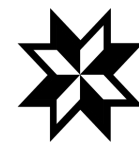


# Off the Shelf



July 2010

**Galesburg  
Public Library**  
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## 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 Closed  
Monday,  
July 5**

## Alliance Library System



The Alliance Library System has greatly reduced its size and services. ALS is one of nine regional library systems in Illinois that have lost state funding. The Alliance Library System, a mostly state-funded private not-for-profit agency that supports more than 200 libraries in the region, has not received \$668,206 (42 percent) of the money owed to it for the fiscal year ending June 30. Almost out of money and with no clear indication if any is forthcoming from Springfield, ALS slashed services and staff on May 31. Services lost include consulting, continuing education, marketing and grant development. Severing the connection between the Alliance and small libraries threatens library service in rural areas. For now, interlibrary loan services will continue to give customers of member libraries, such as Galesburg Public Library, access to the collections of every library in Illinois. The Alliance seeks to continue the interlibrary loan book delivery service which is important to so many library patrons.

## New Young Adult Librarian



Melinda Jones-Rhoades will be starting this month as Galesburg Public Library's Young Adult and Reference Department librarian. Before coming to Galesburg in 2008, she worked in adult and youth reference at several public libraries in the Chicago area. She also served as the librarian for two youth-focused nonprofit organizations in the greater Boston area. She says, "I love working with teens because I'm motivated by their energy and ideas. They also have the best books in library. I can't read enough YA fiction, and I can't wait to talk about my favorite books with teens at GPL."

Melinda further says she is looking forward to reaching out to teens throughout the Galesburg community to bring them into the library. "Since everyone's talking about the drive to 'get it in Galesburg,' I'm excited to offer current resources and fun, FREE programs that teens can enjoy right here downtown. I want the library to be truly teen-friendly, and to that end, I encourage teens to give me a call or stop by with suggestions for what they'd like to do and see at GPL," she added.

Melinda was born and raised in Indiana. She is the mother of two small children. And while she doesn't play basketball she is "obsessed with it" and considers *Hoosiers* "to be one of the greatest films of all time." She enjoys eating Thai food, watching movies, hearing live music, listening to National Public Radio and "reading, reading, reading whatever I can get my hands on." Her favorite book is *The Wellspring* by Sharon Olds.

Check out the scheduled teen events for July listed on page two of the newsletter and sign up for the summer reading program, if you haven't already.

## Human Search Engine by Faith Burdick



**I would like a picture and some information about shrews.**

A shrew is a tiny mammal that looks a lot like a mouse with a nose on steroids! Interestingly, though, it is not related to mice at all. Shrews use the long schnozz to poke into holes and cracks in their search for food.

Speaking of food, shrews have extremely high metabolisms and have to eat almost constantly. Perhaps this desperate necessity is what makes them such fierce little fighters.

They are insectivores, so mostly they are usefully ridding the world of pests, but they are also willing to attack creatures larger than themselves for food. Some species have been known to kill and eat small birds and chipmunks! Shrews live practically everywhere on the globe and range in size from among the smallest animals in the world—the size of a thumbnail!—to as much as 6 inches long. They have a very strong and unpleasant smell that protects them from being eaten by many other creatures, although weasels, foxes and owls don't seem to mind.

A final note of interest: One American species has rather alarming red-tipped teeth and a bite that poisons its prey. The poison damages the nerves so that the poor “dinner” remains available, alive but incapacitated and fresh for 3-5 days! Fortunately, this poison is not lethal to humans!

## Teen News

**Tuesday, July 6, 7 p.m.**

The **Teen Advisory Board** will meet at the library to plan programs and more.

**Saturday, July 10, 2 - 4 p.m. Making Waves Party for Teens**

Wear old clothes and prepare to get wet in GPL's outdoor Storybook Garden on the east side of the building. Come battle with squirt guns, unfreeze a T-shirt and more. The event is free and limited to 20 party-goers aged 12-18. Reserve your spot by calling 343-6118 or stopping by the Reference Desk.

**Wednesday, July 14, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. “Disaster Master” - Teen Summer Safety Workshop**

This summer safety workshop will be held in the Sanderson Room and presented by Connie Wessels, Registered Nurse at OSF St. Mary Medical Center. She will talk about basic outdoor safety, first aid and CPR. While this is an informative program, it is not a certification class. Registration is limited to 15. Reserve your spot by stopping by or calling the Reference Desk at 343-6118.

**Wednesday, July 28, 3:30 p.m. Animanga Mania**

Come watch an anime series and draw manga-style. No registration is required. Just come and let your creative side play.

**Saturday, July 31, 2 - 3 p.m. Movie: *Great White Shark: Truth Behind the Legend***

This *National Geographic* program lets you witness great white shark behavior and experience the breathless fear of a diver trapped for over four hours on the sea bottom by a hungry white shark. All ages are welcome to attend.

## Children's Room

**Saturday, July 10, 10 - noon or 2 - 4 p.m. Craft Day.** Come in anytime during one of these two time slots to make three crafts: a flying fish, a foam fish and a snowflake. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required by July 3. All ages are welcome; however, an adult is asked to accompany any child 6 years or younger.

**Wednesday, July 14, 2 p.m. Water Fun @ the Fire Department.** Make sure to wear something you can get wet in and have fun!

**Friday, July 16, 10 a.m. Origami.** Come learn how to make origami sea creatures with Huong Hua.

**Saturday, July 24, 10 - noon or 2 - 4 p.m. Craft Day.** Come in anytime during one of these time slots to make three crafts: a surf's up keychain, an under-the-sea sun catcher and a rain gauge. There is no fee, but pre-registration is required by July 17. All ages are welcome; however, an adult is asked to accompany any child 6 years or younger.

**Wednesday, July 28, 1 p.m. *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*.** This book by Rick Riordan will be discussed, and special activities are planned. There is no fee, but pre-registration by July 21 is required. The event is limited to 15 children in the 4th-6th grades.

## Local History by Patty Mosher, Library Archives



In 1894 the Galesburg Cottage Hospital School of Nursing was begun by the board of directors due to the need for nurses to work in the hospital. According to a catalog from the school printed in 1922, if you were a young woman between the ages of 19 and 31 and wanted to be considered for the school, there were several prerequisites that you had to meet before you could be enrolled. You had to: be in good health and have a letter from your doctor affirming this; have had a vaccination for small pox; have completed at least 2 years of high school or its equivalent; be of good moral character, with a reference from your minister and two other citizens with whom you had a standing acquaintance for at least three years; and lastly, have a note from your dentist that all of your teeth were in good order. If you passed all of these requirements, you could be admitted to the school.

Besides your classes, you were expected to work rotating shifts in the ward. You would have two half days off per week and three weeks vacation per year. In the student nurses' residence lights went out at 10 p.m. The doors were locked at 10:15 p.m., but you could stay out until 11:30 at night if you had special permission. While in the residence, there was to be "no whistling, loud laughing, singing or any other boisterous conduct unbecoming to the calling of being a nurse." At 6:15 a.m. all students working the day shift were to "rise, make your bed, and tidy your room before going down to breakfast." Your room, board and laundry were provided free of charge. After the first three months you would receive \$5 per month for "incidentals." If you got sick you would be cared for free of charge by the hospital, but lost class time was to be made up at the end of the term. After three years of study, if you passed all of your exams, including the state board examinations, you could then "begin your career as a professional in the advancement of health in the community."

(Information came from the 1922 Galesburg Cottage Hospital School of Nursing catalog and the History of the Galesburg Cottage Hospital School of Nursing on loan from the Alumni Association.)

## Friends of the Library

Sometimes organizations have behind-the-scenes volunteers who provide hours of service but receive little or no recognition. Nancy Lambing has been such a person. For years, Nancy has organized Friends of the Library book sales. She sorted donations once a week, along with other loyal volunteers. She handled publicity, including press releases and signs. Nancy sent reminder postcards to volunteers who work the sales, put out genre signs for the sale, created cash boxes, counted sale revenue and made bank deposits, supervised volunteers at the sales, provided change as needed, helped customers and consolidated books after the first big rush of buyers.

Nancy was not able to be present for this year's spring book sale, and her presence was greatly missed. Others learned the hard way just how much she did for the book sale and for the library. A special thanks to Judy Smith and Pat Reyburn for "pinch-hitting" in Nancy's absence. Thanks, too, to the other Friends who contributed to another successful Friends of the Library book sale.

## Odds & Ends

### Radio Personalities

Listen to library staff members talk about upcoming library programs and events on **WGIL-1400 AM** on **Tuesday, July 6 at 9:15 a.m.** and on **WAIK-1590 AM** on **Monday, July 26 at 8:45 a.m.**

### Shark Movie

Beat the heat and go swimming with the sharks on Saturday, July 31, at 2:00 p.m. The National Geographic program *Great White Shark: Truth Behind the Legend* will be shown upstairs at the library. Witness amazing great white shark behavior. All ages are welcome. Free.

### Reminders

The summer reading programs for all ages continue through July 31. The exhibit *Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine* closes at the library at 5:00 p.m. on July 2. The **last program associated with the exhibit will take place on Thursday, July 1, at 6:30 p.m.** Join Knox College Professor of English Lori Haslem for *Monsters and Marvels in Early Modern Europe*.



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### Book Clubs

Since it first opened, the Eiffel Tower has been an iconic image of modern times. *Eiffel's Tower: And the World's Fair Where Buffalo Bill Beguiled Paris, the Artists Quarreled, and Thomas Edison Became a Count* by Jill Jonnes recounts the compelling history of the tower and of the 1889 Paris Exposition. You are invited to discuss this book with one of the library's book clubs in July.

The **Thursday Club will meet on Thursday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m.** The location has not been determined as yet. Contact the Reference Desk a few days before to find out where the group will be meeting. **The Tuesday Club will meet at the library at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13.** The 50-minute History Channel program *Modern Marvels: Eiffel Tower* will be shown at 2:00 p.m. after the Tuesday discussion on July 13. You are welcome to come watch the movie even if you do not attend the book discussion. If you arrive early, please take a seat and wait for the discussion to conclude.

The library book clubs are open to all. New members are welcome! Copies of the books are available at the Check-Out Desk about one month before discussion.

### Movie Club

The Movie of the Book Club will meet the evening of Tuesday, July 20, for a pay-your-own-way evening viewing of a new movie (with literary ties, if one is playing) at Showplace 8 or at the library. The exact title and time will be announced the week before. Whatever movie we see, we'll have a fun time discussing it at Perkins Restaurant afterwards. Newcomers are welcome. Send an email to [reference@galesburglibrary.org](mailto:reference@galesburglibrary.org) to be added to the Movie Club's email distribution list.

### Teen Summer Reading Murals

Library Teen Advisory Board members brainstormed the idea of working with the Galesburg High School Artte Clube to create murals for the "Make Waves at Your Library" summer reading program. Tanner Nygard, a member of TAB and the Artte Club, coordinated the project with the assistance of art teachers Marna Blakewell and Chad Ellison. Club members and advisors gathered on a Saturday to create four of the murals. The color black was used on each mural, along with different color schemes. Tanner Nygard created the colorful mermaid to tie the colors together. Thank you to the following Artte Clube members, teachers and others who helped with the project: Stephan Mastin, Brittney Henniger, Karisa Wilson, Clare Leahy, Sam Wright, Eleia Lam, Samantha Guild, Marna Blakewell, Chad Ellison, Anastasia Ellison, Quintcy Hernandez, Marlena De Luna, Tanner Nygard and Beth Buck.

### Thank You

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