shine" (you may notice this particularly in the dark). In almost all dogs, the problem is located on a recessive gene, so both parents would have to be carriers in order to develop the disease. However, in Old English and Bull Mastiffs, it is on a dominant gene; in Siberian Huskies, it seems to be sex-linked to the male. If you own one of these dogs and are thinking of puppies, you might want to check with your vet to see if DNA testing is available. You might not want to breed the dog if it is a carrier.

If your dog has PRA, ask your vet if he thinks antioxidant supplements might be helpful; some vets feel this can slow the disease.

There aren't a lot of books out there that deal with the subject of blindness in dogs, so we have ordered a copy of *Living With Blind Dogs: A Resource Book and Training Guide* by Caroline Levin, which is highly recommended.

Teen News by Melinda Jones-Rhoades

Wednesday, January 4, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Winter Break Otaku Talk and Swap. Bored during break? Come join members of the library's Teen Advisory Board for an Otaku Talk and Swap! This is an informal program for teen manga fans. You can discuss favorite manga series, watch anime clips, and draw or fold origami. You can even swap manga and graphic novels. Bring along some volumes you're done with to trade (good condition only, and rated Teen or below)! Open to teens aged 12-18 (or grades 6-12); no registration required.

Wednesday, January 4, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Winter Break Free Form Art for Teens. *Still* bored during break? The library's Teen Advisory Board invites teens to an arts and crafts free-for-all. From colored pencils and markers to glitter, ribbon, and glue, we'll provide supplies and inspiration if you bring creativity and ideas. Make a drawing, a collage, jewelry, and more. Open to teens ages 12-18 (or grades 6-12); no registration required.

Thursday, January 5, 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!

Tuesday, January 24, 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 Jan. 24, we'll be discussing *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins, the 2nd volume in the Hunger Games trilogy. Limited 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, January 25, 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



Knitting/Crocheting Classes. Come to the Children's Room **Tuesday nights in January from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** for free lessons in knitting/crocheting. Please call the Children's Room at 343-6118 for details.

Pop Open a Good Book Family Reading Program. The January Family Reading Program will benefit the FISH food pantry this year. Come to the Children's Room and pick up a family reading log. For every hour your family reads, each child will receive a popcorn sticker to display on the giant "popcorn box." Your family will also have to opportunity to bring in a donation for FISH and each child may choose a new paperback book and receive a token for an ice cream cone courtesy of Happy Joe's.

Tuesday, January 31, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Popcorn Family Activity Night.

Families are invited for a night of games, prizes, and snacks—all popcorn related. \$1 registration fee is due in the Children's Room by January 24.

Local History by Patty Mosher, Library Archives



Lee Wright: Motorcycles, airplanes and automobiles

Born in Rose, NY in 1895, Lee Wright moved to Galesburg with his family when he was 14 years old. After graduating from high school in 1912, he opened Wright's Motorcycle Garage one year later. The first business was located at 65 S. Prairie St., and a short time later he moved the business to 181 E. Simmons St. Motorcycles were becoming popular around that time, and Lee concentrated on selling Harley-Davidsons as well as repairing other models. There were six other motorcycle shops in Galesburg during those years, but Lee kept at it and became one of Galesburg's most successful businessmen.

In addition to selling the two-wheeled speedsters, he also spent many happy hours racing them. In August of 1916, Lee and Carl (Cully) Rosine averaged 29 miles per hour racing from Galesburg to Chicago on dirt roads. In 1917, Lee expanded the business and added the first motorcycle delivery service in town. Some of the deliverymen were Cully Rosine, Stanley Lindquist and Guy Hoskins. The motorcycles had large enclosed side-cars attached to them, ensuring the safe delivery of their cargo. Another novel idea to come out of the Wright shop was a combination motorcycle-bobsled that Ardo Melander built. The weight of two riders forced the rear wheel onto the snow, and the driver used two ropes to steer and a third to control the throttle. It was reported that the motorized bobsled could reach speeds of 60 miles per hour.

In 1918, Lee sold the shop and went into the automobile business with R. W. Allensworth, selling Oldsmobiles, Cleveland tractors, and, later, Chevrolets. For over 35 years, it was one of the busiest showrooms in Galesburg. But Lee was not satisfied with just selling cars and tractors. On Nov. 7, 1919, he opened the first agency for selling airplanes in Galesburg. He sold Jennies and Curtis planes and had an eight-county territory. Cully Olson, a World War I pilot, was involved with the original motorcycle shop, and "thrilled downtown shoppers" when he flew one of the airplanes 100 feet over Main Street. Lee was also instrumental in the opening of the first Galesburg Municipal Airport on the corner of Henderson and Fremont Streets in 1931.

In 1949, Lee and Harold "Dutch" Rogers flew to Moline. While waiting to take off again on the airport runway, he noticed two Knox College students attempting to hitchhike to back to Galesburg. Lee and Dutch waved them over and offered them a ride. The two young men climbed on board, and in 15 minutes they were back in Galesburg. In 1952 Lee sold his share of the automobile business and opened a financing firm. He retired from business in 1957. He passed away in Galesburg in 1989, leaving a legacy of kindness, entrepreneurship, civic mindedness, and American know-how.

Odds & Ends

Radio Personalities. Listen to library staff members talk about upcoming library programs and events on **WGIL-1400 AM on Tuesday, January 3 at 8:30 a.m.** and on **WAIK-1590 AM on Monday, January 23 at 8:45 a.m.**

Music Morning. On **Saturday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m.** Dean Petrie, Coordinator for Fine Arts District #205, will present "Making Music with Found Sounds" upstairs at the library. Free!



BE A FRIEND!

Join the Friends of the Galesburg Public Library and
SAVE (Support, Advocate, Volunteer and Encourage library use).

Annual Memberships

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PAL (age 14-18)--\$ 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Friend-----\$ 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benevolent Friend--\$ 75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golden Friend (age 60 or older)--\$ 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family of Friends--\$ 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> True Blue Friend----\$100 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Best Friend-----\$ 50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend for Life-----\$500 |

Send your donation to: FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
Galesburg Public Library
40 E. Simmons Street
Galesburg, IL 61401

Or drop it off at the Check-Out Desk at the Library.

Name _____ Address _____
Phone number _____ Email _____

Check if you want a receipt for your membership.
THANK YOU!



Galesburg Public Library
40 E. Simmons St.
Galesburg, IL 61401

Non-profit
U.S. Postage Paid
Permit 25
Galesburg, IL 61401

Return Service Requested

Phone: (309) 343-6118
www.galesburglibrary.org

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Book Clubs

Have you been thinking of attending a library book club discussion but haven't gotten around to it? Or have you attended in the past but have fallen out of the habit? January is a great month to join one of the discussions.

One lucky reader will win a basket of books at each of the January discussions!

Whether we're savers, collectors, or compulsive cleaners, none of us is free of the impulses that drive hoarders to the extremes in which they live. In *Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things*, Randy O. Frost and Gail Steketee explore the compulsion that makes people hoard. The Tuesday group will meet upstairs at the library on **Tuesday, January 10, at 1:00 pm**. The Thursday group will meet at the Beanhive Coffeehouse on **Thursday, January 12, at 6:30 pm**.

The Tuesday discussion will be followed at 2:00 pm by an hour-long episode from the A&E program *Hoarders*, which was nominated for the 2011 Emmy for Outstanding Reality Program. You are welcome to come watch the program even if you do not attend the discussion beforehand. **The library book clubs are open to all. Newcomers are welcome!** Copies of the books are available at the Check-Out Desk.

Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club: We are considering starting a new book club at the library. The new group would read only science fiction and fantasy books. An exploratory meeting to discuss when and where to meet will be held at the library on **Monday, January 30, at 6:30 pm**. If you are interested, please attend or 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, January 17, 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. **One lucky person in attendance will win a basket of books!**



Happy New Year!