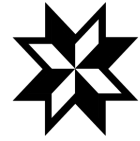




Off the Shelf



December 2009/January 2010

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Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday:

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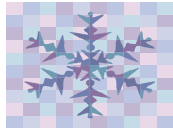
Friday & Saturday:

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Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

thru December 20 only

Closed Sundays after that



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 Closings

December 24

December 25

December 26

December 27

December 31

January 1

**and all Sundays after
December 20**

Belt Tightening @ the Library

Traditionally, there is waistline expansion around the holidays because of abundant food temptations. However, the library is experiencing some belt tightening due to budget reductions and increased costs.

You may have noticed that this is a combination December-January newsletter. Each newsletter that you receive requires time, postage, printing costs and labels. By combining newsletters, the library staff is able to trim these costs. Another way to trim costs is to request that the newsletter be sent to you via email. The newsletter is available both in printed and in email form. If you wish to drop your paper newsletter and, instead, receive an email alert when the newsletter is posted on line, email the editor, Cynthia Heather, at cynthiah@galesburglibrary.org, or tell a Reference Desk staff person. The current newsletter and previous issues are always available on our website: www.galesburglibrary.org.

A second change is that notification of items on hold or overdue items will be delivered to patrons who have their email address on record with the library by email only. Phone calls or paper notification will no longer be made to patrons with email addresses on record. If you do not have email, you will still receive a phone call or card for holds and an overdue notice in the mail. If you wish to delete or add your email address, you can do so on our website or can tell the staff at the Reference Desk.

The library will be closed this year on December 24, 25, 26 and 27. Closing for a series of days will cut costs for cleaning services, lights, heat and personnel. The library will also be closed December 31 and January 1.

The library will be closed on Sundays in 2010. Money is saved on personnel costs by reducing the number of part-time hours required to keep the facility open seven days and four evenings each week. The library will remain open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The library board and staff will be reviewing expenditures in an effort to keep operating costs at a minimum without compromising library services. The library will continue to provide programs, meeting space, computer access and resources that respond to community needs. Thank you for your patience and support during these fiscally challenging times.

We Note the Passing of a Fellow Librarian

Longtime GPL reference librarian Enid Hanks died on October 16. Enid was a human Internet before the electronic version was invented. Enid's desire to help people, liberal arts education, quest for knowledge and curiosity distinguished her as a reference librarian. Library patrons knew that if Enid did not know the answer to a question, she knew where to find it. Since her death, library customers have talked about the impact that Enid had on their lives and the help and encouragement that she provided. She was a role model and mentor to many.

Human Search Engine by Faith Burdick

I've noticed that the birds seem to disappear in August. I noticed it even when I lived in Germany. Where do they go every year? I'm not talking only about migrating birds, but the ones who hang around all winter.

How observant of you! There are two reasons for this. First, the most obvious: there's so much fresh food out in the fields and woods in August that birds tend to leave the residential areas for this buffet bonanza. Even when they are in town, they're hanging out quietly high up in the tree canopies. They're quieter because their breeding is done for the year, and so there isn't the need for a lot of song to attract a mate or defend a territory.

The second reason is more unexpected. Birds are usually moulting at this time of year and growing in their winter plumage. This takes several weeks. Especially when moulting wing feathers, they can't escape predators as easily, so they tend to hide as much as possible.

By now we've had a hard frost. I imagine you've seen them a lot more lately!

Teen News by Kari Smith, Young Adult Librarian

Tuesday, December 1, 7 -7:30 p.m. - Teen Advisory Board

Calling all teens! Join the GPL Teen Advisory Board. We'll meet from at Kaldi's, 124 E. Simmons St., from 7 - 7:30 p.m. on December 1 to plan programs and more. Hope to see you there! January's meeting will be **January 5**, same time, same place.

Wednesday, December 16, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Animanga Mania

Teens, join us for Animanga Mania Afternoons! On December 16 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., we'll be watching an anime series, *Mobile Fighter Gundam* (©Bandai) and drawing manga-style, here at the library. No registration required. Just show up to watch and draw! January's session will be **January 27**, same time, same place.

Tuesday, January 12, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Creative Writing Workshop

Get write with words at GPL's Creative Writing Workshop on Tuesday, January 12 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Creative writing majors from Knox College will teach you how to express yourself in prose and poetry using writing exercises. Hone your craft just in time for the Big Write at GPL. Join us on Tuesday, January 12 to get your write on!

Children's Room

Gingerbread Houses - Thursday, December 10 from 3 - 7 p.m. Come decorate your own gingerbread house. Houses and supplies are provided. There will only be 100 houses to decorate. Reserve your house early with the \$5 registration fee.

Knitting/Crocheting classes will be held for all ages on **Thursday nights during January from 6 - 8 p.m.** in the Hiler room. If you are a beginner, please bring size 10 knitting needles or a size H crochet hook. 4-ply yarn works best for beginners. If you are a more advanced student, come for shared knowledge and companionship. No registration is necessary. Call the Children's Room if you have any questions.

The **January Family Reading Program is "Paws to Read."** In January, come to the Children's Room to get a family reading log. For every hour a family reads (up to 6 hours), each child will receive a sticker and the opportunity to bring a donation for the animals at the Prairieland Animal Welfare Center. When 6 hours of reading have been completed, each child may choose one of the free prize books.

Book Clubs for December and January

December

Just before Christmas in 1843, a debt-ridden and dispirited Charles Dickens wrote a small book he hoped would keep his creditors at bay. His publisher turned it down, so Dickens used what little money he had to publish the book. He worried it might be the end of his career as a novelist. Instead, *A Christmas Carol* immediately caused a sensation and breathed new life into a holiday that had fallen into disfavor. With warmth, wit and an infusion of Christmas cheer, Les Standiford whisks us back to Victorian England and its most beloved storyteller in *The Man Who Invented Christmas*. Come discuss the book with one of the Galesburg Public Library Book Clubs in December. The **Tuesday Book Club** will meet on **Tuesday, December 8**, at 1:00 p.m. upstairs at the library. The History Channel program *Christmas Unwrapped – The History of Christmas* (©A&E) will be shown at 2:00 p.m. after the book discussion. The **Thursday Book Club** will meet on **Thursday, December 10**, at 6:30 p.m. at Kaldi's Coffeehouse. Readers who enjoy fantasy novels are invited to read *Hogfather*, a humorous take-off on Santa Claus, by Terry Pratchett, as well as *The Man Who Invented Christmas*. If you like, you may bring a dessert to share to either discussion.

January

Tired of the cold? Visit Australia with the Tuesday Book Club! We'll discuss Bill Bryson's *In a Sunburned Country* on **Tuesday, January 12, 2010**, at 1:00 p.m. Bryson is the perfect guide to Australia, the country with the hottest, driest weather and the most peculiar wildlife to be found on the planet. The IMAX movie *Australia - Land Beyond Time* (©Magic Play) will be shown at 2:00 p.m. after the discussion. The Thursday Book Club will meet on **Thursday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m.** at Kaldi's Coffeehouse to discuss *Shakespeare* by Bill Bryson. Although William Shakespeare left behind millions of words of text, very little is known about his life. Bryson pieces together the known facts in an entertaining celebration of Shakespeare.

The library book clubs are open to all. New members welcome! Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk about one month before discussion. The Tuesday Book Club meets the second Tuesday of every month at the library at 1:00 pm. Discussion is normally followed by a related movie or documentary. The Thursday Book Club meets the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm at Kaldi's Coffeehouse. Contact Jane at the Reference Desk for more information.

Databases at the Library

Designated computers in the Adult Services area of the library feature the following web sites (some of which are only available within the library): *InfoTrac*, a magazine and newspaper article index; *Ancestry.com*, a genealogy information website; *NoveList*, a fiction reference site; *IllinoisworkNet*, an Illinois jobs website for individuals and businesses; the library's catalog; and the city of Galesburg's website. Time spent on these computers does not count against the limit of one hour on the regular Internet computers.

Odds & Ends

Radio Personalities

Listen to library staff members talk about upcoming library programs and events on **WGIL-1400 AM on Tuesday, December 1 and January 5 at 9:15 a.m.** and on **WAIK-1590 AM on Monday, December 21 and January 25 at 8:45 a.m.**

Friends Book Sale

The Friends of the Library made approximately \$2,967 at their book sale in October. The Friends thank all the hard workers who sorted, set up and sold, as well as all the donors and buyers. The next sale will be Saturday, May 15 and Monday, May 17.

Blanket Shout-Out

Galesburg Public Library would like to thank Girl Scout Troop 1118 Silas Willard, Knox County 4-H, GPL's Teen Advisory Board & friends, the Leahy sisters and numerous adult volunteers for your wonderful help with our Blankets for Wounded Vets Craft We completed 14 blankets! Great job, you rock!

Holiday Tree

This year's holiday tree is a "Steampunk" style look at technology and time. Various technological methods of capturing ideas have been given a Jules Verne, Victorian-era twist. Steampunk is a current fad that makes new things look old. Staff members had fun on their break-time making some of the ornaments. Stop by to see the tree.



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Movie Club

December

The Movie of the Book Club will meet the evening of **Tuesday, December 15**, for a pay-your-own-way evening viewing of a new movie (with literary ties, if one is playing) at Showplace 8. The title and time will be announced about a week before. Whatever movie we see, we'll have a fun time discussing it at Perkins Restaurant afterwards.

Looking for something to do on New Year's Eve that's fun but low key and inexpensive? Come to a special Movie Club outing the evening of **Thursday, December 31**. The exact title and time will be announced the week before, but one possibility is *Sherlock Holmes*, which stars Robert Downey, Jr. as the classic literary character. We'll head to Perkins Restaurant afterwards for food, fun and discussion.

January

The Movie of the Book Club will meet the evening of **Tuesday, January 19**, for a pay-your-own-way evening viewing of a new movie (with literary ties, if one is playing) at Showplace 8. The title and time will be announced about a week before.

Newcomers are always welcome. Call the Reference Department at the library the week before a Movie Club outing for the exact title and time, or send an email to reference@galesburglibrary.org to be added to the Movie Club's email distribution list. If you are new, look for our sign at the restaurant, or ask restaurant wait staff to help you find us.

Writing Contest

It's time to think about entering the library's annual creative writing contest! Starting January 4, short stories, manga/graphic short stories and poetry/song lyrics will be accepted from adults and students in high school, middle school and 3rd through 5th grade. Prizes will be awarded to up to three winners in each age group and category.

The submission deadline is Monday, March 1. Materials may be emailed to bigwrite@galesburglibrary.org, dropped off in person at the library or mailed to Writing Contest, Galesburg Public Library, 40 E Simmons St., Galesburg, IL 61401. Electronic submissions are preferred. For more details, pick up a flyer at the Reference Desk.